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The great reduction in the amounts of actual receipts and charges as compared with those of the previous year is due to the fact that the hostel worked on the usual lines only in July and August and that, in subsequent months, the students in the hostel maintained their own accounts and disbursed and collected the amounts needed.

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