

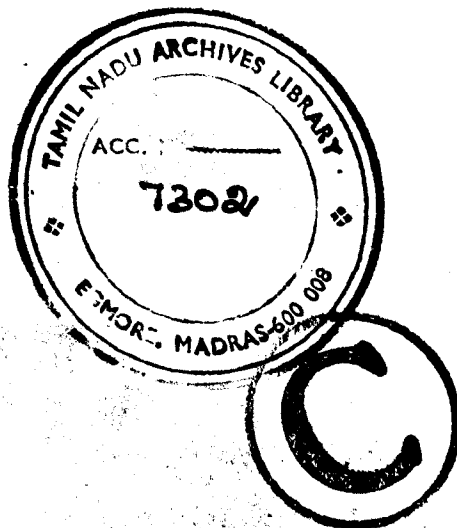
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PARTY.

The party accompanying His Excellency consisted of—

1. Mr. T. E. MOIR, I.C.S., *Private Secretary*.
2. Major H. F. COLLINGRIDGE, *Military Secretary*.

RAMNAD

Date.	Day of week.	Town or village.	Place.	Arr. or Dep.	Time.	
					A.M.	P.M.
1916.						
Sept. 17	Sun.	Ootac-mund. Mettuppalaiyam. Erode ..	Government House.	Dep.	..	3-15
			Railway Station ..	Arr.	..	5-15
				Dep.	..	5-50
			Railway Station ..	Arr.	..	8-30
				Dep.	..	9-15
Sept. 18	Mon.	Madura.	Railway Station ..	Arr.	6-0	..
				Dep.	6-30	..
		Ramnad District Frontier.		Arr.	8-20	..
				Dep.	8-25	..
		Tirupattur.	Western Urani ..	Arr.	9-5	..
				Dep.	9-30	..
			Swedish Mission Hospital.	Arr.	9-35	..
				Dep.	9-55	..
			Mission Bungalow.	Arr.	10-0	..
					11-0	..
		Munagiri.	Pandal by road-side.	Dep.	..	3-10
				Arr.	..	3-50
				Dep.	..	3-55
		Amara-vathi Pudur.	Pandal by road-side.	Arr.	..	4-10
				Dep.	..	4-20
		Devakottai.	Entrance to Town.	Arr.	..	4-45
				Dep.	..	4-50

TIME-TABLE

Distance in miles.	Remarks.
..	By motor. Departure private.
32	Arrival private.
..	By special train. Departure private.
..	Transshipment.
..	Arrival private. The Collector and the District Superintendent of Police of Madura met His Excellency.
..	By motor. Departure private.
28	Arrival private. The Collector and the District Superintendent of Police of Ramnad met His Excellency.
..	By motor.
10	Arrival public. Presentation to the Hospital Ship "Madras" on behalf of the Madathipathi of Kunnakudi Mutt. Received addresses from (1) the citizens and (2) the Chetti community.
..	By motor.
1	Received an address from the Church of Sweden Mission.
..	Inspection of Hospital.
..	Walking.
100 yds.	Breakfast.
..	By motor. Departure private.
10	Garlanding by M.R.Ry. L. A. R. Arunachalam Chettiyar.
..	By motor.
4	Arrival public. Received an address from the Nattukkottai Chetti community.
..	By motor.
6 1/4	Garlanding by leading citizens.
..	By motor at walking pace in procession.

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Date.	Day of week.	Town or village.	Place.	Arr. or Dep.	Time.	
					A. M.	P. M.
1916.						
Sept. 18	Mon.	Devakottai.	Pandal at Sivan-koil. Zamindar's Bungalow.	Arr.	..	5-15
				Dep.	..	5-45
				Arr.	..	5-50
					..	8-0
Sept. 19	Tues.	Devakottai.	Zamindar's Bungalow. Site of new Dispensary for Women and Children.	Dep.	8-0	..
				Arr.	8-15	..
				Dep.	8-45	..
			Zamindar's Bungalow.	Arr.	9-20	..
					10-30	..
					12 NOON.	

TIME-TABLE

Distance in miles.	Remarks.
3	Arrival public. Received addresses from (1) the Chetti community and (2) the citizens.
..	By motor.
1	Tea.
..	Dinner.
..	By motor.
1	Laid foundation stone.
..	By motor. Garlanding by M.R.Ry. O. R. M. O. M. Subbayya Chettiyar Avargal in front of his house. Visited houses of M.R.Ry. A. R. A. R. S. M. Somasundaram Chettiyar Avargal and M.R.Ry. S. T. Murugappa Chettiyar Avargal.
1	
..	Breakfast.
..	Interviews with :—
..	(1) M.R.Ry. A. L. A. R. M. Arunachalam Chettiyar Avargal, Zamindar of Devakottai.
..	(2) M.R.Ry. V. E. N. K. R. M. A. Ramanathan Chettiyar Avargal of Amaravathi Pudur.
..	(3) M.R.Ry. S. T. Murugappa Chettiyar Avargal, Devakottai.
..	(4) M.R.Ry. A. M. A. Arunachalam Chettiyar Avargal of Pallattur.
..	(5) M.R.Ry. Karumuthu Tyagaraja Chettiyar Avargal of A. Tekkur.
..	(6) M.R.Ry. V. E. V. R. Ramaswami Chettiyar Avargal of Karaikudi.

RAMNAD

Date.	Day of week.	Town or village.	Place.	Arr. or Dep.	Time.	
					A.M.	P.M.
1916.						
Sept. 19	Tues.	Devakot-tai.	Zamindar's Bungalow.	Dep.	..	4-0
			Rao Bahadur P. Somasundaram Chettiyar's house.	Arr.	..	4-20
			Site of Veterinary Dispensary.	Dep.	..	4-45
			Edward Coronation Hall.	Arr.	..	5-0
			Zamindar's old house.	Dep.	..	5-30
			Zamindar's Bungalow.	Arr.	..	5-35
				Dep.	..	6-35
				Arr.	..	6-45
				Dep.	..	7-15
				Arr.	..	7-20
				..	..	8-15
				..	..	9-30
Sept. 20	Wed.	Devakot-tai.	Zamindar's Bungalow.	Dep.	6-30	..
		Karai-kudi.	Pandal at Sivan-koil.	Arr.	7-15	..
			Site for schools	Dep.	7-45	..
				Arr.	7-50	..
		Kottaiyur.	Pandal in town	Dep.	8-20	..
				Arr.	8-40	..
		Pallattur.	Pandal in town	Dep.	9-10	..
				Arr.	9-25	..
				Dep.	9-40	..
		Kanadukattan.	Reception pandal.	Arr.	9-50	..
				Dep.	10-20	..

TIME-TABLE

Distance in miles	Remarks.
..	By motor. Garlanding by M.R.Rys T. A. S. Annamalai Chettiyar Avargal, P. L. A. R. M. S. Venkatachalam Chettiyar Avargal and M. T. T. K. R. Arunachalam Chettiyar Avargal in front of their houses.
$\frac{3}{4}$	Tea.
..	By motor.
$\frac{1}{2}$	Laid foundation stone.
..	By motor.
$\frac{1}{4}$	Garden Party by the citizens.
..	By motor.
$\frac{3}{4}$	Musical entertainment.
..	By motor.
100 yds.	Dinner Party.
..	Fireworks.
..	By motor.
11	Arrival public. Received addresses from (1) the Union Panchayat and (2) the citizens.
..	By motor.
100 yds.	Laid foundation stones of (1) High School for Boys and (2) Girls' School.
..	By motor.
4	Arrival public. Received addresses from (1) the Kandanur Union Panchayat and (2) the inhabitants of Kottaiyur.
..	By motor.
3	Arrival public. Received an address from the inhabitants.
..	By motor.
2	Arrival public. Received an address from the Chetti community.
..	By motor.

RAMNAD

Date.	Day of week.	Town or village.	Place.	Arr. or Dep.	Time.	
					A.M.	P.M.
1916.						
Sept. 20	Wed.	Kanadukattan.	The Hon'ble Rao Bahadur S. R. M. Annamalai Chettiyar's Bungalow.	Arr.	10-25	..
					11-0	..
					..	2-0
				Dep.	..	3-45
			Site of Hospital for Women and Children.	Arr.	..	3-50
				Dep.	..	4-10
			The Hon'ble Rao Bahadur S. R. M. Annamalai Chettiyar's Bungalow.	Arr.	..	4-15
				Dep.	..	4-55
			Site of Girls' School.	Arr.	..	5-0
				Dep.	..	5-20
			Old Kanadukattan.	Arr.	..	5-35
				Dep.	..	6-20
			The Hon'ble Rao Bahadur S. R. M. Annamalai Chettiyar's Bungalow.	Arr.	..	6-35
						8-0

TIME-TABLE

Distance in miles.	Remarks.
$\frac{1}{2}$	
..	Breakfast.
..	Interviews with :—
	(1) M.R.Ry. P. K. A. C. T. Veerappa Chettiyar Avargal, Chairman of Kandamur Union Panchayat and Member of the District Board.
	(2) M.R.Ry. P. M. A. Muthia Chettiyar Avargal, Honorary Magistrate of Kottaiyur.
	(3) M.R.Ry. S. M. A. R. Mutturaman Chettiyar Avargal, Member of Devakottai Taluk Board.
	(4) M.R.Ry. Ct. N. Rm. Narayanan Chettiyar Avargal, Member, District and Taluk Boards.
..	By motor.
$\frac{1}{4}$	Laid foundation stone.
..	By motor.
$\frac{1}{4}$	Tea.
..	By motor.
$\frac{1}{4}$	Laid foundation stone.
..	By motor.
$1\frac{1}{2}$	Garden Party by the Chetti community.
..	By motor.
$1\frac{1}{2}$	
..	Dinner Party. Fireworks.

RAMNAD

Date.	Day of week.	Town or village.	Place.	Arr. or Dep.	Time.	
					A.M.	P.M.
1916.						
Sept. 21	Thurs.	Kanadu-kattan.	The Hon'ble Rao Bahadur S. R. M. Annamalai Chettiyar's Bungalow.	Dep.	6-30	..
				Arr.	7-10	..
				Dep.	7-45	..
				Arr.	11-0	..
					12 NOON.	..
					..	3-30
					..	4-30
					..	8-0
				Dep.	..	9-45
				Arr.	..	9-58
			Railway Station ..	Dep.	..	10-0
Sept. 22	Fri.	Erode ..	Railway Station ..	Arr.	6-30	..
				Dep.	7-15	..
				Arr.	10-35	..
				Dep.	11-0	..
				Arr.	..	1-15
			Government House.			
		Mettuppalaiyam.	Railway Station ..	Arr.	6-30	..
				Dep.	7-15	..
				Arr.	10-35	..
				Dep.	11-0	..
		Ootacamund.	Government House.	Arr.	..	1-15

TIME-TABLE

Distance in miles.	Remarks.
..	By motor.
10	Saw Temple.
..	By motor.
49	Breakfast.
..	Interviews with P. M. Kasim Muhammad Marakkayar Sabib, Khan Bahadur, of Mantapam and the Zamindar of Sivaganga.
..	Tea.
..	Dinner.
..	By motor.
3	
..	By special train.
..	Transshipment.
..	Arrival private.
..	By motor. Departure private.
..	Arrival private.

RAMNAD.

His Excellency the Right Honourable the Lord Pentland, P.C., G.C.I.E., left Ootacamund on the afternoon of Sunday the 17th September 1916 on a tour to that portion of the Ramnad district which is known as the Chettinad. The departure from Ootacamund at 3-15 p.m. was private and His Excellency was accompanied by Mr. T. E. Moir, I.C.S., Private Secretary, and Major H. F. Collingridge, Military Secretary. The journey from Ootacamund to Mettuppalaiyam was made by motor and His Excellency left Mettuppalaiyam Railway Station by special train at 5-50 p.m. for Madura, transshipment to the metre gauge line being made at Erode at 8-30 p.m. Mr. F. Sayers, Superintendent, Government Railway Police, and Mr. W. R. Lee-Hart, District Traffic Superintendent, South Indian Railway, were in charge of the train. At Trichinopoly the latter was relieved by Mr. L. E. Stokes.

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MUND.

Depar-
ture.

The special train arrived at Madura at 6 a.m. on Monday the 18th September. On the platform His Excellency was met by Mr. G. F. Paddison, I.C.S., Collector of Madura, and Mr. H. G. Clinch, Superintendent of Police, who accompanied His Excellency over that portion of the road which lies in the Madura district as far as the Ramnad district

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MADURA.

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DISTRICT
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TIRUP-
PATTUR.

Public
arrival.

frontier. At the frontier His Excellency was received by Mr. A. R. Loftus-Tottenham, I.C.S., Collector of Ramnad, and Mr. G. S. P. Percival, Superintendent of Police. The motor journey was then resumed and a halt was made at Tiruppattur, where the citizens of the place and the Nattukkottai Chetti community presented His Excellency with addresses in a special pandal erected in the midst of a cocoanut grove.

After His Excellency had taken his seat, the Tambiran of Kunnakudi Adlinam, on behalf of the Madathipathi, presented to His Excellency Rs. 2,000 towards the Hospital Ship "Madras".

Mr. A. R. Loftus-Tottenham, Collector, next introduced to His Excellency M.R.Ry. N. Venkatakrishna Sastrial, who read the following address on behalf of the citizens and presented the other members of the deputation:—

Citizens'
Address.

"We, the citizens of Tiruppattur, beg leave to approach Your Excellency on this memorable occasion with our humble address of welcome.

"2. This is the first occasion on which His Excellency the Governor of Madras and representative of our Most Gracious Emperor has visited Tiruppattur. We are very proud and highly indebted to Your Excellency for conferring this boon upon us.

"3. We would have been doubly glad if we had the good fortune of paying our humble respects to Her Excellency Lady Pentland on this occasion. We pray that Your Excellency may be pleased to convey to Her Excellency our humble respects and our wishes for long life and prosperity.

"4. Tiruppattur is a place of historic importance. It once had a fort and was the seat of military force. The fort was built by Thiru-Udaya Thevaralias Vizia Raghunatha Sethupathi of Ramnad during his reign between 1711—1725 to defend his country from invasions when Sivaganga Zamindari formed part of Ramnad Samasthanam. The remains of the fort walls are still to be seen. The barracks have been converted into a Local Fund choultry which has since been repaired and improved from contributions paid by several rich Nattukkottai Chettis of these parts. The parade ground still lies open in front of the Police station and the Local Fund Hospital.

"5. Tiruppattur is also noted for its famous Siva temple and attached to it is a very large tank which has also recently been repaired by Nattukkottai Chettis at a cost of over a lakh of rupees.

"6. Tiruppattur is one of the chief gates to the rich Chettinad which Your Excellency is about to visit. It is rapidly rising in importance owing to the existence of very good roads on which our popular Collector, A. R. Loftus-Tottenham, Esq., M.A., I.C.S., has bestowed a deal of care and attention which it is impossible for us to describe and for which we are ever grateful to him.

"7. Our pressing wants are few. In civil cases the whole of the Chettinad has now to go to the District Munsif's Court at Sivaganga which is from 20 to 60 miles from some of the villages of this taluk. There are more than one District Munsif's Court at Sivaganga and one of them may, with benefit to the people of this taluk, be transferred to this town which is the headquarters of the Government and the Estate Tahsildars.

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Address.

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Citizens'
Address.

"8. We are highly indebted to Your Excellency for starting the Hospital Ship which is of such immense help to our wounded soldiers at the front.

"9. We constantly pray and fervently hope for speedy success of our arms in the great War in which we are engaged in defence of smaller States to vindicate righteousness.

"10. We take this opportunity of assuring Your Excellency of our deep loyalty to our Gracious Emperor.

