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Silver Wedding Fund.

Simla, the 27th April 1925.

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From

S. Webb-Johnson, Esq.,

Honorary Secretary, Silver Wedding Fund,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (Education) Department.

Report of the Silver Wedding Fund.

Dear Sir,

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copies.

I am desired to forward for the information of the Government of Madras a copy of the annual report of the Silver Wedding Fund for the year ending the 31st December 1924, and to say that Her Excellency the Countess of Reading, President of the Fund, would be grateful if the objects of the Fund were brought to the notice of the public in such manner as the local Government may think fit.

2. An acknowledgment of this letter will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

S. Webb-Johnson

Honorary Secretary,
Silver Wedding Fund.

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Silver Wedding Fund

TO COMMEMORATE

Their Majesties' Silver Wedding.



Report for the year ending 31st December, 1924.



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SILVER WEDDING FUND.



TO COMMEMORATE THEIR MAJESTIES' SILVER WEDDING.

President:

HER EXCELLENCY THE COUNTESS OF READING, G.B.E., C.I.

Committee of Administrators:

LIEUT.-COLONEL R. W. L. DUNLOP, C.I.E., D.S.O.

THE HON'BLE MR. A. C. McWATTERS, C.I.E., I.C.S.

J. E. WOOLACOTT, Esq.

S. WEBB-JOHNSON, Esq.

HONORARY CAPTAIN HIRA SINGH BRAR, SARDAR BAHADUR,
M.B.E., M.L.A.

RISALDAR MUHAMMAD YASIN KHAN.

*J. A. RICHEY, Esq., C.I.E., (*and Honorary Secretary.*)

B. DARLING, Esq., (*Honorary Treasurer.*)

*Proceeded on leave from 16th February 1925. Mr. Webb-Johnson has taken over the duties of Honorary Secretary.

SILVER WEDDING FUND.

Report for the year ending 31st December, 1924.

Presidentship.—Her Excellency the Countess of Reading continued to act as President of the Fund during the period under review.

Administrators.—Lieutenant-Colonel R. W. L. Dunlop and Mr. J. E. Woolacott, who were on leave in England, resigned their appointments in order to enable proceedings to be instituted without unnecessary delay in the High Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal for sanction to extend the objects of the Fund. They were re-appointed to the Committee on their return to India. Lieutenant Habib-ur Rahman Khan and Subedar-Major Sainabir Gurung also resigned on retirement in December 1924. Their places are being filled by Captain Hira Singh Brar, and Risaldar Muhammad Yasin Khan.

Finance.—Three small donations amounting to Rs. 101-1-0 were received during the year, including subscriptions from the officers and men of the 1st Battalion, the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, and of the 1/1st Punjab Regiment. The balance sheet, printed at the end of the report, shows a sum of Rs. 13,54,989-11-0 in hand, i.e., securities valued at Rs. 13,39,800 and a cash balance of Rs. 15,189-11-0.

Scholarships.—A sum of Rs. 78,978-13-4, as detailed below, was expended on scholarships, as compared with Rs. 86,616-15-6 for the

15 months ending the 31st December 1923, and Rs. 31,715-9-2 in the preceding year :—

			Rs.	A.	P.
Madras	...	...	495	10	0
Bombay	...	...	907	0	0
Bengal	...	...	960	2	0
Punjab	...	...	70,612	7	0
Burma	...	...	2,950	0	0
Bihar and Orissa	...	...	300	0	0
North-West Frontier Province	...	...	360	0	0
Delhi	...	...	1,054	5	0
Mysore	...	...	1,339	5	4
TOTAL	...	...	78,978	13	4

This amount includes a sum of Rs. 396 sanctioned for scholarships in Delhi and Mysore during December 1923, which was not debited to the Fund till after the close of that year.

It will be seen from the statement of accounts appended to the report that the income from investments amounted to Rs. 76,361-8-0 and that the expenditure for the year was met wholly from this source and from the balance outstanding to the credit of the Fund from last year.

