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READ—the following paper :—

Letter—from the Committee, Victoria Jubilee Hostel, Kumbakōnam College.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department (through the
 Director of Public Instruction, Madras).
Dated—the 27th June 1912.

We have the honour to submit our report on the working of the hostel during the academical year ending 30th April 1912 (in accordance with G.O. No. 538, Educational, dated 4th August 1911).

The committee.—There was no change in the constitution or the personnel of the committee during the year. Two meetings were held, the first on the 1st September 1911 and the second on the 18th March 1912. At its first meeting the committee considered inadequate the amount of compensation awarded by Government for the piece of land recently acquired from the hostel and referred the matter to the District Judge of Tanjore under the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act. The result of the appeal is awaited. At its second meeting the committee resolved to apply to the Government for a grant of Rs. 10,000 for the following improvements and additions to the hostel buildings :—

- (1) Ridge ventilators for the upper storey of the main building.
- (2) An upper storey for the sub-warden's quarters.
- (3) Flight of steps to the river for bathing purposes.
- (4) A sanitary latrine.
- (5) Completion of the northern compound wall.
- (6) Wire-netting for the kitchen-yard.

The Director of Public Instruction has been addressed by the Secretary to the committee requesting that a sum of Rs. 15,000 be reserved for the proposed improvements, pending the submission of the detailed plans and estimates which have been called for from the Executive Engineer, Cauvery division, Tanjore. It is earnestly hoped that the application for grant, when it is finally submitted to Government, will be favourably considered in the interests of the continued efficiency and popularity of the hostel and the health of its inmates.

3. *Strength and financial position.*—The average strength of the hostel was 46 against 35 in the previous year.

The actual receipts amounted to Rs. 5,332-8-1 including a sum of Rs. 1,277-12-8 being the compensation awarded by Government for the piece of land recently acquired for the use of the college. To this should be added a sum of about Rs. 112 being the interest on Government securities which would have accrued since the last report (the amount of which has not yet been made known by the Accountant-General), and a sum of Rs. 43-1-6 being the arrears of boarding charges and room rent due in April. The charges amounted to Rs. 4,143-7-10 including a sum of Rs. 167-13-7 expended on improvements to buildings, furniture, etc., and a sum of Rs. 24-10-2 spent on the illumination and decoration of the hostel buildings on the Coronation day of His Majesty the King-Emperor.

The financial position of the hostel stood as follows on the 30th April 1912 :—

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In Government securities with the Accountant-General ..	3,200	0	0
In cash with the Accountant-General	164	8	0
In the sub-treasury, Kumbakōnam	1,434	5	9
Total ..	4,798	13	9

4. *Boarding charges.*—The system, referred to in last year's report, of making each section of boarders pay for its own cooks and provisions and of dividing evenly among all the boarders a portion of the common establishment charges, was adopted throughout the year. This resulted in the improved financial position of the hostel as clear from paragraph 3.

The average monthly rate of boarding charges was Rs. 8-9-2 per boarder in the Smartha section and Rs. 10-0-2 in the Vaishnava section.

5. *Gardening.*—The improvement and extension of the hostel gardens, started last year, was kept up during the year and some of the boarders continued to take part in the garden work. In spite of an unfavourable season the garden supplied some vegetables to the hostel kitchen. There was a noticeable improvement in the general appearance of the hostel compound which was kept clean and attractive.

6. *Literary society and Badminton club.*—The literary society and Badminton club attached to the hostel continued to do excellent work. Endeavours are being made to establish a consulting library in the hostel reading-room for the use of the students. Members of the hostel took prominent part in the college games and Coronation sports.

7. *Management and discipline.*—Mr. J. A. Yates continued to be Warden and Mr. S. V. Venkateswara Aiyar, Sub-Warden throughout the year. The tone and discipline of the hostel were good and the management economic. The steady increase in the number of boarders and their healthy common life show that the hostel is popular and that the advantages of the system are attracting public attention.

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Submitted to Government.

A. G. BOURNE,
 Director of Public Instruction.

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L. DAVIDSON,
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To the Director of Public Instruction.
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