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Informing the Honorary Secretary of the Madras Society for the protection of children that the question of grants under the grant-in-aid Code to the School attached to the Society's Home will be considered by the D.P.O. if the Society complies with the conditions laid down in Chapter II of that Code

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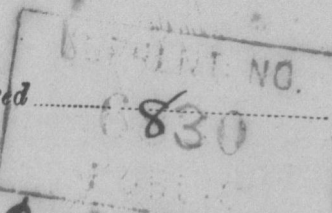
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Station M A D R A S , Dated the 3rd DECEMBER 1914

From (Name) The Hon Mr. J.H. Stone, M.A., F.R.H.S., C.I.E.,
(Designation) Director of Public Instruction.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

PUBLIC Department.

Sir,

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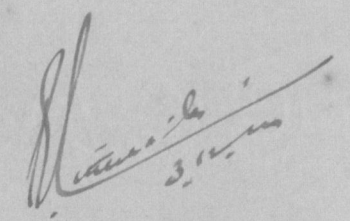
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Station Madras, Dated the 21st November 1914From (Name) Khaja Khan Saheb Bahadur, B.A.,(Designation) Ag. Inspector of Schools, IV Circle.

To The Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I inspected on the 13th instant the school maintained by the Society for the Protection of Children under the correspondentship of M.R.Ry M.Vijayaraghavalu Pillai Avergal, B.A., M.B., and C.M.

2. Accommodation.--A combined detailed report on --- accommodation and the internal administration of the school was submitted by Captain L.Hirsch, M.R.C.S (Eng), L.R.C.P (Lond), I.M.S., Surgeon, I District, and my --- predecessor in this office letter R.C.No.259 G1 of 1912 dated 11th September 1912 (Extract paras 2--8 enclosed). The same building rented at Rs. 10/- per mensem on the

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the Tiruvottiyur High Road is now being occupied and hence there is no necessity for a further report on the subject. I however understand that the subject of erecting a building at a more central spot for this school is now under correspondence.

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- (a) The present building requires whitewashing of the walls and cementing of the floor.
- (b) The dining hall for the boys is rather damp. Besides it is not sufficiently lighted.
- (c) The drainage water of the kitchen is not properly conducted; it collects in a cell pool in the compound.
- (d) Two windows have been opened in the kitchen as suggested last year.
- (e) The two tatti latrines for the boys and the girls have been blown away by a storm; at present there are no latrines.
- (f) One of the wells on the north-east corner has been condemned and closed by the Corporation authorities, as a breeding place for mosquitoes. The water of the well not closed appears to be good and healthy.

Accommodation is provided both for the pupils and the Superintendent.

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3. Accounts.--The accounts of the institution (income and expenditure) were not shown as they were with the Secretary. It is, however, found from the sixth annual report that the Society possesses funds, viz., Varadappa Nayudu's (Rs.37,276) and Gopikrishna Lala (Rs.1050). Only an Attendance Register and a Visitor's book are kept. There is no Admission Register or a stock book of articles supplied or a time table of studies.

4. There are 16 boys and 6 girls in the school. One of the boys was in the hospital. It was found on enquiry that two of the boys are willing to go away (Lakshmana and Duraiswamy). They have got their mother alive; and two of the children are willing to ^{go} away to private houses (Subbammah and Papuri Bi). They have no relatives. Two of the children were found selling vegetables and 8 were found begging. Five were brought in by the police. One was sold by his father and of the remaining six, four were found in the Kottavalchavady--as rowdys etc. The ages of the children range between 7 and 13.

Of the 22 children 18 are Hindus and four Muhammadans.

5. Furniture, apparatus etc., There are a few old benches and a

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Surgeon, I District, Madras and Rao Bahadur M.R.Ry A.C.Pranatart
Ayyar Avergal, B.A., Inspector of Schools, IV Circle, Madras, to
Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

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2. Situation of the Home and Accommodation.--The Home is situated
on the Tiruvathiyur High Road in Tondiarpet. It is a rented garden
house and the rent paid per mensem is Rs. 10/- The compound measures
310' x 284', i.e., nearly two acres; and the building consists of
central part and two wings, a right and a left, quite adjoining the
central part. The whole building measures 78' x 50'.

3. The main Hall (31' x 12' x 12'), the inner Room of the central
part (12' x 12' x 12') the passage between these two (12' x 7' x 12')
another inner room (12' x 5' x 12') and two rooms in the right wing
(8' x 8' x 10') and (16' x 8' x 10') are used as Dormitory by the
boys. The total square area of these rooms is 1,852 sq. ft. i.
e., 90 sq. ft., per boy. The total cubic space of the Dormitory
is 9,840 c.ft. i.e., nearly 470 c.ft., per boy. These rooms are
well ventilated and brightly illuminated, the main hall being ---
provided with continuous windows (8' high) all round its 3 sides.

4. The Dining Hall for the boys measures 25' x 8' x 10' i.e., 2,
c. ft., and 200 sq. ft.

5. The right wing is used exclusively by the girls. Their Dormitory
measures 12' x 6' x 8' i.e., 768 c.ft., i.e., 250 c.ft., per girl, or
96 sq. ft. or 32 sq. ft. per girl. This wing contains besides the
Dormitory well illuminated and ventilated 3 rooms (each 8' x 8' x 10')
a hall (8' x 12' x 8'), an open yard (10' x 11') with a verandah on
its 3 sides (4' wide) and the kitchen (17' x 5' x 8') on the east
side of this yard. The left

referred to, contains a room 10' x 8' (14' x 5½') and a verandah (14' x 5½' x 8') which gives an area of 170 sq. ft. per child; and the cubic space is 40,600 c.f. i.e., 1,330 c.ft. per child.

6. The kitchen is dark and ill-ventilated; but this could be remedied by a window being placed in the wall which we understand is being done.

7. Drainage.--(a) The waste water from the kitchen is conducted out to the cocoanut trees surrounding the building--different trees being irrigated with the water in succession.

(b) The boys bathe out in the garden. The girls and the Superintendent's wife bathe in the open yard of the outhouse adjoining the main building and forming its right wing.

(c) Latrine.--There are two tatti latrines 24' x 12' for boys and 14' x 10' for girls with unpaved floor. These latrines are situated about 62 feet behind the building and 140 feet apart from each other. The sites of these tatti latrines are changed every quarter to different parts of the compound around the building.

8. Water supply.--There are two wells each 8' in diameter, one to the north-east and the other to the south-east of the building. The former is used for gardening the trees, the latter is used for cooking and bathing purposes. The water in this well is 10 feet deep and the surface of the water is 13.5 feet below the ground-level. The sandy bottom of the well could be clearly seen and the water is clear and sparkling.

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14. Diet.--The diet is good and sufficient; but milk is not given to the younger children for want of funds. As the children are sometimes 3 years of age and younger, milk might be supplied.

a small teapoy and two ricketty chairs, for the single class taught. The paint of the black-board has worn out. The pupils to have been recently supplied with slates. A few pictures are supplied. There is a garden attached to the school but not a garden.

6. Staff.--There is one teacher who is also the Superintendent. has no general education qualifications. His wife lives apart from him; and so there is not much of a home influence on the children. He is now paid Rs. 25/- against Rs. 20/- last year.

There is no time-table; but the children are taught two hours in the afternoon.

7. Registers.--The financial registers were with the Secretary. There is an attendance register and no admission register. The teacher should initial in the former register.

8. Feeding.--The children are fed in the way described in the referred to in para 2 above; (copy of para 14 enclosed); only there is now a separate cook employed on Rs. 8/- The children are supplied with two suits of clothes--dhotis and coats to the boys pavades and jackets to the girls.

9. Instruction.--Practically very little has been done. All the pupils are beginners irrespective of the length of time they have been in here. One boy who has been here for three years could not read. They are supposed to have been taught the three R's; No physical exercises are given; they roam about in the garden.

10. A history of the children may be kept.

11. A copy of the sixth annual report is enclosed.

I have the honour to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient servant,

Ag. Inspector of Schools, IV C

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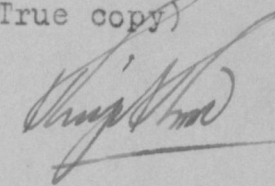
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To,

The Honorary Secretary,
Madras Society for the Protection
of Children, Madras.

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Sir,

I am directed to forward a copy
of the report submitted by Khaja Khan
Sahib Bahadur on the inspection of the
school maintained by the Madras Society
by the ^{ag Inspector of Schools, W.H. and}
for the Protection of Children, and to request
that the Government may be favoured with
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may have to offer
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(a) shall receive all instructions from the Honorary Secretary,

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- (k) shall receive into the Home children sent by the Honorary Secretary and see that they are immediately washed and dressed with clean clothes,
- (l) shall detain children unfit to attend their classes,
- (m) shall supervise the children when at play in the evenings,
- (n) shall order the children to be taken out in batches on Sundays to public places of interest,
- (o) shall be present at each meal,
- (p) shall be responsible for the general conduct of the children in the Home out-side their educational and technical classes,
- and (q) shall take as such care of the children as one in *loco parentis* to them especially as regards their health, personal cleanliness, food and moral conduct.

XXVIII. The Superintendent shall draw up the history of every child proposed to be admitted into the Home, verifying particulars by enquiries and investigations, and submit the same to the Honorary Secretary at least a day before the meeting of the Committee at which the case may be taken up for disposal.

XXIX. No person other than the Superintendents and domestic servants, shall be permitted to reside in the Society's Home.

XXX. Relations and friends of children may be permitted to visit them on Saturdays between 5 and 6 P. M. and at other times with the permission of the Honorary Secretary.

XXXI. Other visitors shall be allowed on the premises between 5 and 6 P. M. on working days with the permission of the Honorary Secretary.

XXXII. The following time-table shall be observed daily—

5-30 A. M.	Apr. to Sep.	} Children to rise.
6	„ Oct. to Mar.	
6	„ to 7 A. M.	
		„ to wash and dress.

Opening of the Outer Doors.

First Roll-Call.

7 A. M.		„	to take their first meal.
7-30	„ to 8-30 A. M.	„	to rest.
8-30	„ to 11-30	„	to attend school with an interval of not less than half-an-hour forrest.
11-30	„ to 12-30 P. M.	„	to bathe.

Second Roll-Call.

12-30 P. M.		„	to take their second meal.
1	„ to 2	„	to rest.
2	„ to 5	„	to attend technical class.

Visitors Allowed.

5 P. M.	to 7	„	to play.
7	„ to 7-30	„	to rest.

Closing of the Outer Doors.

Third Roll-Call.

7-30 P. M.		„	to take their third meal.
8	„ to 8-30	„	to rest
8-30	„	„	to retire to bed.

XXXIII. No one shall be permitted to smoke or take any alcoholic drinks within the precincts of the Home.

XXXIV. The Home shall be visited at least once in a week with or without previous notice, by a member of the Managing Committee in rotation, who shall forward to the Honorary Secretary a confidential report, on the state

of the children and the Home, which shall be duly placed before the Committee at their next ordinary monthly meeting.

XXXV. Children in the Home shall be examined physically every half-year, by a duly qualified Physician and Surgeon, who shall report the result to the Managing Committee.

XXXVI. Children in the Home shall be examined every half-year in their class and technical work by two persons appointed by the Managing Committee, who shall report the result to the Managing Committee.

XXXVII. The Managing Committee shall consider reports mentioned in bye-laws 35 and 36 and take necessary steps to remedy the defects, if any, pointed out in them.

XXXVIII. The Managing Committee shall use their best efforts to procure employment for boys and girls when they are considered fit for such employment, but under no circumstances shall keep them in the home after the completion of their sixteenth year. On their discharge the committee shall equip them with funds, clothing apparel and other necessities to the extent deemed proper by the Committee.

(By order of the Managing Committee)

MADRAS,

M. VIJAYARAGHAVULU,

24th June 1914.)

Hon. Secretary.

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- (k) shall receive into the Home children sent by the Honorary Secretary and see that they are immediately washed and dressed with clean clothes,
 - (l) shall detain children unfit to attend their classes,
 - (m) shall supervise the children when at play in the evenings,
 - (n) shall order the children to be taken out in batches on Sundays to public places of interest,
 - (o) shall be present at each meal,
 - (p) shall be responsible for the general conduct of the children in the Home out-side their educational and technical classes,
- and (q) shall take as such care of the children as one in *loco parentis* to them especially as regards their health, personal cleanliness, food and moral conduct.

XXVIII. The Superintendent shall draw up the history of every child proposed to be admitted into the Home, verifying particulars by enquiries and investigations, and submit the same to the Honorary Secretary at least a day before the meeting of the Committee at which the case may be taken up for disposal.

XXIX. No person other than the Superintendents and domestic servants, shall be permitted to reside in the Society's Home.

XXX. Relations and friends of children may be permitted to visit them on Saturdays between 5 and 6 P. M. and at other times with the permission of the Honorary Secretary.

XXXI. Other visitors shall be allowed on the premises between 5 and 6 P. M. on working days with the permission of the Honorary Secretary.

XXXII. The following time-table shall be observed daily—

5-30 A. M.	Apr. to Sep.	Children	to rise.
6	Oct. to Mar.		
6	to 7 A. M.		to wash and dress.

Opening of the Outer Doors.

First Roll-Call.

7 A. M.			to take their first meal.
7-30	to 8-30 A. M.		to rest.
8-30	to 11-30		to attend school with an interval of not less than half-an-hour forrest.
11-30	to 12-30 P. M.		to bathe.

Second Roll-Call.

12-30 P. M.			to take their second meal.
1	to 2		to rest.
2	to 5		to attend technical class.

Visitors Allowed.

5 P. M.	to 7		to play.
7	to 7-30		to rest.

Closing of the Outer Doors.

Third Roll-Call.

7-30 P. M.			to take their third meal.
8	to 8-30		to rest
8-30			to retire to bed.

XXXIII. No one shall be permitted to smoke or take any alcoholic drinks within the precincts of the Home.

XXXIV. The Home shall be visited at least once in a week with or without previous notice, by a member of the Managing Committee in rotation, who shall forward to the Honorary Secretary a confidential report, on the state

of the children and the Home, which shall be duly placed before the Committee at their next ordinary monthly meeting.

XXXV. Children in the Home shall be examined physically every half-year, by a duly qualified Physician and Surgeon, who shall report the result to the Managing Committee.

XXXVI. Children in the Home shall be examined every half-year in their class and technical work by two persons appointed by the Managing Committee, who shall report the result to the Managing Committee.

XXXVII. The Managing Committee shall consider reports mentioned in bye-laws 35 and 36 and take necessary steps to remedy the defects, if any, pointed out in them.

XXXVIII. The Managing Committee shall use their best efforts to procure employment for boys and girls when they are considered fit for such employment, but under no circumstances shall keep them in the home after the completion of their sixteenth year. On their discharge the committee shall equip them with funds, clothing apparel and other necessities to the extent deemed proper by the Committee.