Revision of the objects of the Fund.—For some years past it has been found that the income of the Fund was more than sufficient for the original objects of the Trust, *viz.*, the higher education of the children of Indian officers and soldiers (including non-combatants) who had fallen or been permanently disabled during the war. The Administrators therefore decided that it would be advisable to

extend the scope of the scheme so as to include the education and assistance of children and dependants of Indian officers and soldiers (including non-combatants) who rendered military service under the Crown during the Great War or who took part or may hereafter take part in subsequent warlike operations. Her Majesty the Queen Empress, who was approached in the matter, graciously assented to the proposal and the sanction of the High Court was sought and obtained to the necessary alteration of the Trust. A scheme has accordingly been settled (*vide* Schedule "B" to Appendix A) to give effect to the enlarged objects of the Trust under which the Administrators can assist those eligible in the following ways :—

- (a) By scholarships tenable in such institutions as the Administrators may think proper, including middle and high schools, arts colleges, special military schools for the education of children of Indian officers and soldiers, technical and vocational schools and colleges ;
- (b) By grants to Silver Wedding scholars, who have completed their education, to enable them to make a start in life, *e.g.*, for the purchase of apparatus, implements or land ;
- (c) By relieving cases of distress among widows of Indian officers with the Viceroy's Commission.

Owing to anticipated heavy claims under head (c) it has been decided for the present not to accept any general or wide liability for the education of children not previously eligible for Silver Wedding scholarships, but to consider on its merits any case covered by the extended objects of the Fund. Further, the extension of the objects of the Fund is not intended to relieve central or provincial revenues or revenues of Indian States of expenditure on war scholarships, which they have hitherto met.

The notification amending the original scheme was published in December, but a circular letter was issued to local Governments in October explaining the objects, on which it was proposed to spend the Fund, and asking for the co-operation of Directors of Public Instruction in examining applications for scholarships or capital grants. *It is to these officers that applications for such help from the Fund should be addressed in the first instance.* The Indian Soldiers' Board, Simla, has kindly undertaken the functions of investigating and distributing authority for pensions to the widows of Indian officers.

The thanks of the Administrators are due to Mr. Webb-Johnson for the great assistance he rendered in bringing about the change in the scheme.



SILVER WEDDING FUND.

Statement of Accounts from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1924.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
By Balance brought forward on 1st January, 1924	23,923 7 7	To Scholarships	78,995 8 0
" Face value of Securities on 1st January, 1924	13,39,800 0 0	" Postage	41 9 0
" Interest on Securities	76,361 8 0	" Printing	616 0 0
" Donations	101 1 0	" Stationery	3 10 0
" Refunds from Scholarships	16 10 8	" Office Allowance and Contingencies	3,785 14 0
		" Bank Charges	210 7 3
		" Advertisements	1,560 0 0
		" Value of Securities at par held on 31st December, 1924	13,39,800 0 0
		" Current Account with Imperial Bank of India on 31st December, 1924	15,189 11 0
TOTAL Rs.	14,40,202 11 3	TOTAL Rs.	14,40,202 11 3

B. DARLING,
Honorary Treasurer,
Silver Wedding Fund.

20th February 1925.

CERTIFIED that this statement shows the correct state of accounts as shown in the Bank Pass Book and Register of Cash Receipts.

(Sd). A. G. N. CLARK,

Examiner,
Local Fund Accounts, Punjab.

23rd March 1925.

Appendix A.

ARMY DEPARTMENT.

Delhi, the 19th December 1924.

JUDICIAL.

No. 1680.—In the matter of the Charitable Endowments
Act, VI of 1890,
and

In the matter of the Silver Wedding Fund.

WHEREAS the Fund known as the Silver Wedding Fund (hereinafter called the said Fund) subscribed as an offering to Her Majesty the Queen Empress as a token of loyalty and affection on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of Their Imperial Majesties' Wedding was at the request of Her Majesty vested in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments for the Punjab (by Notification No. 3152 published in Part I of the *Gazette of India* dated the 25th October 1919) for the purposes therein mentioned.

AND WHEREAS by Notification No. 965 published in Part I of the *Gazette of India*, dated the 2nd August 1924, the said Fund as it then existed was transferred to the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments for Bengal for the purposes aforesaid.

AND WHEREAS it being found that the said Fund is greater than is required for the purposes set out in the said Notification No. 3152, dated the 25th October 1919, Her Majesty the Queen Empress

graciously intimated her willingness that, subject to the sanction of the Court being obtained, the purposes for which the said Fund should be applied should be extended so as to include the purposes set out in the following recital.

