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[Despatch Abstract.]

Boddam Muslim Hostel

Recording notes prepared for
H. E. the Governor on the occasion
of his laying the foundation stone of
the Boddam Muslim Hostel under the
auspices of the Muhammadan Educational
Association of Southern India

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THE BODDAM MUSLIM HOSTEL.

There are more than 60 mofussil students living in private houses in Georgetown and the majority of them are studying in the Christian, Medical and Law Colleges. The Christian College has six hostels for its college students, viz., two specially meant for Brahmin students, one for non-Brahmin students, one for Christian students, one for Malayali students and one Rangiah Chetti Hostel lately handed over to the College authorities by the sons of the founder; but none for Mussalmans. As early as in 1903 the Mussalman leaders were convinced of the crying need of a proper and well-supervised Hostel for the accommodation of Mussalman students specially those who came from the mofussil to study at Madras. The Muhammadan Literary Society in Georgetown, which is affiliated to this Association, about 14 years ago rented a hostel at 9 Singanna Naick Street near the old Municipal Buildings which is now being managed by this Association for the last 5 years. The number of students accommodated in this Hostel has been on an average 16. The late Mr. Justice Boddam, who took a keen interest in the question of a hostel for Mussalman students, gave the Association in 1908 Government Promissory Notes of the value of Rs.10,000 given by Diwan Bahadur Chathurbhuja Das, for a Hostel to be called the "Lawley Hostel". As no suitable site could be obtained at that time, the donation was diverted towards the construction of the Lawley Hall at the Anjuman premises in accordance with the wishes of the donor and with the approval of Sir Arthur Lawley.

On the 28th September 1912 under the presidency of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Abdur Rahim, the then president of this Association, the Executive Committee of this Association adopted the following resolution:—"Resolved that the erection of a proper and a well-supervised Hostel in Georgetown for the accommodation of Mussalman students specially those who are studying in the Christian, Law and Medical Colleges has become imperatively necessary and that an application be made to the Government to build at its cost a hostel on a suitable site to be purchased with the Boddam Muslim Memorial Fund subscribed for by the Mussalmans and for permission to call the hostel the Boddam Muslim Hostel in memory of the late Mr. Justice Boddam." At that time a special grant of 2 lakhs of Rupees had been placed by the Government

of India at the disposal of the Local Government for the erection of hostels in this Presidency and we applied for a grant for our proposed hostel and promised to supervise and maintain the said hostel and to agree to any conditions that the department may impose regarding its management.

The Committee has been on the look out for a suitable site for the hostel and thanks mainly to the efforts of Messrs Yakub Hasan and Goolam Ahmad Kalami, (members of the committee), the Association has succeeded in purchasing a suitable site at 11, Singanna Naick Street for a sum of Rs.11,000 which was met from the Boddam Muslim Memorial Fund, being the collections made under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Abdur Rahim to commemorate the services of Mr. Boddam. The Director of Public Instruction and the Government Solicitors have approved of the site and the title deeds respectively; and in the last year the Government were pleased to sanction a handsome grant of Rs.32,7000 towards the construction of the said hostel. The said grant has been paid in advance to enable the Committee to commence the construction at once.

LOCATION - The site 11, Singanna Naick Street, is near the old Municipal Buildings east of the Bishop Gell's school. The locality is considered one of the healthiest in Georgetown. The plans and estimates have been prepared by Mr. J.E. Hensman, the Senior Assistant Engineer of the Corporation. The design is of Saracenic style. The hostel is situated close to the sea and within easy reach of the Madras Christian, Medical and Law Colleges.

EXTENT - The proposed building proper is to consist of three floors each of about 111 ft x 25 i.e. an area of 2775 sq.ft.

ACCOMMODATION - In the ground floor accommodation is proposed to be made for the residential quarters of the warden, consisting of two living rooms and its accessories, a kitchen and store room. On the same floor there will be accommodation for 10 students who will each have a room to himself and there will be a verandah in the rear. A dining hall for 30 students is also in the same floor. On the first floor similar accommodation is provided for 20 students. The second floor consists of open terrace at present, but additional rooms for 20 more students can be provided on this floor, and the

present foundations are designed to meet such a contingency. It is hoped that arrangements for ventilation and light and the supply of water will also be satisfactory. The building will be lit by electricity.

Secretariat Note.

Educational Department.

In April 1913 the Government of India addressed this Government on the subject of Muhammadan education, one of the suggestions contained in that letter being the maintenance of hostels for Muhammadan students under private management. In November 1913 the Director of Public Instruction submitted plans and estimates amounting to Rs.32,260 for the construction of a hostel in Georgetown by the Muhammadan Educational Association of Southern India for the accommodation of Muhammadan students ~~XXXX~~ studying in the Christian, Law and Medical Colleges and recommended a grant equal to the full cost of the building in view of the fact that the Association was spending Rs.11,000 for the site. In January 1914 this Government in reply to the letter

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letter from the Government of India above referred to, asked for an Imperial grant of Rs.32,000 for the proposed Muhammadan hostel in Georgetown. But when the plans and estimates for the hostel were received from the Public Works Department after scrutiny, this Government without waiting for the grant asked for from the Government of India, sanctioned from Provincial funds, as a special case, a grant of Rs.32,700, which was the amount of the estimate as revised by the P.W.D.— Vide G.O.No.1046, Educational, dated the 7th September 1914. Subsequently in February 1915 the Government of India sanctioned a non-recurring grant of Rs.16,000 during 1914-15 for the above hostel on the understanding that the balance ^(should be) ~~was~~ met from Provincial funds and the amount disbursed before the 31st March 1915. Thus a sum of Rs.16,700 only was then debited to

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Provincial funds and the whole amount
of Rs.32,700 was accordingly paid in
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Madras,
7th April 1915.

Dear Mr. Rajagopalachari,

On Monday next His Excellency is laying the foundation stone of the Boddam Muslim Hostel under the auspices of the Muhammadan Educational Association of Southern India. I am to send herewith a copy of the statement which the Association has sent me about the hostel, and to ask you to be so good as to let me have a ^{brief} note on the subject not later than Saturday morning.

Yours sincerely,

H. S. S. S.

The Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur P. Rajagopalachariar Aml.,
C.I.E.,

Secretary to Government,

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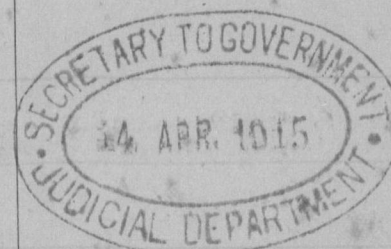
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