(By order of the Managing Committee)

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24th June 1914.) Hon. Secretary.
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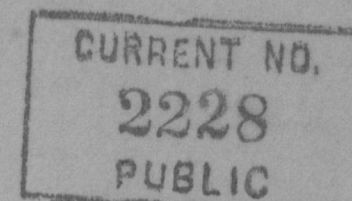
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MADRAS, 11th April 1915.

From

Dr. M. VijayaRaghavulu, B.A., M.B. & C.M.,

Honorary Secretary,

The Madras Society for the

Protection of Children.

To

The Hon'ble Mr. A. Butterworth, C.S.I., I.C.S.,

Chief Secretary to the

Government of Madras.

Sir,

Adverting to letter No. 6830-1, Public Department dated the 16th December 1914, I have the honour to submit as follows, as directed by the Managing Committee.

Para 2 of the Inspector's Report.-The Society's Home is usually lime-washed at least once in a year towards the end of December when sundry repairs are also generally taken up. -- Accordingly in December last the building was lime-washed and

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Para 6 of the report.- The permanent Superintendent who lived with his wife in the Society's Home was granted sick leave in last June. The Acting Superintendent who also was living with his wife in the Society's Home, left the Society's service on the 9th November. Thereupon the permanent Superintendent was directed to take temporary charge of the Home. So his wife happened to live at the time of inspection. As the permanent Superintendent has extended his leave on loss of pay, another acting Superintendent has been appointed and he lives with his wife in the Society's Home. So the Home has every Home influence that could be secured. The Committee are in favour of the Inspector's suggestion to employ a qualified teacher for the classes attached to the Home, as soon as funds permit. A time-table of studies will be framed besides the

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daily time-table incorporated in the Disciplinary Rules already adopted by the Committee, of which copies are herewith forwarded.

Para 9 of the report. - The Committee hope that with the appointment of a qualified teacher, the education of the Children in the Society's Home would be more satisfactory. The Committee are not aware of any boy of three years' standing who could not read and write. The Inspector was requested to state the name of the boy, and the language in which he was examined. He was not able to give the name of the boy, as the names of the boys seem not to have been taken down at the examination. No reply was received as regards the language in which the boy was examined. In these circumstances the Committee are unable to make any observation in regard to this remark. Probably, a Musalman lad who was taught to read and write Tamil, for want of a Urdu Teacher, was examined in Urdu by the Inspector and found unable to read and write. The boys in the Home are not made to do any organised gymnastic exercises, in the absence of a physical Instructor, but they do play in the evenings some

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popular Indian out-door game on the sandy area specially provided for in the compound of the Society's Home.

Para 1D of the report.- A record of the History of cases is kept in the Office of the Society.

In conclusion the Committee beg leave to draw the attention of the Government Officers to the fact that their Society's Home is not to be looked upon exclusively as an orphanage or a school. It is only a shelter for children rescued, who vary in their age, color, sex, condition of life and character. The Home is worked within limits circumscribed by the funds. The Committee would feel grateful if an adequate educational grant be made to render it possible for them to carry on the work of educating these children along more useful lines.

I have the honour to be,
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Your most obedient servant,

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[Report on the Society for
the protection of
children in Madrid]

Subject.

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pp 1-9 CF (Ct 6820)

From the Director of Public Instruction, NRC 1943, 33-11-14

For the U.S.

A copy of the report may in the first instance
be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary of the Society for
obtaining the remarks of the Managing Committee thereon.
Draft letter is submitted for approval.

25/11/14

MK

15/12/14

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[For precedent,
please see page 5
of form 1216 P. 6
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pp 11-25 CF (Ct 2228)

[Issued as letter No 6830-1 dt 16th December 14]From the Honorary Secretary, Madras Society for the
Protection of Children dt 11th April 15

For the U.S.

With reference to para 4 of G.O No 678
Public dt 6th June 1912 the Director of Public Instruction
submitted a report in December 1914 on the inspection
of the School maintained by the Madras Society for
the Protection of Children. The report was referred to
the Honorary Secretary of the Society for obtaining the
remarks of the Managing Committee thereon. The
Honorary Secretary now submits the views of the
Managing Committee on the various suggestions.

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Go 1133 " dt 12-9-12
Go 1216 " dt 30-9-13
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made by the Government Inspector. The points which call for remarks are noticed below.

2. Society's Home -

The Society's Home is at present situated in a rented building on the Tiruvattiyur High Road, Jondiarpet, an unhealthy quarter of the city. There was an idea to locate the Home in a more healthy and central part of Madras but this idea had to be given up for want of funds, and the Govt. had to permit the Society to build its Home on the site acquired by it in Jondiarpet.

The improvements to the present building suggested by the Inspector in para 2 of his report have been partly carried out by the Managing Committee who promises to attend to the remaining suggestions as soon as possible. The Committee however states that the drain arrangements could not be improved as refuse water has to be conducted to a cess-pool and disposed of in the absence of public drains in the locality. It appears from the previous report that the drainage water from the kitchen is utilized for the irrigation of the coconut trees surrounding the building.

3. Registers and books -

The Committee states that books relating to admission and disposals of cases have been opened and kept in the Society's Home as suggested by the Inspector.

4. Strength of the School -

At the time of inspection there were only 16 boys and 6

[girls]

vide draft Press Communiqué
at p 45 of Go 1151 Pub
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vide paper in Go 1151 Pub
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vide para 2 of the Hon. Secy's
letter, on pp 11 + 12 CF
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vide extract of para 7 of
the previous report on
page 8 CF

para 3 of the Hon. Secy's
letter, on p 12 CF

para 3 of the report,
at p 5 CF

para 4 ibid

girls in the school. The explanations of the Managing Committee to the remarks made by the Inspector regarding the children in the Home appear to be satisfactory.

5. Furniture and apparatus etc.

The report shows that the furniture in the school and the apparatus and appliances used for teaching are in a poor condition. The Committee complains of want of funds to better furnish its home. It is however prepared to supply the school with pictures as suggested by the Inspector.

6. Staff - There is only one teacher

who is also the Superintendent of the Home. The Inspector states that the teacher has no general educational qualifications. The Committee is willing to employ a qualified teacher as soon as its funds permit. It promises to frame a timetable of studies as suggested by the Inspector.

7. Feeding & Clothing - The feeding

and clothing of children appear to be satisfactory.

8. Instruction - The Inspector

in his report states that practically very little has been done in the matter of education of the children and that no physical exercises are given to them. The Committee hopes that with the appointment of a qualified teacher the educational

para 4 of Hon. Secy's letter
on pp 12-14 CF

para 5 of the report, at
pp 5+6 CF

para 5 of Hon. Secy's letter,
at p 14 CF

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para 6 of the report,
at p 6 CF

para 6 of Hon. Secy's
letter, at p 15 CF

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para 8 of the report, at
p 6 CF
+ also para 14 of the
previous report reprinted
extracted on p 8 CF

para 9 of the report,
at p 6 CF

para 7 of the Hon. Secy's
letter, at pp 16+17 CF

of the children would be more satisfactory. Regarding the suggestion as to physical exercises it remarks that "the boys in the home are not made to do any organised gymnastic exercises in the absence of a physical instructor but that they do play in the evenings some popular Indian out-door games on the sandy area specially provided for in the Compound of the Society's Home."

The Committee requests that an educational grant may be made to the Society to enable it to carry on the work of educating the children in the home along more useful lines.

A recommendation was made in this regard by the Surgeon, First St of the District of Schools, & by the Government Inspectors in their combined report submitted in 1912. It was not however taken notice of by Government. Perhaps this question need not be considered until the Society's operations are expanded satisfactorily.

9/ History of Children - As suggested by the Inspector the Committee is keeping a record of the history of cases dealt with by the Society.

10/ The object in calling for a report on the working of the institution was to see whether Government can commit themselves to a grant-in-aid from Provincial funds as a permanent arrangement. The institution does not seem to have grown

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End of para 9 of the Hon. Secy's letter at p 17 CF

para 19 of the previous report on p 6 of Go 1216 Pub d 30.9.13 S

para 16 of the report on p 6 CF

para 8 of the Hon. Secy's letter on p 17 CF

note on pp 3+4 of the notes to Go no. 678 Pub d 6.6.12 W

to any appreciable extent and it may therefore be considered rather premature to make a definite promise of an annual grant from Provincial revenues. The Committee may, for some time longer, be left to come up to Govt each year for the aid it requires.

" The report does not appear to call for any special remarks. For orders whether it may be recorded.

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The institution does not show any very healthy vitality. This is unfortunate, as if the Society appeared to be likely to do useful work, the Govt would doubtless be only too glad to support the school with a grant. In the circumstances it does not seem desirable to give a grant for educational purposes.

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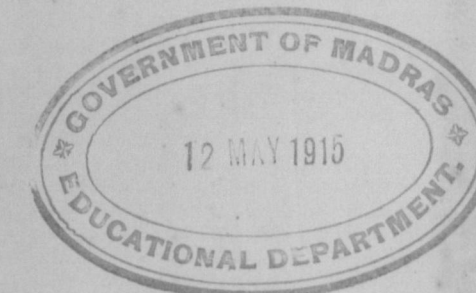
The question of giving a grant for educational purposes is, I believe, within the competence of the D. P. I. My Govt leave, it to him to deal with that

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In paragraph 18 and 19 of their report No. 259,
dated the 11th September 1912, Captain Hirsch, Surgeon
of the First District, Madras, and Rao Bahadur
Pranathartihara Ayyar, Inspector of Schools, IV Circle,
remarked as follows regarding the educational character
of the school maintained by the Society for the
Protection of Children:-

"Sufficient attention is not yet given to the
"educational side of the institution. There is some
"instruction given in a crude form in the three R's
"but even that is not given to all the inmates of
"the home. Beyond a few books used and a blackboard
"there are no apparatus and appliances for efficient
"teaching. There is some garden work done, but it is
"more of the nature of cooly work and less as a
"training of the powers of observation. The garden
"is well kept up; but it is not a school garden."

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"The girls are not taught even needle work. No
 "provision is made for religious and moral instruction
 "These defects are remediable to a large extent
 "with the placing of the school attached to the
 "home under the supervision of the inspecting
 "officers of the Educational Department. It may
 "be worked as a part time school for general
 "education and worked as a part time school for
 "general education and worked in two batches.
 "Teaching and other grants may also be given on
 "behalf of this school under the Grant-in-Aid
 "Code". They accordingly recommended "the better
 "regulation of the educational work done in the
 "home and with this view the placing of the school
 "under the inspection of the Educational Department
 "and the giving of a grant-in-aid for it and
 "provision for religious and moral instruction".
 No action was then taken on these recommendations.
 The Society now asks for an adequate educational
 grant with a view to render it possible for them
 to carry on the work of educating the children
 along more useful lines. The general conditions
 of aid are laid down in Chapter II of the Grant-
 in-Aid Code. If the Society will undertake —

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vide art 119
the Grant in Aid
Code.

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(1) to observe the conditions of recognition and aid laid down in the Madras Educational Rules and the Grant-in-Aid Code (excepting any rules from which the institution may be specially exempted)

(2) to subject the institution together with its current, endowment and trust accounts, its establishment, time-table and registers to inspection, and

(3) to furnish such returns as may be required by the department, there will apparently be no objection to teaching and other grants being given to the institution under the Grant-in-Aid Code.

With these remarks the file may be returned

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For the U.S.

Public Dept

Draft O.M. to the Secretary of the Society is submitted.

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As pointed out by the Secretary the case seems to be an educational one & may be dealt with under the Grant-in-Aid Code by the G.P.D. The file may therefore be transferred to C.D. for necessary action.

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Ed Dept

Submitted that the draft O.M. prepared in the Public Dept & placed below may issue in this department as a go. & a copy of it which may be sent to the D.I.I. for information.

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With reference to the
Correspondence ending with his
letter dated the 11th April 1915,
the Honorary Secretary of the
Madras Society for the Protection
of Children is informed that
the question of ~~grant under the~~
~~grant-in-aid Code for~~
~~on behalf of the school~~
attached to the Society's Home
will be considered if the
Society will undertake

- (1) to observe the conditions
of recognition and aid laid
down in the Madras Educational
Rules and the Grant-in-Aid Code
(excepting any rules from
which the institution may be
specially exempted);
- (2) to subject the institution
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and registers, to inspection;
and

(3) to furnish such returns as may be required by the Educational department.

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To
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Madras Society for the Protection
of Children, Madras
D.P.I. (2 of 1), 2 of 2 to
Please ask

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The Secretary,
Madras Society for the
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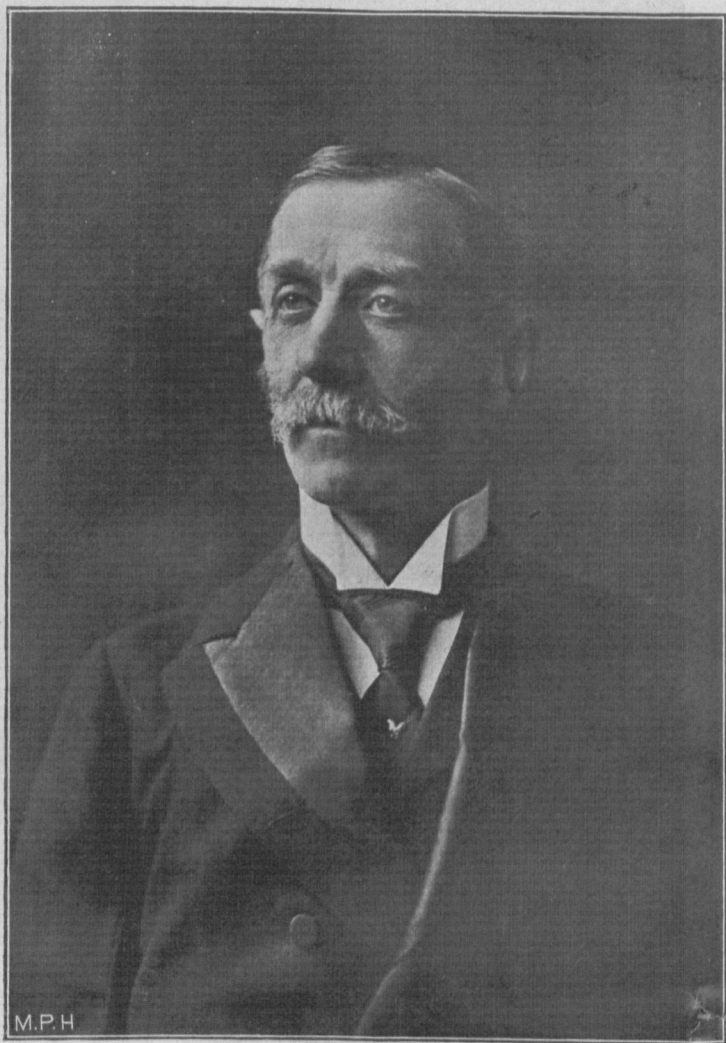
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Opinions from the Visitors' Book

On my usual examination of enlarged spleen, as a Sub-Assistant Surgeon (on Malaria duty) Madras Corporation, I came to this Orphanage. I found to my astonishment that the children are kept clean and well disciplined. Societies of this kind are to be encouraged. The Superintendent of the Asylum requires every praise for keeping everything in the Asylum in order.