"11. We are ever praying for long life and prosperity of Their Imperial Majesties and of Your Excellency and Lady Pentland."

The Collector next introduced to His Excellency M.R.Ry. K. R. M. T. T. Tyagaraja Chettiyar Avargal who read the following address on behalf of the Chetti community and presented the other members of the deputation :—

Nattuk-
kottai
Chettis'
Address.

"We, the Nattukkottai Chettiyars of the Western parts of the Chettinad, have upon the occasion of the present visit, the first of the kind to our community, assembled most gladly to offer to Your Excellency a most cordial welcome. Oppressed heavily under the yoke of ancient Governments of certain cruel and unjust kings, we more than any other section of the people of India find the British Government light and sweet, enjoying, as we do, perfect peace and contentment. With great delight we set here on record our great appreciation of the benignant rule of His Majesty the King-Emperor through Your Excellency, in the first place, and then through our immediate superiors, the present District Collector of Ramnad,

"Mr. A. R. Loftus-Tottenham, M.A., I.C.S., and the Divisional Officer M.R.Ry. Rai Bahadur T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai Avargal.

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TIRUP-
PATTUR.

Nattuk-
kottai
Chettis'
Address.

"2. A brief sketch of the history of our community will not be irrelevant here. About 1,800 years ago a colony of our community existed in Kavariippoompatinam in the Tanjore district under the Shola kings. They thrived as land-owners, as dealers in cloths and precious stones, as shipowners taking ships laden with cargo to Sumatra, Java, Ceylon and the Malay Peninsula. Their business propensities and flourishing trade earned them the friendship of the 'Shola' kings, whose court was open to them and had seats provided for them beside the throne. They merited from the Sovereigns the title of 'Etti' with the distinctive corresponding badge of a flower of gold. They assisted these kings in times of war by sacrificing their fortune. The learning possessed by them vented itself even then in literary works of high merit. Pattanaththadigal a great saint and poet, who produced a number of philosophical poems, belonged to our community. When Kavariippoompatinam, however, became flooded with the waters of the sea, they left it for the kingdom of the Pandians, where they were welcomed and they have ever since taken up this abode. Here their sufferings were at one time great through the cruel treatment of certain rulers. We still carry on most of our hereditary trade or trades and of late our business operations have been extended even to Europe. At present important business of ours is banking. Our religion is one—Sivaism, and our men and women are known to be imbued with deep piety. But for us there would be few if any temples in Southern India, many of the

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Nattuk-
kottai
Chettis'
Address

"members of our community contributing half their fortune to works of this kind without making any noise or show of their charity. We now bestow our wealth upon public works of other kinds. Though some had wrongly taken to eating meat, we are now being returned to the prescribed vegetable diet. Spending much after earning much as we do, we are yet called 'Chetti' (from chettu which means economic) because we are economical and thrifty as regards our own person and household. We live in 96 villages, with about 15,000 heads of families, of which 22 villages are within Pudukkottai State. Some of the buildings in our country cost several lakhs each which Your Excellency is about to see.

"3. Feeling ourselves attached more to the British Government than to the Sholan and Pandian, we are justly proud to be its subjects. Under its genial influence, enlightenment and education is growing apace in our midst. Some of our members have gone across the waters to visit the seat of the Empire; others have come out successfully at Public Examinations, and last though not least Tamil scholars have risen in our midst.

"4. We take the liberty to express our sincere thanks to the Madras Government for its proceedings with regard to the Ceylon Quarantine Regulations, a matter in which we take a very personal interest and is a cause of deep grievance, and to hope that the business under Your Excellency's kind exertion will come to a happy issue in the near future.

"5. We beg leave also to make a request that seeing there is so much gambling practised in villages, and so many village disputes, the passing

"of a Gambling Act for villages be considered, as well as the establishment of village panchayats which appear to be very desirable and even necessary.

"6. One or two things more remain which we ask leave to mention.

"We learn with pleasure of the Hon'ble Rao Bahadur S. R. M. M. A. Annamalai Chettiyar Avargal being nominated to the seat in the Legislative Council. This is the third time one of us has been so graciously favoured. We hail the welcome news with very great joy and take it as an augury of the favour we expect will be vouchsafed to us, viz., of one day electing one of our community to represent us in the same Council.

"7. We cannot in this unexampled time of strain and stress forget that the Empire is in the midst of a historic War. It was forced on us by grasping ambition and lawless designs of a Power which had forgotten, however, national morals and the rights of other nations to an ordered, happy and contented existence. However long and bloody the struggle it can have only one conclusion—victory to the Allies. But our well-founded and sincere wishes are for a speedy victory.

"We are glad that Your Excellency is carrying on a benevolent scheme of the Hospital Ship 'Madras', a philanthropic means of giving relief to our countrymen. Can we look on with indifference when Your Excellency is thus taking care of our brethren, our kith and kin? We wish to co-operate with Your Excellency as heartily as is in our power to enable Your Excellency to carry on the charitable work to the end of the War, and if there had not been such a strain upon us in consequence of the exhausting war, we should

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"contribute more than the 21,000 rupees we have
"now collected to offer to Your Excellency for the
"purpose for which the Hospital Ship is being
"maintained. We request Your Excellency to be
"so good as to do us the favour of accepting the
"small but spontaneous and hearty gift.

"In conclusion we thank Your Excellency
"most sincerely for your kind visit to us."

His Excellency then made a joint reply as follows:—

His Excel-
lency's
reply.

"MR. VENKATAKRISHNA SASTRIAL AND CITIZENS
"OF TIRUPPATTUR, I thank you warmly for the
"welcome you have here given me at the entrance to
"the Chettinad and for your kindly references to
"Her Excellency of which it will give me great
"pleasure to inform her. I have been much
"interested in your account of the past history
"of your town and am glad that although the
"need for forts and mailed warriors has passed
"away the position which once gave this town
"strategic importance and also the development
"of communications enable it to share in those
"opportunities conferred by peace and settled
"government.

"It is natural, under these circumstances, that
"the speedy and convenient settlement of civil dis-
"putes should be a matter to which you attach great
"importance. As you are probably aware the re-
"organisation and distribution of our civil courts
"has recently been under examination, but I am
"unable to say when circumstances will admit of
"action being taken to meet the needs which that
"examination has shown to exist. In the meantime,
"however, I would point out that the location of
"Munsifs' Courts is a matter which vests in the High

"Court and I suggest that your considered views as
"to the most suitable distribution of existing courts
"might well be submitted to the District Judge.

"MR. TYAGARAJA CHETTIYAR AND MEMBERS OF
"THE NATTUKKOTTAI CHETTIYAR COMMUNITY,—
"To you also my warm acknowledgments are due
"not only for the way in which you have wel-
"comed me to your neighbourhood but for the very
"interesting account which you have given of the
"fortunes of your community and of your long and
"honourable connection with this part of the country
"and with the trade and commerce of the East. I
"was well aware that pious and charitable objects
"by long tradition made a special appeal to your
"generosity. I now learn that you have also ancient
"literary traditions and I am glad to learn that along
"with a growing appreciation of modern educational
"requirements the claims of your own language
"Tamil to the study and devotion of scholars among
"you are not neglected.

"Gentlemen, I will now deal with the few
"matters to which you have invited my attention.
"The Ceylon Quarantine Regulations are at present
"under discussion with that Government and I am
"therefore not in a position to announce our con-
"clusions. I hope, however, that the result of our
"consultations may be a satisfactory settlement of
"points in which the present system has been
"represented as susceptible of improvement.

"You refer to the prevalence of gambling in
"the villages. I have no doubt that the District
"Magistrate will carefully examine this question and
"consider whether the existing powers for dealing
"with this evil should be more vigorously utilized
"or supplemented.

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"You also advocate the establishment of Panchayats for the settlement of disputes. The old Village Panchayat Regulation seems, I fear, to have fallen into neglect, but the Government have under consideration a Bill which may, I hope, revive and popularize our village courts.

"I am glad to learn that the nomination of Mr. Annamalai Chettiyar to the Legislative Council is so welcome to those who know him. I feel certain that his co-operation and advice will be of service to the Council and to the Government and that he will readily place at our disposal his experience and knowledge of those important questions of commerce and industry on which he is so competent to speak. It is of course not within my power to forecast future changes in the composition of the Council or to bind my successors in respect of nominations; but as long as your community produces men such as Mr. Annamalai Chettiyar and others I have no doubt that the services they are in a position to render will not be overlooked.

"And now, gentlemen, I desire gratefully to acknowledge the assurances of your loyalty and your sympathy in the great struggle in which we are engaged. I value greatly your kind references to the excellent work upon which the Hospital Ship 'Madras' is engaged and on behalf of the subscribers to the fund and of the gallant men to whose service she is devoted. I thank you warmly for the handsome and generous manner in which you have shown your appreciation. To the Madathipathi of the Kunnakudi Adhinam these thanks are also due for the sympathy and the desire to alleviate the suffering of our brave troops which have led him from the seclusion of his Mutt to

"send his representative to meet me and to offer on his behalf a generous contribution to our funds.

"Gentlemen, again I thank you all for the reception you have given me and am sincerely glad of the opportunity which my present tour has given me to visit your town and meet you here."

His Excellency then proceeded to the Hospital maintained by the Church of Sweden Mission where His Excellency was received by Dr. Frederic Kugelberg. After His Excellency had taken his seat, Dr. Kugelberg presented the following address of welcome on behalf of the staff and of the adherents of the Mission:—

"It is with feelings of our deepest respect and humble affection that we, the staff of the 'Swedish Mission Hospital' and the other members of the Congregation of the 'Church of Sweden Mission', Tiruppattur, wish to bring our hearty welcome to Your Excellency on this unique occasion of ours of being allowed to see our Governor in our midst.

"We feel happy and proud that it has pleased Your Excellency among so many other and more important duties to spare time for paying a visit to this very modest little institution where we have been put to do some work for suffering fellow-men. In these days, however, when so many members of the medical profession in this country have been called upon to go to the Front to do their duty there we dare to believe that there is something left to be done behind the Front, to the volunteers, in place of those who have gone.

"We also wish to take this opportunity of expressing our sincerest sentiments of veneration and strictest loyalty towards our King-Emperor and our Government.

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"And those of us who reside here as foreigners very gratefully beg to acknowledge both the privilege of the kind hospitality we have always been enjoying in this country and the sympathetic help in our work that has been rendered us by the Authorities so liberally from the very first day we settled here.

"Your Excellency, as a representative of the 'Church of Sweden Mission' in this place I once more beg you to accept our respectful and hearty welcome to this hospital."

His Excellency replied to the address as follows:—

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"DR. KUGELBERG, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
"I am indeed grateful for the kindly manner in which you have welcomed me on behalf of the staff of this hospital and the adherents of your Church. As you have justly pointed out, the events of the past two years have thrown a heavy strain on the medical services in this country and the imperative necessity to staff the numerous field hospitals for the Indian Expeditionary Forces has rendered it increasingly difficult to meet the needs of the civil hospitals in this country. The existence of institutions such as this supported by Missions and other philanthropic bodies and the efforts made by their generous supporters to keep them going in spite of financial and other difficulties to which the war has given rise has greatly helped us to meet these difficulties. I can assure you that the Madras Government fully recognize the value of your work and if you will accept my visit here today as an assurance of that fact it will increase the pleasure which your kind invitation has afforded me. I would also acknowledge most cordially the loyal expressions which your address

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"contains and the manner in which you and those members of your staff who come from a country with which we have many ancient ties of friendship have joined in welcoming me here. Permit me to express my sincere good wishes for the prosperity of your congregation and for the continued success of the work which has won for this institution a reputation of which its staff may well be proud."

His Excellency then inspected the Hospital in company with Dr. Kugelberg.

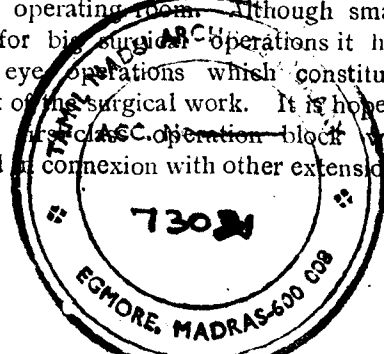
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The medical work conducted by the Church of Sweden Mission, Tiruppattur, was started in September 1909 when a Dispensary, built at a cost of Rs. 9,000, was opened to the public. A ward building was added in June 1910 costing about Rs. 5,000. Both were built from money collected for the purpose in Sweden.

The Dispensary consists of the following rooms:—

- (a) One waiting hall.
- (b) One consulting room.
- (c) One dispensing room.
- (d) One dark room for eye and ear examinations.
- (e) One store room.
- (f) Two dressing rooms for men and women, respectively.

One of these dressing rooms is being temporarily used as an operating room. Although small and inadequate for big surgical operations it has served well for eye operations which constitute an important part of the surgical work. It is hoped, however, that a first class operation block will shortly be erected in connexion with other extensions to the Hospital.



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The ward building, with three rooms, has accommodation for fourteen beds. Another ward also containing fourteen beds, but more spacious, will soon be built. One ward building will then be reserved for men and another for women and children.

The members of the staff are—

Indians—

- (a) Two hospital assistants.
- (b) Three compounders.
- (c) One dresser.

Europeans—

- (a) One physician-in-charge.
- (b) One Red Cross nurse.

Statistics.

Year.	Out-patients, new cases.	Out-patients, total attend- ance.	In-patients.	Operations.	Eye-cases.
1909 (24th Sep- tember—31st December).	3,374	6,184	..	80	522 (15.5 per cent).
1910	13,279	26,000 (about)	158	566	3,408 (25.3 per cent).
1911	15,783	33,523	220	734	4,261 (26.6 per cent).
1912	12,340	30,276	271	730	3,687 (29 per cent).
1913 (1st January —30th April).	3,805	10,805	36	215	1,115 (29 per cent).
1914*	3,183	6,427	21	69	731 (23 per cent).
1915 (1st Nov- ember—31st December).	3,183	6,427	21	69	731 (23 per cent).
Total	50,764	113,225	706	2,394	13,727

* Hospital closed. Doctor on furlough.

Eye-diseases, as already referred to, are especially treated, and now more than 200 cataract operations are performed a year. Eye-patients come from the whole south of the Presidency, and particularly from the Ramnad, Madura and Tinnevely districts.

The Hospital has a complete equipment of surgical instruments, and general surgery forms a considerable part of the routine work.

The salaries of the Hospital staff are paid by the Mission, but the upkeep of the work is almost entirely dependent on funds from fees for operations, sale of medicines, and private gifts. The Ramnad District Board has granted a contribution of Rs. 300 from 1917.

As already stated, several extensions in the form of new buildings are contemplated. Owing to the war the work has been postponed. Available funds for the purpose collected in Sweden amount to something more than Rs. 20,000, but an additional sum of Rs. 15,000 at least will be required for completing the scheme.

Before leaving the Hospital, His Excellency recorded the following remarks in the Visitors' book:—

“With best wishes for the continued usefulness and prosperity of this Hospital.”

From the Hospital His Excellency walked over to the Mission Bungalow, where Mr. Tottenham entertained His Excellency and party at breakfast at

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11 a.m. Mr. H. S. Shield, I.C.S., Estate Collector of Sivaganga, joined the party here.

