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Grant - Indian students Union and Hostel London - 1947-48 Sanctioned.

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Station MADRAS, Dated the 14th August 19 47

From (Name) DR. S.R.J. SAVOOR, M.A., D.Sc. (Lond), I.E.S.
(Designation) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH Department.

Sir,

In submitting herewith a copy of the application dated 4th August 1947 from the Financial Secretary, National Council of Y.M.C.A., Calcutta, for the usual grant to the Indian Students' Union and Hostel, London, I have the honour to recommend that the payment of a grant of Rs.3,000/- may be sanctioned during 1947--48. Payment of a similar grant of Rs.3,000/- was sanctioned last year in G.O.No.MS.1123, Education, dated 6th June 1946.

Necessary provision exists in the Budget Estimate of the current year under the head "37.r.Education = General = Miscellaneous = A.General (i) Excluding Post-war Reconstruction = (r) A.(i) 8. Other Grants = Voted The Indian Students Union, and Hostel."

A copy of the annual report of the Union for 1945 together with the audited statement of receipts and charges for the year ended 31st December 1946 is herewith enclosed.

R. Narasimha

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Copy of letter dated 4th August 1947 from the Finance Secretary, National Council Y.M.C.A. Calcutta to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Re: Grant towards the maintenance of our Indian Students Union and Hostel, L o n d o n.

I have the honour to make an application for the payment of the annual grant towards the maintenance of our Indian Students Union and Hostel in London. The Government of Madras have been good enough to make an annual contribution of Rs.3,000/- towards the upkeep of this institution for a number of years.

For your information and record I am sending herewith two copies of the annual report of the London Hostel for 1945, the last printed report, which has been received from the London Hostel. At the back of the report are given the Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1945 and the income and expenditure account for the year 1945. I also enclose two copies of the audited accounts for the year ended 31st December 1946. The grant paid by your Government, as you will note, is included in the income and expenditure account under the heading "Grants". Copies of the report for 1946 have not yet been received but I understand from our Warden that it will be printed before long and several copies will be sent to us for distribution. When the copies are received I shall forward two copies of the same as usual for your information and record.

In order to provide hostel accommodation for Indian students two buildings at Woburn square have been rented by our Committee in London. These hostels are full now. An appeal has also been issued for funds for the reconstruction of our building at Gower Street which was destroyed by enemy bombing in September 1940, at a cost of £.75,000/-. I am glad to say that upto the end of June a sum of Rs.5,51,000/- has been received in cash and promises. As soon as the balance is raised, the reconstruction work will be commenced and we expect to have, after the reconstruction of the building, as much accommodation for the Indian students in London as in prewar days.

We would request the Government of Madras to sanction the usual grant towards the maintenance of our Indian students Union and Hostel for the current year. But for the help given to us by the various Provincial Governments, by the Government of India and by the Indian States it would have been almost impossible for us to continue this piece of useful service to the Indian students in London.

With due appreciation of the generous help given to us in the past.

/True Copy/

R. Narasimha

for Director of Public Instruction.

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The main file on the subject (C.N. 57989 (M)) is now in circulation. Its return may be awaited.

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INDIAN STUDENTS UNION AND HOSTEL
Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1946.

LIABILITIES and FUNDS

<u>SUNDRY CREDITORS</u>		278	16	6
<u>SIR WILLIAM WEDDERBURN MEMORIAL FUND</u>		101	14	8
<u>BUILDING FUND (1922) AS AT 31st December, 1945</u>		18,157	0	1
<u>WAR DAMAGE FUND - receipts to 31st December 1945</u>				
	780	3	0	
<u>Add Donations during 1946</u>	14	7	0	
	794	10	0	
<u>Less: Expenditure (to be claimed from H.M. Government)</u>	744	5	9	50 4 3
<u>WOBURN SQUARE EQUIPMENT FUND</u>				
<u>Amounts received</u>				850 0 0
<u>INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</u>				
<u>Balance as at 31st December 1945.</u>	1,329	11	2	
<u>Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year</u>	663	2	10	666 8 4

£. 20,104 3 10

ASSETS

<u>FREEHOLD LAND AND BUILDINGS - 106-112</u>				
Gower Street - at cost less depreciation as at 31st December 1945				14,820 1 9
<u>FURNITURE, FITTINGS, EQUIPMENT &c. at Gower Street - at cost less depreciation as at 31st December, 1945</u>	958	10	7	
<u>Less: Sale</u>	73	10	0	885 0 7
(Note: The above Buildings, Furniture etc., were mainly destroyed by Enemy Action in September, 1940. Claims for compensation have been lodged with H.M. Government.)				
<u>TEMPORARY PREMISES - Woburn Square</u>				
Repairs, Alterations and Decorations at cost	1,648	5	11	
<u>Less: Amount (one-third) written off</u>	549	8	8	1,098 17 3
<u>Equipment and Furniture at cost</u>	1,313	18	5	
<u>Less: Depreciation @ 10%</u>	131	7	11	1,182 10 6
<u>SIR WILLIAM WEDDERBURN MEMORIAL FUND INVESTMENT</u>				
£.105.8.7 New South Wales 3½% Stock at cost				101 14 8
<u>SUSPENSE ACCOUNT</u>				
Expenses in connection with proposed new Building				222 13 6
<u>SUNDRY DEBTORS</u>				
Grants in Transit etc.	1,249	14	1	
<u>Payments in Advance</u>	61	6	0	1,411 0 1
<u>CASH & BANK BALANCES</u>				
Post Office Savings Bank Deposit	167	13	2	
At Bank	199	15	8	
<u>In Hand</u>	14	16	8	382 5 6
				<u>£.20,104 3 10</u>

Auditors Report.