MADRAS, (Sd.) T. JAYARAM CHETTI,
3-10-13. Sub-Assistant-Surgeon, Madras Corporation.

Visited this Orphanage this day for spleen. I could not detect enlarged spleen in any of the children examined. On the other hand they are active and healthy. The premises are clean, and great credit is due to the Superintendent-in-charge.

(Sd.) M. AIYASWAMI PILLAI,
Sub-Assistant-Surgeon on Malaria Duty,
Corporation, 23-12-13.

Visited this day, again. Examined 22 children, all are more or less in an healthy condition.

(Sd.) M. AIYASWAMI PILLAI,
Sub-Assistant-Surgeon, 6-2-14.

Visited School. Master was out, children looked clean and well. Premises tidy.

(Sd.) R. BRYSON,
Major, I. M. S.

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The Madras Society

FOR THE

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SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

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THE Managing Committee have much pleasure in submitting their report for the year under review. The constitution of the society has been altered in a way to enable the Society to strike its roots deeper and firmer. The Committee note with satisfaction that the complaints from the public for investigation by the Society have vastly increased over those of the previous years, and that Government and other public institutions have sought the help of the Society in a greater number of cases than in the previous years. The Rescue Work of the Society was resumed towards the end of the year when the financial condition improved with the receipt of the Government grant. During this period forty-three cases have been investigated and of these thirty-two have been dealt with. The following is an analysis of the cases dealt with :

SEX—Boys, 18 ; girls, 14.

AGE—Nine years and below, 19 ; over nine years, 13.

NATIONALITY—**Musalmans, 5 ; Hindus, 23**, i.e. Dasi 7, Vanniya 6, Pariah 4, Vellala 2, Rajput 1, Baliya 1, Brahmin 1, Goorka 1 ; **Anglo-Indians, 3 ; and unknown 1.**

PARENTS—Both alive, 9 ; Both dead, 5 ; Father only alive, 6 ; Mother only alive, 12.

LITERATE OR ILLITERATE—Literate, 12 ; Illiterate, 20, of whom 7 are under 5 years of age.

CONDITIONS FROM WHICH CHILDREN HAVE BEEN RESCUED	Total number of cases dealt with.	HOW DISPOSED OF									
		In the Society's Home	Handed over to guardians.	Transferred to outside orphanage.	Placed in private families.	Settled in life.	To be admitted.	Absconded.	Died.	Warned by the Caste Headman.	Warned by the Police Punished by Magte.
CLASS A—CHILDREN NOT AT FAULT.											
Destitution ...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Desertion by mother..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Desertion by father...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Begging ...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Exposed for purposes of begging ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
Lost their way ...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Immoral surroundings	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...
Cruelty ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Illegitimate birth ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
CLASS B—CHILDREN AT FAULT.											
Larceny ...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ungovernable children	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
Disorderly children ...	4	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total for 1913...	32	7	6	...	...	...	1	2	1	6	6
Re-admitted during '13	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Children of 1912 ...	25	12	2	1	1	3	...	6	...	...	...
For the year 1914 ...	59	20	8	1	2	3	1	8	1	6	6

Of the twenty children in the Society's Home eighteen are boys and two are girls. The two girls are under five years of age. Of the eighteen boys, seven are recent admissions, one is a deformed boy, nine attend to garden work, and one works in a printing press in the forenoon. All the boys are taught to read and write by the Superintendent who holds his class in the afternoons.

The following are some of the typical cases dealt with :—

A *Dasi* girl, aged ten years, has been found associating with temple-women of more advanced years, in giving *Kolattam* entertainment on a ceremonial occasion in a private house. Being convinced that such an association was not conducive to good morals, and being aware that a deterrent remedy is not available owing to the defect in law, the Honorary Secretary brought the matter to the notice of the Headman of the *Dasi* community, and made him issue strict orders to the guardians of the minors not to venture out their wards on such purposes, at least till their minority continued.

Case No. 4, 7th May, 1913. Immoral Surroundings

A *Dasi* girl aged fifteen years. She performs *Harikatha Kalak-shepams* before an audience composed of both sexes. She is of illegitimate birth. She was adopted while young by a temple-woman who trained her as a *Harikatha* performer. The adoptive mother sought the help of the Headman of her caste to perform the girl's symbolical marriage. The Headman in turn sought the advice of the Honorary Secretary. As advised by the Secretary the Headman prohibited the celebration of the marriage till she completed sixteen years. Next the girl's adoptive mother sought dedication and solicited a certificate which was refused on the ground of want of age.

A *Rajput* boy aged eight years. He is a native of Hyderabad where his mother and other near relations are living. He used to stay away from school frequently, and his mother persistently thrashed him for his truant habits. Ultimately, the boy being unwilling to submit to the rule of the

birch, got into a train and arrived at Madras, apparently without a ticket. The police took charge of him immediately and continued their care of him for some time, after which the boy was handed over to the Society's care. He has been admitted and the Honorary Secretary is taking steps to restore the boy to his own original home and surroundings.

A *Dasi* girl aged ten years. The Honorary Secretary found the girl dancing in the house of a Hindu gentleman. The Secretary could take no steps by himself to save the minor. He, however, appealed once again to the Headman, who, being impressed with the justice of the appeal, had ordered the

Case No. 9, 25th September, 1913. Immoral surroundings

girl's mother not to allow the girl to perform while yet a minor such

dances before the public, and that if she be found to persist in her ways, she will be punished according to caste rules.

An infant girl aged three years. She was born to a woman of about twenty years of age who had been seduced from her sister's house at Chidambaram, to live with a certain printer resident in Madras. The man protected her and her child for some little time, and then lived raising money on the pledges of her jewels, and on her wages, till the woman came to be in delicate health, when he took it into his head to drive out the woman and her child. The woman, to keep her body and soul together, hired herself out as a cook, and used therefore to go early and return late to her house, leaving this infant girl under the custody of her ill-disposed paramour. The latter developed the habit of causing hurt to the innocent child, for he once poked her cheek with his thumb with the result that the part swelled owing to inflammation; on another occasion he lifted the child up, taking hold of one of its arms and threw it down with such force, that the shoulder got dislocated, and on a third occasion he burnt the cheek of the child with a red hot *beedi* (cigar). The Honorary Secretary on receipt of a report from the woman's master, rescued the child and had it admitted. Next he prosecuted the man before the magistrate for causing grievous hurt to the child, and the man was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 30 or to undergo one month's imprisonment. The Honorary Secretary believing that the root of the trouble lay in the precarious life led by the mother, advised her to return to her parents at Cuddalore and sent her off by train along with her infant, equipping her with necessary funds for the journey.

A new born babe was found deserted by the side of a hedge near Washermanpet. The Honorary Secretary found the infant on a morning at about 7 A.M. laid in a hut close by and surrounded by a crowd of spectators. The infant owing to exposure was feeble. The Honorary Secretary by rendering timely aid revived it and harboured it in the Society's Home. The child, however, died after some days from the effects of Broncho-pneumonia brought on by exposure to cold.

Two girls aged ten and eleven years respectively, and a boy aged eight years, all of the Domiciled community, have been constantly found begging at a European Restaurant in Broadway. The girls are also made to serve objectionable purposes by their parents. The

**Case No. 14, 11th
October, 1913.
Cruelty**

Honorary Secretary, feeling that the children would be better off if they should be redeemed from the pernicious influence of their parents, advised them to surrender them to the Society to be taken better care of. The parents refused and continued to connive at their children's malpractice. Steps were taken by the Honorary Secretary to move the Police in the matter, with the result that they have been warned. But this does not promise much.

A *Vanniya* boy aged three years. The Society's Agent found the boy wearing some jewels and all alone in Govindappa Naick Street, Georgetown. The boy apparently had ventured out far, and could not get back home. The Agent with the help of the Police traced the residence of the boy and handed him over to his parents.

**Case No. 27, 5th
December, 1913.
Lost Child**

A *Ghoorka* boy aged eleven years. This boy was being ill-treated in his house at Darjeeling. The continued maltreatment had led him to desert his home and he managed to get into a railway train bound for Calcutta. Next he took the train to Madras. He was, however, apprehended by the Police at the Central Railway Station, and has been handed over to the Society. The boy is quite unwilling to return to his old surroundings, nor would he give sufficient particulars to trace his home. He is one of the well-behaved boys in the Home.

**Case No. 29, 8th
December, 1913.
Exposed for
purposes of
Begging**

An infant twenty days old has been found exposed by a man for the purpose of exciting the sympathy of the public and thereby procuring alms. The Society's Agent with the help of the Police prosecuted the man who was fined three rupees by the magistrate. It may be noted that it is the man's profession to ill-treat infants in this fashion. He was fined a few years ago for a similar offence.

A Musalman boy of Vaniyambadi aged eleven years. He came down to Madras along with another Musalman boy of his age. They were alleged to have committed theft in the City and were placed before the Magistrate. But however the boy was let off for want of sufficient evidence and sent to the Society, though his associate was sentenced and sent to the Reformatory at Chingleput. The boy was taken care of by the Society.

**Case No. 31, 13th
December, 1913.
Larceny**

relations were communicated with, and the boy was well-advised and handed over to them.

A *Brahmin* boy aged one year. A Brahmin widow belonging to a respectable family living near Salem, had given birth to this boy. A certain gentleman apparently interested in the proper bringing up of the boy wrote to the Honorary Secretary inquiring if the Society would be willing to admit the boy and to bring him up as the mother was unable to bestow sufficient care on the child for fear of social ostracism. The Honorary Secretary according to the advice of the Committee communicated his assent, after which the boy has been admitted into the Society's Home. The child looks emaciated, and suffers from Coelomic Disease due to malnutrition. The child has been put on special and careful feeding.

Disposal of Cases

The Committee note with much satisfaction two kinds of disposal of cases dealt with. One is that three boys who were admitted three years ago, two of whom were ungovernable children who gave the committee incalculable trouble in their endeavours to tame them into orderly boys have finally given up their old ways. One of these has learnt fitter's work, and the other has been trained in gardening. These two boys who were dreaded by their relations and villagers were found to have earned the confidence of their friends, and were consequently placed in their respective families. One of these boys is attending to cultivation in a village near Chingleput, and the other is working as a fitter. The third boy, an orphan forsaken several years ago by his relations, was one of the well-behaved children. All these years he was working as a ruler in a book-binding depôt, and when he commenced to earn a few rupees his relations showed an inclination to take care of him and he was accordingly placed under the care of one of them. The other satisfactory disposal of cases, is that the Honorary Secretary was able to secure the co-operation of the Headmen of the *Dasi* community with whose help he was able to effectively check the custom of allowing the minor girls of the community to dance, and play at *Kolattam* in association with temple women of more advanced years. The Honorary Secretary was also able to secure the willing co-operation of the Headman to prevent dedication and symbolical marriages of minor girls by enforcement of caste rules.

In conclusion the Committee beg to state that the Anglo-Indian lad rescued in 1910, who was held to be an unruly boy by the author-

ities of the Madras Anglo-Indian Orphanages and so refused admission when sought by the Committee, was admitted into the Kalimpong Home with some difficulty on account of his age. The Committee had always thought that he was a well-behaved lad but ill-used by his unscrupulous father, and indeed they said so in their previous reports. Now it is gratifying to note from the quarterly progress reports received from Kalimpong that the lad is not only keeping good health and improving steadily in his class-work but that he is uniformly reported to be of "VERY GOOD CONDUCT."

The Committee are glad to report that another lad who was rescued from disorderly life towards the end of 1909, has improved in his habits while in the Society's Home and expressed a desire to eke his own livelihood. He was trusted and sent out as he completed his sixteenth year but was kept under observation. He has since secured the post of a shop-assistant in the Bhutan Estate of the Federated Malay States, and gratefully acknowledges his indebtedness to the Society and the staff in his letters.

Before closing these remarks on disposal of cases, the Committee regret to observe that they are not able to effectively prevent a few children of the Domiciled community who are always seen begging at the doors of a restaurant in Broadway, and misbehaving in other ways in the vicinity. The Committee would like to remove these children from the care of their parents who set them to these nefarious ways, but the law of the land is in the way of the Committee rescuing these children from an inevitable life of shame.

Constitutional Changes

The changes in the Rules of the Society mentioned in the previous year's report as recommended by the Managing Committee at their meeting held on the 14th December, 1912, were unanimously approved by the members of the Society at their Special General Meeting held on the 1st February, 1913, with the Hon'ble Sir John Atkinson in the chair. The Government in their letters No. 1177-3 and 3412-1, dated 14th June, 1913, and 10th July, 1913, while granting a sum of rupees one thousand in aid of the Society's Funds for the year suggested a few changes in the rules of the Society. The Committee being of opinion that these suggested changes would promote the interests of the Society resolved to recommend their adoption to the General body of members. A Special General Meeting of the Society was convened on the 23rd August, 1913, with the Hon'ble Sir Justice C. Sankaran Nair in the

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chair when the following changes in the rules were accordingly adopted.—

That Rule 5 (c) be—"Members—Those paying a subscription of not less than ten rupees per annum."

That Rule (6) be—"The Managing Committee shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall be termed the Chairman of the Committee, a Honorary Secretary, a Honorary Treasurer, and not more than fifteen members, twelve of whom together with the officers shall be elected by the members of the Society at their Annual General Meeting, and the remaining three shall be nominated by the Local Government. That the quorum for a meeting of the Managing Committee shall be five."

That the latter half of Rule (7) be—

"Vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled up by the Managing Committee or the Government as the case may be."

That Rule (14) be—

"The Endowed Funds of the Society shall vest in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments, but the funds shall be administered by the Managing Committee subject to the control of the Society."

Site for Mr. Vardappa Naidu's Orphanage

Government has suggested that the site for the permanent Home of the Society should be in a more central part of the city than Tondiarpet. Government was also kind enough to ask the Collector of Madras to help the Committee in the selection of a more central site for the permanent home. In all eleven sites were inspected—two in Teynampet, three in Chetput, one in Kilpauk, three in Egmore, one in Vepery and one in Chulai. A few of these were found to be unsuitable because of their insanitary surroundings, but every one of them was found to be too prohibitive for the funds of the Society in spite of the liberal contribution promised for the purpose by the Government, as Mr. Vardappa Naidu provided only a sum of rupees two thousand for the land. In the meantime, the trustees of the land at Washermanpet, have insisted on the Committee keeping to the original contract made with them to purchase the land and paying them the sum of rupees three thousand agreed upon. The Committee with the hope of being able to easily sell the land at Washermanpet have paid rupees three thousand for it. In view of these difficulties the

Committee have resolved to place the matter in the hands of Government. It is hoped that a suitable site may be determined upon in the course of the year 1914.

