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Silver Wedding Fund.

Simla, the 26th May 1926.

From

J. A. Richey, Esq., C.I.E., M.A.,

Honorary Secretary, Silver Wedding Fund.

L. K. 1702C
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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 1925 and to say that Her Excellency the Lady Irwin, 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,

J. A. Richey
Honorary Secretary,
Silver Wedding Fund.

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Silver Wedding Fund

TO COMMEMORATE

Their Majesties' Silver Wedding.

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Report for the year ending 31st December 1925.

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SILVER WEDDING FUND.

TO COMMEMORATE THEIR MAJESTIES' SILVER WEDDING.

President :

HER EXCELLENCY LADY IRWIN, C.I.

Committee of Administrators :

LIEUT.-COLONEL SIR ROBERT DUNLOP, KT., C.I.E., D.S.O.

S. WEBB-JOHNSON, Esq.

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

RISALDAR MUHAMMAD YASIN KHAN.

J. E. C. JUKES, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.

MAJOR A.F.R. LUMBY, O.B.E. (*Additional*).

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

*H. A. PAGE, Esq. (*Honorary Treasurer*).

From 1st March 1926.

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SILVER WEDDING FUND.

Report for the year ending 31st December 1925.

Presidentship.—Her Excellency the Countess of Reading continued to act as President of the Fund during the period under review. On her departure from India in April 1926, Her Excellency Lady Irwin became President of the Fund.

Administrators.—Captain Hira Singh Brar and Risaldar Muhammad Yasin Khan joined the Committee in February 1925, and Major A. F. R. Lumby, O.B.E., an officer at Army Headquarters, who is in close touch with the work of District Soldiers' Boards, was co-opted as an additional Administrator. Mr. Richey, the Honorary Secretary, was on leave during the major portion of the year and Mr. Webb-Johnson took over his duties until his return in October 1925. During his incumbency of the post Mr. Webb-Johnson also proceeded on short leave early in September, and Mr. R. Littlehales, the Educational Commissioner with the Government of India, was co-opted as an Administrator for the purpose of carrying on the duties of Honorary Secretary.

Since the close of the year the Hon'ble Mr. A. C. McWatters and Mr. J. E. Woolacott have resigned their appointments as Administrators of the Fund, and Mr. J. E. C. Jukes has been appointed in the former's place.

Finance.—Two small donations amounting to Rs. 212-14-3 were received during the year, which were contributed by all ranks of the 3rd Royal 3rd Sikh Pioneers and the 3-8th Punjab Regiment. The balance sheet, printed at the end of the report, shows a sum of Rs. 13,50,264-8-5 in hand, i.e., securities valued at Rs. 13,41,620 and a cash balance of Rs. 8,644-8-5. Although there is a cash balance it will be clear from the report that the income from securities is not enough to meet future liabilities and that it will be necessary to utilise capital from 1926 onwards.

Scholarships.—A sum of Rs. 57,033-3-2 was expended on scholarships as against Rs. 78,978-13-4 in 1924. For purposes of comparison the figure for each Province or State is shown side by side :—

			1925.			1924.		
			Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
Madras	...	...	1,808	0	0	495	10	0
Bombay	...	...	10,030	0	0	907	0	0
Bengal	...	...	1,886	2	8	960	2	0
United Provinces	...	...	1,716	0	0	...	...	...
Punjab	...	...	28,783	13	10	70,612	7	0
Burma	...	...	2,100	0	0	2,950	0	0
Bihar & Orissa	...	...	502	0	0	300	0	0
Assam	...	...	35	0	0	...	...	...
North West Frontier Province	...	...	...	...	...	360	0	0
Delhi	...	...	2,223	0	0	1,054	5	0
Hyderabad	...	...	2,175	0	0	...	...	...
Mysore	...	...	2,085	13	4	1,339	5	4
Rajputana	...	...	120	0	0	...	...	...
Baluchistan	...	...	60	0	0	...	...	...
Central India	...	...	2,942	5	4	...	...	...
Nepal	...	...	300	0	0	...	...	...
Sikkim	...	...	242	0	0	...	...	...
Punjab States	...	...	24	0	0	...	...	...
Total			57,033	3	2	78,978	13	4

It will be observed that Bombay received about eleven times more than it received last year, while the grant to the Punjab decreased by approximately Rs. 42,000. This decrease, however, is due to the fact that the requirements of that province were not met in full, for a sum of Rs. 37,953-2-0 still remains to be paid to it. The number of scholars to whom scholarships were granted is approximately 1,150.

