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[Despatch Abstract.]

Address Recording a note on the
Tirukkattupalli High School prepared
for H.E. the Governor's use on the
occasion of the opening of the
new buildings.

TIRUKATUPALLI HIGH SCHOOL.

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Tirukatupalli is a village in the Cauvery delta in Tanjore District. Within a radius of 5 miles from it are a number of villages containing a large number of school-going children. To supply the educational wants of these children, there was maintained in the locality a lower secondary school under private management. It is not known when this lower secondary school was started. On January 1906, Mr. A. Sundaralingam Ayyar, B.A., L.T., the present Head Master, started a High School, opened forms IV and V and constructed a small building to locate the school at a cost of Rs.5000. This block consisted of three rooms and forms the nucleus of the present extensive buildings. The foundation-stone of this nucleus was laid by the Hon'ble Mr. (now Sir) P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar on the 4th April 1906.

The two schools which worked independently for some time, were, soon after, amalgamated, and the Hon'ble Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar took over the management in the year 1907. The history of this institution from this date was one of steady and rapid growth.

BUILDINGS:-- The new Manager paid Rs.8035 to the old proprietors of the two schools for the buildings etc., which they placed at his disposal. Many of the classes had

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then to be held in thatched sheds and soon after he took over the management, the Manager constructed in 1908 a block of 4 rooms at a total cost of about Rs.10,000 to accommodate some of the classes. Two years later, the first floor over the southern block, a large room to serve as laboratory for the teaching of Chemistry and two tiffin sheds were constructed at a total cost of over Rs.13,300. Some of the classes continued to be held in the thatched sheds and so the Manager kindly undertook the construction of the new building which is to be opened shortly. The estimated cost of this new extension, exclusive of the cost of the site, is about Rs.50,000. To secure the site for the new and further extensions was no easy task in a village full of wet cultivation, and the Manager is indebted to the Government of Madras for securing the necessary site. The total extent of the site now owned by the school is about 9½ acres and it cost the management over Rs.14,500. This site is more than enough for the proposed buildings for the school-hotel, residential quarters for teachers and play-ground. The total cost of the buildings that have till now been constructed is approximately Rs.72500. The Government of Madras have been pleased to sanction a total grant of Rs.27,210 and of this amount Rs. 11,000 has yet to be drawn. Some of the rich landholders in and around Tirukatupalli contributed about Rs.3500 towards the cost of the school buildings.

Rs.43,095.

Hostel?

43,095
15,698
58,793

Rs.29,397

EQUIPMENT.-- When the Hon'ble Mr. P. S. Sivaswami

Ayyar took over the management of the school, it had no furniture worth the name, no apparatus for the teaching of science geography, **history**, etc., and all these wants were at once supplied. The Manager spent to the end of the official year 1914-15 on (1) furniture about Rs.3200, on (2) Physical and Chemical Laboratory about Rs.3200, on (3) appliances of teaching of Geography etc. about Rs.2000, on (4) Library which now consists of 2000 volumes of the latest publications on the subject taught in secondary schools about Rs.3700, and on (5) Gymnastic apparatus Rs.465. The Government was pleased to

sanction a half grant of Rs.6500 towards the cost of equipment.

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STRENGTH AND FEE INCOME.--In 1906 the total strength

of the two secondary schools which had then independent existence was 223. This steadily rose to 284 in 1910-1911 and 403 in 1914-1915. The present strength is 420 the highest on record. There was a corresponding increase in the receipts -- from school fees. The income from this source in 1906-1907 was Rs.2783; in 1910-1911 it rose to Rs.4800; and in 1914-15 to Rs.9000.

It will thus be seen that while, during the course of these nine years, the strength nearly doubled itself, the income from school fees has tripled. This is due to the --

fact that the rates of fees have been gradually increased and the number of free-scholarships and half-free-scholarships cut down.

STAFF & ESTABLISHMENT CHARGES.-- In 1906-1907 the strength of the staff of the two schools combined was three graduates--two of whom were L.T.'s---and six undergraduates.

✓ The staff at present consists of 6 graduates, all of whom are ✓ trained L.T.'s, 10 fully qualified and experienced undergraduates, 2 pandits for teaching Sanskrit and Tamil, one drawing master and one gymnastic instructor, both of whom are fully qualified, a clerk and a librarian. The scale of salary also was recently raised and in consequence the establishment charges rose from Rs. 3130 in 1906-1907 to Rs. 14,780 in 1914-1915.