Grants

The Committee thankfully beg to state that Government generously contributed a sum of rupees one thousand towards the funds of the Society for the year. They feel their heavy indebtedness to Government for this liberal and opportune help, but for which it would not have been possible to carry on the work of the Society. It is regrettable that the Corporation of Madras has not yet found its way to discharge its undeniable duty to provide for the helpless and wronged children of the City. The Committee venture to hope that the Society would earn the sympathy of the Corporation in the year 1914.

Salem Godavari's Bequeathal

The will of the late Salem Godavari which contains a bequeathal of a sum of rupees five thousand in favor of the Society, has been proved before the High Court. But her relations who took exception to the Will have appealed against the order. The Committee expect the appeal to be heard before the end of the year 1914.

Suggestions made by Government Inspectors in 1912

The Committee are making arrangements to appoint a trained teacher for the education of the children in the Society's Home, and are drawing up a code of disciplinary rules for the Society's Home.

An Industrial Class

The Committee have come to recognise the urgent need for opening an Industrial Class in carpentry for training the children in the art, as the experiment of sending the children to outside workshops has proved in most cases to be a failure. Consequently the Committee have resolved to set apart a sum of rupees five hundred for the initial outlay for tools, and to provide rupees fifty per month to meet the recurring expenses of the Industrial Class including the salary of a trained carpenter. The physical and mental training of the children is to be carried on on the half-a-day system. The children will have to attend the Industrial Class in the forenoons, and the Educational Class in the afternoons. The Committee intend to approach the Government for special grants in aid of these two classes.

The Endowed Funds of the Society

The Endowed Funds of the Society were at the outset in the custody of the Treasurer. Later it was resolved that they should vest in three trustees of the Society. During the year under review Government has kindly accepted to allow the funds to vest in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments under Act VI of 1890. The funds are being transferred to the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments. But the administration of the funds will be by the Managing Committee subject to the control of the Society.

The Thanks of the Committee

The Committee beg to tender gratefully their cordial thanks to those humane ladies and gentlemen who contributed during the year towards the funds of the Society. But for their help, and the sympathy of the Government who contributed so generously the Committee feel the Society's work could not have been done in any measure. The Committee are at a loss to adequately express their feelings of gratitude to the Government who have evinced in more than one way much sympathy with the Society's work. The thanks of the Committee are due to Messrs. T. Ethiraja Mudaliar and V. Masilamani Pillai, High Court Vakils for professional help rendered free of charge to the Society, and the authorities of the Wallaja Anjuman for having taken under their care a Musalman lad rescued by the Society.

The Society

With the close of the year under review the Society may well be said to have survived its infancy. It has commenced to feel its way for equipping itself for its adult life. The committee trust that with the securing of a site for the Society's permanent home, the opening of an industrial class, the appointment of a trained teacher to conduct the school and the appointment of an Agent of a superior qualification, the Society will soon increase its scope of usefulness. The strength of the Society now stands at 106 as compared with 134 of 1912. The total receipts amounted to Rs. 2,170 odd as compared with Rs. 2,566 odd of the previous year. But the balance on hand is Rs. 656 odd as compared with zero of the year 1912. The fifth Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday the 18th February, 1913, in the Victoria Public Hall with His Excellency the Right Hon'ble The Lord Pentland, Governor of Madras, in the Chair. The Meeting was addressed by His Excellency, Mrs. Annie Besant and Sir V. C. Desika Chariar,

During the year under review, His Excellency the Right Hon'ble The Lord Pentland has graciously agreed to become the President of the Society which office was vacated by His Excellency the Right Hon'ble The Lord Carmichael on his transfer to Bengal. Two Special General Meetings of the Society were held, both to adopt changes in the rules, and were presided over by the Hon'ble Sir John Atkinson and the Hon'ble Sir Justice C. Sankara Nair respectively.

The Committee

Twelve Ordinary Meetings of the Committee were held to transact the business of the Society, and three Special Meetings for the consideration of the changes in the rules. The Committee are glad to report that no meeting was ever adjourned for want of a quorum. The meetings were presided over by the Hon'ble Sir Justice C. Sankara Nair, the Chairman of the Committee who has taken keen interest in the Society's work. There were some changes on the Committee, Messrs. R. G. Grieve, Hamed Hasan and T. Raghunatha Pillai resigned their seats which were not filled up in view of the adoption of a reduction of the number of members on the Committee. The Committee regret to report the death of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice P. R. Sundara Aiyar, a Vice-President of the Society who evinced considerable interest in the Society's work, and of Mrs. L. Kotelingham, a member of the Committee almost from the very inception of the Society. She was an unostentatious and zealous worker in the social field and was of great use in the work carried on to remedy the evils of Temple-women. Of her it could be well said that she was a typical Christian lady filled with love for the helpless. The Committee take this opportunity to place on record their appreciation of services rendered to the Society by these two members.

The Staff

The Committee have resolved to appoint a suitable Agent with superior qualifications on a salary of about rupees fifty. They feel they could not be too careful in the selection, and they have as yet not been able to appoint one. The staff of the Society consists at present of an Agent in charge of rescue work, a Superintendent in charge of the Society's Home, a Clerk, and a Peon.

The Madras Society for the Protection of Children

The Financial Statement for the year 1913.

General Account

Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
To Opening Balance.	367	15	1	By Establishment ...	527	8 0
Collections ...	1,170	12	0	House-Rent ...	120	0 0
Wages of boys ...	80	3	2	Feeding charges ...	968	6 5
Government Grant...	1,000	0	0	Furniture ...	68	14 0
Gopikrishna Fund ...	50	3	0	Printing and Photo...	237	2 0
Refund of Income-tax	117	12	7	Travelling charges...	45	0 0
				Stationery & Postage	31	1 6
				Meeting Charges ...	112	6 6
				Typing ...	19	10 6
				Total Disbursements.	2,130	0 5
				Closing Balance ...	656	13 5
Total ...	2,786	13	10	Total ...	2,786	13 10

Varadappa Naidu's Fund

To Opening Balance.	36,043	2	8	By Ren. & Print Ch.	37	0 0
Interest collected ...	1,233	2	4	Closing Balance ...	37,239	5 0
Total ...	37,276	5	0	Total ...	37,276	5 0

Gopikrishna Lala's Fund

To Opening Balance	1,000	0	0	By Transfer to Gen. a/c	50	3 0
Interest collected ...	50	3	0	Closing Balance.	1,000	0 0
Total ...	1,050	3	0	Total ...	1,050	3 0

Balance Account

To General account.	656	13		By Govt. Pro. Notes.	30,000	0 0
Varadappa Naidu's				Fixed Deposit ...	4,046	0 0
account ...	37,239	5	0	Current account ...	4,850	2 5
Gopikrishna Lala's						
account ...	1,000	0	0			
Total ...	38,896	2	5	Total ...	38,896	2 5

C. KRISHNASWAMI NAIDU,
Auditor.

P. LAKSHMINARASU,
Hon. Treasurer.

MADRAS,
31st December, 1913.

**Proceedings of the Fifth Annual General Meeting
held on Tuesday, the 18th February, 1913, at 5-30
p.m. in the Victoria Public Hall, with His Excellen-
cy The Right Hon'ble The Lord Pentland, P. C.,
G. C. I. E. in the Chair.**

The report of the Managing Committee was submitted by the Honorary Secretary, Dr. M. Vijayaraghavulu. The Hon'ble Sir Justice C. Sankaran Nair proposed and Professor P. Lakshmi Narasuseconded "That the Report be taken as read"—Carried.

Mrs. Annie Besant proposed and Sir V. C. Desikachariar seconded "That the Report be adopted"—Carried.

The Chairman delivered his speech commending the work of the Society. Dewan Bahadur M. Adinarayaniah proposed and Dr. D. W. Kamalakara seconded—That His Excellency the Governor be cordially thanked for his kindness to preside over the meeting.

The public business having concluded His Excellency the Governor dissolved the Meeting. The members of the Society met with the Hon'ble Sir Justice C. Sankara Nair in the Chair and proceeded with the Election of the Officers and Members of the Managing Committee. It was unanimously carried that the following officers be declared as duly elected officers for the year 1913:

President

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE LORD PENTLAND
P. C., G. C. I. E.

Vice-President and Chairman of the Committee

The Hon'ble Sir Justice C. Sankaran Nair.

Vice-Presidents

The Right Reverend Henry Whitehead, M.A., D.D.
The Hon'ble Sir J. N. Atkinson, C.S.I.
The Hon'ble Sir Justice J. E. P. Wallis.
The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Abdur Rahim.
The Hon'ble Mr. Justice P. R. Sundara Aiyar.
The Hon'ble Mr. P. S. Sivaswami Aiyar.
Dewan Bahadur M. Adinarayaniah Garu.

The remaining officers and members of the Managing Committee were next balloted upon with the following result:

Honorary Secretary

M. Vijayaraghavulu, Esq., B.A., M.B. & C.M.

Honorary Treasurer

Professor P. Lakshminarasu, B.A., F.M.U.

Members of the Managing Committee

Mrs. Firth	G. Narayanaswami Mudaliar,
Mrs. Kamalakar	Esq.
Mrs. Kotelingam	Rao Bahadur P. Parankusam
Mrs. Whitehead	Naidu.
K. Dadabhoy, Esq.	Rao Saheb V.A. Parthasarathy
M. D. Devadoss, Esq.	Mudaliar.
H. C. A. Goodall, Esq.	T. Rajagopaul Pillai, Esq.
Pandit D. Gopalacharlu	T. Rangachariar, Esq.
Dew. Bah. L. A. Govinda-	N. Ranganatham, Esq.
raghavaier.	T. Raghunatha Pillai, Esq.
S. D. Grant, Esq.	C. Rangiah Chetty, Esq.
R. G. Grieve, Esq.	The Hon. Mr. T. V. Seshagiri
Hamed Hasan, Esq.	Aiyar.
E. S. Hensman, Esq.	R. Srinivasa Aiyar, Esq.
C. Krishnaswami Naidu, Esq.	Rao Bah. P. Theagaraya
M. A. Kuddus Batcha Sahib,	Chettiar.
Esq.	Dr. M. Thummon Singh.
K. Lakshmi Narayana Chetty,	Dr. P. Veeranna Naidu.
Esq.	G. Venkatapathi Naidu, Esq.

Trustees

T. Rangachariar, Esq.
T. Rajagopaul Pillai, Esq.
G. Venkatapathi Naidu, Esq.

Auditor

C. Krishnaswami Naidu, Esq.

APPENDIX A

The Madras Society for the Protection of Children

1. The Society shall be called the Madras Society for the Protection of Children.
2. The area of the efforts of the Society shall be Southern India.
3. The objects of the Society shall be—
 - (a) To prevent the public and private wrongs of children and the corruption of their morals ;
 - (b) To take action for the enforcement of the laws for their protection and when desirable to have such laws amended ;
 - (c) To take such steps as may be necessary for the rescue of destitute children ;
 - (d) To provide and maintain an organisation for these objects and (e) To do all other such lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.
4. It shall also be one of the aims of the Society by various means such as lectures and distribution of literature to disseminate right views in regard to the training and upbringing of children, and to create and direct public opinion in favour of the rational and humane treatment of children.

Membership

5. The body corporate of the Society shall consist of—
 - (a) Patrons—consisting of persons who make donations of Rs. 1,000 or more to the funds of the Society or persons of distinction accepting office at the special invitation of the Committee of the Society hereinafter mentioned.
 - (b) Life Members—those paying a donation of Rs. 100.
 - (c) Members—those paying a subscription of not less than Rs. 10 per annum.

Officers and Managing Committee

6. The Managing Committee shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall be termed the Chairman of the Committee, a Honorary Secretary, a Honorary Treasurer and not more than fifteen members, twelve of whom together with the officers shall be elected by the members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, and the remaining three shall be nominated by the Local Government. The quorum for a meeting of the Managing Committee shall be five.

7. The Members of the Managing Committee shall hold office for a year, but they shall be eligible for re-election in subsequent years. Vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled up by the Managing Committee or the Government as the case may be

8. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Managing Committee. In his absence, the Vice-President who is the Chairman of the Committee shall occupy the chair, and in his absence one of the other Vice-Presidents, and in their absence any member present may be elected Chairman of the Committee.

9. Subject to the control of the Society, the executive administration shall be vested in the Managing Committee who shall have power to initiate all measures and do anything necessary or desirable to further its objects.

10. The Treasurer shall collect all subscriptions, donations and other payments due to the Society and shall pay the receipts to the Society's account with the National Bank of India. All payments shall be sanctioned by the Managing Committee and paid by cheque signed by the Treasurer and the Secretary. He shall keep proper accounts and present a monthly report and statement of accounts to the Committee.

11. The Managing Committee shall meet once a month to transact the current business of the Society. The Managing Committee may appoint Sub-Committees, each with a convener, from time to time, when the Committee consider it necessary. The Chairman of the Managing Committee and the Honorary Secretary shall be ex-officio members of all such Sub-Committees which shall work subject to the control of the Managing Committee.

Meetings

12. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held in February each year for the election of office-bearers and other members of the Managing Committee and an Auditor, and the adoption of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.

13. A Special General Meeting of the Society shall be called by the Managing Committee whenever it think necessary or on a written requisition signed by not less than twenty-five members of the Society. Fourteen days notice shall be given of such Meeting.

14. The Endowed Funds of the Society shall vest in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments, but the funds shall be administered by the Managing Committee subject to the control of the Society.