At 3-10 p.m. His Excellency left Tiruppattur by motor for Devakottai, and halted for a few minutes at Munagiri where he was garlanded by M.R.Ry. L. A. R. Arunachalam Chettiyar Avargal. Another halt was made at Amaravathi Pudur, where the Nattukkottai Chetti community presented an address. After His Excellency had taken his seat under a pandal erected for the occasion, the Collector introduced to him M.R.Ry. V. E. N. K. R. M. V. Ramanatham Chettiyar Avargal, who read the following address and presented the other members of the deputation :—

"We, the Nattukkottai Nagarathars residing at Amaravathi Pudur, Ramnad district, beg to welcome Your Excellency to this our above ancient village, which was once the capital of Thiru-Udaya Thevar alias Vijaya Raghunatha Sethupathi, who ruled over the Ramnad and Sivaganga Zamindaris from 1711 to 1725, when they both formed one extensive territory.

"2. Our village is alphabetically the first in the list of the eighty-three villages in which our community are to be found now. It is a combination of two villages, Amaravathi and Pudur. Seven-eighths of these villages are held as endowments by the great pagodas of Sri Meenakshi Sundareswaral at Madura and Sri Ramanatha Parvatha Vardhani at Rameswaram.

"3. Amaravathi Pudur contains some items of archaeological interest. A major portion of the fort strongly built by the above Sethupathi, with a ditch and the places used for cannonading as well

"as a treasury chamber, is still to be seen in ruins. Sept. 18,
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"A big tank known as 'Sankarapathi' dug by him
"with steps, cut out for even the elephants to drink
"water from, and a chattram, with arches and
"domes, erected by him are also in ruins. All
"these monuments are constructed chiefly of
"red-stone. They are covered most with shrubs and
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"4. The original route to Rameswaram having been via our village, it must have been once an important centre for the pilgrims.

"5. It is our village that has given birth to two renowned personages—Messrs. Nagappa Chettiyar and Venkatachalam Chettiyar who were reputed pioneers in temple repairs and renovations. The first work undertaken by them in this direction is that of the Sri Meenakshi Sundareswaral temple at Madura, mentioned above, at a cost of about ten lakhs of Pons.

"6. One of the oldest temples in the Sivaganga Zamindari is that of Vantharuleeswarar and Valavantha Nayaki here, which we have repaired at a cost of about Rs. 65,000.

"7. It is our devout prayer to the Almighty that the present war should speedily come to a close and end favourably to the British Crown.

"8. We beg to bring to Your Excellency's notice a small matter, namely, the hardship to which the people of these parts are put, owing to their being deprived from 1910 of the benefits of Postal Insurance. If Your Excellency gets it restored, Your Excellency's name would be ever remembered.

"9. We are proud and happy that this is the first time when the Governor of our Province has

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"been pleased to pay a visit to the parts occupied
"by our community. What has rendered this
"possible is the motor-car which has come into use
"in recent years and the present improved condition
"of the roads, which we owe to the Local Fund
"Department under the Presidentship of our able and
"popular Collector, A. R. Loftus-Tottenham, Esq.,
"M.A., I.C.S. But if a Railway line from Trichino-
"poly to Sivaganga via Pudukkottai, Thirumayam,
"Kanadukattan, Kottaiyur, Pallattur, Karaikudi,
"Amaravathi Pudur, Devakottai and Kaliarkoil had
"been opened, the visits of our Governors and
"Viceroys and even Members of the noble Royal
"family, wielding their mighty and just sceptre over
"us, would have, by this time, become very common.
"We beg that this subject may receive Your
"Excellency's due consideration, during Your
"Excellency's period of office.

"10. Our pleasure on this occasion would have
"been greater, if it had been possible for Her Excel-
"lency to be present here today.

"11. We request Your Excellency to be
"graciously pleased to convey to Their Imperial
"Majesties King George V and Queen Mary our
"deep sense of loyalty and our warm wish that
"Their reign may last as long as the sun and moon
"endure.

"12. In conclusion, we pray to God for the
"long life and prosperity of Her Excellency Lady
"Pentland and Your Excellency."

His Excellency replied to the address as
follows:—

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"MR. RAMANATHAN CHETTIYAR AND GENTLE-
"MEN,—I thank you heartily for the manner in which
"you have welcomed me to this ancient village of

"Amaravathi Pudur, and can assure you that I
"have listened with great interest to the account of
"its historical and religious associations and of its
"close connection with your community which your
"address contains. I regard myself fortunate in
"having this opportunity of visiting a unique and
"interesting tract of country and of seeing in their
"ancestral homes a community whose capacity and
"industry has earned for them a high reputation and
"an honourable position in the commercial world.
"My visit as you point out has been facilitated by
"the improvements in local communications which
"have been one of the beneficial results of the
"constitution of the Ramnad country into a separate
"district. It was only to be expected that a business
"community such as yours would appreciate their
"importance and I entirely agree with you that the
"policy thus inaugurated should be maintained.
"For the present, owing to the war and difficulties
"in securing material, our railway programme is
"necessarily more or less at a standstill, but I can
"assure you that when normal conditions are
"restored the claims and needs of this part of
"the country will not be overlooked.

"The only other request contained in your
"address, namely, that Postal Insurance should be
"restored, also affects your business facilities, and
"is one with which I greatly sympathize. As you
"are aware the system was withdrawn some years
"ago owing to the unsafe condition of the roads. I
"propose to have the matter examined again. I
"know that the Collector and District Magistrate
"will do what he can to help and I hope that we
"shall find it possible to give the Postal authorities
"that assurance of safety which they naturally
"require.

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"Gentlemen, in conclusion let me say how much I appreciate the sincere loyalty which your address expresses and your kind reference to Her Excellency and myself."

His Excellency then resumed his journey and near Silambani at the entrance to the town of Devakottai he was welcomed and garlanded by M.R.Ry. A. L. A. R. R. M. Arunachalam Chettiyar Avargal, the Zamindar of Devakottai, M.R.Ry. C. Sundaram Ayyar Avargal, B.A., Chairman of the Union Panchayat, and a few other members of the Chetti community. His Excellency was then taken in procession preceded by richly caparisoned elephants and the paraphernalia of the temples. At the reception pandal, where the leading inhabitants of Devakottai were assembled, a guard-of-honour was furnished by the District Reserve Police, which His Excellency inspected.

After His Excellency had taken his seat, the Collector introduced to His Excellency M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur P. Somasundaram Chettiyar Avargal, who read the following address on behalf of the Chetti community and presented the other members of the deputation :—

"We, the members of the Nattukkottai Chetti community residing in Devakottai, most respectfully beg to approach Your Excellency with this humble address of welcome on this occasion. We are glad to note that this occasion is a most memorable one, as this part of the Presidency (namely Chettinad) has been for the first time honoured by the visit of a Governor of this

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"Presidency. However, our feelings of happiness on this occasion are, we must confess, a little diminished by the absence of Her Excellency Lady Pentland also in our midst so that we may have had the gratification of paying our personal homage to Her Excellency whose solicitude for ameliorating the condition of the Indian women is so well known."

"2. We beg in the first instance to give expression to our staunch loyalty to the Throne and the august Person of His Majesty the King-Emperor and Her Majesty the Queen-Empress and we humbly and devoutly pray for their long life and prosperity."

"3. The great world war now raging in Europe for the past two years has been causing us a good deal of anxiety and concern even in this remote corner of the Empire. Strengthened and encouraged, however, by the firm conviction that the Allies are fighting for the noble and righteous cause, we with one accord pray before the Almighty that the armies of our King-Emperor and the Allies be victorious in every field of battle and we ardently pray for a speedy and glorious termination of the war restoring thereby peace and prosperity to the world."

"4. We are a mercantile community and we travel to all parts of His Majesty's dominions for the purpose of trade and are always found to be a loyal and law-abiding body which is an object of admiration and emulation for other people. We observe steadfast loyalty to the British through whose kindness we are living in peace and enjoy all privileges."

"5. We are quite aware that the present is not the appropriate occasion for submitting for Your

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"Excellency's sympathetic consideration any of our wants or grievances. But we beg most respectfully to bring to Your Excellency's kind notice a grievance and hardship which is more or less a social disadvantage by the present procedure in the administration of criminal justice. It is a well-known fact that, once a member of our community is handcuffed either by Police or put in fetters by the conviction in a criminal court, he is at once outcasted and loses all his privileges for ever. It may probably be asked why not this social ostracism be removed or relaxed by ourselves. We beg to answer that our strict social maxim and the idea of our ancestors require that every member of our community should keep up honesty for ever and as this wholesome custom is enforced from time immemorial our community finds it inexpedient and difficult to alter that system now. But we may legitimately crave the indulgence of Your Excellency's Government for issuing the necessary orders to the Police and the Magistracy not to handcuff or put in fetters any member of our community when he has the misfortune to be in the custody of the Police or when he is convicted by a criminal court but to let on substantial bail or security such persons until the result of his appeal to the highest tribunal is known or the time-limit fixed by law for preferring appeals in criminal cases expires. Convictions are very often appealed against and in several cases quashed by higher courts. Though thus the innocence of the party concerned is established the social punishment of ex-communication brought about by his prison life continues unabated, since ex-communications among us are by no means revokable.

"6. In placing this grievance before Your Excellency, we earnestly hope and pray that Your

"Excellency be pleased to take this into Your
"Excellency's kind consideration and ameliorate
"the grievances under which we are placed at
"present.

"We beg to offer a small contribution
"(Rs. 23,047) towards the Hospital Ship 'Madras',
"which owes its existence to Your Excellency,
"and which has done so much to alleviate the
"sufferings of soldiers, Indian and European, who
"have been wounded or have fallen victims to
"disease fighting for our King-Emperor in Meso-
"potamia and elsewhere.

"In conclusion, we beg to thank Your Excel-
"lency for your kind visit to our place and pray
"God to bless you and Her Excellency Lady
"Pentland with long life and prosperity."

The following address was then read by
M.R.Ry. C. Sundaram Ayyar Avargal, B.A., Chairman
of the Union Panchayat, on behalf of the citizens of
Devakottai :—

"We, the citizens of Devakottai Union, beg
"leave to offer Your Excellency a hearty welcome on
"this unique and auspicious occasion of the first
"visit of a Governor of Madras to our little town.
"Though devoid of historic fame or hoary religious
"antiquity, this town which is the home of wealthy
"and enterprising Nattukkottai Chettis is not without
"its importance. Its gifted sons have spread the
"arts of peace more than that of war and the
"members of the Chetti community have by their
"innate business instincts, thrift and frugality con-
"tributed not a little to the expansion of the trade
"and commerce not only here in India but also in
"dominions beyond the seas. Their charities and

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"philanthropy are well known though the directions in which they lavish their accumulated wealth may not be quite in keeping with the progressive ideas and the needs of modern condition.

"2. Though we are rich in some of the earthly possessions we are not without wants and Your Excellency will kindly pardon us if we take this opportunity to place before Your Excellency some of our pressing needs in the strong hope that Your Excellency will, when the time comes, give us a helping hand :—

"(1) There is at present only a Board Elementary School in this town which teaches up to the 4th standard. Now that the Chetti community have taken kindly to the English education and there are besides a large number of children of school-going age of other communities, the establishment of a High School has become an imperative and urgent necessity. The enlightened Zamindar of Devakottai has promised a liberal donation for the construction of a school-house and a portion of the maintenance charges for the upkeep of the school and Rao Bahadur P. Sundaram Chettiyar Avargal and some other gentlemen have also promised donations for the purpose. The resources of the Local Board being limited, we beg to approach Your Excellency for some substantial help from Provincial funds.

"(2) In common with many other places, we are in need of good drinking water-supply. Our supply is now drawn from tanks and other sources liable to contamination which fail us in years of drought. A scheme to supply the town with pure water from the spring in the bed of the Virisalai river was investigated and the initial cost was

"estimated at one lakh and fifty thousands and the recurring maintenance charges at Rs. 7,500 per annum. The Chetti citizens of Devakottai have undertaken to pay half the amount of the initial outlay and they have submitted a memorial to Your Excellency requesting the sanction of a by-law to increase the union house-tax to meet the recurring charges. Owing to bad water-supply, cholera and other epidemics have become our constant visitors and we pray that this subject may receive a sympathetic consideration at Your Excellency's hands.

"(3) The vast amount of money transaction in this place justifies the establishment of a Munsif's Court here. A large portion of the suit work in the District Munsif's Court of Paramakudi and in the Sub-Court, Principal District Munsif's Court and Additional District Munsif's Court all located at Sivaganga is contributed by the villages within a radius of 25 miles around Devakottai.

"(4) Since the establishment of a Revenue Divisional office in this place, the need for communications has become more pronounced than ever, as we are badly served by Railways or roads; much has been done towards the improvement of roads by our able and energetic President, District Board, ever since the formation of the new Ramnad District, and we do not want to tire Your Excellency's patience after a very arduous journey by recounting all our many wants.

"3. In conclusion, we beg to thank Your Excellency for the kind condescension in receiving this address at our hands and pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to convey our deep-rooted and innate feelings of loyalty and devotion to the Person and Throne of Their Imperial Majesties the King-Emperor and Queen-Empress."

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After the Union Chairman had presented the other members of the deputation, His Excellency made a joint reply to the two addresses as follows :—

"MR. SOMASUNDARAM CHETTIYAR AND MEMBERS OF THE NATTUKKOTTAI CHETTI COMMUNITY,—I have long looked forward to being able to pay a visit to this part of the Presidency which by its name of Chettinad is so intimately associated with the history and fortunes of your community. You refer to the fact that I am the first Governor of this Presidency to visit it and I believe that is the case, but I feel sure that it was only those difficulties of communication and transport which are now happily being overcome which prevented my predecessors from coming here. I regard it as a privilege that it has been left to me to inaugurate a new departure which my successors are not likely to be slow to follow for from the reception I have met with here and on the way I can safely say that in no part of the Presidency will they receive a more loyal and hearty welcome than in the Chettinad. I can assure you that the Government fully recognize the capacity, industry and other good qualities which have earned for the important community of the Nattukkottai Chettis a high position in the commercial life not only of this Presidency but of other parts of India and the adjoining countries and I shall be glad if my visit in any degree serves to encourage its members to take in larger measure that position in the public life of the Presidency to which those qualities entitle them, and to remove that feeling of isolation to which the geographical position of the Chettinad has contributed lying as it does somewhat off the beaten track. I welcome and appreciate deeply the expressions of your loyalty and of your conviction of the justice and

"righteousness of the cause for which our brave troops are fighting and of your robust confidence in their ultimate victory. I share that confidence and trust that before very long that beneficial operation of commerce and industry, so easily interrupted by disorder, external or internal, is resumed in full prosperity. I can assure you that Her Excellency shares your regrets that it was not possible for her to accompany me on this tour.

"Gentlemen, I turn now to the representations you have made regarding members of your community who may have the misfortune to be involved in criminal proceedings. Your requests are three : that such persons should not be handcuffed when in the custody of the police, that if convicted they should not be handcuffed or fettered while in jail, and that if they appeal they should be released on bail pending disposal of the appeal. As regards the first of these requests, I would observe that ordinarily persons in the custody of the police and under-trial prisoners are not handcuffed. This is only done if there is a reasonable apprehension that the prisoner will use violence or attempt to escape or that an attempt will be made to rescue him. Similarly as regards convicts, fetters and handcuffs are imposed only in the case of those who are refractory, violent or dangerous. Discretion as to when these powers should be used must, I think you will agree, be left to the officers responsible for the custody of prisoners and the safety of others. Nor again can the Government interfere with that discretion as to bail which must be and is vested in the courts of law and for the due and careful exercise of which provision is made in the Criminal Procedure Code. I can assure you, however, that the Government,

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"while unable to admit the principle of differential treatment, have no desire that those social sanctions by which you seek to preserve the morals of your community should be unnecessarily set in force. I shall have further opportunities of discussing the question with leaders of your community and with the District Magistrate and, if there is any reason to suppose that the rules by which these matters are supposed to be regulated are disregarded, I have no doubt he will take such action as may be appropriate."