A Provident Fund was recently instituted and its accounts are separately maintained. During the last three years, the -- Government have been pleased to give a grant on an average of about Rs. 1750 per year towards teaching purposes.

GOVERNMENT GRANT.--The total Grant-in-aid from the Government towards this institution from 1906-1907 to 1914-1915 was as follows --

Towards (1) Building		Rs. 27,210	- 29,397
(2) Equipment		,, 6,528	
(3) Teaching		,, 9,566	
Total		,, 43,304	

Sanctioned by the Govt?

COST TO THE MANAGEMENT -- The accounts maintained

by the school show that the Hon'ble Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar has spent for the school as follows to the end of 1914-1915 --

(a) This is only approximate since accounts of the new block of buildings have not yet been closed & some bills remain yet unpaid.	Towards (1) The purchase of site ..	Rs. 14,516
	(2) Buildings	,, 45,000 (a)
	(3) Equipment	,, 5,971
	(4) Teaching	,, 22,335
	Total	,, 87,822

In the course of the audit of accounts, my attention was drawn to the fact that in a number of instances the Mam- get paid amounts, large and small, direct to the suppliers of books and periodicals, furniture-makers, timber-merchants -- and contractors towards landing charges, which have not been brought into school-account. A rough calculation showed me that the amounts so paid and not brought into account was not less than Rs. 3500.

THE WORK OF THE SCHOOL: -- The institution prepares pupils for the School Final Examination and among the optional subjects taught under group C are Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, History, Languages and Commerce. Successive Inspecting officers felt satisfied with the working of the school and were pleased to record their favourable impressions on its efficiency and healthy tone and the gradual rise in the standard of education imparted in it. The Hon'ble Mr. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri inspected the school at the request of the

Manager in 1911 and found that most modern and scientific -- methods were adopted in the teaching of the most of the subjects of the school curriculum and suggested various improvements in the methods of teaching. The records in connection with the School Final system are being correctly maintained, and these show that the school maintains a very ^{high} level of efficiency. The results of the Public examination in connection with the School Final scheme are very encouraging, the pupils who sat for the examination having scored marks which were more than that of the Presidency average in most of the subjects.

CONCLUSION.-- The school at present is far from self-supporting. The Manager had to contribute over Rs.5600 in 1914-1915 towards current expenditure alone. It is the desire of the Manager to endow the school with a decent amount to make it self-supporting. The question of endowment must have precedence over other expenses connected with the further extension of the building and equipment. It must be the -- earnest desire of the Hon'ble Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar that this school, aided as it is by all the advantages of a country situation, would build up traditions around it, which succeeding generation of students might regard as their cherished heritage and that, from this institution, may go forth young men of unsullied minds and undaunted hearts, who, in their

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turn, would take their place in the council of the Empire and influence the thought of the world. Another cherished object of his is that the members of the teaching staff would, in their untiring energy and strenuous versatility, interest themselves in the spread of knowledge amongst the unfortunate illiterate countrymen. With this view he purchased a Magic Lantern and slides and spent some money on the getting of special slides made in the school itself suited to Indian conditions. Nothing would please him more than to see the teachers of this institution inspired by higher purposes and nobler aspirations gather together the simple village folk on convenient occasions and deliver to them popular lectures on scientific subjects. It is earnestly prayed that the desire of the Manager to spread light in all possible directions would be gratified.

M A D R A S }
12th Nov. '15 }

(Sd.) K. A. Viraraghavachariar
A u d i t o r.

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Tirukatupalli High School.

Assets.

No.	Items.	Total cost	
		Rs.	A. P.
1.	School Site	14,516-	8 -0
2.	Buildings	72,189-	15- 7
3.	Furniture	3,181-	14- 6
4.	Scientific apparatus	3,217-	3- 7
5.	Other apparatus	1,930-	15- 0
6.	Gymnastic apparatus	463-	14- 6
7.	Library	3,705-	6-10
Total		99,205-	14- 0

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Tirukatupalli High School.

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Years	Strength	Fee Income			Establishment charges		
		Rs.	A	P	Rs.	A	P
1906-1907	223	2783	12	0	3130	2	2
1910-1911	284	4800	6	0	5350	9	4
1914-1915	403	8909	11	0	14752	8	2

Financial Statement for the official year 1912-1913.