APPENDIX B

List of Subscriptions and Donations received during the Year 1913

	Rs.	A.	P.
Besant, Mrs. Annie	100	0	0
Trustees, S. K. P. D.	75	0	0
Sankaran Nair, The Hon'ble Sir Justice C.	60	0	0
Srinivasa Aiyangar Esq., S.	50	0	0
Ramanujam Chetty Esq., C.	35	0	0
Kuppuswami Chetty Esq., P.	30	0	0
Sundara Aiyar, The Hon'ble Mr. Justice P. R.	30	0	0
Wallis, The Hon'ble Sir Justice John	30	0	0
White, The Hon'ble Sir Justice Arnold	25	0	0
Whitehead, The Right Rev. Henry	25	0	0
Sivaswami Aiyar, The Hon'ble Mr. P. S....	25	0	0
Masilamani Mudaliar, Rao Bahadur P.	20	0	0
Smith, The Hon'ble Mr. C. A.	20	0	0
Beardsell Esq., W. A.	15	0	0
Branson Esq., J. R. B.	15	0	0
Flynn, The Rev. Mr. H. H.	15	0	0
Kasturi Ranga Aiyangar Esq., S.	15	0	0
Miller, The Hon'ble Mr. Justice L. C.	15	0	0
Purushotham Mudaliar Esq., L. G.	12	0	0
Ranga Chariar Esq., T.	12	0	0
Vijayaraghavulu, Dr. M.	12	0	0
Ayling, The Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. B.	10	0	0
Butterworth, The Hon'ble Mr. A.	10	0	0
Campbell Esq., A. Y. G.	10	0	0
Cunnam Chetty Esq., C.	10	0	0
Cunniah Naidu Esq., C.	10	0	0
Dadabhoy Esq., K.	10	0	0
Gopala Charlu, Pandit D.	10	0	0
Govindaraghava Aiyar, Dewan Bahadur L. A.	10	0	0
Grieve Esq., R. G.	10	0	0
Kuddus Badsha Sahib Bahadur	10	0	0
Lakshminarayana Chetty Esq., K.	10	0	0
Lorimer, Cap. A.	10	0	0
Oldfield, The Hon'ble Mr. Justice J. D. B.	10	0	0

	Rs.	A.	P.
Parthasarathy Mudaliar, Rao Sahib V. A.	...	10	0 0
Rajagopal Pillai Esq., T.	...	10	0 0
Rama Rao, Dr. C. B. (Less Bank Charges)	...	9	12 0
Ranganayakulu Chetty Esq., C.	...	10	0 0
Subbiah Chetty Esq., Menta	...	10	0 0
Thaivasigamani Chetty Esq., P. S.	...	10	0 0
Veerji Jumma Sait Sahib Bahadur	...	10	0 0
Adam Esq., J. C.	...	5	0 0
Adinarayaniah, Dewan Bahadur M.	...	5	0 0
Callianji and Sons, Messrs.	...	5	0 0
Chelvapillai Chetty Esq., T.	...	5	0 0
Desikachariar, Sir V. C.	...	5	0 0
Devadoss Esq., M. D.	...	5	0 0
Duraiswami Pillai Esq., T.	...	5	0 0
Ethiraja Mudaliar Esq., T.	...	5	0 0
Firth, Mrs. A.	...	5	0 0
Ganapathi Mudaliar Esq., V.	...	5	0 0
Gopalaswami Aiyar Esq., T. R.	...	5	0 0
Grant Esq., S. D.	...	5	0 0
Grover, Miss P.	...	5	0 0
Hannington Esq., P.	...	5	0 0
Hensman Esq., E. S.	...	5	0 0
Jackson Esq., P. S.	...	5	0 0
Janardhan Singh, Rao Bahadur T.	...	5	0 0
Kamalakar, Dr. D. W.	...	5	0 0
Kasiviswanatha Mudaliar Esq., R.	...	5	0 0
Kesava Asari Esq., T.	...	5	0 0
Kirwan Esq., L. E.	...	5	0 0
Kotilingam, Mrs. L.	...	5	0 0
Krishnaswami Chetty Esq., C. V.	...	5	0 0
Krishnaswami Mudaliar Esq., M.	...	5	0 0
Krishnaswami Naidu Esq., C.	...	5	0 0
Lakshminarasu Naidu Esq., P.	...	5	0 0
Lakshmipathi, Dr. A.	...	5	0 0
Leith, The Rev. Mr. D. G. M.	...	5	0 0
Mahamud Ibrahim Esq.	...	5	0 0
McCready Esq., F. G.	...	5	0 0
Miller, Miss P.	...	5	0 0
Mopurappah, Rao Bahadur B.	...	5	0 0
Murugesu Mudaliar Esq., C. R.	...	5	0 0
Numberumal Chetty, Rao Bahadur T.	...	5	0 0

	Rs.	A.	P.
Narayana Chetty Esq., Swami	...	5	0 0
Narayanaswami Mudaliar, Dr. G.	...	5	0 0
Narasimulu Chetty Esq., B. S.	...	5	0 0
Natesa Mudaliar Esq., C.	...	5	0 0
Parankusam Naidu, Rao Bahadur P.	...	5	0 0
Perumal Chetty and Sons, Messrs. P.	...	5	0 0
Pollard, the Rev. Mr. C.	...	5	0 0
Radhakrishnaiyah Esq., V.	...	5	0 0
Rajabushana Mudaliar Esq., V. P.	...	5	0 0
Rajagopala Chariar Esq., T. S.	...	5	0 0
Ramachendra Chetty Esq., V. S.	...	5	0 0
Ramakrishna Lala Esq.	...	5	0 0
Ramanujam Chetty Esq., P.	...	5	0 0
Ranganadham Esq., N.	...	5	0 0
Ranganadha Pillai Esq., T. R.	...	5	0 0
Rangiah Chetty Esq., C.	...	5	0 0
Saravanavelu Mudaliar Esq., M.	...	5	0 0
Smart, Miss A.	...	5	0 0
Singaravelu Chetty Esq., M.	...	5	0 0
Singupta Esq., J. C.	...	5	0 0
Subbiah Chetty Esq., C.	...	5	0 0
Subbiah Chetty Esq., S.	...	5	0 0
Subrahmania Aiyar Esq., C. N.	...	5	0 0
Swaminatha Mudaliar Esq., M. T.	...	5	0 0
Veeranna Naidu, Dr. P.	...	5	0 0
Venkatachellam Chetty Esq., S.	...	5	0 0
Venkatapathi Naidu Esq., G.	...	5	0 0
Venkatasubba Rao Esq., M.	...	5	0 0
Venkateswarloo Sastri Esq., V.	...	5	0 0
Warmington Esq., K. P.	...	5	0 0
Westropp Esq., A.	...	5	0 0
Ranganatham Chetty Esq., P.	...	3	0 0
Chettiar and Iyengar, Messrs.	...	2	0 0
Loganadha Mudaliar Esq., G.	...	2	0 0
Munuswami Mudaliar, Esq., N.	...	2	0 0
Parthasarathy Chetty Esq., S.	...	1	0 0

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P. LAKSHMINARASU,
Hony. Treasurer.



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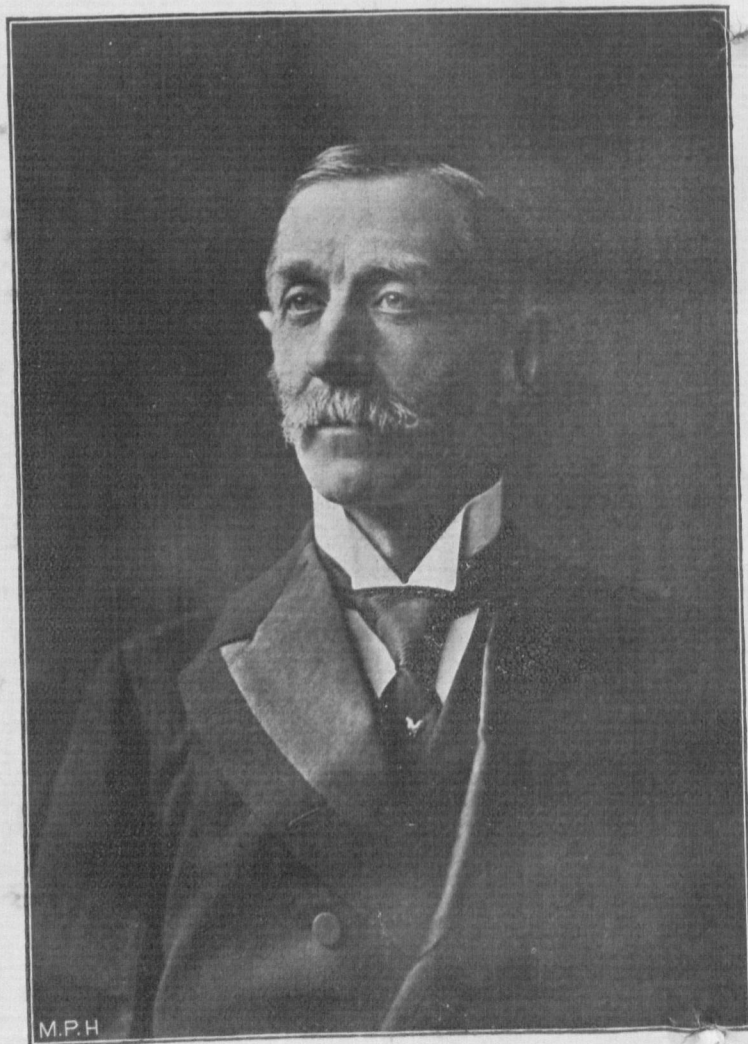
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M. VENKATACHELLAM PANTULU, ESQ., *Zamindar of Kasimkota.*

Officers and Managing Committee, 1914

President

H. E. THE RIGHT HON. THE LORD PENTLAND, P.C., G.C.I.E.

Vice-President and Chairman of the Committee

THE HON'BLE SIR JUSTICE C. SANKARAN NAIR, *Kt.*, C.I.E.

Vice-Presidents

The Rt. Rev. Henry Whitehead, M.A., D.D.,
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The Hon. Mr. P. S. Sivaswami Aiyar,
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Honorary Secretary

M. Vijayaraghavulu, Esq., B.A., M.B. & C.M.

Honorary Treasurer

Prof. P. Lakshminarasu Naidu, B.A., F.M.U.

Managing Committee

Mrs. Annie Besant,
Mrs. A. Firth,
Diwan Bahadur Govindas Chaturbuja Doss,
Rao Saheb C. Kannan Chettiar,
Khan Bahadur Kuddus Batcha Sahib,
P. Kuppuswami Chettiar, Esq.,
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Rao Saheb V. A. Parthasarathy Mudaliar,
T. Rangachariar, Esq.,
C. Rangiah Chetty, Esq.,
G. Venkatapathi Naidu, Esq.,
The Collector of Madras,
The Surgeon of the First District,
The Inspector of Schools, Fourth Circle.

Honorary Auditor

A. Salanson, Esq.

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THE year under review marked a turning point in the work of the Society. In the report for the preceding year it had been noted that the Society was on its way to fully equip itself for its increasing work along lines sketched out in that year's report. The Committee accordingly drew up a budget estimate of charges to suit such work and appealed to Government for substantial aid. The Government have, however, declined to make the grant of Rs. 5,000 prayed for, and sanctioned a grant of Rs. 800 only, the same being a proportion of the funds collected from the public. When the substantial aid expected from the Government failed, the Committee paused to think over the problem of ways and means. The Right Rev. Henry Whitehead, the Lord Bishop of Madras, a Vice-President of the Society, had observed very early in the history of the Society, that the expenses of the Society's Home would be a heavy drain on its finances, and would cripple its more essential investigation and rescue work, so long as the children rescued became more or less permanent inmates of the Home. The Committee, however, hoped that public encouragement would keep pace with the rescue work. But in this they have been disappointed. They, therefore, decided to make the Home a place of temporary shelter for children till they could be

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transferred to a suitable home outside. This would give the Committee a freer hand to investigate and rescue more largely than it has been found possible to do during the past years. The equally important fact disclosed however, by past experience, that there is a limit to this placing of children in outside homes, caused by caste and other prejudices, cannot be lost sight of. The Committee, therefore, beg to assure the public that even under this new policy the rescue work would need all the help the public can possibly give.

During the year under review the circumstances of fifty-seven cases had been investigated, and of these forty-four had been dealt with as against forty-three and thirty-two respectively in the previous year. It is encouraging to find that cases brought to the notice of the Society by the public and the police are on the increase. There was a considerable number of helpless widows who brought their truant and disorderly children to the Honorary Secretary, craving for their admission into the Society's Home in view to their being trained into well-behaved lads. The Committee, while regretting their inability to comply with these requests, feel gratified that their work of reforming turbulent lads is coming to be appreciated by the labouring classes of the public. To the police the aid of the Society is useful, in that it affords ready temporary shelter to destitute and stranded children discovered by them. Of the thirteen cases investigated but not dealt with three belonged to the Dasi community, in which cases the Society could not safely interfere. The remaining ten were children of the Domiciled community who are sent on begging errands by apparently cruel and thoughtless parents, who defy the Society, being well aware of its helplessness to bring them to book in the present state of the law. The following is an analysis of the cases dealt with :—

Sex—Boys 34 ; girls 10.

Age—Nine years and below, 25 ; over nine years, 19.

Nationality—Mussulmans 7 ; Hindus 33 ; Anglo-Indians 4.

CONDITIONS FROM WHICH CHILDREN HAD BEEN RESCUED	Number of cases dealt with	How DISPOSED OF							
		In the Society's Home	Handed over to guardians	Absconded	Placed in families	Settled in life	Died	Warned by Magistrate	Warned by the Honorary Secretary or Police
CLASS A—CHILDREN NOT AT FAULT.									
Destitution	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deserted by father	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deserted by relations	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ill-treated by step-father	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Illegitimate birth... ..	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maniacal mother	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Immoral surroundings	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Begging under parental compulsion	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	5
Lost by guardians	6	2	3	...	1	...	...	...	...
CLASS B—CHILDREN AT FAULT.									
Begging	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4
Truancy	9	4	2	2	1	...	...	...	...
Ungovernable lads	4	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
Petit larceny	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total number of cases dealt with in 1914 ...	44	10	13	5	3	...	...	4	9
Children in the Society's Home on the 1st January 1914	20	...	6	1	10	...	2	1	...
Disposed of in 1914. 48	...	...	14	15	3	2	1	4	9
In the Society's Home on the 1st January 1915. 16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Of the sixteen children in the Society's Home at the close of the year under review, eleven are boys and five are girls. The boys are taught to read and write by the Superintendent for two hours in the afternoon, and they attend to garden work in the mornings.

As a Button factory close by the Society's Home has stopped its work owing to the war, the few children who attended were also put to garden work. One of the boys is only a child aged about two years. Of the five girls three are very young, being aged six years and below, and the other two help the cook in kitchen work. These girls are all taught to read and write by the Superintendent.

Disposal of Cases.

The Society's Home had afforded shelter to six children who were lost by their guardians. In three cases their parents were traced and the children were handed over. In another case the child was placed in a family who were seen to take good care of it. The other two children await to be handed over, as their parents in the moffussil are being traced. In the six cases of 'desertion by father and other relations', the Society was able to bring them to realise their duty by their helpless wards. Of the cases rescued during the previous years and disposed of during the year under review four need to be noticed. One of them was a deformed Mussulman lad who was rescued in 1913, and who became ill and died in the hospital. Another, an ungovernable lad, rescued by the Society in 1911, was found to have acquired orderly habits after his stay in the Home for over three years, and he was consequently handed over to his mother much to her joy to see her son so much improved. The other two boys rescued from destitution were remarkably good boys, who learnt work in a printing press till they came to earn sufficient wages to maintain themselves, and were placed under the care of their relations.

The following are some of the typical cases dealt with:—

A Hindu boy, aged five years, who accompanied his father to Tiruvatiyur, was seen wandering about alone by passers-by and brought to the Society's Home. The father was traced out a few days hence, and the child handed over to him.

**Case No. 1,
30th January.
Lost Child.**

A Hindu girl, aged eight years, a native of Vellore, was seen straying about alone at Washermanpet by the police and brought to the Society. Her people could not be traced yet, but efforts are being made to find them. She is in the Society's Home.

