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

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To The Secretary to the Government of Madras

L a w (Education) Department.

Sir,

Submitted.

2. The Director notes with pleasure that the year under review was as satisfactory and successful as the preceeding one and that the interest evinced by the members in the internal management of the hostel, continued.

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For Director of Public Instruction

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✓ ③ Victoria Jubilee Hostel,
Kumbakonam, 3rd May 1926

From

The Committee of the Victoria Jubilee Hostel,
Kumbakonam.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Law Department (Education)
M a d r a s.

Through

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 1926 in accordance with G.O. No. 538 dated 4th August 1911.

2. The Committee: Three meetings of the Committee were convened, but one could not be held for want of a quorum. The principal items of business were consideration of the audit report of the Hostel accounts for the previous year, repairs to be effected to the sub-warden's quarters and to the door-ways of the main building, extension to the ~~bathing~~ shed, the construction of a night-urinal, and the transfer, to the Library fund, of the ~~gines~~ collected from the boarders.

3. The Management: M.R. Ry Rao Bahadur P.V. Seshu aiyar Avl., I.E.S., continued as Warden and M.R. Ry S.A. Mani M.A., E L.T., continued as sub-warden throughout the period.

4. Strength and accommodation: There were 71 admissions and five withdrawals ~~during~~ during the year. The average strength of the Hostel was 64 as against 62 of the previous year. There ~~was~~ thus a slight increase in strength during the current year.

5. Sections and charges: During the year under report four separate sections A, B, C, & D, were working except in the months of July 1925 and March 1926, the beginning and end of the academic year. Sections A, B, & C consisted of all

1922-23 80
1923-24 60

the Brahmin members and section D of all the non-brahmins. The average strength of the several sections and their average boarding charges are given below:

Section	Average Strength	Appte. average charges
A	21	Rs. 15 0 0
B	19	Rs. 15 8 0
C	18	Rs. 15 8 0
D	7	Rs. 16 0 0

One point deserves special mention here regarding the boarding sections. Although they were under the control and supervision of the sub-warden for purposes of accounts, the internal management of each section was in the hands of the members themselves. At the beginning of every month, each section elected two ~~separate~~ secretaries from among its members, for the month. One of these looked after the accounts and the other attended to purchases and issues of provisions, preparation of mess and tiffin time-tables etc. Thus every member in turn had a share in the management of his section, all the members forming, as it were, a single joint family.

6. Finance: The financial position on 30th April 1926 is given below:

	Rs.	A. P.
Closing balance on hand on 30-4-26	16	8 3
Do. Do. in the Treasury	3538	14 2
Arrears of boarding fees for 1925-26 to be collected	3	14 8
Total	Rs. 3559	5 1
Arrears of boarding deposits for 1925-26 to be refunded	17	12 0
Amount of boarding funds for 1925-26 to be disbursed as salary to establishment for April, May & June 1926	64	8 10
Security deposit of washermen	30	0 0
Total	Rs. 112	4 10
Net financial assets (exclusive of 3½% Government securities for the face value of Rs. 4500/-) on 30th April 1926	Rs. 3447	0 3

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The corresponding figure on 30th April 1925 was Rs.3387-10--9 and hence there has been a net saving of Rs.59--5--6 as against Rs.615-18--4 of last year. The small saving this year is due to a sum of Rs.761 and odd having been spent on extending the Hostel bathing shed, repairing the sub-warden's quarters and portions of the main building, filling up a portion of the Hostel pond, and other items. The

The following is a summary of the receipts and charges for the official year 1925-26:

	Rs.	A. P.
Opening balance in the Treasury on 1st April 1925	4233	5 8
Receipts in the Treasury during the year	13677	14 3
Total	Rs. 17911	3 11
Closing balance in the Treasury on 31st March 1926	4621	11 11
Charges (being amount withdrawn from the Treasury during the year)	13089	8 0
Total	Rs. 17911	3 11

Summary of receipts and charges

Total receipts given above	17911	3 11
Opening balance in cash with the sub-warden on 1st April 1925	7	1 8
Total	Rs.17918	5 7

Details of receipts.

Opening balance in the Treasury on 1-4-1925	4233	5 8
Cash with the subwarden on 1-4-1925	7	1 8
Boarding deposit	3599	15 6
Do. Fees	7980	0 5
Room rent and lodging fees	1740	10 0
Garden lease and produce	96	12 0
Fines from boarders	55	4 0
Interest on Govt. securities	157	8 0
Arrears for 1922-23 collected	0	10 9
Store balance	12	12 11
Refund of undischursed pay	0	1 2
Auction of old chairs etc.	14	3 6

Washermen's security deposit

	Rs.	A.	P.
	20	0	0
Total	Rs. 17918	5	7

Details of charges

Boarding sections	9471	14	2
Lighting	120	3	9
Purchases and repairs	456	12	0
Miscellaneous Office expenses	77	3	5
Refund of deposit to boarders	790	55	1
Do. to washerman	10	0	0
Establishment charges (Boarding fund)	931	4	2
do. do. (General funds)	1138	10	0
Loan to Hostel Library	100	0	0
Closing balance in the Treasury on 31st March 1926	4821	11	11
Do. cash with the subwarden on 31st March 1926		0	5 1
Total	Rs. 17918	5	7