Receipts.

		Rs.	A.	P.
1. By	Opening Balance	261	4	3
2.	School fees	6,372	8	60
3.	Contribution from Manager for current expenditure	4,245	11	6
4.	Grant-in-aid from Govt. towards teaching,	1,755	0	0
5.	Do., library and apparatus & furniture	1,838	0	0
6.	Miscellaneous	0	12	0
	Total	14,473	4	5

Disbursements

1. To	Establishment charges	10,348	3	3
2.	Rents and Taxes	0	12	6
3.	Ordinary repairs and upkeep	130	10	2
4.	Contingencies	234	4	4
5.	Library	457	4	6
6.	Scientific apparatus	..	..	..
7.	Other apparatus for teaching	143	13	0
8.	Furniture	1,656	3	0
9.	Gymnasium and games	29	9	6
10.	Miscellaneous	45	15	0
	Total	13,046	11	3
	Closing Balance	1,426	9	2
	Grand Total	14,473	11	3

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Auditor.

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Financial Statement for the official year
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R e c e i p t s .

		Rs.	A.	P.
1	By opening balance	1,426	9	2
2	By school fees	7,610	0	6
3	Contribution from Manager for current expenditure	3,718	2	0
4	Grants-in-aid from Government towards teaching	1,755	0	0
5	do do towards furniture, library and apparatus	2,296	0	00
6	Miscellaneous	2	0	0
	Total	16,807	11	8

D i s b u r s e m e n t s .

1.	To Establishment charges	12,028	8	7
2.	Rents and Taxes	1	13	1
3.	Ordinary repairs and upkeep	41	0	0
4.	Contingencies	351	8	6
5.	Library	963	6	9
6.	Science apparatus	925	11	0
7.	Other appliances for teaching	693	9	6
8.	Furniture	831	2	0
9.	Gymnasium and games	60	8	6
10.	Miscellaneous	10	4	0
	Total	15,907	8	1
	Closing Balance	900	3	7
	Grand Total	16,807	11	7

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Financial Statement for the official year
1914-1915.

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R e c e i p t s.

		Rs.	A.	P.
1. By	Opening balance	900	3	7
2.	School fees	8,919	0	3
3.	Contribution from Manager for current expenditure	5,613	3	0
4.	Grants-in-aid from Government towards teaching	1,755	0	0
5.	Do. Do. towards furniture, library and apparatus	344	0	0
6.	Miscellaneous			
	Total	17,531	6	10

D i s b u r s e m e n t s.

1. To	Establishment charges	14,458	5	10
2.	Rents and Taxes	17	1	5
3.	Ordinary repairs and upkeep	11	9	0
4.	Contingencies	295	7	11
5.	Library	841	5	3
6.	Science apparatus	967	1	0
7.	Other appliances for teaching	43	0	0
8.	Furniture			
9.	Gymnasium and games	255	13	3
10	Miscellaneous			
	Total	16,889	11	8
	Closing Balance	641	11	2
	Grand Total	17,531	6	10

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ORIGIN AND MANAGEMENT. There was a lower secondary school under private management in the locality. In 1906, the present headmaster of the school, M.R.Ry A.Sundaralingam Ayyar, B.A.L.T., started a ~~high~~ high school with forms IV & V. The two schools were soon after ~~amalgamated~~ (Mn now) amalgamated and the Honourable Sir, P.S. Sivaswami Ayyar, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., took over the management in 1907.

2. STRENGTH. The following statement gives the strength of the school for the last three years:-

	1912-13.	1913-14	1914-15.
VI Form.	22 ✓	24 ✓	22 ✓
V ,,	25 ✓	29 ✓	39 ✓
IV ,,	39 ✓	49 ✓	50 ✓
III ,,	61 ✓	56 ✓	59 ✓
II ,,	52 ✓	57 ✓	45 ✓
I ,,	48 ✓	56 ✓	69 ✓
4th Class.	68 ✓	76 ✓	73 ✓
3rd ,,	51 ✓	55 ✓	44 ✓
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	366 ✓	402 ✓	401 ✓
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3. STAFF. On the day of the last inspection of the school (5th to 7th July 1915) the staff consisted of six B.A.L.T's, 10 under-graduates, of whom

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report for 1915-16. (A)

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of the Public Instruction
Reports.

