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From (Name) R.G.Grieve Esq., M.A.,

(Designation) Ag. Director of Public Instruction
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To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

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Submitted to Government in the Law(Education)
Department.

2. Though the strength continued to be almost
stationary the financial position has greatly improved.

3. The active participation of the members in the
management of the hostel and their successful efforts to
provide a library and additional facilities for recreation
in the hostel form gratifying features of the report.

for Director of Public Instruction

A.R. 10/6/25

VICTORIA JUBILEE HOSTEL
Kumbakonam, 1st May 1925.
KUMBAKONAM.

From

The Committee of the Victoria Jubilee Hostel,

K u m b a k o n a m .

To

The Secretary to the Government,

Law, (Department), Education,

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The Director of Public Instruction,

M a d r a s .

Sir,

We have the honour to submit our report on the working of the Victoria Jubilee Hostel, Kumbakonam, for the year ending 30th April 1925, in accordance with G.O. No. 538, dated 4th August 1911.

2. THE COMMITTEE.

There was only one change in the personnel of the Committee during the year. M.R.Ry Rao Bahadur T. Sankar Rao avl., a nominated non-official member of the Hostel Managing Committee, having left the station permanently resigned his membership and in his place the Government were pleased to nominate M.R.Ry R. Swaminatha ayyar avl., B.A., L.T Headmaster, Town High School, Kumbakonam, in G.O. No. 1546, Mis Law, (Education), dated 3rd October 1924. M.R.Ry Rao Bahadur T. Sankar Rao avl., was on the Committee for over 8 years and we take this opportunity of placing on record the valuable services rendered by him to the Hostel during that period.

There were two meetings of the Committee during the year, the principal items of business being repairs to buildings, Hostel garden lease, and Audit of the Hostel Accounts.

3. The MANAGEMENT:-

M.R.Ry P.V. Seshu aiyar avl., I.E.S., continued as Warden, and M.R.Ry S.A. Mani, M.A., L.T., continued as Subwarden

throughout the year.

4. STRENGTH & ACCOMMODATION:-

The average strength of the Hostel was 62 as against 60 during the previous year, the number that can be accommodated being 70. Steps are being taken by the Principal of the College, who is also the Warden of the Hostel under the tutorial system, to see that every student of the College who is not residing with his parents or guardians in the town becomes a member of the Hostel. It is hoped that the Hostel will increase in strength during the coming year to the maximum that can be accommodated.

5. SECTIONS & CHARGES:

During the year under report one General section was working (divided for convenience into two divisions A & B, but maintaining common accounts) till the end of the year 1924. But from January 1925 the Non-Brahmin members of the Hostel formed themselves into a separate section managing their own affairs, subject to the control of the Warden and the Sub-Warden for purposes of accounts. There ~~thus~~ were thus two sections working from January to April 1925. The average ~~str~~ strength of the general section was 59, and the average strength of the Non-Brahmin section 10. The average boarding charges amounted to Rs.16 p.m.

One point deserves special mention here regarding the boarding sections. Although the sections were under the control and supervision of the Sub Warden, early in the year at his instance the members elected representatives from among themselves to form an Advisory Council relating to the management of the sections. These representatives are reported to have done very useful work during the year by co-operating with the Sub Warden in the purchase and issue of provisions, in the checking of stores, extra-books, etc., in the preparation of mess/timetables, and the maintenance of order and discipline in the dining hall. In fact the success and smooth working of the Hostel during the year has in a large measure been due

to their energetic and enthusiastic co-operation.

6. FINANCE:-

The financial position for the year is given below:-

	Rs.	a.	p.
Closing balance on hand on 30-4-25 ..	36	0	0.
----- do in the Treasury ..	3,399	2	9
Arrears of Boarding fees for 1924-25.			
Arrears of Garden-lease for -do-			
Total ..	3,435	2	9

Amount of Boarding deposits for
1924-25 to be refunded Nil.

Amount of Boarding funds for
1924-25 to be disbursed to the
establishment for April, May & June
1925.. .. 37 8 0

Security deposit of washerman 10 0 0
Total. 47 8 0

Net financial assets (exclusive of
3½% Govt. securities for the face-
value of Rs.4,500) on 30-4-1925 ..3,387 10 9

The corresponding figure on 30-4-24 is Rs2771-11-5 and hence there has been a net saving of Rs.615-15-4 during the year under report. It is quite gratifying to note that there are no arrears of boarding charges for the year. Out of the arrears of Rs.9-1-9 for 1923-24 mentioned in the report for last year, a sum of ~~Rs.2-5-9~~ Rs.2-5-9 has been realised and efforts are ^{being} made to collect the balance also. The net financial assets arrived at above excludes this ^{balance} amount.

The following is a summary of the receipts and charges for the official year 1924-25.

Opening balance on 1-4-24	Rs. 3,512	5	4.
Receipts during the year	12,888	6	1
Total ..	Rs. 16,400	11	5
Closing balance on 30-4-25 ..	Rs. 4,233	5	8
Charges during the year ..	12,167	5	9
Total ..	Rs. 16,400	11	5.