"GENTLEMEN AND CITIZENS OF THE DEVA-KOTTAI UNION,—To you also I am grateful for your kindly welcome and for the loyal devotion to Their Majesties which you have expressed. I am also glad to have this opportunity of hearing your statement of the wants which at present seem to you most pressing. You urge in the first place the need of a High School to meet the growing demand for education in English. You remark that the local boards are not in a position to give any assistance and I understand from the President of the District Board that this is the case. Now in this matter the policy of the Government is to encourage private enterprise by liberal grants-in-aid to all secondary schools which are conducted to their satisfaction. I am glad to hear that the generosity of local gentlemen is likely to provide the first essential, namely, a building and also contributions towards the maintenance charges. I would advise as the next step that you should get into touch with the Educational Department—I have no doubt Mr. Tottenham will give you all assistance—and arrive at a clear decision as to requirements in regard to accommodation and equipment, the minimum expenditure necessary

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"and the grants which under the rules may be expected from the Government. I assure you that proposals so elaborated will receive sympathetic consideration."

"I am aware that a proper water-supply is greatly needed here and as you are aware its provision has been under discussion for a considerable time. It is of course useless to discuss the scheme unless the means of financing it can be foreseen. It is indeed encouraging to know that local patriotism is prepared to find one-half the cost of construction but unfortunately your suggestion for meeting the recurring charges is not admissible under the existing state of the law though we shall take steps to remedy this when the Act can be revised. Nor has the suggestion to convert the Union into a Municipality in order to enable a water-tax to be levied met with such a measure of support as in the opinion of Government would justify them in acting upon it. I hope that a way will be found to overcome these difficulties. The matter is still under discussion and there is for the present nothing I can add."

"You also refer to the difficulties under which litigants in this part of the country suffer owing to the distance by which they are separated from the District Munsifs' Courts. Your complaints seem to be justified and I understand that the claims of Devakottai to have a District Munsif's Court have been recognized in recent proposals on the subject. Whether in the meantime it would be possible to locate one of the temporary courts here I am unable to say nor do I know whether accommodation would be available. But as you may be aware the power to locate Munsifs' Courts is vested in the High Court to whom I suggest that

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"you should address your representations through the District Judge.

"I am also in entire agreement with you as to the importance of good communications. I am glad to think that the Government have been able to do something towards providing them in this district as grants of 2½ lakhs in the last five years testify. I know that much attention is being paid to them and that improvement is gradually being effected. I can only promise careful consideration of your claims when normal circumstances return.

"I must thank you for the very generous and timely donation for the funds of the Madras War Fund and the Hospital Ship 'Madras'. Mr. Somasundaram Chettiyar was kind enough to associate my name with it as President of the subscribers in other parts of the Presidency. I hope that we may be able by our common effort to continue this valuable and humane help to the soldiers fighting at the Front while the war lasts. I gratefully acknowledge the generosity which prompted this gift on this occasion.

"Gentlemen, I have detained you long but these are important matters on which I desired to give you as full information as possible. I again thank you one and all for the reception you have given me."

His Excellency and party then proceeded to the Zamindar's bungalow, where His Excellency was the guest of the Zamindar.

At 8 a.m. on the following morning, Tuesday the 19th September, His Excellency proceeded from the bungalow to the site of the proposed Women and Children's Dispensary, where he was received

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by M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur P. C. Somasundaram Chettiyar Avargal whose generosity had rendered its construction possible. After His Excellency had taken his seat, Mr. Somasundaram Chettiyar read the following statement requesting His Excellency to lay the foundation stone:—

"We are all assembled here to witness the pleasing function of laying the foundation stone for the Lady Pentland Women and Children's Dispensary, Devakottai, by Your Excellency.

"The want of proper medical aid for Indian women at Devakottai and its surroundings is very keenly felt both by the rich and the poor alike.

"There are no Women and Children's Dispensaries within a radius of 50 miles around Devakottai.

"I had a great anxiety that this, the most important want, should be supplied as early as practicable. With this object in view, I approached our sympathetic Collector, Mr. Loftus-Tottenham, during February last, who very readily acceded to my request and obtained sanction from the Government and spared no pains towards making the Women and Children's Dispensary at Devakottai an accomplished fact.

"I most heartily thank him for all the troubles he has taken and our benign Government for their readiness in accepting this proposal and for having been graciously pleased to sanction a grant of one-half of the initial and recurring charges of the Dispensary from Provincial funds.

"I also thank the District Board for having undertaken to maintain the Dispensary from their

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"funds and with the small amount of interest on my endowment fund.

"Although this is only a Dispensary, yet it will be a great boon if the services of an able and experienced Lady Doctor of the grade of L.M. & S., or even M.B., be obtained for this Dispensary as this is in an out-of-the-way place.

"To attain this object, the following two things are necessary :—

"(1) That a suitable building should be constructed to accommodate such Lady Doctors of higher grade. This I gladly undertake to construct at my own cost.

"(2) That an endowment fund should be formed so as to enable the District Board to meet the extra salary required for employing a higher grade Lady Doctor.

"I hope that the wealthy citizens of Devakottai will liberally subscribe to form an endowment fund to fulfil this laudable object.

"As Her Excellency is evincing great interest both in the health and welfare of Indian women, it is quite appropriate that this Dispensary should be named after Her Excellency, and I heartily thank Her Excellency for having consented to name it after her.

"I also thank all the ladies and gentlemen for having responded to my invitation and honoured the occasion with their presence.

"Above all, I most respectfully thank Your Excellency from the bottom of my heart for having consented to preside on this occasion and to lay the foundation stone of this Dispensary.

"I now request Your Excellency to perform the ceremony."

In complying with the request His Excellency made the following speech :—

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"MR. SOMASUNDARAM CHETTIYAR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The ceremony which owing to the generosity of Mr. Somasundaram Chettiyar we have the pleasure of witnessing and taking part in today inaugurates a new and important movement in this district which will, I hope, continually expand to the great benefit of its inhabitants. At present the district contains no medical institution which is intended solely for women and children. The statistics for the district show that although the benefits conferred by the existing institutions are widely appreciated, they are through various causes less resorted to by women than we could desire. To this various causes contribute. The limited funds at the disposal of the Government and local boards must properly enough be mainly devoted to the provision of general hospitals and dispensaries where all classes and both sexes can receive advice and treatment. At the same time the provision of institutions specially reserved for women and children, where too medical aid may be given by women to women, cannot but be regarded as a most valuable method of extending the benefits of the healing art. It may well commend itself to men of position and wealth who desire out of their substance to contribute to the needs of their fellow-citizens.

"In this movement Her Excellency has always taken a deep interest and I assure you, Mr. Somasundaram Chettiyar, that she regards it as a great privilege that at your instance her name is to be associated with the buildings which will stand here and with the work which they will render possible. I sympathize heartily with your desire

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"that patients here should have at their service a lady doctor possessed of the highest possible qualifications. I am certain that by your generous offer to provide suitable quarters you have done much to ensure this. A lady doctor who takes up work in mufassal centres in this country has frequently to face long periods of separation from her home and friends and the highest medical authorities have frequently pointed out that, if she is to carry on her work in that spirit of cheerful contentment which is so important and with that continuity which is so desirable, those amenities of home life and that degree of comfort to which she is accustomed should be placed within her reach.

"I trust that your appeal to other public spirited citizens of this town to provide a fund from which the necessary salary may be met will receive a liberal response. I shall now with your permission proceed to lay the foundation stone of the Lady Pentland Women and Children's Dispensary, Devakottai, and on behalf of all here present I express the hope that it may in ample measure fulfil the intentions of the generous donor."

After laying the foundation stone His Excellency returned to the Zamindar's bungalow, halting in front of the house of M.R.Ry. O. R. M. O. M. Subbayya Chettiyar Avargal, who garlanded His Excellency. His Excellency also visited on the way the houses of M.R.Ry. A. R. A. R. S. M. Somasundaram Chettiyar Avargal and M.R.Ry. S. T. Murugappa Chettiyar Avargal. At the former house His Excellency was met at the entrance by his

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host and conducted to the court-yard, where His Excellency took his seat under a floral canopy. Mr. Somasundaram Chettiyar thanked His Excellency for having made a new departure and honoured the Chettinad and Devakottai with a visit though situated away from the beaten track. He presented His Excellency with a cheque for Rs. 7,000 as his contribution to the Madras War Fund. His Excellency expressed his pleasure at the opportunity and privilege of visiting the Chettinad and said that his main purpose in coming there was to show his appreciation of the good qualities and public spirit of the Nattukkottai Chettis. His Excellency thanked Mr. Somasundaram Chettiyar for his generous contribution.

His Excellency motored next to the house of Mr. Murugappa Chettiyar with whom he spent some time in conversation.

At 12 noon His Excellency accorded a few private interviews.

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At 4 p.m. His Excellency again set out from the Zamindar's bungalow, and halted in front of the houses of M.R.Rys. T. A. S. Annamalai Chettiyar Avargal, P. L. A. R. M. S. Venkatachalam Chettiyar Avargal and M. T. T. K. R. Arunachalam Chettiyar Avargal, who garlanded His Excellency. His Excellency then proceeded to M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur P. Somasundaram Chettiyar's house, where His Excellency had tea and also had an opportunity of seeing specimens of the skill of the Chetti ladies in basket work.

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His Excellency then motored to the site of the Veterinary Dispensary, where the following statement requesting His Excellency to lay the foundation stone was read, on behalf of the Zamindar who had generously contributed towards the cost, and provided a site, by M.R.Ry. A. R. R. M. Chockalingam Chettiyar Avargal, his brother :—

"The institution which Your Excellency is inaugurating today at the request of the Zamindar of Devakottai is one of unique importance and interest.

"This part of the Ramnad district is peculiarly a rain-fed tract, the rain favouring us very rarely like angel's visits. In consequence of this natural defect, agricultural operations have to be commenced and closed either too late or too soon in the respective season or sometimes have to be at a standstill with outturns proportionate to such irregular rainfalls.

"Another consequence of the drought in these parts is the disease and mortality prevailing amongst agricultural cattle which, as Your Excellency is aware, forms the backbone of our agricultural system. Referring to the annual administration report of the Civil Veterinary Department, Madras Presidency, for 1914-15, Your Excellency will find that the number of deaths amongst animals from contagious diseases for the year was 2,783 for the Madura district and 666 for the Ramnad district.

"Turning to the official statement of the number of animals treated and castrated by Veterinary Assistants on tour for the year 1914-15, we find the number for the Madura district was 490 and Ramnad 419.

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"Passing on next to the number of animals treated at the Veterinary Hospitals during the year, we find that the total number of in-and out-patients admitted in the Madura Hospital was 1,191 and the Hospital at Sivaganga, 670.

"These figures will, it is hoped, give Your Excellency a fair idea as to the large scope there is in this part of the country for veterinary work being carried on in as many agricultural centres as possible. Speaking for the Ramnad district alone, we may submit that Sivaganga is the only centre where there is such a Hospital at present for the treatment of animals. While it is to be admitted that Veterinary Assistants on tour are doing their best to give as much help as their time and circumstances would permit in their flying visits to give relief to dumb patients, yet the advantages of opening permanent institutions of this kind in as many places as possible cannot be under-estimated.

"Taking this view of this important question and imbued with a generous spirit for affording medical relief to the suffering dumb creation, the Zamindar has been contemplating for some time past to establish an institution of this kind in this place and has been in correspondence with the District Board to co-operate with him in the accomplishment of his object. The result of this is that the District Board has been good enough to accept the Zamindar's offer of a donation for the construction of the hospital building and an annual grant for its maintenance.

"It is this building whose foundation stone Your Excellency has been requested to graciously lay today. We hope that under the blessings of God and Your Excellency's kind auspices this

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"institution would develop in the fulness of time
"and bear the fruit expected of it for the relief of
"ailing dumb creation and for the benefit of the
"agricultural population in this part of the country.

"I thank all the gentlemen for having res-
"ponded to our invitation and honoured us with
"their presence.

"I most respectfully and heartily thank Your
"Excellency for having consented to accede to our
"request and perform the ceremony.

"I now request Your Excellency to perform
"the ceremony."

Before proceeding to lay the foundation stone
His Excellency made the following speech :—

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"MR. CHOCKALINGAM CHETTIYAR AND
"GENTLEMEN,—It is a great pleasure to me to have
"the opportunity during this tour of taking part in
"the inauguration of a number of institutions
"intended by the charitable donors to confer great
"benefits on their fellow-beings. It was no less to be
"expected that in the home of a community which
"has always regarded dumb animals also as entitled
"to our humane consideration and solicitude their
"claims would be recognized on an occasion which
"has evoked so much beneficent generosity. The
"proposal to found a veterinary dispensary has been
"under consideration for some time, but among
"other obstacles the inability of the Veterinary
"Department to find a competent officer to take
"charge of it has delayed progress. That difficulty
"has now been overcome and thanks to the gift of a
"site by the Zamindar of Devakottai and the manner
"in which he has supplemented the contributions of
"the District Board, a veterinary dispensary will

"stand here to commemorate his generosity and
"will, I hope, afford relief and aid to many of those
"dumb friends and helpers whose well-being appeals
"to our interest as well as to our humanity."

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After laying the foundation stone His Excellency
proceeded to the Coronation Hall, where the citizens
gave a Garden Party in honour of His Excellency's
visit to Devakottai. A programme of music, kolattam
and various amusements and acrobatic performance
were provided for the entertainment of the guests.

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From the Garden Party His Excellency pro-
ceeded to the Zamindar's old house, where a musical
entertainment was given.

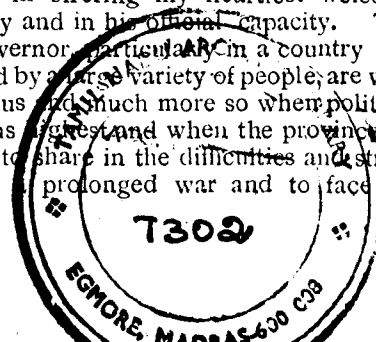
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His Excellency then returned to the Zamindar's
bungalow, where there was a Dinner Party at
8-15 p.m.

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After His Excellency had given the toast of
His Majesty the King-Emperor, Mr. Chockalingam
Chettiyar proposed His Excellency's health on
behalf of the Zamindar in the following terms :—

"The toast which I have now to propose is
"one that rightly comes immediately after the loyal
"toast; it is that of His Majesty's representative,
"His Excellency the Governor, to whom I have
"great pleasure in offering my heartiest welcome
"both personally and in his official capacity. The
"duties of a Governor, particularly in a country like
"India inhabited by a large variety of people, are very
"real and onerous and much more so when political
"excitement runs high and when the province he
"rules over has to share in the difficulties and stress
"resulting from a prolonged war and to face the



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"crisis with the rest of the Empire in defending it against the inroads of barbarism on civilisation and justice. A Governor's duties happily (and he is always on duty except when he is asleep) are not all political. There are times and places where he can say to a certain extent what he thinks, and it is His Excellency's utterances on such occasions as those that generally indicate his heart and endear his person to us. His Excellency's readiness to lend his name and support to any good cause and his deep interest in our fortunes are well known. His special interest in the agricultural and industrial activities of the people of this province, upon which so greatly depends our prosperity, have done much to increase our love for him and the esteem in which we all hold him. Gentlemen, I give you the health of the King-Emperor's representative, His Excellency Lord Pentland, who is my illustrious guest, and I ask you to drink it with the heartiest fervour."