As mentioned in the report for last year, separate accounts are maintained for the Hostel Library and Association, the funds being invested 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. About a dozen coconut seedlings have been planted in the padugai land to the west of the bathing ghat and about 10 arecanut seedlings in front of the sub-warden's quarters. / The padugai land to the east are in a very flourishing condition. As in last year, the whole padugai has been included in the garden lease, which fetches in all a sum of Rs.80/- annually. The portion of the padugai land handed over to the College authorities for temporary use continues to be in their possession.

The extension of the bathing shed for members for which the D.P.I. has promised to sanction a grant in his Pros. R.O.C. No.1588 D/24 dated 14th August 1925 was completed in

February last and has supplied a long-felt want. The quarters of the sub-warden were completely retiled and sundry repairs which had long been overdue were executed there and in the main building. The construction of the night-urinal sanctioned by the Committee will be taken up during the current summer vacation. The non-brahmin kitchen, the gift of the late Ratnaswami Nadar, continues to be in bad repair. Steps will be taken to execute the necessary repairs during the next year. Sanction will be applied for in due course and it is hoped that the Government will be pleased to consider the matter favourably.

8. The work of the Members: The tone and discipline of the Hostel ^{very} were/satisfactory. Besides acquitting themselves well ⁱⁿ the University Examinations, the residents of the Hostel also took a prominent part in all the extra-academic activities of the College winning several prizes and medals.

One new and interesting feature of hostel life this year was the formation of a Labour Corps early in August last, which as many as twenty members joined. In the ~~waste~~ land surrounding the Hostel Pond rendered cultivable by the removal of the non-yielding trees last summer, the members worked with great enthusiasm and raised a fine kitchen garden. In spite of the heavy rains ^{year,} this, they were able, by selling the produce to the Boarding sections, to realise a decent ~~sum~~ sum of money, which they presented to the Hostel Library in the name of the Hostel Labour Corps.

The Hostel Association after a successful year of useful activity celebrated the Second Hostel Day in February last under the distinguished presidency of Sir. T. Desikachari Kt., of Trichinopoly. Among other items the programme included the staging of the Honourable Justice V.V. Srinivasa Iyengar's Farce, "The Surgeon-General's Prescription" and a moonlight dinner to which all the members of the College staff were invited. Our thanks are due to M.R. Ry P.R. Krishnaswami Iyengar Avl., M.A., L.T., Assistant Lecturer of the College, for helping the actors through the rehearsals and the final programme.

The Hostel Library which was opened last year continued to be increasingly popular as is evidenced by the rush for books. One of the Members acted as Honorary Librarian throughout the period. An additional Book-case was purchased and 91 new volumes have been added to the Library during the year, thus bringing the total number of books to 236. M.R.Ry Rao Bahadur N. Krishnaswami Iyengar Avl., was kind enough to give a donation of Rs.25/- to the Library and Mr. I Green I.C.S., Sub-Collector and former President of the Hostel Committee, was kind enough to present a few rare books to the Library on the occasion of his transfer from this town. We also beg to acknowledge with thanks the grant of Rs.87/- received from the D.P.I. as per Pros. R.O.C. No.759 D/24 dated 2-12-1925. We regret however that owing to a technical objection we were unable to receive the full grant of Rs.205/- promised by the D.P.I. in his Pros. R.C. No.759 D/24 dated 13th September 1924. As in last year, a sum of Rs.2/- was collected from each member of the Hostel as Library and Association fees for the year in two instalments. The Committee having sanctioned the transfer of the fines collected from the boarders to the Library and Association Fund, an extra source of income yielding about Rs.50/- annually will be available from this year onwards for the improvement of the Library. A further addition of Rs.60/5 was made from the collections of a benefit Ghot performance in aid of the Library given by Brahma Sri Sakarama Rao Avl., of Tiruvadamardur. We take this opportunity of expressing our grateful thanks to the gentleman for his kindness and we trust that in future also such benevolent gentlemen would come forward to help us.

Coming to the athletic side of the Hostel, the interest in volley-ball, that was started last year, continued to be unabated, the level of the game grew considerably high, and a tournament was held towards the close of the year. Badminton and Ping-pong were as popular as before and the usual annual tournament was held in Badminton in December last.

9. Conclusion: In conclusion we are glad to report that

the Hostel had a very prosperous and successful year and continued to be increasingly popular and attractive; and great credit is due to the sub-warden Mr. S.A. Mani for his clever and tactful management.

We have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

K. K. Narayanaiah
12.11.26
Kadavakur

P. S. Srinivasan
(Warden & Secretary)
K. K. Narayanaiah
R. Swaminatha Ayyar
D. S. Srinivasan
P. S. Srinivasan

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