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READ—the following paper :—

Letter—from the Committee of the Victoria Jubilee Hostel, Government College, Kumbakonam.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department (through the Director of Public Instruction).
Dated—the 14th June 1915.
No.—26/H.

We have the honour to submit our report on the working of the Hostel during the academical year ending 30th April 1915.

2. *The Committee.*—There were two meetings of the Committee held during the year on 4th August 1914 and 13th March 1915.

3. *Improvements to buildings.*—The improvements to Hostel buildings sanctioned by Government in G.O. No. 134, Educational, dated 14th February 1913, were being carried out during the year.

The progress of the alterations was extremely slow. The sub-warden's house has been almost uninhabitable throughout the year and in parts positively dangerous. The students suffered severe inconvenience during both terms, owing to the spasmodic methods of the workmen and the constant presence of the ferro-concrete dust, paint, etc. The iron doors for the students' rooms were placed in position in April and in June all removed again. The difficulty of carrying out the work of the Hostel is enormously increased by the desultory and unsatisfactory way in which the alterations have been carried out.

There were four Muhammadan students in the Hostel as against one in the previous year. It has therefore become essential to have a separate kitchen built for them. The Committee have applied to Government for a grant of Rs. 6,500 for this purpose and for a reading-room for the students in the Hostel. Plans and estimates have been called for, from the Executive Engineer, and will be submitted to Government as soon as they are received.

4. The average strength was 54 as against 53 last year and 36 in the year previous. Of this number three were vegetarian non-Brahmins and four Muhammadans, all the rest were Brahmins, 19 of whom were Vaishnavas and the remaining number Smartas.

5. *Finance.*—The actual receipts in the year amounted to Rs. 6,619-7-8, to this should be added a sum of Rs. 179-5-6 due from students and lessees and the cash balance of Rs. 101-8-0 with the Accountant-General. From this must be subtracted a sum of Rs. 120-4-11, being the arrears of the previous year collected this year, and a sum of Rs. 547-11-11 out of Rs. 603-11-11, received from the Accountant-General, as this sum represents the accumulated interest of previous years. The net receipts for the year would thus be Rs. 6,232-4-4.

The actual charges came to Rs. 6,201-2-4. To this should be added Rs. 93-15-1 being the balance of deposit due to boarders, and from this must be subtracted Rs. 102-4-8, being the balance of deposit due the previous year, but refunded during this year and a sum of Rs. 81-6-9 spent on permanent improvements to buildings and furniture. The net charges would thus be Rs. 6,111-6-0.

The working of the Hostel during the year therefore shows a profit of Rupees 120-14-4.

The financial position stood thus on 30th April 1915—

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In Government securities	4,500	0	0
In cash with Accountant-General	101	8	0
In the Sub-Treasury, Kumbakonam	880	14	10
Cash on hand	71	3	6
Total	5,553	10	4

6. *Sections and charges.*—The Vaishnava and Smarta sections were worked separately this year. Some of the Vaishnava students were boarding in the Smarta section but the boarding charges were the same to the members of these two sections as well as to the non-Brahmin vegetarian section. The Muhammadan section was worked separately.

The average monthly rate for the Brahmin and non-Brahmin sections was Rupees 10-3-7 and for the Muhammadan section was Rs. 7-6-7.

7. *Compound and Gardening.*—More students interested themselves in growing flowers in pots just outside their rooms. The Committee resolved to cultivate the padugai—the land between the river and the bund—departmentally, as no bidders could be found to take it on lease. Endeavours are being made to convert it into a vegetable garden which will supply vegetables to the Hostel kitchens.

Under the direction of the Manager and Assistant Manager, the padugai has been planted with dry crop such as brinjals, beans, etc., and these appear every likelihood of successful and remunerative results.

8. *Literary Society, games, etc.*—The reading-room and literary society worked well. Badminton was played as before, but there was an increasing interest evinced for the more manly games of the College Hostel students won both the "Victor Ludorum" medals of the College, and secured several prizes at the annual sports. One of them won a number of prizes at the Athletic tournament held in Madras.

There were the usual social gatherings and other evidences of a healthy common life led by the students in the Hostel.

9. *Management and discipline.*—Mr. R. M. Statham was warden and Mr. S. V. Venkateswara Ayyar continued as sub-warden.

Discipline was excellent.

10. *General.*—A tribute is due to the sub-warden and staff of the Hostel for their efficient management throughout the year.

Endorsement N. Ref. on Cur. No. 4640/15, dated 30th June 1915.

Submitted to Government.

2. The attention of the Public Works Department may be invited to paragraphs 1 and 2 of paragraph 3 of the report.

3. The application for a grant of Rs. 6,500 referred to in paragraph 3 of the report has been held over in this office pending the receipt of plans and estimates for the work which have been called for from the Secretary.

H. S. DUNCAN,
Ag. Director of Public Instruction.

Order—No. 742, Educational, dated 6th July 1915.

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(True Extract.)

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Accountant-General.
" Public Works Department (with reference to paragraph 3 of the report).
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