His Excellency, in responding to the toast, expressed the great pleasure which it had given him to visit Devakottai, for the opportunity of doing which he was indebted to the kind invitation of the Zamindar. He said that he had looked forward with great interest to seeing the community of which the Zamindar was so distinguished a representative in their own homes, and that his expectations had been more than realized in the cordiality of the welcome which he had received and the evidences of the capacity and the public spirit of the community which he had been privileged to witness. In proposing the health of the Zamindar His Excellency

thanked him warmly on his own behalf and on that of the other guests for the kind and solicitous hospitality of which they had been the recipients throughout their stay.

After dinner, there was a display of fireworks which His Excellency witnessed from the terrace.

On the morning of Wednesday the 20th September His Excellency and party left Devakottai at 6-30 a.m. for Kanadukattan halting at Karaikudi, Kottaiyur and Pallattur.

At Karaikudi, which was reached at 7-15 a.m., His Excellency received addresses from the Union Panchayat and the citizens of Karaikudi under a pandal at the Sivankoil or Temple of Siva. On His Excellency taking his seat, the Collector introduced to him M.R.Ry. C. V. C. T. K. R. Karuppan Chettiyar Avargal, Chairman of the Union, who read the following address on behalf of the Panchayat and presented the other members:—

"We render you our heartiest welcome to our Chettinad. Permit us to take this opportunity to express our unflinching loyalty and whole-hearted devotion to His Majesty the King-Emperor during this period of great stress and tribulation for him, when so many of his loyal and devoted subjects shed their blood like water in the cause of righteousness, justice and humanity. We are ready and willing, Your Excellency, to do our utmost to help on this noble cause in any manner Your Excellency's Government may deem fit. We beg to assure Your Excellency that no other community can be more zealous in the desire that this dire necessity for war should cease at the earliest

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"period, that wanton wickedness should reap its punishment, and that victory should soon crown our arms. While we pray daily for speedy victory to our arms, we do so only in the spirit and the hope that it should not so end without achieving the objects for which it is being fought out with such stern valour on our side.

"2. We hope we shall not weary Your Excellency if we just say a few words about ourselves. We are now aware how the Government are at present circumstanced in the matter of finance but still as the welfare of the people has ever been to Your Excellency an object of great solicitude, we venture to bring to notice our most pressing needs.

"3. Our Union was formed in 1888 with M.R.Ry. S. A. Ramaswami Ayyar Avargal, as its first chairman. Two years later, the two neighbouring villages of Muthupatanam and Kalanivasal were brought into the Union and the village of Sengai was included in the year 1907-08. After M.R.Ry. S. A. Ramaswami Ayyar's Chairmanship the office came to be held by the Sub-Magistrate of Tiruppattur until 1897-98 when it was again transferred to non-official hands. Mention must be made here of M.R.Ry. S. R. M. Chidambaram Chettiyar Avargal, and the Hon'ble Rao Bahadur Annamalai Chettiyar Avargal, during whose periods considerable improvements were made of great public utility to the town. Many of the roads have been provided with culverts. The Thenar Bridge was started under the latter's term of office, and completed during the tenure of office of the present Chairman. Thus as year succeeds year, the responsibilities of the Union increase and the sphere of its usefulness widens correspondingly. Increase in usefulness and in responsibility means

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"increase in expenditure. Multiplication of a people's wants is admitted to be the surest standard by which the people's progress may be gauged. And our wants, Your Excellency, have become numerous. We have an annual income of Rs. 9,000 all of which is being used in lighting the Union, improving its sanitation and making its roads

"4. But we need, Your Excellency, two things at the present moment more urgently than any other which, without the Government's help, we cannot get—a good drainage scheme and a plentiful supply of pure water. Our Union has a population of more than 14,000, peopled in more than 3,000 houses. The present system of stinking cesspools to collect the drains is discarded everywhere as highly insanitary, while the tank from which the Union gets its present water-supply has been found fault with by the Assistant Sanitary Commissioner during his visit here a short while ago. There is a village, Sekkali, near by, which has pure drinking water; a pipe system on a small scale for purposes of water-supply from this place has been suggested by him. The estimated cost of this scheme is about Rs. 60,000 half of which may be met by the Union itself from the sale of the land adjacent to the channel attached to the Kallukatti tank, which belongs to the Union. We therefore pray Your Excellency to allot a sufficient sum to enable us to supply ourselves with the above-mentioned urgent needs and to live in health and ever bless and cherish Your Excellency's memory in our hearts.

"We once more offer Your Excellency our most cordial welcome to this our Chettinad and feel sincerely grateful for honoring our Chettinad with your gracious presence the first time when it has been so honoured."

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The citizens of Karaikudi next presented the following address which was read by M.R.Ry. T. C. Srinivasa Ayyangar Avargal, High Court Vakil :—

"We, the citizens of Karaikudi, beg leave to offer Your Excellency our most hearty and sincere welcome to this centre of the Nattukkottai Nagathars' community. This is the first time that a Governor of Madras has condescended to pay a visit to these rather outlying and distant parts of the Presidency. We greatly rejoice that this memorable visit of Your Excellency has given us a long-desired opportunity of expressing in person to the representative of His Imperial Majesty the King-Emperor the sense of our inherent and profound loyalty to our beloved sovereign.

"The Nattukkottai Nagathars, an ancient trading community, have been immensely benefited by the British rule since much of their trade in the Straits Settlements, Ceylon and Burma, not to speak of their business in the various centres of India itself, is due in a very considerable measure to the protection of British rule and to the sense of security which the same has created.

"The gigantic war which has been forced on England by the aggressive Germanic Power has, in addition to other general evils, affected our trade and crippled our financial resources, and we pray the Almighty God to bless the arms of England and her Allies with a speedy success.

"We have established a Secondary School and endowed it with sufficiently large amount, with the full hope of ultimately raising it into a High School. The school has been registered under the Charitable Endowments Act as Sri Meenakshi Vidyasala of Karaikudi, and has been recognized

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"by the Educational Department. A school-house is undertaken to be constructed by one of us at his own cost on the site allotted by the Nagathars. Side by side with the education of our boys, we are arranging to develop the education of our girls, for which one of us has undertaken to construct a suitable building at his own cost, on the site provided also by the Nagathars.

"With a view to secure increased interest and improvement in the administration of the Karaikudi Union, we would request that the Panchayat be given power to elect its own chairman and that at least half the number of seats on the Panchayat be thrown open for election by the tax-payers and the inhabitants of the Union.

"For some time past the residents of Karaikudi and its immediate neighbourhood are not enjoying all the postal facilities. We need hardly submit that, for a trading community like ours, the absence of postal facilities is a very great inconvenience. We learn that the despatch of valuable mails is for some time under a proper escort and there is no longer any ground to withhold from us the advantage of the insurance system. We respectfully and earnestly pray that Your Excellency may be pleased to issue necessary orders to restore the insurance parcel system to Karaikudi.

"We are happy that these progressive movements will be associated with Your Excellency's visit to Karaikudi.

"We beg to offer a small contribution (Rs. 15,000) towards the Hospital Ship 'Madras', which owes its existence to Your Excellency, and which has done so much to alleviate the sufferings of soldiers, Indian and European, who have been

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"wounded, or have fallen victims to disease fighting
"for our King-Emperor in Mesopotamia and
"elsewhere."

"Ever humbly praying God to bestow long life
"and further prosperity on Your Excellency and
"Her Excellency Lady Pentland, whose absence on
"this occasion is keenly felt by us all."

His Excellency made a joint reply to the addresses
as follows :—

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reply.

"MR. KARUPPAN CHETTIYAR AND MEMBERS OF
"THE KARAIKUDI UNION PANCHAYAT; MR. SRINI-
"VASA AYYANGAR AND CITIZENS OF KARAIKUDI,—
"I must first gratefully acknowledge the
"eloquent and sincere terms in which you have
"expressed your loyalty and devotion to His Majesty
"the King-Emperor, your firm belief in the justice
"of his cause and your confidence that there can
"only be one issue to the struggle in which we
"are engaged, the conclusive triumph of justice and
"humanity over those by whom these great ideals
"have been trampled under foot.

"Mr. Karuppan Chettiyar and Gentlemen,
"I have been much interested to hear the history
"of your Union, the services rendered to it
"by successive Chairmen and the improvements
"which it has been able to effect. I have no doubt
"that your Union has justified its existence with the
"usual and gratifying result that your citizens
"demand that still more should be done to improve
"the environment in which they live. The most
"important of these demands are a good water-
"supply and a satisfactory drainage scheme.
"Unfortunately these are matters which in this
"country are almost invariably difficult to devise and

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"expensive to finance. Your town has not proved
"an exception and it is clear that with the limited
"powers of taxation and revenue open to the Union
"any possible scheme would be entirely beyond
"its means.

"Now there are two methods by which the
"finances of the Union can be improved. In the
"first place it might be given Municipal status with
"the increased powers which it confers. That
"course has not so far commended itself to the
"citizens or rate-payers generally. The other alter-
"native is to confer increased powers of taxation
"without alteration of status. That, however, must
"await the amendment of the Act which is under
"contemplation.

"Another possibility which is being examined
"elsewhere, for example, in Devakottai, is that the
"funds should be contributed and guaranteed by the
"more wealthy and philanthropic of the citizens.
"When the financial difficulty has been met, the
"Government will be in a position to resume investi-
"gation and will, I have no doubt, be prepared when
"circumstances permit to give such financial assist-
"ance as is usual in the case of works of this
"nature.

"Mr. Srinivasa Ayyangar and Gentlemen,
"I shall now deal briefly with those matters for
"which you in your turn have requested my consi-
"deration. You ask that the Union Panchayat may
"be permitted to elect its Chairman and that at least
"half the seats on the Panchayat be thrown open
"to election. We have under consideration a revi-
"sion of the election rules which will confer upon you
"greater privileges than you ask as regards elective
"seats, but I think you will agree that the Govern-
"ment will be well advised to wait till experience

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"of this large experiment is gained before they throw the post of Chairman also open to election.

"You also ask for the restoration of the postal insurance system. That question was also brought to my notice at Amaravathi Pudur. As I said there it will be carefully examined and I hope that it will be found possible to meet your request.

"Gentlemen, I thank you all heartily for the reception you have given me and am glad to have had the opportunity to visit this rising town which I hope will continue to prosper and advance in all that can conduce to the welfare of its inhabitants. There is only one further remark which I have to make, and that is to acknowledge with great gratitude and cordiality the donation of Rs. 15,000 which you have made to the funds of the Hospital Ship 'Madras', which is doing such splendid work for the sick and wounded soldiers at the Front, and which is carrying the name of the Madras Presidency to distant parts of the world in its noble work."

From the reception pandal His Excellency proceeded to the proposed site for the High School for Boys to lay the foundation stone.

After His Excellency had taken his seat, M.R.Ry. S. G. Subrahmanya Ayyar Avargal, B.A., L.T., Headmaster, read the following statement requesting His Excellency to lay the foundation stone of the High School:—

"We, the members of the Sri Minakshi-sundareswara Vidyasala Association, Karaikudi, beg most respectfully to offer our heartiest welcome to Your Excellency on this occasion of Your Excellency's first and ever memorable visit to the Chettinad.

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"We cannot adequately express our deep feelings of anxiety and concern about the titanic struggle which has been convulsing about the continents for the past two years and more. We eagerly look forward, almost every hour, to the success of the Allies fully trusting in the justice of their cause and in the increasing strength of their arms. We are sure and we pray to God that this war of right against might, of civilization against barbarism, will soon end in victory for the Allies.

"Before requesting Your Excellency to perform the pleasant function of the morning we beg to acquaint Your Excellency with a few details about our Vidyasala which has got on successfully these four years and more. We must confess that education is backward in these parts and as our popular Collector observed 'our school has supplied a long-felt want as there is no similar institution within a considerable radius'. Funds were first raised to the extent of Rs. 35,000 and the present school came into existence in the year 1913. From small beginnings and from the position of a purely vernacular school it has now risen to a popular Incomplete Secondary School with the third form as its highest under the management of a registered committee of 13 directors. The school was recognized by the department only in June last and though its strength is 200 at present, we are fully confident of a big complete High School here within the next three years as Karaikudi is the centre of the Chettinad.

"It is a source of much gratification to think of the initial help rendered to our school by Mr. M. T. T. V. Vellayan Chettiyar, our secretary, who subscribed a sum of Rs. 15,000. It is due to Mr. A. V. P. L. Chidambaram

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"Chettiyar, our Vice-President, who has come forward with a generous gift of over half a lakh of rupees towards the construction of a building for the school that we are able to meet here today under such auspices and take part in this grand function. We hope that with similar generous help from the other members of the community the prospect of a residential college here will at no distant date be an accomplished fact.

"We consider Your Excellency's visit as a happy augury for the prosperity of our school and we hope and pray that Your Excellency's Government will guide us and foster this young and rising institution.

"With these few lines we beg Your Excellency may be pleased to lay the foundation stone for this—our Vidyasala."

His Excellency made the following reply:—

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"MR. SUBRAHMANYA AYYAR AND MEMBERS OF THE VIDYASALA ASSOCIATION OF KARAIKUDI.—Let me first thank you for the loyal references which you have made to the struggle in which the Empire and its Allies are engaged. It is sometimes said that the magnitude of this contest and the importance of the issues involved are insufficiently realized in this country. That I have not found to be the case in the Chettinad. The addresses I have received on my tour fully recognize the gravity of the struggle and have also, I am glad to say, evinced a quiet assurance which I share that though the struggle may be prolonged the issue is not in doubt and that our cause will triumph and that completely.

"I have listened with great interest to the history of this School and sincerely congratulate

"you on the deserved success which has rewarded your enterprise and the generosity of its benefactors. I understand that the strength of the School has more than doubled since it applied for recognition in April last, a convincing proof that it has met a great want and that in a manner which has commended itself to the inhabitants of this place. We are met here today to put the seal of permanency on the work so successfully accomplished and it is a great pleasure to me to take part in this ceremony and to lay the foundation stone of the buildings in which, thanks to the generosity of Mr. Chidambaram Chettiyar, this School will find a fitting and abiding home. Our grateful recognition is due to him for his enlightened desire to help the cause of education here and I share your hopes that this institution will justify the support it has received and may in due time acquire even higher status and thus meet in still larger measure the aspirations of students in this place."

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After laying the foundation stone of the High School, His Excellency proceeded to the site of the Girls' School, where M.R.Ry. M. S. M. M. Chockalinga Chettiyar Avargal read in Tamil the following statement requesting His Excellency to lay the foundation stone of the Girls' School:—

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"I beg leave most respectfully to approach Your Excellency and offer my humble and hearty welcome to this interesting and progressive place. I greatly rejoice that this memorable visit of Your Excellency has given me and other citizens of this place an opportunity to offer our inherent and heartfelt loyalty to our beloved Imperial Majesty the King-Emperor, whose mighty arms, we humbly

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"pray to God, will come out victorious in this present world war.

"2. Your Excellency has been aware that the Educational Department has granted recognition, for the educational institution of our boys, the Sri Meenakshi Vidyasala, in which the Nagarathars are greatly interested and my humble self take the responsibility of a Director.

"3. Side by side with the education of our boys, it occurred to me that the education of our girls also should be developed, and, for that purpose, I thought it best to improve and endow the existing institution for girls in Karaikudi. The Local Fund Girls' School was opened at Karaikudi on 22nd March 1912 and is now located in an insufficient rented building. At present 85 girls are studying therein, in four classes from the infant standard to the third. So, I resolved to develop this promising institution for girls by constructing at my own cost a neat and suitable building on the site kindly provided by the Nagarathars for the better and healthier accommodation for school-going girls of this place, and deliver it over to the Local Fund as my endowment.