	Receipts			Total expendi- ture.
	Provincial funds.	Fees.	Other sources.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1912-13.	3,593 ✓	6,373 ✓	3,081 ✓	13,047 ✓
1913-14	4,051 ✓	7,610 ✓	4,245 ✓	15,906 ✓
1914-15.	2,099 ✓	8,910 ✓	5,881 ✓	16,890 ✓

- (C) 5. BUILDINGS. In G.O. No. 136 Ed1, dated the 24th February 1908, and ~~...~~ No. 576 Ed1, dated 22nd October 1909, the Government sanctioned ~~4~~ grants of Rs. 3,000 and Rs. 3,210, respectively, towards the cost of extending the buildings of the school. In March 1913, the authorities

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of the school applied to Government for

a grant in aid of the building scheme

they had undertaken consisting of-

	Estimated cost Rs.
(1) Extension of the main block of the high school.	36,000 ✓
(2) ---do--- laboratory	3,800 ✓
(3) Construction of latrine.	1,600 ✓
(4) Land compensation.	12,915 ✓
Total ...	54,315 ✓

In G.O.No.359 Edl, dated the 24th April

1913, the Government sanctioned a grant

of Rs.27,158 towards the above scheme.

Subsequently, it having been represented

that owing to the rise in price of

materials the estimate for the building

had increased by Rs.1,695 and also that

the cost of site as ~~was~~ revalued by the

Revenue Officers had gone up to Rs.15,698

against the original estimate of ~~Rs.~~

Rs.12,915, The grant originally sanctioned

in 1913 was raised to Rs.29,397 as

detailed below:-

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Building.		Land		Total	
Estimated cost.	Grant.	Estimated cost	Grant	Estimated cost.	Grant
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Original. 41,400	20,700	12,915	6,458	54,315	27,158
Revised. 43,095	21,548	15,698	7,849	58,793	29,397

As it was found that difficulties stood in the way of private purchase of a portion of the proposed site for the building and that a valid and clear title to the remaining portion could not be secured otherwise than through the application of the Land Acquisition Act, the Government acquired the land under that ~~Act~~ Act, and handed it over to the management. On the occasion of the last inspection of the school in July 1915, the Inspector remarked that the accommodation was mostly good and that when the additions were ready it would be excellent.

6. HOSTEL. There appears to be no hostel attached to the school at present. The majority of the pupils reside either

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with their parents or near relatives and only a small proportion of (about 3.7 per cent of the total number) reside elsewhere. From the account furnished by the headmaster it appears that there is a proposal to build a hostel with residential quarters for the teachers. In para 6 of their resolution on educational policy, on p.3 of G.O.No.394 Edl, dated 1st May 1913, the Government of India have laid special stress on the need for residential accommodation attached to every secondary school in India.

7. MUSEUM. It is noteworthy that the school has the nucleus of an interesting museum. The Inspector was not greatly impressed by the interest taken in the ^{by the school} museum on the occasion of his inspection in July last.

8. LIBRARY. The school possesses a library of 2,050 volumes and the Inspector remarked during his last

inspection

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inspection that it seemed to be well used.

9. CONCLUSION. The general impression of the inspecting officer with respect to the efficiency of the institution is thus recorded:-

"Abundant evidences were visible
"of intelligent and conscientious work.
"I do not, however, see why, with a fully
"qualified staff, with four out of every
"five pupils Brahmans, and with the
"munificent support of the present
"manager, the results do not approximate
"more nearly to those of a model high
"school."

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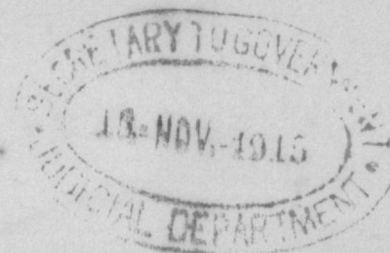
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My dear Todhunter,

While in Tanjore His Excellency will open the new building of Sir P.S.Sivaswami Aiyar's High School at Tirukatupalli and I enclose herewith an account of the School furnished to me. Will you please let me have a brief note on the School not later than 20th November? The note need not be printed.

Yours sincerely,



H. H. H. H.

The Hon'ble Mr.C.G.Todhunter, I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government, Educational Dept.,
Fort St.George.

A note on the Tirukkallupatti high school is placed below. It may be forwarded to the P. S. G. u. o. with reference to his d. o. on the previous page.

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