Receipts of the official year 1924-25.
(Classified).

	Rs.	a.	p.
By opening balance in the Treasury on 1-4-24	3,512	5	4
,, Cash on 1-4-24 ..	24	13	6
,, boarding deposits.. .. .	3,263	8	10
,, ,, fees. .. .	7,397	14	2
,, room rent .. .	1,687	8	0
,, Subscription for the Hostel Association, etc.	65	0	0
,, Garden lease and produce .. .	224	0	7
,, Fines .. .	47	8	0
Interest on Govt. securities .. .	157	8	0
,, Arrears.. .. .	2	5	9
Store balance. .. .	4	13	0
Refund of undischursed pay.. ..	8	3	9
,, Washerman's security deposit. ..	30	0	0
Total.. Rs.	16,425	8	11

Expenses for the official year 1924-25.
(Classified).

To boarding sections.. .. .	8,562	10	1
,, Lighting .. .	127	7	6
,, Hostel expenses (purchases and repairs)	218	2	0
,, Do. ,, (miscellaneous). ..	113	1	5
,, Refund of boarding deposit .. .	822	5	8
,, Refund of security deposit of washerman.	10	0	0
,, Establishment charges from general funds.	968	9	5
,, Boarding funds (of do.)	1,189	5	0
,, Grant to the Hostel Library.. ..	100	0	0
,, Hostel Association .. .	73	8	6
,, Closing balance in the Treasury on 31-3-25.	4,233	5	8
,, Cash ,, on 31-3-25 .. .	7	1	8
Total.. Rs.	16,425	8	11

Receipts for the year 1924-25			(Classified)		
By opening balance in the Treasury on 1-9-24	Rs.	312			
Cash on 1-9-24	Rs.	24			
Donations	Rs.	3,303			
Interest on Govt. securities	Rs.	7,397			
Room rent	Rs.	1,337			
Subscription for Hostel Association	Rs.	88			
Garden lease and produce	Rs.	332			
Fines	Rs.	47			
Interest on Govt. securities	Rs.	157			
Interest on Govt. securities	Rs.	2			
Store balance	Rs.	4			
Refund of unexpended	Rs.	3			
Westman's security deposit	Rs.	30			
Total	Rs.	11,435			
Expenditure for the year 1924-25			(Classified)		
To running expenses	Rs.	8,303			
Lighting	Rs.	137			
Hostel expenses (repairs and repairs)	Rs.	218			
Do. (miscellaneous)	Rs.	115			
Refund of security deposit	Rs.	332			
Refund of security deposit of rent	Rs.	10			
Establishment charges from general funds	Rs.	268			
Porting funds (for do.)	Rs.	1,189			
Gift to the Hostel Library	Rs.	104			
Hostel Association	Rs.	73			
Closing balance in the Treasury on 31-8-25	Rs.	312			
Cash on 31-8-25	Rs.	24			
Total	Rs.	11,435			

The accounts of the Hostel Library and Association which were till now mixed up with the Hostel accounts were from 1st September 1924 separated from them and a separate Public account was opened on that date in the Post Office Savings Bank at Kumbakonam Cutcherry.

7. COMPOUND AND GARDEN:-

The compound and garden have been kept in a very satisfactory condition. The policy of planting fruit-bearing trees is pursued as usual. The plantations in the Padugai land to the east of the Hostel Bathing-Ghat are in very a/flourishing condition. The Padugai land to the west of the Bathing-Ghat which was run over with weeds has also been brought under cultivation, the rain-trees on the adjoining bund having been removed during the last summer vacation. These two Padugais have now been included in the garden-lease and they have now been made to yield an additional income of Rs.10 per annum from this year. The non-yielding trees round the pond in the north-east corner of the compound have been auctioned off and steps are being taken to fill up the pond, which is not desirable to be in the compound from the sanitary point of view. The portion of the Padugai land handed over to the college for temporary use continues to be in their possession.

Plans and estimates have gone up to the Executive Engineer, Cauvery Division, for the extension of the present Bathing-shed, which has been found inadequate, and for the removal of the Latrine. It is nearly a year now and it is a pity that the official wheel moves so slowly. On receipt of the plans and estimates, the constructions will be taken up. The Non-Brahmin kitchen, the gift of the late Mr. Ratnaswami Nadar continues to be in bad repair. With the limited funds at the disposal of the Committee, they could only just keep the institution going and feel hampered at every step when extensions or constructions are proposed.

8. The Work Of The Members:-

The tone and discipline of the members of the Hostel was very good. Members of the Hostel have done well

well in the University examinations. They took a prominent part in all the extra-collegiate activities of the college, winning several prizes and medals. The Hostel Association had a very successful year and the "First Hostel Day" was celebrated this year with considerable enthusiasm. Attached to the Association, there is a reading-room for which some leading journals and magazines are sent for. This was well-used by the members of the Hostel.