AND WHEREAS in a suit in the High Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal, No. 2267 of 1924, intituled Advocate General of Bengal and Anr. *vs.* Captain S. Webb-Johnson and Ors., it was declared that the objects of the trust in the matter of the Silver Wedding Fund should be "the education and assistance of children and dependants of Indian officers and soldiers (including non-combatants) who rendered military service under the Crown during the Great War or took part or may hereafter take part in subsequent warlike operations". And it was ordered and decreed that the defendants the Administrators of the said Fund give effect to the objects of the said trust in the manner hereinbefore declared and apply the said Fund towards assisting those who come under the said objects as extended by the said decree and the Administrators of the Fund have accordingly applied to the Governor-General in Council to amend the said Notifications Nos. 3152 and 965.

AND WHEREAS the said Fund now comprises the securities and cash specified in Schedule A.

Now in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred by and by virtue of Sections 4 and 7 of the Charitable Endowments Act, 1890, and any other powers thereto enabling, in supersession of the said Notification No. 3152, dated the 25th October 1919, and Notification No. 965, dated 2nd August 1924, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Governor-General in Council that the said Fund, which is now vested in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments for the territories

subject to the Government of Bengal under Notification No. 965, dated the 2nd August 1924, on the terms therein mentioned shall now be vested upon the following terms, that is to say that the said Fund and the income thereof shall be devoted to and applied for the education and assistance of children and dependants of Indian officers and soldiers (including non-combatants) who rendered military service under the Crown during the Great War or who took part or may hereafter take part in subsequent warlike operations in accordance with the Scheme settled by the Governor-General in Council on the application of the Administrators under powers conferred by Sections 5 and 7 of the said Charitable Endowments Act, a copy of which is set forth in Schedule "B" hereto.

SCHEDULE "A".

(Particulars of securities and cash of which the Silver Wedding Fund now consists).

			Rs.	A.	P.
5½ per cent Loan, 1928	...	...	7,80,300	0	0
3½ per cent G. P. Notes, 1865	...	...	5,000	0	0
6 per cent Bonds, 1930	...	...	2,75,000	0	0
6 per cent Bonds, 1931	...	...	2,44,500	0	0
6 per cent Bonds, 1926	...	...	25,000	0	0
6 per cent Bonds, 1927	...	...	10,000	0	0
Balance in Current Account at the Imperial					
Bank of India, Simla	...	...	19,491	4	4
TOTAL	...	...	13,59,291	4	4

SCHEDULE "B".

Scheme for the administration of the Silver Wedding Fund.

WHEREAS by a Vesting Order made by the Governor-General in Council under the powers conferred by Sections 4 and 7 of the

Charitable Endowments Act, 1890, and any other powers thereunto enabling by Notification No. 1680 published in the *Gazette of India* on the 19th day of December 1924, certain securities and cash specified in Schedule "A" thereto were vested in the Treasurer for Charitable Endowments for the territories subject to the Government of Bengal upon the terms as to the application of the same and the income thereof therein set forth that is to say that the said securities and cash and the income thereof shall be devoted and applied to the education and assistance of children and dependants of Indian officers and soldiers (including non-combatants) who rendered military service under the Crown during the Great War or who took part or may hereafter take part in subsequent warlike operations, in accordance with the Scheme therein referred to and settled by the Governor-General under the powers conferred by Sections 5 and 7 of the said Act being this present scheme.

NOW IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred by the said Sections 5 and 7 of the said Act and any other power him thereunto enabling, the Governor-General in Council has been pleased to settle the following Scheme for the administration of the said Fund consisting of the said securities and investments in supersession of the existing scheme as set out in the said Notification No. 3152:—

1. The said Fund shall be called the "Silver Wedding Fund."
2. The income of the said securities and of any securities in which in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act the said cash or the proceeds of sale of any of the said securities (which may in pursuance or accordance with such provisions be sold) shall be invested, shall be collected and received by and all securities cash and

income hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Fund" shall be administered and applied in manner hereinafter mentioned by the following persons, viz:—

The Hon'ble Mr. Arthur Cecil McWatters, C.I.E., I.C.S.,

James Alexander Richey, Esquire, C.I.E.,

Stanley Webb-Johnson, Esquire,

Lieutenant Habib-ur Rahman Khan, C.I.E., Khan Sahib,
Bahadur,

Subedar-Major Sainabir Gurung Bahadur, I.O.M.,

or such of them as may for the time being continue to act as Administrators for the purpose of this Scheme or such other persons as may from time to time by virtue or in consequence of any appointment or appointments in pursuance of the power hereinafter contained or otherwise succeed them or any of them as the Administrators for the time being of the Fund for the purpose hereof and the said persons or such of them as may at any time continue to act or other such Administrators as aforesaid are hereinafter called the Administrators.