"4. This, I hope, will be a centre of enlightenment in these parts, and foster and develop female education in which Her Excellency Lady Pentland has been taking much interest and whose presence on this occasion will have added greatly to the solemnity and rejoicing of this memorable ceremony.

"5. I now request Your Excellency to perform the pleasing function of laying the foundation stone of this building for the Girls' School, offering to Your Excellency these little tools, to keep alive

"the memory of this solemn occasion and as a humble tribute of my loyalty and devotion to Your Excellency."

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His Excellency replied as follows :—

"MR. CHOCKALINGAM CHETTIYAR AND GENTLEMEN,—The citizens of Karaikudi apparently determined when they heard of my projected visit to the Chettinad that if my halt at Karaikudi could be unavoidably only be brief it would, at any rate, be marked by demonstrations of their sincere and steadfast loyalty to His Majesty the King-Emperor, of the enlightened interest they take in the welfare of their town and their desire to benefit it, and of personal good-will towards myself.

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"From the event in which we have just taken part great advantages will be conferred on the school boys of this town and the High School which they attend. Mr. Chockalingam Chettiyar, as you know, takes a deep interest in that institution. But his interest in education is impartial: he does not see why the boys alone should be considered and as a result of his generosity the Girls' School also will be provided with suitable buildings. I highly commend his wise and kindly purpose and venture to convey to him on behalf of all here present our appreciation and hearty thanks for his generosity. This is a red letter day for Karaikudi and I share your wish, Mr. Chockalingam Chettiyar, that it had been possible for Her Excellency to be here. These tools which I now propose to put to their honourable and sanctioned use will be a valued memento of an interesting occasion and of the public spirit and generosity of the donor."

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After laying the foundation stone of the Girls' School, His Excellency resumed his journey. At Kottaiyur the Kandamur Union Panchayat and the inhabitants of Kottaiyur presented His Excellency with addresses.

After His Excellency had taken his seat in a pandal, the Collector introduced to him M.R.Ry. P. K. A. C. T. Veerappa Chettiyar Avargal, Chairman of the Kandamur Union, who read the following address in Tamil:—

"We, the Chairman and other members of Kandamur Union Panchayat, beg leave of Your Excellency to accept this address at our hands.

"We, the members of the Union Panchayat and all the citizens of villages comprised in the Union, express our hearty welcome to Your Excellency on this ever memorable and momentous occasion of the first visit of Your Excellency to our little town.

"2. That Your Excellency's subjects in this part of Chettinad feel much aggrieved at the great War now raging in the continent and they are ever praying the Almighty for our complete success over our enemies.

"3. That this Union consists of seven villages—Kandamur, Puduvayal, Kottaiyur, Alagapuri, Velangudi, Palayoor and Sakkotta—with a population of 14,500 and the income of the Union is quite inadequate to meet our various wants.

"4. That this Union begs leave to bring to the kind notice of Your Excellency that there is no dispensary in any village of this Union, the absence of which is keenly felt by the people.

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"5. That since some of the Union villages being great centres of trade, the opening of a railway line from Arantangi to Karaikudi, a distance of 16 miles, has become an urgent necessity.

"6. That there is not even a primary school in any village of this Union and we pray Your Excellency to sanction three primary schools—one at Puduvayal, one at Kandamur and one at Kottaiyur.

"7. We do not want to tire Your Excellency by recounting all our wants and pray that Your Excellency will help us in improving our conditions by some substantial contributions from Provincial funds.

"We beg to thank Your Excellency for the kindness shown to us in having received this address at our hands and pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to convey our innate feelings of loyalty and devotion to the Person and Throne of Their Imperial Majesties the King-Emperor and Queen-Empress."

After the Union Chairman had presented the other members of the Panchayat, the Collector introduced to His Excellency M.R.Ry. P. M. A. Muthiah Chettiyar Avargal, who read the following address on behalf of the Nattukkottai Chetti community of Kottaiyur and presented the other members of the deputation:—

"We, the members of the Nattukkottai Chetti community, the humble residents of Kottaiyur, most respectfully offer our hearty and cordial welcome to Your Excellency to this part of Chettinad, on this, the first visit of the noble representative of His Most Gracious Majesty the Emperor of India. We have the proud satisfaction of expressing our

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"2. The great war in Europe that has just passed the second year of its duration has affected our business in many ways. When we consider the great sacrifices which our Government and those of the Allies and the population of Europe as a whole are making, we think that there is but one course left open to us, namely, to carry on our business calmly and patiently contending against all odds until the Almighty God brings the War to a speedy close with a glorious success to the British arms and those of the Allies and restore peace and tranquillity of the world.

"3. We are fully alive to the care and consideration shown by Your Excellency's Government for our community.

"4. We beg leave to mention that members of our community have to go to Colombo and Ceylon often in connection with their business. The quarantine regulations are stringent and strict and are causing great inconvenience. Our community would be thankful if Your Excellency's Government will cause what is possible to make the quarantine regulations less painful and inconvenient.

"5. We beg to thank Your Excellency for having taken all the trouble consequent on travelling in these parts so as to give us the glorious opportunity of offering our welcome and loyalty to Your Excellency in person for the first time in the history of these parts.

"6. We beg to state that we had not enough notice to commemorate Your Excellency's first visit to this place by founding a hospital or other charitable institution immediately and we hope to do it in the near future with the liberal aid Your Excellency's Government is showing to similar foundations.

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"We beg to offer a small contribution (Rs. 15,000) towards the Hospital Ship 'Madras', which owes its existence to Your Excellency, and which has done so much to alleviate the sufferings of soldiers, Indian and European, who have been wounded, or have fallen victims to disease fighting for our King-Emperor in Mesopotamia and elsewhere.

"7. In conclusion we beg to offer our most hearty welcome to Your Excellency and wish Your Excellency all joy and pleasure during this tour and long life and all prosperity to Her Ladyship Lady Pentland and Your Excellency."

His Excellency made a joint reply to the addresses as follows :—

"MR. VEERAPPA CHETTIYAR AND MEMBERS OF THE KANDANUR UNION,—I thank you for the opportunity which your invitation to make a brief visit to Kottaiyur has afforded to meet you and ascertain from yourselves something of the conditions and principal needs of this important Union containing as you inform me seven villages and a population of over 14,000. I can readily believe that your income is quite inadequate to meet the needs of so large a centre. The powers of taxation conferred on unions under the existing Act are strictly limited, a difficulty which can at present be surmounted only by the grant of full

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"municipal status, a step not always acceptable to those concerned. We propose therefore, when fresh legislation is undertaken, to confer upon unions greater powers of taxation and at the same time greater opportunities for usefulness. But that intention cannot be carried out immediately and in the meantime you ask for larger grants from Provincial funds more especially to provide a dispensary and schools of which at present you stand in need. As you are aware, gentlemen, the unhappy war now raging has, for the present, imposed on the Government a policy of strict economy and retrenchment, the necessity for which is likely to continue for some time. I cannot say, therefore, when we are likely to be in a position to resume as we desire those subventions to local bodies which have enabled them to carry out many works of public utility. I would, however, explain simply the manner in which we distribute them. It is impossible for Government to do more than to distribute grants between district boards as equitably as possible with regard to their needs and possibilities of expenditure. For this detailed distribution the Government have to rely on the recommendations of the district boards. I would, therefore, advise you to press your claims strongly upon the Taluk Board in the first place and I have no doubt that when the matter comes before him for consideration the President of the District Board will not be unmindful of your present representations or of the facts by which you have supported them.

"As regards the construction of a line from Arantangi the present position under which that place is the terminus of the railway can of course only be temporary. Its extension in this direction

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"has received the careful consideration of the Government and will again be taken up in connection with the construction of the Trichinopoly-Ramnad line which unfortunately has been postponed owing to the present financial stringency."

"GENTLEMEN OF THE NATTUKKOITAI CHETTI COMMUNITY.—To you too my hearty thanks are due for your kind words and I should be ungrateful if I did not acknowledge warmly the sincere and deep loyalty by which your address has been inspired.

"I can well believe that the war with its great disturbance of the normal course of trade and industry has created a position of some difficulty and anxiety for a community so largely engaged in commerce and financial operations. I can heartily commend the manner in which you have met it and am glad to be able to say that there is every justification for that spirit of quiet confidence to which you refer.

"In your address you mention one question which is of special interest to you as a community, namely, the Ceylon Quarantine Regulations. This is a matter which has engaged our anxious attention. It is at present under further discussion with the Ceylon Government and you will therefore not expect me to deal with it in detail. I sincerely trust, however, that we shall arrive at an agreement which, while securing to the Ceylon Government all that is necessary to safeguard the health of the people committed to its charge, will obviate all unnecessary interference with those whom business or employment takes to that island.

"I accept with pleasure your generous donation of Rs. 15,000 to the War Fund and thank you heartily on behalf of the subscribers to the fund

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"and on my own for the sentiments which prompted
"you to make this gift. I assure you that the money
"will be utilized for a most humane and noble
"purpose.
"Gentlemen, I thank you all once more and
"am indeed glad to have had this opportunity of
"visiting Kottaiyur and meeting its leading citizens."

His Excellency then proceeded to Pallattur,
where he was presented with the following address,
which was read by M.R.Ry. A. M. Arunachalam
Chettiyar Avargal :—

"We, the members of the Nattukkottai Chetti
"community, residing in Pallattur, respectfully beg
"to offer our heartiest welcome to Your Excellency,
"on this first visit of the noble representative of His
"Most Gracious Majesty the King-Emperor of India
"and the Right Honourable His Excellency the
"Governor of this important Presidency of Madras
"to this part of the Chettinad. We beg to express
"our gratitude for Your Excellency's kindness in
"affording us this opportunity to show our deep
"loyalty to His Most Gracious Majesty our King-
"Emperor. Your Excellency, by undertaking this
"tedious and inconvenient journey along the country
"roads has shown proof positive of Your Excellency's
"kindness and solicitude for our welfare and progress.

"The terrible war in Europe has greatly
"affected the business world and we are glad to
"express that the war has given the Indians an
"opportunity to show their inherent loyalty to the
"Throne by materially helping the cause of this
"righteous war and we pray to the Almighty that the
"war will soon end in victory to our King-Emperor
"and His Most Gracious Majesty's Allies, and that
"peace and prosperity be restored to the Empire.

"We beg to offer our heartfelt thanks for the
kind consideration shown by Your Excellency's
Government to our community by nominating one
of our community to a seat on the local Legislative
Council. While we are grateful to Your Excel-
lency's Government for the above, we request
that Your Excellency's Government will be pleased
to recommend that in future our community be
given the privilege of electing one of us to represent
us in the Legislative Council instead of being
nominated as at present.

"The present mode of assessing income-tax and
the procedure adopted in disposing of the income-
tax objection petitions and appeals require modifi-
cations as they are causing much inconvenience
to the parties concerned. Ramnad is the
only district in the Presidency which contributes
the largest amount of income-tax, and where the
people generally adopt the old system of keeping
accounts in Tamil language and write them on
cadjan leaves. Considering the above we pray
that Your Excellency's Government will be pleased
to appoint in this district at least a qualified
honorary non-official gentleman of our community
who knows the above system of keeping accounts
well, to assist the income-tax officers in assessing
the income-tax and disposing of the petitions.

"We beg to offer a small contribution (Rupees
6,000) towards the Hospital Ship 'Madras', which
owes its existence to Your Excellency, and which has
done so much to alleviate the sufferings of soldiers,
Indian and European, who have been wounded or
have fallen victims to disease fighting for our King-
Emperor in Mesopotamia and elsewhere.

"In conclusion, we beg to offer our thanks to
Your Excellency for the great honour done to us

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"by Your Excellency's visit to the Chettinad and
"pray to God that His choicest blessings may be
"showered upon Your Excellency."

After Mr. Arunachalam Chettiyar had presented
the other members of the deputation, His Excellency
replied to the address as follows :—

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"MR. ARUNACHALAM CHETTIYAR AND GENTLE-
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occasion expressed your devotion and loyalty to
His Majesty the King-Emperor and the cordial
welcome which you and others have given me
would of themselves be sufficient recompense for
those inconveniences to which you refer. But I can
assure you that it has been a great pleasure to me
to come here and my only regret is that so little
time has been at my disposal. I regard it as a
privilege to be able to visit your town, to meet your
leading citizens and to hear your representations.

"In the first place you ask that in future your
community be given the privilege of electing a
representative to the Legislative Council. As you
are perhaps aware, that would require alteration
of the existing regulations by which the compo-
sition of the Council is governed and I am unable
now to say what changes will be considered
advisable when the question of revision comes up,
or to bind my successors.

"You also refer to the administration of the
income-tax and suggest that the procedure in force
is susceptible of improvement. The one sugges-
tion which you put forward is the appointment of
a qualified honorary non-official assessor. That is
a suggestion which has already been carefully
examined not only by this Government but by the
Government of India. Their resolution in which

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"they found it to be impracticable and inadvisable
"was published last year and we have seen no reason
"to modify our agreement in their conclusions. I
"have no doubt that the traditional and indigenous
"systems in which the accounts of many businesses
"in this country are maintained render the work of
"assessment difficult but we instituted an experi-
"ment last year by appointing men specially trained
"in their intricacies to audit the accounts produced
"by assesses. Three offices in this district were
"specially selected in that connection and I have
"no doubt that if its utility is established the scope
"of the experiment will be extended where neces-
"sary. But I would point out that the satisfactory
"administration of the Act must depend largely on
"the co-operation of the assesses themselves. Too
"many unfortunately neglect to furnish returns or to
"produce their accounts for check before assessment
"and even fail to do so in support of their subse-
"quent objections. I am not prepared to express
"sympathy in these cases or to admit that assessing
"officers should be less strict in their scrutiny or
"readily accept untenable assertions or unreliable
"documents. Any practical suggestions, however,
"which will assist them in the execution of their
"duties will, I need hardly say, be gratefully received
"and carefully considered.

"I thank you again, gentlemen, for your
"welcome and take this opportunity of cordially
"endorsing your references to the manner in which
"His Indian subjects have demonstrated in this time
"of crisis their inherent loyalty to His Majesty the
"King-Emperor and the valuable services which
"they have rendered in support of the great cause
"in which His Empire and His Allies are engaged.
"I also acknowledge with gratitude your generous
"contribution to the Madras War Fund."

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A start was then made for Kanadukattan, where His Excellency was accorded a public reception at a pandal erected for the occasion. The leading residents of Kanadukattan were present and the assembly included the Raja of Ramnad and the Zamindar of Sivaganga. After His Excellency had taken his seat, M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur S. R. M. M. R. M. Ramaswami Chettiyar Avargal read the following address on behalf of the Chetti community and presented the other members of the deputation :—

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"We, the Nagarathars (members of the Chetti community of Kanadukattan), beg most respectfully to approach Your Excellency with feelings of great pleasure and profound loyalty to accord to Your Excellency a most hearty welcome to this village, one of the important villages of Chettinad.

"This is the first time that a Governor of this Presidency was pleased to include Chettinad in his tour programme and we consider it a unique privilege of welcoming Your Excellency in our midst and we venture to hope that Your Excellency will carry back a pleasant recollection of this place, as the centre of an important trading community who, thanks to the blessings of peace and orderly Government under British Rule, have uninterruptedly pursued their vocation of trade and commerce.

"Within the four years during which Your Excellency has been ruling over this Presidency Your Excellency has endeared yourself most to us by Your Excellency's care and Your Excellency's ardent desire to see that justice is done to the poorest of His Majesty's subjects. We have been looking forward with great eagerness

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"to this occasion when we may meet our beloved Sovereign's august representative in person and through him convey to His Gracious Majesty our feelings of love and loyalty and our grateful appreciation of the manifold blessings we enjoy under the British Rule.