**Case No. 3,
3rd February.
Lost Child.**

A Hindu boy, aged seven years, was seen by the Society's Agent in a starving condition sleeping on the steps of a house at Egmore close by the Museum. He had lost his father. His mother was living with another man, who was in the habit of illtreating this boy. One day when the mother had gone to the bazaar, the man handled him severely. The boy preferred to drift for himself, but not being accustomed to beg was obliged to starve. The mother was found and was acquainted with the sad story of the boy, with the result that she took the lad under her care and bade good-bye to the heartless man.

**Case No. 6,
6th February.
Illtreated by
Step-father.**

A Hindu boy, aged nine years, was left under the care of his uncle by his dying mother, as the father had predeceased the mother. After a few years the boy was turned out of the house by his uncle's wife. He was seen loitering in the Central Railway Station by the Society's Agent and rescued. His uncle was traced out and appealed to. He was found willing to bestow better care and the boy was handed over to him.

**Case No. 10,
30th March.
Deserted by
Relation.**

A Hindu male child, aged six months, was seen by the Society's Agent in the custody of a deformed and demented woman begging during a festival at Thiruvamur. The Agent brought the woman and child to the notice of the Honorary Secretary. On enquiry it was found that the parents of this woman, who were residents of Choolai, had, in view of her helplessness, left some property for her protection in the charge of their near relations. The latter, after sometime,

**Case No. 15,
12th April.
Maniacal
Mother.**

had deserted her after having secured for themselves all her money. The woman led a wandering life, in the course of which she became delicate in health and brought forth this boy. She was found unfit to handle the infant. Thereupon she and the child were admitted into the Society's Home. The Committee resolved to place her in the Monegar Choultry, but in the meantime she took ill and died. The infant was handed over to a neighbour at Tondiarpet near the Society's Home, who had lost her baby a few days before. The child is doing well under the care of its foster-mother.

A Hindu girl, aged nine years, was seen by the Honorary

**Case No. 22,
29th June.**

**Immoral
Surroundings.**

Secretary in the company of some questionable women in the neighbourhood of Popham's Broadway where there are some houses of ill-fame. The Honorary Secretary intervened and rescued the girl. On enquiry she was found to belong to the Dasi community. She is found very useful in the Society's Home, of which she is an inmate.

A boy of the Domiciled community, aged nine years, was seen

**Case No. 33,
30th August.**

**Begging under
Parental Compulsion.**

by the Society's Agent begging in Moore Market. The attention of the police was drawn to the case. The boy was placed before a bench of Honorary Presidency Magistrates, who warned him. On enquiry it was found that his parents were alive and that they lived on the begging of their children.

A Hindu boy, aged ten years, was seen loitering at China Bazaar

**Case No. 37,
5th November.**

**Ungovernable
lad.**

by the Society's Agent and rescued. On enquiry it was found that he was an orphan under the care of his elder brother, who tried hard to keep him under control. But the boy broke loose every now and then and led a vagrant life, often resorting to wild pranks. The boy was admitted into the Society's Home and promises to change for the better.

A Mussulman boy, aged eleven years, was seen by the Society's Agent stealing vegetables in the Kotwal Bazaar and rescued. His sister was traced out and the boy handed over to her, who promised to take better care of the boy.

**Case No. 39,
11th November.**

Petit Larceny.

A Hindu boy, aged nine years, was seen by the Honorary Secretary picking up eatables cast off by people. On enquiry it was found that the boy was an orphan and had no one to look to for protection. He was admitted into the Society's Home.

**Case No. 44,
31st December.**

Destitution.

Site for Varadappa Naidu's Orphanage.

As stated in the last year's report the Committee placed the matter in the hands of Government, and endeavoured to sell the land at Washermanpet bought for Rupees Three Thousand. Two offers, each of Rupees Four Thousand, were received among others, notwithstanding the fact that the buyer would have to fill up a big tank in the land. Government decided that an appeal should be made to the public for funds to acquire a more central site, but the publication of the appeal had to be deferred owing to the present European crisis. In the meantime, the Corporation was urging the Committee to fill up the tank in the land already purchased by them. The estimated cost of filling up the tank was found to be about Rs. 4,710. The Committee applied to the Corporation to fill it up free of charge in view of the Society's financial condition and its philanthropic work. Thereupon, the Officiating President and the Special Malaria Officer of the Corporation and the Chairman of the Committee, the Honorary Secretary, the Collector of Madras, the Surgeon of the First District and the Deputy Commissioner of Police met on the Washermanpet site to inspect the tank. Finally the Corporation agreed to fill up the tank free of charge, provided the Society undertook to permit the cost to be a charge on the property in case the land was not to be used by the Society for its own purposes. The Committee

unanimously resolved to accept the proposal of the Corporation, subject to the sanction of Government. The matter was referred once again to Government, who, after a thorough and careful enquiry into all the facts of the case, were pleased to accord permission to the Society to build the Society's Home on the Washermanpet site. The Committee trust to be able to start the erection of the building in the year 1915.

Grants.

The Committee beg to offer their grateful thanks to Government for their contribution towards the funds of the Society for the year under review a sum of Rs. 800, a proportion of the subscriptions and donations collected from the public. Though Government were not pleased to grant the substantial aid prayed for by the Committee, yet it is hoped that in the coming years the Government grant will be appreciably greater in amount, due not only to larger sums collected from the public, but also to a generous increase by Government of the proportion of their grant. The Committee regret that the Corporation of Madras persist in its refusal to contribute to the funds of the Society.

Rules of Discipline for the Society's Home.

The Committee have drawn up a code of bye-laws for maintaining discipline in the Society's Home as suggested by the Government Inspectors. In them they have

- (i) provided for the weekly inspection of the Home by the Members of the Committee in rotation,
- (ii) fixed a maximum age limit of twelve years for admission into the Home and
- (iii) laid down a maximum age limit of sixteen years for discharge from the Home. (See Appendix B.)

The Endowed Funds of the Society.

The endowed funds of the Society were vested in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments under Act VI of 1890 with the permission of Government. On the date of transfer

Mr. Varadappa Naidu's Building Fund consisted of a corpus of Government Promissory notes of the face value of Rs. 30,000 and an accumulated interest of Rs. 4,866-6-6. The former were endorsed in favour of the Accountant-General, who is the Treasurer under the Act. Out of the latter amount he invested, with the Committee's approval, a sum of Rs. 4,847-0-1 in the purchase of Government Promissory Notes of the face value of Rs. 5,000. He also converted, with the Committee's approval, all the $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. papers of various years of the face value of Rs. 23,000 into $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. papers of 1865, so that all the papers may be of the same year. The remaining papers of the corpus of the fund of the face value of Rs. 7,000 are 3 per cent. papers of 1896. Hence the fund consisted then of Government Promissory Notes of the face value of Rs. 35,000 in the hands of the Accountant-General, and a cash balance of Rs. 19-6-5 in the custody of the Society. And out of the corpus of Rs. 1,000 forming Gopikrishna Lala's Fund, the Accountant-General invested a sum of Rs. 968-9-11 in the purchase of Government Promissory Notes of the face value of Rs. 1,000. These Promissory Notes of the face value of Rs. 1,000 are in the hands of the Accountant-General, and the balance of Rs. 31-6-1 is in the custody of the Society. Though these funds are vested in the Accountant-General, their administration rests with the Managing Committee subject to the control of the Society.

Inspection of the Society's Home Classes.

The Inspector of Schools inspected the Home Classes on the 13th November 1914. Application was made to the Director of Public Instruction for the recognition of the Home Classes.

Memorandum re the Criminal Law Amendment Bill for the better protection of minor girls.

The Local Government invited the Society's views on the provisions of the Bill further to amend the Indian Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure. The Society fully

accepted the several modifications embodied in sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Bill. In regard to section 6, while it endorsed the provisions prohibiting police cognisance and restricting the power to take action only to Magistrates of the first class specially empowered by Government, it suggested certain amendments to the provisions contained in clauses (a) and (b) of the section. The Society also expressed its regret that the opportunity of this Bill was not availed of

- (1) to raise the age of consent to fourteen years, and
- (2) to declare the dedication of minor girls to temples and their symbolical marriage to material objects, as illegal and immoral. (See Appendix C.)

The need for legislation to prevent parents of the Domiciled Community putting their children to ill-usage.

This is a sore point in the social life of Madras and particularly affects the lower classes of the Domiciled Community. The Committee are not aware if this evil exists elsewhere in India. But they are painfully alive to the fact that in the City of Madras boys and girls of the Domiciled Community are sent on begging and other more questionable errands. The parents generally neglect the education of these children and help themselves with what the children bring home by begging to indulge in their own vicious habits. The unfortunate thing is that the law of the land is powerless to deal with such cases. Even the proposed Criminal Amendment Bill leaves many of these evils unchecked. It may be that the Government think that the time has not yet come to legislate in general. But the Society begs to urge the Government to legislate promptly with a view to put an end to these crying evils, at least so far as they affect the children of the Domiciled Community, whose parents are the greatest and the most audacious culprits in this direction. The Society had been in vain attempting to put an end to these nefarious practices. In only one solitary case it despatched the boy rescued to

Kalinpong. The previous year's Committee had in their report drawn the attention of the public to these evil ways. They said: "The Committee regret to observe that they are not able to effectively prevent the children of the Domiciled Community who are always seen begging at the doors of a restaurant in Broadway and misbehaving in other ways in the vicinity. The Committee would like to remove these children from the care of their parents who set them to these nefarious ways, but the law of the land is in the way of the Committee rescuing these children from an inevitable life of shame." During the year under review the Committee received complaints from some respectable European ladies and gentlemen, very rightly urging the Society to bring to book the erring parents. But these parents, unlike Indian parents, know too well the impotency of the law. The helplessness of the present law can be best brought to one's mind by the sad fact that Mr. F. D. Bird, the former Chief Presidency Magistrate, had to draw the attention of the Society to the case of a minor girl of the Domiciled Community standing in danger of being put to bad use by her erring mother. The Society was powerless to proceed with the case, but it takes this opportunity to again record its opinion that a legal remedy should be provided by the legislature.

The Committee's Thanks.

Foremost amongst those to whom the Committee feel grateful, for the help they had received are those ladies and gentlemen who, by their contributions during the year, had rendered it possible for the Committee to continue the Work. (See Appendix D.) The generous thanks of the Committee are due to Mr. A. Salanson, Public Auditor and Accountant, for having audited the accounts of the Society during the year under review free of charge. And the warm thanks of the Committee are due to Mr. F. Armitage, Commissioner of Police, and Diwan Bahadur P. Parankusam Naidu Garu for sympathetic help rendered by them in the work of rescuing children.

The Society.

The strength of the Society stands now at forty-five members as against one hundred and six in 1913. This fall in the number is due to the fact that the subscription for membership has been raised from Rupees five to ten. Nevertheless the amount of subscriptions and donations collected from the public during the year was Rs. 1,260 as against Rs. 1,170 odd in 1913. The balance on hand at the end of the year was Rs. 600-11-7 as against Rs. 656 at the end of 1913. The Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Thursday, the 26th March 1914 in the Victoria Public Hall with the Hon'ble Sir Harold Stuart, K.C.V.O., C.S.I., I.C.S., in the chair.

It is with deep regret that the Committee record the untimely death, during the year under review, of Mr. R. F. Austin, B.A., I.C.S., a former Collector of Madras, to whose strenuous support actuated by his honesty of purpose, the Society owes its present status.

The Managing Committee.

During the year under review twelve ordinary, one adjourned and three special meetings of the Committee were held. Besides seven sub-committees sat to deliberate over certain important items of business that had to be transacted by the Managing Committee—

- (i) for selecting a site for the Society's Home,
- (ii) & (iii) for negotiating the purchase of two sites selected,
- (iv) for preparing the plan and estimate for the Society's Home,
- (v) for drafting the Managing Committee's memorandum on the Bill to amend the Criminal Law for the better protection of minor girls,
- (vi) for drafting the disciplinary rules for the Society's Home and
- (vii) for drafting an appeal to the public for subscriptions and donations.

This year also no meetings of the Committee had to be postponed for want of a quorum. The meetings of the Committee were presided over by the Hon'ble Sir Justice C. Sankaran Nair, the Chairman of the Committee. There were no changes on the Committee. But towards the middle of the year, the Hon'ble Sir John Nathaniel Atkinson, K.C.S.I., I.C.S., a Vice-President of the Society, had resigned his office, as he retired from public service. The Committee take this opportunity of placing on record their appreciation of the valuable services he rendered to the Society. Mr. C. Krishnasawmi Naidu, who was elected as the Auditor for the year, resigned very early in the course of the year, and the Committee appointed Mr. A. Salanson, Public Auditor and Accountant, and requested him to audit the accounts of the Society free of charge, which function that gentleman was pleased to discharge. The three Government officers—the Collector of Madras, the Inspector of Schools and the Surgeon of the First District—nominated by the Government to be members on the Managing Committee, helped the Elected Members and Officers of the Society in their work of managing the Society. The Committee beg to tender their warm and appreciative thanks to Major R. Bryson, I.M.S., Surgeon of the First District, for the close touch he had maintained throughout the year with the Society's Home. His sympathetic supervision of the Society's Home had helped the Committee not a little.

The Staff.

The staff of the Society had consisted of an Agent in charge of rescue work, a Superintendent in charge of the Society's Home, a clerk and a peon. The need to replace the Agent by an Inspector with superior qualifications to carry on rescue work is keenly felt. To ensure better distribution of the children rescued, and to render possible their supervision after they are placed in families, it is felt necessary to appoint an Agent. A qualified Teacher and a special peon for the Society's Home are also required. It is fervently hoped that the public will kindly recall to their mind the Society's needs while subscribing towards its funds.

The Madras Society for the Protection of Children.

The Financial Statement for the year 1914.

General Account.

Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	
To Opening Balance...	656 13 5	By Establishment ...	738 0 0
Collections ...	1,260 0 0	House-Rent ...	120 0 0
Wages of boys ...	11 14 4	Feeding charges ...	934 6 5
Government Grant ...	800 0 0	Clothes ...	35 0 0
Gopikrishna Fund ...	40 0 0	Printing ...	215 10 0
Sale of old Cycle ...	7 0 0	Photo charges ...	4 0 0
Peon's Security ...	25 0 0	Stationery, Postage and	
		Meeting charges ...	105 4 9
		Typing ...	31 0 0
		Cycle repair ...	15 2 0
		Cheque Book ...	1 9 0
		Total Disbursements ...	2,200 0 2
		Closing Balance ...	600 11 7
Total ...	2,800 11 9	Total ...	2,800 11 9

Varadappa Naidu's Fund.

To Opening Balance...	37,239 5 0	Purchase of Land ...	3,000 0 0
Interest collected ...	627 1 6	Registration & Stamp.	37 0 0
Compensation paid		Taxes ...	19 9 4
by Corporation ...	95 9 6	Transferred to A.-G. ...	34,847 0 1
Sale of trees ...	50 0 0	Closing Balance ...	108 6 7
Total ...	38,012 0 0	Total ...	38,012 0 0

Gopikrishna Lala's Fund.