For the first time since the inception of the Fund a scholarship was awarded for study in the United Kingdom. The scholar selected, by name Mulk Raj Thaper, is the son of a retired Subedar of the Indian Army and is an honours graduate in science of the Punjab University. He is taking a course in civil engineering at the City and Guilds Engineering College, London, and has been placed under the guardianship of the High Commissioner for India. The Fund also assisted towards meeting a portion of the cost of training of the son of an Indian officer at the Royal Military College at Sandhurst.

During the period under review the Administrators considered a request from the Government of the Punjab for the enhancement of the grant towards war scholarships. It was decided that if the local Government undertook responsibility for the education of those eligible under the scheme of the Silver Wedding Fund up to the 8th standard, the Fund would assist as regards their education in the 9th and 10th standards and at colleges, subject to certain conditions and to a limit of cost of one lakh of rupees a year in the first instance. These conditions were accepted by the Punjab Government. Since the close of the year the Administrators have extended to the North West Frontier Province the scheme adopted in the Punjab and they have under consideration the question of extending it to the province of Delhi also.

A sum of Rs. 21,300-6-0 was distributed by the Indian Soldiers' Board on behalf of the Fund towards the relief of cases of distress among widows of Indian officers with the Viceroy's commission. Of this amount Rs. 2,442 represents a grant sanctioned in December 1924, which was not debited to the Fund till 1925. The Administrators take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the Board for their assistance in investigating and recommending cases and for distributing the necessary relief.

In April 1925 the securities and cash pertaining to the Fund were retransferred from the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments, Bengal, to the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments, Punjab. The securities were later in the year removed from the Imperial Bank of India, Simla, where they were deposited since the inception of the Fund, and sent to the Accountant General, Punjab, as Treasurer of Charitable Endowments, for transmission to the Controller of the Currency, Calcutta, for safe custody.

The scheme of the Fund will be found in Appendix A, while the procedure to be followed for obtaining assistance is described in Appendix B.

SILVER WEDDING FUND.

Statement of Accounts from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1925.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
By Balance brought forward on 1st January 1925	15,189 11 0	To Scholarships	57,033 3 2
" Face value of securities on 1st January 1925	13,39,800 0 0	" Postage	80 7 6
" Investments (post office cash certificates)	1,820 0 0	" Printing	183 4 0
" Bonus on conversion of securities	1,375 0 0	" Stationery	22 10 0
" Interest on securities	76,274 0 0	" Office Allowance and Contingencies	1,242 9 0
" Donations	212 14 3	" Relief to widows of Indian officers	21,300 6 0*
" Refund of income-tax on securities	24 11 0	" Capital grants	1,751 9 2
		" Purchase of securities (post office cash certificates)	1,365 0 0
		" Bank Charges	222 11 0
		" Advertisements	1,230 0 0
		" Value of securities at par held on 31st December 1925	13,41,620 0 0
		" Closing balance on 31st December 1925, (current account with the Imperial Bank of India on 31st December 1925, Rs. 9,136-8-5 less Rs. 492, the value of cheques issued, but not cashed from the Bank up to 31st December 1925.)	8,644 8 5
TOTAL	14,34,696 14 3	TOTAL	14,34,696 4 3

* Includes a sum of Rs. 2,442 expended in 1924, but not shown in last year's statement.

22nd February, 1926.

Certified that this statement shows the correct state of accounts as shown in the Bank's Pass Book and the Registers of the Silver Wedding Fund.

J. A. RICHEY,
for Honorary Treasurer,
Silver Wedding Fund.
B. A. HARRIS,
Audit Officer,
Delhi Province.

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 another *vs.* Captain S. Webb-Johnson and others, 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. J. A. Richey, Educational Commissioner with the Government of India, Simla (Delhi in the winter).

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Law (2000) dept.

C. f. C. No. 1702 C. From the Honorary
Secretary, Silver Wedding Fund
No. 216, d. 26. 5. 1926.
Silver Wedding Fund -
Report - 1925.

The report of the Silver
Wedding Fund may be
reworded, while Appendixes
A & B may be published
in ~~the~~ three successive
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Gazette.

A draft order and
a draft letter are submitted.

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To

The Honorary Secretary,
Silver Wedding Fund,
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