"We sincerely hope that the future Governors of this Presidency will follow Your Excellency's example to include Chettinad in their tour programmes.

"While we take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Madras Government for nominating three members of our community to the Legislative Council ever since it was reconstituted, we pray that we should always be represented by a member of our community in the same way as the Chamber of Commerce and the Trade Association.

"The present terrible war has affected our trade considerably and no one can appreciate better than we do the blessings of peace under British Rule.

"In conclusion we beg to convey to Your Excellency our deep and abiding sense of loyalty to the British Throne and fervently pray for the glorious success of the British Arms and those of the Allies in the greatest of the world wars now going on in Europe and the speedy return of peace with honour.

"With sentiments of loyalty and utmost respect."

His Excellency replied to the address as follows :—

"GENTLEMEN,—My tour in the Chettinad the first as you assure me, and I believe you to be correct, undertaken by a Governor of this Presidency has

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"been marked by two features of which I shall retain grateful and lasting memories.

"In the first place I have throughout received unvarying assurances of that deep loyalty to His Majesty the King-Emperor of which the people of the Chettinad are proud; I have found a generous recognition of the sincerity of purpose by which the British Government are actuated and of those blessings of peace and orderly government which they have striven to maintain, a wise and practical appreciation of the issues with which the present conflict is concerned and a whole-hearted conviction that our cause is just and that it will ultimately prevail.

"In the second place the reception which has been accorded to myself has been marked by expressions of good-will and by a hospitality and kindness which I desire gratefully to acknowledge. Here at Kanadukattan your welcome has been marked by the same loyalty, the same sympathy and the same good-will. I am glad to be here today and to have this opportunity of meeting you for you have indeed made me feel that I am welcome.

"Gentlemen, the only question for which in your address you have invited my consideration is the representation of your community on the Legislative Council. I have already dealt with it in replying to the address presented by the members of your community at Tiruppattur. As I said there, I cannot forecast the changes in the composition of the Council or in the regulations governing it which time may bring nor is the use of their powers of nomination a matter in which I can bind my successors. But in your address you point out that a representative of your community

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"has served upon the Council ever since its reconstitution. I might add that those representatives first Mr. Ramaswami Chettiyar, then Mr. Somasundaram Chettiyar and now Mr. Annamalai Chettiyar have in every way been worthy of the distinction conferred upon them. That is surely a happy augury for the future: It shows that the experience and capacity which your community is able to place at the disposal of Government have not been overlooked and that your desire to enter and contribute more largely to the public life of the Presidency has been recognized.

"Gentlemen, I once again thank you heartily for your welcome. I am grateful to those gentlemen such as Mr. Annamalai Chettiyar who suggested this visit and whose kindness has enabled it to be carried out, and I can assure you all that I shall have none but the most pleasant recollections of this tour, of the places I have seen and of the people I have met."

From the reception pandal His Excellency proceeded to the bungalow of the Hon'ble Rao Bahadur S. R. M. Annamalai Chettiyar, whose guest His Excellency was during his stay at Kanadukattan.

At 3-45 p.m. His Excellency left Mr. Annamalai Chettiyar's bungalow to lay the foundation stone of the Women and Children's Hospital.

At the site of the Women and Children's Hospital His Excellency was received by the Hon'ble Mr. Annamalai Chettiyar, who, on His Excellency taking his seat, read the following statement requesting him to lay the foundation stone:—

"With feelings of profound respect and gratitude, I beg to invite Your Excellency to

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"perform the auspicious ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Women and Children's Hospital which I have decided to establish in this place, naming it after Her Excellency Lady Pentland.

"As an institution of this kind has been a long-felt want in this part of Chettinad, I have been thinking of supplying that want for the benefit of the population hereabouts. Though the indigenous systems of medicine practised in this country have their own virtues in eradicating certain diseases effectively, yet my experience has led me to believe that our methods of surgery and midwifery are not so perfect and efficacious as the methods practised in the West in these arts. It is this belief, which I have entertained for a long time, that has prompted me to found an institution here for the relief of ailing women and children and particularly for affording prompt and effective relief by Western scientific methods in cases of illness peculiar to womankind and to women *enccinte* and in travail. The ignorant and sometimes inhuman ways of the handling of labour cases by Indian barberwomen has always caused me the greatest anxiety, as I have had reasons to suppose that a very large percentage of mortality in such cases was due to bad handling and random drugging.

"I have therefore ventured to bring this institution into being, undertaking to bear half the initial cost of the site, the building and the equipments of this hospital with a lying-in ward attached to it, as also quarters for the Lady Apothecary and her staff. In this connection I beg to offer my hearty thanks to the generosity of Your Excellency in Council for not only agreeing to contribute the other half of the initial cost, but also to bear a

"moiety of the annually recurring expenditure from the Provincial funds for maintaining the institution, the other half to be contributed by me annually.

"The fame of Her Excellency Lady Pentland as a warm-hearted friend and benefactor of the women of this country naturally impels me to say that Her Excellency's presence on this occasion would have added more lustre and grace to this ceremonial function so dear to Her Excellency and I respectfully request Your Excellency to convey to Her Excellency my respectful greetings and good wishes and my sincere thanks to Her Excellency for kindly permitting me to name this hospital after her.

"I now beg to offer Your Excellency these masonry implements not only as a *souvenir* of this memorable event, but also to enable Your Excellency to perform the ceremony and I request Your Excellency to kindly lay the foundation stone of the Lady Pentland's Women and Children's Hospital at Kanadukattan, so that under the blessing of God and the kind auspices of Your Excellency this institution may for ever extend its usefulness by affording relief to those for whose benefit it is intended."

His Excellency made the following reply :—

"MR. ANNAMALAI CHETTIYAR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The references which Mr. Annamalai Chettiyar has made to the keen interest which Her Excellency takes in all movements intended for the benefit of the women of this country increase my regrets as I know they will her own that she has not been able to be present at the inauguration of an institution which meets an undeniable

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"want and will, I feel certain, be of the greatest benefit to the women and children of this neighbourhood. It is a deplorable fact that in this country many mothers are exposed to treatment at the hands of ignorant midwives which involves great risks and not infrequently has the gravest consequences. The great advance which has been made in medical science renders these risks unnecessary and every institution of this kind helps not only to prevent much domestic tragedy and grief but also to reduce the heavy economic loss imposed on the community by premature deaths and avoidable ill-health. It is therefore a great pleasure to me to lay the foundation stone of an institution from which much good may be expected and I assure you that Her Excellency greatly appreciates the compliment which you Mr. Annamalai Chettiyar have paid her in proposing to associate her name with it. Thanks to your generosity it will from the commencement possess the buildings and equipment necessary for the due prosecution of the work which you have so much at heart and I feel sure that the service thus rendered to them will earn for you the lasting gratitude of your fellow-citizens. I shall gladly preserve these implements as a memento of this occasion and I now ask you, Ladies and Gentlemen, to signify your appreciation of Mr. Annamalai Chettiyar's generous act and to wish heartily well to the hospital which will commemorate it."

After laying the foundation stone of the hospital, His Excellency returned to the bungalow. At 4-55 p.m. His Excellency again proceeded by motor to lay the foundation stone of the Girls' School and to attend a Garden Party. At the site of the

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Girls' School His Excellency was received by M.R.Ry. C. V. C. T. K. R. Karuppan Chettiyar Avargal, who read the following statement requesting His Excellency to lay the foundation stone :—

"The twentieth day of September will henceforward be a red letter day in the calendar of this place, as it has been the good fortune of the people of this little rural locality to have two of their important local institutions inaugurated by Your Excellency today.

"Your Excellency has just laid the foundation stone of an institution founded by my esteemed and distinguished kinsman, the Hon'ble Rao Bahadur S. R. M. Annamalai Chettiyar, for the relief of ailing women and children : and it is now my lucky turn to respectfully request Your Excellency to perform a similar ceremony in connection with a humble institution for the education of our girls in this part of Chettinad.

"In these days when the advancement of education among Indian women is under the earnest consideration of the Government of India, that Kanadukattan should be even without an elementary girls' school struck me so much so that I made up my mind at once to found and endow such an institution in loving memory of my late mother after whom the institution will be named. I have therefore undertaken to construct a building for this girls' school at my own cost, and maintain it myself until such time that the financial position of the Taluk Board of Devakottai enables that body to take over the upkeep of the institution. It is my sincere hope that this institution inaugurated by Your Excellency's noble self must in the long run

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"expand its scope and shed its rays of enlightenment
"on our womankind in whose advancement, I know
"Her Excellency Lady Pentland takes a deep
"interest and whose absence on this occasion is
"keenly felt by us all.

"I now request Your Excellency to perform the
"usual ceremony due to such an occasion in
"connection with Mecnatchi Girls' School, Kanadu-
"kattan, and for which I beg to offer Your Excellency
"these little tools which will also serve as mementos
"of the event and my loyalty and devotion to Your
"Excellency and Your Excellency's noble consort."

His Excellency made the following reply:—

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"MR. KARUPPAN CHETTIYAR, LADIES AND
"GENTLEMEN,—Kanadukattan may, as suggested in
"your address to which we have just listened, be a
"quiet rural place, but it resembles larger centres
"in having a keen perception of its needs. It is at
"the same time more fortunate than some in having
"public spirited and generous citizens such as your-
"self and Mr. Annamalai Chettiyar who understand
"how real these needs are and employ their wealth
"in providing them.

"I regard myself as fortunate in being able to
"take part in these ceremonies. Kanadukattan will
"here find two of its most important needs provided
"and I would venture on behalf of all here present
"to express our appreciation of the generous senti-
"ments which have led you, Mr. Karuppan Chettiyar,
"to place within the reach of the girls of this
"neighbourhood those advantages of education for
"which I am glad to think the demand is steadily
"increasing. My only regret is that circumstances
"have prevented Her Excellency from accompanying
"me to share the pleasure of inaugurating an

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"enterprise in which as you say she takes a deep and
"sympathetic interest. I thank you sincerely,
"Mr. Karuppan Chettiyar, for these mementos of
"this happy occasion and before I proceed to put
"them to those ceremonial uses for which they are
"intended, I ask you all, Ladies and Gentlemen, to
"wish prosperity and a long and useful career to the
"Kanadukattan Elementary Girls' School."

After the foundation stone had been laid, His
Excellency proceeded to old Kanadukattan, where the
Chetti community gave a Garden Party in His
Excellency's honour. His Excellency was received
by M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur S. R. M. Ramaswami
Chettiyar Avargal, the Hon'ble Rao Bahadur S. R. M.
Annamalai Chettiyar Avargal, and M.R.Ry. Rao
Sahib M. C. T. Muthiah Chettiyar Avargal. The
amusements provided for the occasion included
conjuring, sword play, gymnastics and performances
on jalatharangam and flute. Before His Excellency
took leave of his hosts, M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur
S. R. M. Ramaswami Chettiyar Avargal presented
His Excellency with Rs. 10,000 for the Hospital
Ship as the joint contribution of the citizens of
Kanadukattan. His Excellency, in acknowledging
the gift, expressed his grateful thanks on behalf of
the subscribers to the Madras War Fund for the
generous contribution which would enable the Fund
to continue the humane work of the Hospital Ship.

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On the way back to Mr. Annamalai Chettiyar's
bungalow, His Excellency was taken to one of the
local temples where he was shown the collection of
temple jewels.

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At 8 p.m., there was a Dinner Party at the bungalow of the Hon'ble Mr. Annamalai Chettiyar at which twenty guests were present. After dinner, when the toast of the King-Emperor's health had been duly honoured, the Hon'ble Mr. Annamalai Chettiyar proposed His Excellency's health in the following terms :—

"The position of a Provincial Governor is one of great dignity and the responsibilities attached to it are also great. It is a well-known fact that His Excellency takes a keen interest in the administration of this Presidency. His touring through places which are not connected by railways and have no communications, at the sacrifice of personal convenience, shows his desire to learn in person the condition of the people for the efficient administration of this province. It will not be out of place to mention how His Excellency's visit to the Chettinad has been brought about. During an interview in February last I requested His Excellency to give me the privilege of being his host during his stay at Kanadukattan and the result of that request is that we have His Excellency in our midst tonight. I am a humble merchant and it is indeed a high privilege to me to have His Excellency under my roof. I and my family will ever remember the honour which His Excellency has been pleased to confer upon us. The Chettinad has not got any historical importance or interesting scenery, and the object of an official visit can only be to confer the unprecedented honour of a gubernatorial visit on it. During his stay in our midst I believe His Excellency will have learnt more than he has already known of the Chettinad and our community and he will have formed the

"opinion that the community has yet to advance in education and in civilization. It is true, however, that we are trying our best to spread education. The laying of the foundation stones of three educational institutions today at Karaikudi and here testify to our interest in education. We, the Nattukottai Chettis as a class, are quiet and charitably disposed. We have done and are doing immense charitable work. There is also a charge against us at least against some of us of spending in charities more than our income justifies. As we all know our charities are mainly of a religious nature. As we advance in education we may be able to understand the real needs of the country and divert attention to them and if the Government also encourage us I am sure that there will be rapid progress."

His Excellency responded to the toast as follows :—

"Mr. Annamalai Chettiyar, Mrs. Miller and Gentlemen,—I must thank our host for the very kind words in which he has couched the toast of my health. It is a great pleasure to me to see in this company not only one or two new acquaintances but many whom I can claim after my stay in this country as friends, and this adds greatly to the appreciation which I feel for the hospitality extended to me on this occasion. As Mr. Annamalai Chettiyar has said, the idea of this visit began many months ago, and it is owing to his kind initiative and of the concurrence of his friends and others that it ripened into the invitation which has given the opportunity for this visit. You know, without being reminded by me, of the important place which the community holds in the public

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"life and estimation of the Presidency. For many years its members have been known for their liberal benefactions to charitable and religious objects, and they have been respected for their generosity in this direction. You will, therefore, agree that it is natural enough for a Governor of this Presidency to pay a visit to this part of the world. The Presidency is large and it takes all the available touring time of a Governor, as some of my friends here well know, to get round even a district adequately, and for that reason a Governor will find his five years too short a period to see all the interesting portions of this Presidency. I know when the time comes for me to leave this country, there will be large tracts on which I have never set foot and which would have well repaid a visit. I count myself particularly fortunate to have had the opportunity of paying a visit to the Chettinad.

"Perhaps our host will allow me to say that though he has pointed out that there are no great features of physical beauty or historical association here, it seems to be a healthy, breezy and pleasant country to live in, as far as I have observed, and my great interest in seeing all parts of the Presidency is to see not only the country but the people who live in it, and owing to the opportunities vouchsafed to me during these few days, under the help and advice of Mr. Tottenham and others who have kindly co-operated with the leading members of the Chetti community, under that advice and guidance I think I may say we have made the best of our too brief opportunities. It has been a great satisfaction to me, which I shall always remember, to have made the acquaintance of many of Mr. Annamalai Chettiyar's friends and relatives as well as the Zamindar of Devakotta,

"my kind host there, and other leading members of his community. I am better able to realize the peculiar problems and difficulties not only of this district but the many branches of the great industry which they carry on. I hope in that way I may be better able when any matter affecting them comes before me to exercise due judgment on them, so far as my limited experience may enable me to do. It is a great satisfaction to me to have had the opportunity of getting a little closer to my friends in the Chettinad. I do not think I need say anything more on this informal occasion, except again to thank Mr. Annamalai Chettiyar for his great hospitality, for the kindly thought and consideration which have marked all his arrangements, and in regard to which I am sure you will all agree with me. On your behalf, as well as on my own, I am sure I may thank him for his warm welcome on this occasion."