3. The Fund shall be applied and employed at the discretion of the Administrators in and for the benefit of those eligible under the said Vesting Order No. 1680, dated the 19th December 1924, in all or any of the following ways: (a) the provision of scholarships of such amounts and to such persons as the Administrators may from time to time (whether on their own initiative or on applications received from Government Officers, Imperial or Local Committees or Indian Princes or Chiefs) decide having regard to the special ability of such persons and their suitability in other respects, in the opinion of the Administrators, to receive and hold such scholarships. The

scholarships shall be of such amounts respectively as the Administrators shall think sufficient having regard to the circumstances of each particular case to provide fully for the maintenance as well as the education of the recipients and may be granted for education in such institutions as the Administrators may think proper including if and so far as they think proper high schools, art colleges, technical schools and colleges, special military schools and colleges (including schools and colleges for the education of children of Indian officers and soldiers) and in the case of scholarships for technical institutions may if the Administrators think fit include such amount as they consider sufficient to cover the cost of initial equipment, (b) the payment of money to set up in life the scholars of the said Fund, after completion of their education, *e.g.*, for the purchase of implements or of land for such scholars, (c) the assistance of widows of Indian officers who are not in receipt of pensions or widows whose pensions are inadequate.

4. The capital as well as the income of the Fund may at any time be applied and employed to such extent as the Administrators may in their uncontrolled discretion think fit for any of the purposes aforesaid.

5. The Administrators shall never be less than four in number and if at any time any member of the body of Administrators for the time being shall die or resign or become incapable of acting as such the remaining Administrators may appoint any other person to act in his place and the Administrators may at any time co-opt any person to act with them as an additional Administrator and the number of the Administrators may at any time by this means be increased and it shall not be obligatory to make any appointment in place of any Administrator dying resigning or becoming incapable

of acting unless the number of the remaining Administrators shall be less than the minimum hereinbefore prescribed. If and so long as the number is at any time reduced below that minimum the continuing Administrators shall not act except for the purpose of appointing a fresh Administrator or Administrators.

6. The Administrators may at any time or times delegate any powers and discretions hereby conferred on them in connection with the application and distribution of the Fund and the income thereof to local Governments or such person or persons as they may think fit.

7. For the purpose of all acts, decisions or determinations of the Administrators three shall be a quorum and it shall not be necessary for them to meet for the purpose of discharging their duties but any resolution, decision or determination recorded in writing and signed by not less than three of them shall have the same force and effect as a resolution passed at a meeting at which a quorum was present.

Appendix B.

Applications for assistance under heads (a) and (b) of paragraph 3 of the scheme for the administration of the Fund should be made through the Director of Public Instruction of the Province in which the applicant resides, or through the Political Officer in the case of applicants residing in Indian States. Applications for assistance under head (c) should be addressed to the Indian Soldiers' Board, Simla.

General enquiries may be addressed to the Honorary Secretary of the Fund, Mr. S. Webb-Johnson, Assistant Solicitor to the Government of India, Legislative Department, Simla (Delhi in the winter).

Law (Education) Dept.

c. No. 1383C. From the Hon. Secy.
Silver Wedding Fund, No. 161 dated
27.4.1925.

Subject:- Silver Wedding
Fund. Report. 1924-

The notification of the
Gov. of India extending the scope
of the fund ^{was} ~~was~~ published in
para 39 G.O. No. 2508 ^{17.2.25} of the
three successive issues of the
gazette. No further action seems
to be necessary with reference to
the request to give publicity to
the objects of the ^{fund} scheme. The report
may be recorded. A draft order
and a draft letter are subd.

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Letter no. 7 LK dated 16-5-25
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The Harry. Secretary,
Silver Wedding Fund
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Sir,

Report of the Silver Wedding
Fund - your letter no. 161
dated 27-4-25
I am directed to

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Silver wedding fund
for the ~~period~~ year ending
the 31st. December 1924.

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