To Opening Balance ...	1,000 0 0	By Transfer to General	
Interest collected ...	40 0 0	account ...	40 0 0
		Transferred to A.-G. ...	968 9 11
		Closing Balance ...	31 6 1
Total ...	1,040 0 0	Total ...	1,040 0 0

Balance Account.

To Accountant-General...	36,000 0 0	By Govt. Pro. Notes	
To General account ...	600 11 7	with A.-G. ...	36,000 0 0
Varadappa Naidu's		Current account ...	650 8 3
account ...	108 6 7	Cash on hand ...	90 0 0
Gopikrishna Lala's			
account ...	31 6 1		
Total ...	36,740 8 3	Total ...	36,740 8 3

A. SALANSON,
Auditor.

P. LAKSHMINARASU,
Honorary Treasurer.
31st December 1914.

From the Accountant-General, Madras, to the Honorary Secretary
for the Madras Society for the Protection of Children, No. 156,
Broadway, Madras, dated Fort St. George, the 25th of January
1915, No. T.C.E. 23973.

SIR,

With reference to your letter dated 22nd January 1915, I
have the honour to furnish the following particulars:—

The funds vested in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments
account of the Madras Society for the Protection of Children on
31st December 1914 are—

Stock $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of 1865 loan for Rs. 29,000.

Stock 3 per cent. of 1896-1897 loan for Rs. 7,000.

Interest noted Rs. 919-9-11.

The interest will be remitted to you shortly.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. BARTLEY,

Chief Superintendent.

The Budget Estimate of the Madras Society for the Protection of Children for the year 1915.

RECEIPTS.	Actuals for 1913.	Actuals for 1914.	Estimate for 1915.	CHARGES.	Actuals for 1913.	Actuals for 1914.	Estimate for 1915.
Opening Balance ..	Rs. 368	Rs. 657	Rs. 600	Rescue Work—	Rs. 75	Rs. 240	Rs. 840
Gopi Krishna Lala's Fund ..	50	40	40	One Inspector on Rs. 35 ..	...	...	420
Wages of boys, etc. ..	80	18	...	One Sub-Inspector on Rs. 15 ..	...	...	180
Refund of Income-tax ..	118	...	...	Two Cycles for the Inspector.	Nil	...	240
Government Grant ..	1,000	800	1,200	Training Charges—	...	...	760
Corporation Grant ..	...	...	...	One Schoolmaster on Rs. 20 ..	...	...	240
Kakatur Venkammahgaru's Grant ..	...	...	...	Books, slates and stationery.	...	...	20
Subscriptions and Donations...	1,171	1,260	2,500	Industrial Training ..	...	...	500
Closing Balance for 1915. Rs. 746	...	...	...	Home Charges—	...	...	1,986
	2,787	2,775	5,140	One Superintendent on Rs. 25 ..	1,412	1,433	...
				One Cook on Rs. 8 ..	255	300	300
				Feeding expenses ..	8	56	96
				Clothing and Bedding ..	92½	922	1,260
				House-rent ..	...	35	100
				Contingency ..	120	120	120
				Furniture ..	36	...	40
				General Charges—	643	545	808
				One half-time clerk on Rs. 10 ..	100	70	120
				Two peons each on Rs. 12 ..	103	102	288
				Printing, Postage, etc. ..	440	373	400
Total Rs. ...	2,787	2,775	5,140	Total Rs. ...	2,130	2,200	4,394

MADRAS,

1st January 1915.

M. VIJAYARAGHAVULU,

Hon'y. Secretary.

Proceedings of the Sixth Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, the 26th March 1914, at 5-30 p.m. in the Victoria Public Hall, with The Hon'ble Sir Harold Stuart, K.C.V.O., C.S.I., I.C.S., in the Chair.

The report of the Managing Committee was submitted by the Honorary Secretary, Dr. M. Vijayaraghavulu. Professor P. Lakshminarasu proposed and Diwan Bahadur P. Parankusam Naidu seconded "That the Report be taken as read"—Carried. The Hon'ble Mr. P. S. Sivaswami Aiyar, C.S.I., C.I.E., proposed and Mr. T. Rangachariar seconded "That the Report be adopted"—Carried.

The Chairman delivered his speech commending the work of the Society. The Hon'ble Sir Justice C. Sankaran Nair proposed and Rao Sahib V. A. Parthasarathy Mudaliar seconded "That the Chairman be cordially thanked for his kindness to preside at the Meeting."

The public business having concluded, the Members of the Society met with the Hon'ble Sir Justice C. Sankaran Nair in the Chair, and proceeded with the Election of the Officers and Members of the Managing Committee. It was unanimously carried that the following officers be declared as duly elected officers for the year 1914.

President :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE LORD PENTLAND,
P.C., G.C.I.E.

Vice-President and Chairman of the Committee:

The Hon'ble Sir Justice C. Sankaran Nair, Kt., C.I.E.

Vice-Presidents :

The Right Reverend Henry Whitehead, M.A., D.D.
The Hon'ble Sir J. N. Atkinson, C.S.I.
The Hon'ble Sir Justice J. E. P. Wallis.
The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Abdur Rahim.
The Hon'ble Mr. P. S. Sivaswami Aiyar.
Diwan Bahadur M. Adinarayanah Garu.

The remaining officers and members of the Managing Committee were next balloted upon with the following result.—

Honorary Secretary:

M. Vijayaraghavulu, Esq., B.A., M.B. & C.M.

Honorary Treasurer:

Professor P. Lakshminarasu, B.A., F.M.U.

Members of the Managing Committee:

Mrs. Annie Besant	C. R. Murugesu Mudaliar, Esq.
Mrs. A. Firth	Rao Bahadur P. Parankusam Naidu.
Diwan Bahadur Govindas Chaturbujadas	Rao Saheb V. A. Parthasarathy Mudaliar.
Rao Saheb C. Kannan Chettiar.	T. Rangachariar, Esq.
Khan Bahadur M. A. Kuddus Batcha Sahib.	C. Rangiah Chetty, Esq.
P. Kuppuswami Chettiar, Esq.	G. Venkatapathi Naidu, Esq.

Auditor:

C. Krishnaswami Naidu, Esq.

APPENDIX A.

The Madras Society for the Protection of Children.

1. The Society shall be called the Madras Society for the Protection of Children.

2. The area of the efforts of the Society shall be Southern India.

3. The objects of the Society shall be—

- (a) To prevent the public and private wrongs of children and the corruption of their morals;
- (b) To take action for the enforcement of the laws for their protection, and when desirable to have such laws amended;
- (c) To take such steps as may be necessary for the rescue of destitute children;
- (d) To provide and maintain an organisation for these objects and;
- (e) To do all other such lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

4. It shall also be one of the aims of the Society by various means, such as lectures and distribution of literature to disseminate right views in regard to the training and upbringing of children, and to create and direct public opinion in favour of the rational and humane treatment of children.

Membership.

5. The body corporate of the Society shall consist of—

- (a) Patrons—consisting of persons who make donations of Rs. 1,000 or more to the funds of the Society or persons of distinction accepting office at the special invitation of the Managing Committee of the Society.

- (b) Life Members—those paying a donation of Rs. 100.
- (c) Members—those paying a subscription of not less than Rs. 10 per annum.

Officers and Managing Committee.

6. The Managing Committee shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall be termed the Chairman of the Committee, a Honorary Secretary, a Honorary Treasurer and not more than fifteen members, twelve of whom together with the officers shall be elected by the members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, and the remaining three shall be nominated by the Local Government. The quorum for a meeting of the Managing Committee shall be five.

7. The Members of the Managing Committee shall hold office for a year, but they shall be eligible for re-election in subsequent years. Vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled up by the Managing Committee or the Government as the case may be.

8. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Managing Committee. In his absence, the Vice-President, who is the Chairman of the Committee, shall occupy the chair, and in his absence one of the other Vice-Presidents, and in their absence any member present may be elected Chairman of the Committee.

9. Subject to the control of the Society, the executive administration shall be vested in the Managing Committee, who shall have power to initiate all measures and do anything necessary or desirable to further its objects.

10. The Treasurer shall collect all subscriptions, donations and other payments due to the Society and shall pay the receipts to the Society's account with the National Bank of India. All payments shall be sanctioned by the Managing Committee and paid by cheque signed by the Treasurer and the Secretary. He shall keep proper accounts and present a monthly report and statement of accounts to the Committee.

11. The Managing Committee shall meet once a month to transact the current business of the Society. The Managing Committee may appoint Sub-Committees, each with a convener, from time to time, when the Committee consider it necessary. The Chairman of the Managing Committee and the Honorary Secretary shall be ex-officio members of all such Sub-Committees, which shall work subject to the control of the Managing Committee.

Meetings.

12. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held in February each year for the election of office-bearers and other members of the Managing Committee and an Auditor and the adoption of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.

13. A Special General Meeting of the Society shall be called by the Managing Committee whenever it think necessary or on a written requisition signed by not less than twenty-five members of the Society. Fourteen days' notice shall be given of such meeting.

14. The Endowed Funds of the Society shall vest in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments, but the funds shall be administered by the Managing Committee subject to the control of the Society.

APPENDIX B.

Bye-Laws for the Society's Home.

I. No child shall be received as an inmate of the Home without the written order of the Honorary Secretary, or be admitted as a permanent inmate without the sanction of the Managing Committee.

II. No boy or girl over twelve years of age shall ordinarily be admitted into the Home as a permanent inmate.

III. Children who are to be returned to the care of their guardians shall be known as 'Passing Inmates' and shall be maintained till their relations are traced out; but no such charge shall be taken of boys who are above fourteen years of age and of girls who are above sixteen years of age.

IV. Children waiting to be admitted as permanent inmates shall be known as 'Temporary Inmates' and their cases shall be disposed of by the Managing Committee at their next monthly meeting.

V. Every child, on reception into the Home, shall be bathed and given clean clothes.

VI. No child shall be received into the Home when found to be suffering from any infectious or contagious disease, but may be provided for separately.

VII. The number of children to be allowed as permanent inmates of the Home shall be determined by the Managing Committee, from time to time, with reference to the funds, accommodation and other resources of the Society available.

VIII. The boys and girls admitted into the Home shall be separately lodged and be placed in charge of a male and female Superintendent respectively; but no girl above seven years of age shall be admitted as a permanent inmate till separate accommodation is provided for girls.

IX. The diet shall be plain, wholesome and sufficient, and shall be prepared and supplied on the premises.

X. The children shall be fed thrice a day during the undermentioned hours:—

1st Meal 7 A.M.—Cold rice and butter-milk.

2nd „ 12-30 P.M.—Rice, dhal and vegetable curry.

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XI. The clothing of the children shall be plain and suited to their race.

XII. The bedding of the children shall be simple, and each child shall have his or her own supply.

XIII. The dormitory shall be lit throughout the night.

XIV. The latrines and bath-rooms attached to the Home shall have no doors.

XV. All children above five years of age shall be imparted elementary education.

XVI. All children, over eight years of age, shall be given, besides general education, some elementary technical instruction, such as carpentry, printing and bookbinding in the case of boys, and cookery and tailoring in the case of girls; and the scheme of instruction shall be drawn up in consultation with the Government Educational Officer on the Committee.

XVII. Religious institutions desirous of imparting religious instruction to children of their faith may be permitted by the Managing Committee to do so in the premises of the Home during the half-hour which may be set apart for such instruction.

XVIII. The children while attending the educational and technical classes shall be under the control of the respective masters.

XIX. The undermentioned holidays shall be allowed to the children, when there shall be a suspension of class and technical work:—

All Sundays.

Boghi	...	1 day.	Sri Rama Navami	...	1 day.
Pongal	...	2 days.	Karthikai Deepam	...	1 „
Telugu New Year's day	...	1 day.	Vaikunta Ekadasi	...	1 „
Tamil do.	...	1 „	Mohurram	...	2 days
Dasara	...	1 „	Ramzan	...	1 day.
Sivaratri	...	1 „	Christmas	...	1 „
Krishna Jayanti	...	1 „	New Year's day	...	1 „
Pillayar Chathurthi	...	1 „	Easter	...	1 „
Deepavalli	...	1 „	Emperor's Birthday	...	1 „
Ketharee Vritham	...	1 „	Coronation Day	...	1 „

XX. So far as possible, on every Sunday between 1 P.M. and 6 P.M. children shall be taken to places of public interest in successive batches by the teachers in rotation.

XXI. The children shall not be at liberty to leave without permission the precincts of the Home during the day or to step out of the premises during the night.

XXII. The Superintendent, the teacher and other members of the staff shall have no right to inflict corporal punishment on any child, but shall duly report upon the misconduct of the child to the Honorary Secretary, who shall have the power to punish.

XXIII. But in no case shall a child be punished by effecting any alteration or reduction in its diet.

XXIV. When any child is taken ill, the Superintendent shall procure medicine at the nearest free medical dispensary, and in case of serious illness shall get the child admitted as an in-patient in the General Hospital; and in the latter case, the Superintendent or any other member of the staff deputed by him shall visit the patient periodically, and report on the condition of the patient to the Honorary Secretary.

XXV. The Superintendent shall detail boys and girls for serving meals, for sweeping and washing the premises, for assisting in the kitchen and performing other duties when necessary.

XXVI. The Superintendent shall maintain and submit every month to the Managing Committee through the Honorary Secretary a diary of daily occurrences, in which shall be entered all cases of illness, misconduct on the part of any child and the punishment meted out therefor, visits paid to the home attendance of the staff, his or her own absence from the Home and the duration of it, and other similar particulars.

XXVII. The Superintendent—

- (a) shall receive all instructions from the Honorary Secretary;

- (b) shall reside on the premises in the quarters provided for his use;
- (c) shall devote his whole time and attention to the affairs of the Home;
- (d) shall be in charge of all property, books, records, etc., in the Home;
- (e) shall incur expenses to the extent and in the manner authorised by the Honorary Secretary;
- (f) shall attend to the cleanliness of the Home;
- (g) shall order the opening and closing of the outer gates at the proper times;
- (h) shall maintain the following books for the purposes specified below :—
 - (i) An Admission and Discharge Book,
 - (ii) A Daily Attendance Register,
 - (iii) A Report Book—to record matters desired to be brought to the notice of the Honorary Secretary or the Managing Committee, and
 - (iv) A Requisition Book—in which shall be entered all articles and conveniences called for in the interests of the children;
- (i) shall submit to the Committee through the Honorary Secretary, from time to time, indents for articles and clothing deemed requisite;
- (j) shall submit a quarterly return of clothes and all articles in the Home to the Managing Committee through the Honorary Secretary;
- (k) shall receive into the Home children sent by the Honorary Secretary and see that they are immediately washed and dressed with clean clothes;
- (l) shall detain children unfit to attend their classes;
- (m) shall supervise the children when at play in the evenings;
- (n) shall order the children to be taken out in batches on Sundays to public places of interest;

- (o) shall be present at each meal ;
 (p) shall be responsible for the general conduct of the children in the Home outside their educational and technical classes and ;
 (q) shall take as such care of the children as one in *loco parentis* to them, especially as regards their health, personal cleanliness, food and moral conduct.