Before His Excellency and party adjourned to the terrace to witness the fireworks, the Hon'ble Mr. Annamalai Chettiyar gave His Excellency a cheque for Rs. 15,000 in aid of the Hospital Ship, which His Excellency accepted with sincere thanks on behalf of the subscribers to the Madras War Fund.

At 6-30 a.m. on the morning of Thursday the 21st September, His Excellency left Kanadukattan for Madura. Enroute His Excellency halted at Koilur and visited the temple and the Sanskrit school attached to it. Annamalai Gnana Desikar, the Madathipathi, who conducted His Excellency round the temple, presented fifty sovereigns towards the

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War Fund, a gift which His Excellency cordially acknowledged.

The temple is one of the sacred shrines attached to the Sivaganga Zamindari Devasthanams at present under the management of the Court of Wards. The Mutt was founded by the "Chettiyar family" leader of the Chetti community with a sanyasin of the same caste at the head. Instruction in the sacred teachings of the Vedantham is imparted at the Mutt by the Swamiyar. About ten lakhs of rupees have been spent on the Tiruppani of the temple and about five lakhs on the construction of the Matam from funds subscribed by the Chetti Nagarathars.

MADURA.

Arrival.

Leaving Koilur at 7-45 a.m. His Excellency was met by Mr. Paddison, the Collector of Madura, and Mr. Clinch, the District Superintendent of Police, at the frontier. He arrived at Madura at about 11 a.m. and stayed at Mr. Tottenham's bungalow as his guest for the day.

Departure.

His Excellency and party left Madura at 10 p.m. by special train and Messrs. Tottenham and Percival and Messrs. Paddison and Clinch were on the platform to see His Excellency off. The train arrived at Erode at 6-30 a.m. on Friday the 22nd September, when transhipment to the broad gauge line took place. His Excellency arrived at Mettupalaiyam at 7-55 a.m., whence he motored up the ghant to Government House, Ootacamund, arriving at 1-15 p.m.

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LIST OF PERSONS WHO MET HIS EXCELLENCY.

MADURA RAILWAY STATION.		MONDAY
Mr. G. F. Paddison, I.C.S., Collector of Madura.		Sept. 18,
" H. G. Clinch, Superintendent of Police.		1916.
		6 A.M.
RAMNAD DISTRICT FRONTIER.		8-20 A.M.
" A. R. Loftus-Tottenham, I.C.S., Collector of Ramnad.		
" G. S. P. Percival, Superintendent of Police.		
TIRUPPATTUR CITIZENS' DEPUTATION.		9-5 A.M.
M.R.Ry. M. Venkatakrishna Sastrial Avargal, Union Chairman, Pleader.		
" S. Sundaram Ayyar Avargal, Pleader.		
" N. Ramasesha Ayyar Avargal, Pleader.		
T. S. N. Syed Ibrahim Rowther, Merchant.		
M.R.Ry. M. N. V. Subbiah Pillai Avargal, Member of the Union Panchayat and Bench Magistrate.		
P. Syed Ambalam, Member of the Union Panchayat.		
Ayyadurai alias Perr Muhammad Ambalam, Headman and Member of the Union Panchayat.		
M.R.Ry. R. Srinivasa Ayyar Avargal, Bench Magistrate.		

MONDAY, M.R.Ry. I. Muthuna Pillai Avargal, Bench Magistrate.
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TIRUPPATTUR CHETTI COMMUNITY'S
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M.R.Ry. K. R. M. T. T. Tyagaraja Chettiyar Avargal.
" M. R. M. V. L. Karuppan Chettiyar Avargal.
" S. S. N. Ramanathan Chettiyar Avargal.
" S. S. N. Letchumanan Chettiyar Avargal.
" A. M. Murugappa Chettiyar Avargal.

9-35 A.M.

SWEDISH MISSION HOSPITAL.

Dr. Frederic Kugelberg, Medical Missionary.
Mrs. Eva Kugelberg.
Miss Esther Petersen, Missionary in charge of
Evangelistic work among women in India.
" Alma Ohlson, Red Cross Nurse.
Mr. Arokiaswami Pillai, Hospital Assistant.

4-10 P.M.

AMARAVATHI PUDUR CHETTI COMMUNITY'S
DEPUTATION.

M.R.Ry. V. E. N. K. R. M. V. Ramanathan Chettiyar
Avargal
" A. R. M. Nagappa Chettiyar Avargal.
" A. Venkatachalam Chettiyar Avargal.
" V. Subrahmanian Chettiyar Avargal.
" R. M. Subrahmanian Chettiyar Avargal.

4-45 P.M.

ENTRANCE TO DEVAKOTTAL.

M.R.Ry. A. L. A. R. R. M. Arunachalam Chettiyar
Avargal, Zamindar of Devakottai.

M.R.Ry. C. Sundaram Ayyar Avargal, B.A., Union Chairman of Devakottai. MONDAY.
" S. T. M. R. Murugappa Chettiyar Avargal. Sept. 18,
" A. R. A. R. S. M. Somasundaram Chettiyar 1916.
Avargal. 4-45 P.M.
" P. L. S. A. R. Sabapathi Chettiyar Avargal.
" K. M. R. Somasundaram Chettiyar Avargal.

DEVAKOTTAL CHETTI COMMUNITY'S
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5-15 P.M.

M.R.Ry. M. T. T. K. R. A. R. Arunachalam Chettiyar
Avargal.
" V. R. L. S. T. Ramanathan Chettiyar Avargal.
" A. L. V. R. R. M. Chidambaram Chettiyar
Avargal.
" A. L. S. P. P. L. Subrahmanian Chettiyar
Avargal.
" A. L. S. T. L. Ramaswami Chettiyar Avargal.
" R. M. A. R. A. R. R. M. Arunachalam
Chettiyar Avargal.
" M. S. T. Vyravan Chettiyar Avargal.
" M. A. R. N. Ramanathan Chettiyar Avargal.
" A. R. L. V. Natarajan Chettiyar Avargal.
" A. R. R. M. Arunachalam Chettiyar Avargal.
" A. R. P. S. Arunachalam Chettiyar Avargal.
" T. R. M. T. Subramanian Chettiyar Avargal.
" T. S. P. L. S. Muttukaruppan Chettiyar
Avargal.
" T. A. S. Annamalai Chettiyar Avargal.
" P. L. A. R. M. S. Venkatachalam Chettiyar
Avargal.
" P. L. P. Subbayya Chettiyar Avargal.

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5-15 P.M.	"	M. P. R. Venkatachalam Chettiyar Avargal.
	"	Y. C. A. Muthiya Chettiyar Avargal.
	"	Y. Y. Velliyar Chettiyar Avargal.
	"	Muthu. K. M. Natesan Chettiyar Avargal.
	"	P. L. S. Lakshmanan Chettiyar Avargal.
	"	P. V. A. R. K. R. Lakshmanan Chettiyar Avargal.
	"	M. R. C. R. M. Raman Chettiyar Avargal.
	"	S. M. P. L. Muttukaruppan Chettiyar Avargal.
	"	O. R. M. O. M. Subbayya Chettiyar Avargal.
	"	S. K. M. Ramaswami Chettiyar Avargal.
	"	A. V. E. Srinivasan Chettiyar Avargal.
	"	M. K. P. R. Muthia Chettiyar Avargal.

DEVAKOTTAI CITIZENS' DEPUTATION.

M.R.Ry.	C. Sundaram Ayyar Avargal, B.A., Union Chairman.
"	R. Narayana Ayyangar Avargal.
"	M. R. Sessa Ayyar Avargal.
"	N. Gopala Achari Avargal, B.A.
"	D. Minakshisundaram Ayyar Avargal.
"	P. Appavoo Pillai Avargal.

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LAYING FOUNDATION STONE OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S DISPENSARY, DEVAKOTTAI.

M.R.Ry.	Rao Bahadur P. Somasundaram Chettiyar Avargal.
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M.R.Ry.	P. Chockalinga Chettiyar, brothe of Mr. Somasundaram Chettiyar.	TUESDAY. Sept. 19, 1916. 8-45 A.M.
"	P. S. Sathappa Chettiyar Avargal, son of Mr. Somasundaram Chettiyar.	
"		

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M.R.Ry.	A. L. A. R. R. M. Arunachalam Chettiyar Avargal, Zamindar of Devakottai.
"	V. E. N. K. R. M. A. Ramanathan Chettiyar Avargal of Amaravathi Pudur.
"	S. T. Murugappa Chettiyar Avargal, Devakottai.
"	Karumuthu Tyagaraja Chettiyar Avargal of A. Tekkur.
"	V. E. V. R. Ramaswami Chettiyar Avargal of Karaikudi.
"	A. M. A. Arunachalam Chettiyar Avargal of Pallattur.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT.

6-45 P.M.

The Zamindar of Devakottai.

M.R.Ry.	A. L. A. R. R. M. Chockalingam Chettiyar Avargal.
"	A. L. A. R. R. M. Vellayan Chettiyar Avargal.
"	A. L. A. R. R. M. Narayanan Chettiyar Avargal.
"	V. R. L. S. T. Ramanathan Chettiyar Avargal.
"	Rao Bahadur P. Somasundaram Chettiyar Avargal.

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DINNER PARTY.

8-15 P.M.

- Mr. A. R. Loftus; Tottenham, I.C.S.
 " G. S. P. Percival, Superintendent of Police.
 " H. S. Shield, I.C.S., Estate Collector, Sivaganga.
 " C. S. V. Kearns, Assistant Superintendent of Police.
 " R. Foulkes.
 Mrs. Foulkes.
 Mr. W. H. Millar, Assistant Manager, Sivaganga Zamindari.

WEDNES-
DAY,
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7-15 A.M.

KARAIKUDI UNION PANCHAYAT.

- M.R.Ry. C. V. C. T. K. R. Karuppan Chettiyar
 Avargal, Union Chairman.
 " C. T. N. R. M. Mutturaman Chettiyar
 Avargal.
 " S. V. A. Annamalai Chettiyar Avargal.
 " V. R. M. L. R. M. Ramaswami Chettiyar
 Avargal.
 " S. S. R. M. Ramanathan Chettiyar
 Avargal.
 " S. M. A. R. Mutturaman Chettiyar
 Avargal.
 " V. V. Vedappan Servai Avargal.
 " Natesa Ayyar Avargal.
 " S. Rangaswami Ayyar Avargal.
 " M. M. Ramalingam Pillai Avargal.

KARAIKUDI CITIZENS' DEPUTATION.

- M.R.Ry. T. C. Srinivasa Ayyangar Avargal, High Court Vakil.

- M.R.Ry. A. M. K. Muthiah Chettiyar Avargal.
 " M. R. L. K. Chockalingam Chettiyar
 Avargal, Trustee, Pillayarpatti Devasthanam.
 " A. M. K. Karuppan Chettiyar Avargal.
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FOUNDATION STONE OF HIGH SCHOOL.

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Sept. 20,
1916.
7-15 A.M.

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 Secretary of the School.
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 Avargal.
 " M. Y. M. Avichi Chettiyar Avargal.
 " R. M. V. R. M. Virappa Chettiyar
 Avargal.
 " V. M. L. Letchumanan Chettiyar Avargal.
 " V. E. V. R. Ramaswami Chettiyar Avargal.
 " V. P. R. S. Swaminadhan Chettiyar Avargal.

FOUNDATION STONE OF GIRLS' SCHOOL.

8-5 A.M.

- M.R.Ry. M. S. M. M. Chockalingam Chettiyar
 Avargal.

WEDNES- DAY.	M.R.Ry.	M. S. S. Mutturaman Chettiyar Avargal.
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8-5 A.M.	"	M. S. S. Chidambaram Chettiyar Avargal.
	"	M. S. A. V. Annamalai Chettiyar Avargal.
	"	M. P. S. Palaniappa Chettiyar Avargal.
	"	A. Rangaswami Ayyangar Avargal, B.A., B.L.

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"	A. P. R. Veerappa Chettiyar Avargal.
"	E. M. Somasundaram Chettiyar Avargal.
"	T. P. V. Arunachalam Chettiyar Avargal.

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"	R. M. P. Alagappa Chettiyar Avargal.
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"	R. M. A. L. R. M. Alagappa Chettiyar Avargal.
"	V. S. A. R. M. Ramaswami Chettiyar Avargal.
"	N. A. R. Mutturaman Chettiyar Avargal.
"	K. P. S. A. R. Arunachalam Chettiyar Avargal.
"	A. R. M. Annamalai Chettiyar Avargal.
"	M. A. M. Muthia Chettiyar Avargal.

M.R.Ry.	A. K. R. M. M. K. Meyyappa Chettiyar Avargal.	WEDNES- DAY.
"	A. S. N. Subbayya Chettiyar Avargal.	Sept. 20, 1916.
"	P. A. R. L. Arunachalam Chettiyar Avargal.	8-40 A.M.

PALLATTUR CHETTI COMMUNITY'S
DEPUTATION.

M.R.Ry.	A. M. Arunachalam Chettiyar Avargal.
"	O. A. O. A. Adaikkappa Chettiyar Avargal.
"	S. M. Muttuveerappa Chettiyar Avargal.
"	M. T. K. R. C. V. Kasi Chettiyar Avargal.
"	A. R. M. Alagappa Chettiyar Avargal.
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"	E. M. E. Esappa Chettiyar Avargal.
"	V. A. L. Valliappa Chettiyar Avargal.
"	M. K. Komarappa Chettiyar Avargal.
"	M. A. S. Subrahmanya Chettiyar Avargal.
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"	S. M. A. Arunachalam Chettiyar Avargal.

KANADUKATTAN CHETTI COMMUNITY'S
DEPUTATION.

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M.R.Ry.	Rao Sahib M. C. T. Muthiah Chettiyar Avargal.	
"	C. V. C. T. Karuppan Chettiyar Avargal.	
"	V. V. R. Nagappa Chettiyar Avargal.	
"	C. V. R. M. Venkatachalam Chettiyar Avargal.	

WEDNES- DAY.	M.R.Ry. T. K. R. C. T. Chidambaram Chettiyar Avargal.
Sedt. 20, 1916.	" S. A. S. Ramaswami Chettiyar Avargal.
9-50 A.M.	" C. T. A. R. C. T. Chidambaram Chettiyar Avargal.
"	" V. A. R. Vellayappa Chettiyar Avargal.
"	" K. M. Chidambaram Chettiyar Avargal.
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"	" C. V. C. T. Govindan Chettiyar Avargal.
"	" N. N. Ramaswami Chettiyar Avargal.
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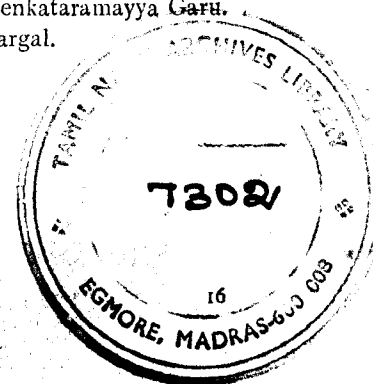
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" P. M. A. Muthiah Chettiyar Avargal.
" P. K. A. C. T. Veerappa Chettiyar Avargal.
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The Zamindar of Sivaganga.
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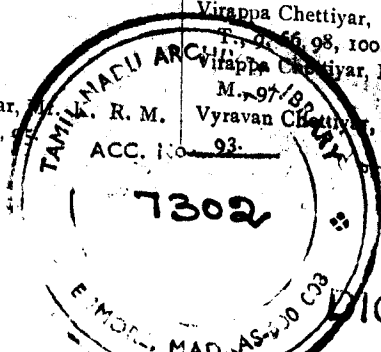
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