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READ—the following paper :—

Letter—from the Committee, Victoria Jubilee Hostel, Kumbakonam.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department (through the Director of Public Instruction).
Dated—the 15th June 1913.
No.—R.C. 14-H.

We have the honour to submit our report on the working of the hostel during the academical year ending 30th April 1913.

2. *The Committee.*—There were some changes in the personnel of the committee during the year. On the death of Mr. K. Ranganatha Rao, Government were pleased to nominate Mr. K. Sundarama Aiyar in his place. Mr. Ranganatha Rao was on the committee from the beginning of the hostel and was one of those who assisted at its foundation. The committee desire to place on record their appreciation of his valuable services and their deep regret at his death.

The term of office of Mr. A. C. Narayanaswami Aiyar having ceased, the municipal council elected Mr. C. R. Lakshminaraya Aiyangar. Mr. S. Natesa Aiyar having ceased to be a member of the taluk board, the board elected Mr. A. B. Venkatachala Chettiyar as its representative. The latter has also ceased to be a member and an election is awaited.

A meeting of the committee was held on the 5th January. A second meeting held on the 3rd April could not proceed to business owing to the absence of the president. The committee revised the rules for the working of the hostel. A copy of the revised rules has been already submitted to the Government.

3. *Improvements to buildings.*—The additions and improvements to the buildings proposed by the committee and referred to in the last report were sanctioned by the Government at an estimated cost of Rs. 14,980 from the Provincial funds in G.O. No. 134, Educational, dated 14th February 1913, which was communicated to the committee by the Director of Public Instruction in his Proceedings R.C. No. 5846/12, dated 25th March 1913. The committee beg to convey to Government their respectful thanks, and hope that the works will be put in hand at an early date.

4. *Strength.*—The average strength of the hostel was 36 as against 43 last year and 35 in the year previous. All the students of the college, who were not members of the hostel, had their parents or guardians resident in the town.

5. *Finance.*—The actual receipts in the year amounted to Rs. 3,829-10-5. To this must be added a sum of Rs. 160-6-0 due from students and lessees, and a sum of Rs. 112 which must have accrued as interest on the Government securities with the Accountant-General, though not yet announced by him. From this amount must be subtracted the arrears due last year but collected during the year, being Rupees 109-1-0. The total net receipts for the year would therefore be Rs. 3,992-15-5. The charges came up to Rs. 3,803-7-4, but to this should be added Rs. 3-2-3, being arrears of deposit to be repaid. Thus, the working of the hostel during the year shows a surplus of Rs. 186-5-5.

The financial position stood as follows on the 30th April 1913 :—

	RS.	A.	P.
In Government securities with the Accountant-General ..	3,200	0	0
In cash with the Accountant-General ..	276	8	0
In the sub-treasury at Kumbakonam ..	1,474	4	10
Cash on hand ..	51	9	3
Total ..	5,002	6	1

6. *Boarding charges.*—The system of dividing the boarding charges noted in last year's report had to be somewhat modified in the year under review. There were only a few non-Brahman students, and the charges of the section bore heavily on them. It was therefore resolved to divide the salaries of the cooks of the non-Brahman and Smartha Brahman sections equally among all the members of the two sections. The average monthly rate of boarding charges was Rs. 10-8-8 per boarder in the Vaishnava section and Rs. 9-15-2 in the other sections.

7. *Gardens.*—Some improvements in detail were introduced in the gardens. The vegetable plots continued to work. The area under gardening is being widened, more and more waste land being taken up for the purpose. Some students started during the year the system of growing flowers in plots at the back of their rooms between the hostel buildings and the bund. It is hoped that their example will be generally followed this year.

8. *Literary society, games, etc.*—The reading room and literary society attached to the hostel were working well. The establishment of a consulting library has to be put off for the present for lack of funds. Members played Badminton regularly in the hostel club and took active part in the college games and inter-collegiate matches. It is interesting to mention, as evidence of healthy common life in the hostel, that members organized three social gatherings during the year. One of these was in celebration of the anniversary of the Delhi Darbar. At all the gatherings, members of the college staff and several students residing in the town were also present.

9. *Management and discipline.*—Mr. J. A. Yates continued to be warden and Mr. S. V. Venkateswara Aiyar, sub-warden throughout the year. The discipline was good. The hostel worked efficiently during the year, the scheme to make it self-supporting was successful and several more improvements were made in the internal working of the hostel, and the condition of the premises was considerably improved. The warden reports that the credit for all this is due to the watchfulness and zeal of Mr. Venkateswara Aiyar, the sub-warden.

N. Ref. on Cur. No. 5967/13, dated 23rd June 1913.

Submitted to Government.

2. It is requested that fifteen printed spare copies of the committee's report and the Government order thereon may be furnished to this office.

A. G. BOURNE,
 Director of Public Instruction.

Order—No. 630, Educational, dated 5th July 1913.

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(True Extract.)

W. FRANCIS,
 Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
 Accountant-General.
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