One noteworthy feature this year is the opening of the by M.R.Ry Rao Bahadur N. Krishnaswami ayyangar avl. The Library Hostel Library/~~which~~ now contains over 150 volumes. The

necessity for a Library was long felt. Early in the year 1919 a dividend of Rs.64-12-8 was declared as bonus for purchases in the local Co-operative Stores. About the latter half of 1923, the bonus was received and the amount was utilised for the purchase of a book-case. The enthusiasm of the members for the Library was so great that they were able to collect not only 50 volumes but also a donation of Rs.20/- as voluntary contribution. To this was added the grant of Rs.100/- from the Hostel Committee which was supplemented by subscriptions collected from the present members. All these amounts have been utilised for the purchase of books. We are also thankful to the Director of Public Instruction for the grant of Rs.205/- so kindly promised by him in his Pros. No.759 D/24 dated 13-9-1924. It is hoped that there would be a satisfactory collection of select reference books to the immense benefit of the residents. A further addition of about Rs.75/- has been made possible by the amount realised from the Benefit Harikatha Performance so kindly given by Brahmasri Soundararaja Bhagavathar of Soolamangalam. We take this opportunity to express our grateful thanks to the Bhagavathar for his kindness and hope in future also such benevolent gentlemen will come forward to help us.

Coming to the Athletics, the members of the Hostel have been fortunate here also. Till now, Badminton was the only game that was open to them. But this year, through the sympathy and co-operation of the Principal of the college, the

the games of Volley-ball and Ping-Pong have also been introduced in the Hostel. Volley-ball is a new game to Kumbakonam and it has aroused considerable interest in the members of the Hostel. It is hoped that in the coming year, the Hostel will be able to open also a Tennis Court, which has been urged for from the time of the Principalship of Messrs. Yates and Statham.

9. Conclusion.

In conclusion, we are glad to report that the Hostel has worked efficiently during the year. Several improvements have been made in the internal working of the Hostel and the condition of the premises has considerably improved. The Warden reports that the credit for all this is due to the able and efficient management of Mr. S.A. Mani, the Sub Warden.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

D. S. Subramanian
17 May 25

N. Sundararaj
K. K. K. Lingaraj Chetty

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K. K. K. Subramanian

R. Swaminathan
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P. S. Subramanian
(Warden & Secretary)

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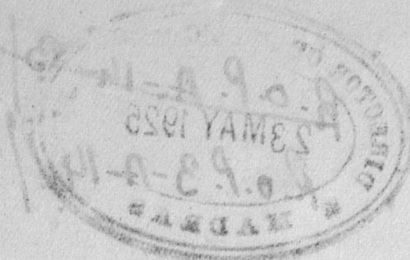


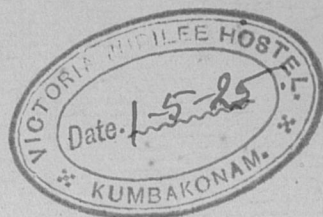
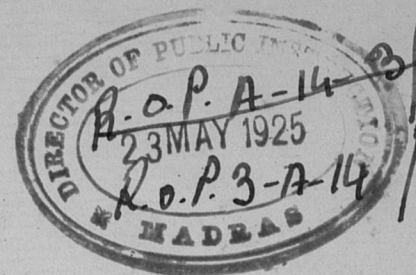
Yours most obedient servant,
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 Victoria Hostel
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Copy of letter dated 30th May 1925 from the Warden and Secretary, Victoria Jubilee Hostel, Kumbakonam, to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

With reference to your R.O.P.No.3- A-14/25-26 dated 26- 5- 25, I have the honour to state the following:

1. The closing balances on hand and in the Treasury given in the statement of classified charges is for 31-3-25, the close of the Financial year, whereas the closing balance on hand and in the treasury given in the statement of Financial position is for 30- 4- 25, the closing date of the year for which the annual report of the hostel is due. In arriving at the latter figures, the receipts and charges during the month of April 1925 have also been included.

2. The closing balance of Rs.3435- 2- 9 on 30th April 1925 according to the statement of Financial position is made up of the Treasury balance of Rs.3399-2-9 to the credit of the hostel funds and the cash balance (in the permanent advance with the sub warden) of Rs.36/- on that date. The closing balance of Rs.4233- 5- 8 given under the head, "summary of receipts and charges" is the closing balance in the Treasury on 31st March 1925 and not, as wrongly mentioned therein, on 30- 4- 25. The date 30- 4- 25, given in the summary should be 31- 3- 25 and the mistake may be kindly rectified.

3. The totals of classified receipts and charges do not tally with the totals given in the summary as the cash balances in the permanent advance with the Sub Warden at the opening and closing of the official year ending 31- 3- 25 shown in the classified statements have not been included in the summary. This has been done in conformity with the previous reports and so as to accord with the figures of the Accountant General for receipts and charges relating to the hostel funds for the official year ending 31- 3- 25, since the Accountant General takes into account only the Treasury transactions. The



improved. The record of the
work of the hostel during the
year under review seems
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