XXVIII. The Superintendent shall draw up the history of every child proposed to be admitted into the Home, verifying particulars by enquiries and investigations, and submit the same to the Honorary Secretary at least a day before the meeting of the Committee at which the case may be taken up for disposal.

XXIX. No person other than the Superintendents and domestic servants shall be permitted to reside in the Society's Home.

XXX. Relations and friends of children may be permitted to visit them on Saturdays between 5 and 6 P.M. and at other times with the permission of the Honorary Secretary.

XXXI. Other visitors shall be allowed on the premises between 5 and 6 P.M. on working days with the permission of the Honorary Secretary.

XXXII. The following time-table shall be observed daily :—

5-30 A.M., April to September	} Children to rise.	
6 " " October to March		
6 " " to 7 A.M.		" to wash and dress.
Opening of the Outer Doors.		
First Roll-Call		
7 A.M.		" to take their first meal.
7-30 " to 8-30 A.M.		" to rest
8-30 " to 11-30 "		" to attend school with an interval of not less than half-an-hour for rest.
11-30 " to 12-30 P.M.		" to bathe.
Second Roll-Call.		
12-30 P.M.		" to take their second meal.
1 " to 2 "		" to rest.
2 " to 5 "		" to attend technical class.
Visitors Allowed.		
5 P.M. to 7 "		" to play.
7 " to 7-30 "		" to rest.
Closing of the Outer Doors.		
Third Roll Call.		
7-30 P.M.		" to take their third meal.
8 " to 8-30 "		" to rest.
8-30 "		" to retire to bed.

XXXIII. No one shall be permitted to smoke or take any alcoholic drinks within the precincts of the Home.

XXXIV. The Home shall be visited at least once in a week, with or without previous notice, by a Member of the Managing Committee in rotation, who shall forward to the Honorary Secretary a confidential report on the state of the children and the Home, which shall be duly placed before the Committee at their next ordinary monthly meeting.

XXXV. Children in the Home shall be examined physically every half-year by a duly qualified Physician and Surgeon, who shall report the result to the Managing Committee.

XXXVI. Children in the Home shall be examined every half-year in their class and technical work by two persons appointed by the Managing Committee, who shall report the result to the Managing Committee.

XXXVII. The Managing Committee shall consider reports mentioned in bye-laws 35 and 36 and take necessary steps to remedy the defects, if any, pointed out in them.

XXXVIII. The Managing Committee shall use their best efforts to procure employment for boys and girls when they are considered fit for such employment, but under no circumstances shall keep them in the Home after the completion of their sixteenth year. On their discharge the Committee shall equip them with funds, clothing apparel and other necessities to the extent deemed proper by the Committee.

(By order of the Managing Committee.)

M. VIJAYARAGHAVULU,

Honorary Secretary.

MADRAS,

24th June 1914.

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APPENDIX C.

Memorandum regarding the better protection of Minor Girls.

From the Secretary to the Madras Society for the Protection of Children, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, Ootacamund, dated Madras, 24th July 1914.

SIR,

The Managing Committee of the Madras Society for the Protection of Children have carefully considered the provisions of the Bill further to amend the Indian Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure forwarded with your letter No. 1568 B. 2, Judicial Department, dated the 12th May 1914, and beg to submit the following observations which occur to them.

2. The Committee fully accept the several modifications embodied in sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Bill. The treatment of brothel-keepers on the same level with prostitutes, and the statutory provisions for presumption of guilty intention when girls under sixteen years of age are disposed of to or acquired by them appear to the Committee to be fully warranted. At one time the Committee were of opinion that the general principle of law in favour of presumption of innocence till guilt was proved should not be reversed (*vide* para. 2 of Committee's letter, dated 19th December 1912), but considering the indubitable circumstances of the prostitutes' and brothel-keepers' profession, and the many insidious ways in which they obtain recruits, the presumption of guilty intention does not throw any undue burden on them.

3. **Section 6 of the Bill and the Proposed Insertion of section 552A in the Criminal Procedure Code.**—The Committee endorse the provisions prohibiting police cognizance and restricting the power to take action only to Magistrates of the

first class specially empowered by Government, but consider that the wording of clauses (a) and (b) in the proposed addition A (1) to section 552 of the Criminal Procedure Code is too wide. As regards clause (a) it may be remarked that Devadasis, women dedicated to temples, who are professional prostitutes, are not always indiscriminate in their trade, and that they are to this day many of them exponents of the musical and dancing arts, and in this capacity enjoy access to respectable society. Mere frequenting of such company as contemplated in clause (a) should not, therefore, be made a ground of action. So also clause (b) is very general in terms, and should, it appears to the Committee, be modified. For clause (a) the Committee would substitute the following :—

(a) Is living in circumstances calculated to cause, encourage or favour her prostitution by the influence or agency of any prostitute, or the keeper or manager of a brothel, and for clause (b) the following :—

(b) Is lodging or residing in a house or the part of a house used by any prostitute for the purposes of prostitution in circumstances calculated to cause, encourage or favour her prostitution.

There is little practical difference between the two proposed clauses, except that (b) narrows the position to more definite association with women of ill-fame.

4. The Committee do not consider it necessary to extend the exemption in favour of mothers in the proviso to the proposed section 552A (1) to other near relations as suggested by some of the members in the Imperial Legislative Council, especially as under the further proposed section 552B (2), and 552C, the Magistrate will be bound to give preference to such near relatives and guardians in assigning the custody of the child and in the case of the near relatives, the wholesome check of a Magistrate's order assigning custody under conditions to safeguard the child cannot be dispensed with.

5. It is a very controversial point whether married girls and widows should be exempted. Specific exemption may only lead to multiplication of mock marriages, defeating the objects of the

Bill, while on the other hand, marriage is a highly venerated sacrament among the bulk of the people, and its exposure to any misguided and mischievous attack in the assumed interest of purity may entail irreparable ruin on the girls concerned. The Committee incline to the opinion that if action is stringently limited to the class of cases indicated in clauses (a) and (b) as modified by the Committee in 552A (1), no special exemption in regard to married girls and widows need be provided for. The Committee doubt whether the qualified exemption suggested by the Honourable Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya in his

"Provided also that no female under 16 years who has been married shall be treated as coming within the scope of this section except where the Court is satisfied on enquiry that the marriage is a mere pretext for avoiding the provisions of this Act."

minute of dissent on the Select Committee's report on the Bill, which runs as noted on the margin, really offers any solution, for not only will the proof of the fact that the marriage was only a pretext be a complicated and difficult matter tending to defeat the rescue of the child, but in a *bona fide* case of marriage too the need for rescue may not be less urgent when the girl is exposed to evil influences, and the enquiry itself to ascertain whether the marriage was *bona fide* or otherwise will have done much harm to the status of the girl concerned in the enquiry.

6. In view of the special customs and conditions obtaining in this country and for their correct appreciation the Committee consider it would be advantageous that the enquiry should be held with the aid of a jury, or preferably assessors where this is demanded by the parties concerned, and the Committee accordingly suggest that a provision to this effect should be embodied in section 552A proposed to be inserted in the Criminal Procedure Code. (*Vide* also para. 6 of the Committee's letter dated 19th December 1912.)

7. **Proposed Section 552B.**—Proceeding to the custody sections, the Committee are strongly opposed to the restriction in 1 (iii), limiting custody to only those who are of the same faith as the children rescued. The Committee fully sympathise with

the objections to proselytism of children from the faiths they were born in or to the adoption of any measures which may favour such proselytism, but the present resources of the country in the matter of individuals and institutions willing to take charge of such children are so limited that the restriction that the custodians shall be in all cases of the same religion as that of the children to be rescued, will shut out from rescue many of the children and relegate them back to their immoral surroundings. In the Home maintained by the Madras Society for the Protection of Children represented by this Committee, children of all denominations are taken in, but no attempt is made to interfere with their religion. It will, of course, be impossible, and it will be wrong to withhold all moral instruction from the children, but no denominational dogmas are taught. The Committee see no reason to doubt that institutions similar to their own may, in course of time, come into existence in increasing numbers, but it is not desirable that till such institutions or adequate denominational institutions corresponding to the numerous faiths prevalent in the country come into existence, rescue should be refused to children from their contaminating environments. The Committee fail to realise the force of the Home Members' objection in the debates in the Imperial Legislative Council to the insertion of a specific prohibition against 'conversion.' It may not be possible to arrest the subtle influence of example, but actual conversion to a faith is a definite and demonstrative incident, and the Committee see no impropriety or consequential difficulties in inserting a prohibition against conversion when the children are still immature in intellect. The Committee, therefore, recommend the following alteration in clause (1) of the proposed section 552B:

(iii) Omit sub-clause (iii) altogether, and in its place add at the end of clause (1) the following as an explanation:—

"EXPLANATION.—In deciding who is a suitable person to whom the custody of such female may be committed, preference shall be given to a person who is of the same religion as such female, where the religion of such female is known or can be

ascertained after reasonable enquiry; where, however, such a person is not forthcoming, or where the religion of such female is not known or cannot, after reasonable enquiry, be ascertained, the question of the religion of the custodian need not be considered, but custody shall preferably be committed to a person who accepts the condition that such female shall not be converted to any faith other than her own, where that is known or can be ascertained, or to any particular faith, where her religion is not known or cannot be ascertained so long as she remains in his charge."

8. The Committee would add also another explanation that the term 'suitable person' shall include any society or body corporate established for the reception and protection of children.

9. The Committee are also of opinion that the following clauses, as suggested by the Honourable Pandit Madan Mohan Malavia may be inserted after clause (3) of the proposed section 552B. The last three of the following clauses correspond to similar clauses in the English Children's Act of 1908 :—

(a) "In any case where the female has been placed pursuant to an order under this section with a person who has not given an undertaking to abstain from converting the female, the Court which made the order or any Court of like jurisdiction shall on the application of any person in that behalf and on its appearing that a fit person who will give such an undertaking as aforesaid is willing to undertake the care of the female make an order to secure her being placed with a person who gives such an undertaking as aforesaid."

(b) "If the female has a parent or legal guardian, no order shall be made under this section, unless it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Court making the order that the female has been exposed to the risk of prostitution, or is living a life of prostitution with the knowledge of her parent or guardian, or that the parent or guardian cannot be found."

(c) "The Local Government may at any time in its discretion discharge a female from the care of any person to whose care she is committed in pursuance of the section either absolutely or on such conditions as the Local Government approves."

(d) "No person to whose care a female is committed under this section shall remove her out of the jurisdiction of the Court which made the order about her custody, except with the authority of the Local Government."

10. The Committee are not in favour of deleting the words "with the consent of the person to whose custody the female is committed" in clauses (3) and (4) of the proposed section 552B. The person or institution which may come forward to receive the child will not be Government institutions bound to accept the orders issued to them. They will be voluntary bodies having their own rules and regulations, and their consent to any conditions to be embodied in the Magistrate's order cannot, therefore, be dispensed with. But in this connection the Committee consider it desirable that the power to give the minor in marriage should not be given to the custodian absolutely, but that it should be reserved in favour of the natural guardian where such exists.

11. It is also desirable that provision should be made reserving power to Government to arrange for inspection of minors placed in custody, and also for making any general rules that may be called for.

12. The Committee accept the view that it is inexpedient to provide for levy of contributions towards the maintenance of minors from parents or guardians.

13. So far the Committee have dealt with the provisions in the proposed Bill and the amendments suggested to them. They regret to observe that the opportunity of this Bill is not availed of—

(1) to raise the age of consent from the present limit of 12 to 14 years ;

(2) to provide for the punishment of those who have intercourse with minor girls knowing that they have been sold or obtained for prostitution;

(3) to declare dedication of minor girls to temples and their symbolical marriage to material objects as illegal and immoral. Dedication to temples is criminal under case law, but a substantive provision in the Bill itself as regards such dedication, and in the case of symbolical marriages would make the ground firmer.

Two out of the above points were urged in the Committee's letter of the 19th December 1912, and they beg to remark again that provisions on the above points may advantageously be embodied in the Bill under consideration.

(By order of the Committee.)

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. VIJAYARAGHAVULU,

Honorary Secretary,

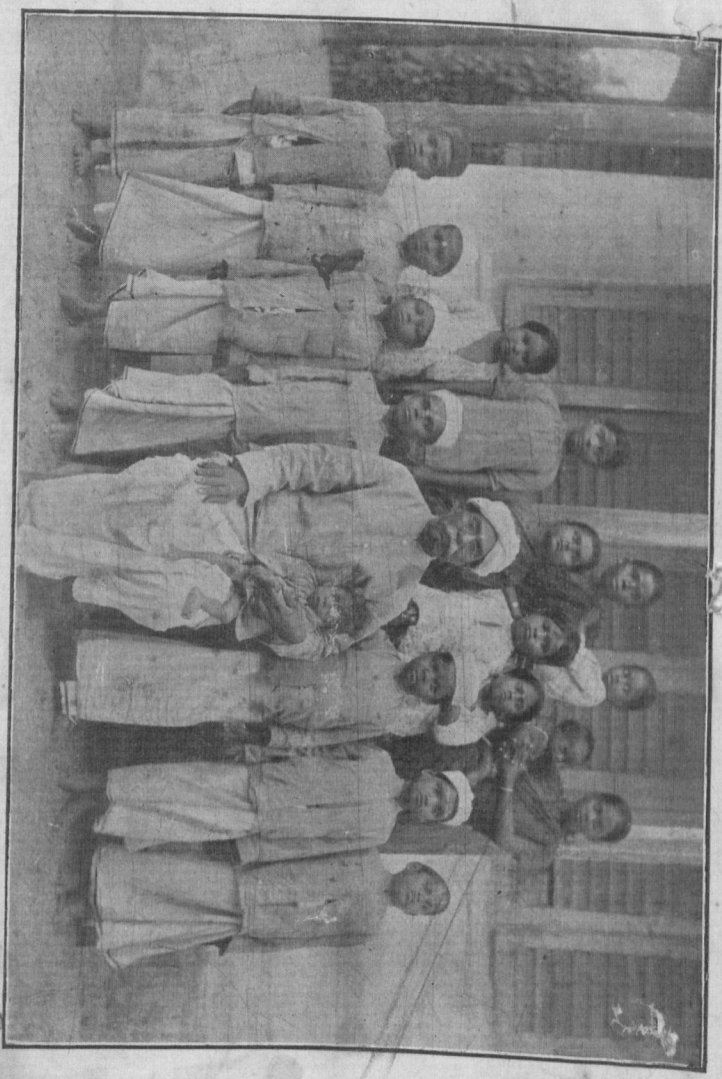
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