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Indian Students Union and Hostel for the year ended 31st December, 1946. The National Council of Young Men's Christian Association Incorporated, certify that they hold the Title Deeds of the Freehold property which is registered in the name of the Indian National Council of Y.M.C.A's.

Subject to this, the above Balance Sheet in our opinion is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the position at 31st December, 1946 according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books.

67, Watling Street.

FAIRBAIRN WINGFIELD & WYKES
Chartered Accountants.

INDIAN STUDENTS UNION AND HOSTEL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1946.

Expenditure.

Secretarial Salaries and Allowances	608	18	0
Wages	1,176	8	3
Travelling Expenses	203	1	2
Rent	330	0	0
Rates	149	11	1
Gas, Fuel and Electricity	139	3	0
Hostel Catering Purchases	378	3	8
Laundry	33	2	2
Cleaning	22	12	3
Repairs, Alterations and Decorations of Woburn Square (one third)	549	8	8
Depreciation on Equipment, Furniture etc., at Woburn Square (10%)	131	7	11
Telephone	33	10	4
Insurance	6	5	6
Newspapers and Magazines	56	18	2
Printing and Stationery	47	6	2
Postages	46	14	9
Entertainments	64	10	10
Charge by Indian National Council	22	10	0
Audit Fee and Treasurer's Expenses	42	0	0
Sundries	125	17	9

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Income.

Membership Fees	168	7	0
Room Rents and Meals	1,596	11	11
Billiard Takings	4	7	0
Sir William Wedderburn's Fund Interest	3	13	8
Post Office Savings Bank Deposit Interest	35	17	3

Grants:

Grants received---

Government of India	250	0	0
Mysore Government	37	10	0
Sir Ratan Tata Trust	100	0	0
Madras Government	225	0	0
Sir Dorabji Tata Trust	250	0	0
Bengal Government	225	0	0
Cochin Government	7	10	0

Grants in transit ---

Government of Bombay	225	0	0
Punjab Government	100	10	0
U.P. Government	225	0	0
C.P. Government	37	10	0
Mysore Government	12	10	0

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Balance being Excess of Expenditure
over Income for the year

663 2 10

£. 4,167 9 8

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Indian Students' Union

(INDIAN Y.M.C.A.)

112, Gower Street, London.

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR
1945.

LONDON COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1945.

OFFICERS.

<i>Chairman</i>	-	Sir EWART GREAVES, D.L.
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	-	HAROLD G. JUDD, C.B.E.
<i>Hospitality Secretary</i>	-	SHORAN S. SINGHA, B.A.
<i>Accountant</i>	-	MISS L. UNDERWOOD.

MEMBERS.

LIONEL AIRD.	HY. S. L. POLAK.
Capt. S. T. BINSTED.	H. G. POOLER.
REV. ALAN BOOTH.	Lady RUNGANADHAN
PHILIP COX.	ADAM SCOTT.
PRAKASH DATTA.	MAURICE WEBB.
G. H. LANGLEY.	SIR ROBERT REID.
CANON DEWICK.	

Bankers: The Midland Bank Ltd.

Auditors: Messrs. Fairbairn, Wingfield & Wykes.

FOREWORD.

MR. SHORAN SINGHA'S report deals with the period up to May, 1946, and despite the difficulties which beset us in these days, we have been able, as the Report shows, to continue our service in a limited form to the Indian students. These have arrived in larger numbers than was expected and the difficulties of obtaining accommodation in or near London have been and still are very great. We were without a Warden for a considerable period, but in October last Mr. Shoran Singha was able to come to us and act as Warden. This spring Mr. Chatterjie on his release from the Forces, returned to us and Miss Underwood has continued her valuable service. Without her help we should have had to close down and I should like to put on record how much our Institution owes to her constant and unfailing help.

We had hoped ere this to have been able to open our temporary home at 25 and 26, Woburn Square, but this has not been possible owing to the difficulties we have had to face in getting the necessary work carried out to make the houses habitable.

The work is now practically finished and we hope to open the two Woburn Square houses in August. I should like to place on record the grateful thanks of the Committee to the High Commissioner for India and Dr. Quayle, the Education Secretary, for the help they have given us. Without the assistance of the High Commissioner for India it would not have been possible to obtain the necessary permission to enable us to carry out the work at 25 and 26, Woburn Square and to obtain permits for the material necessary for the work and Dr. Quayle has been very helpful in obtaining us grants from several Indian Provincial Governments towards the cost of the reparations. Our thanks are also due to our Architect, Mr. Ralph Tubbs. Without his very active help and assistance, both with regard to the War Damage repairs to the two houses and the necessary work to make the houses habitable, the delays would have been of much longer duration.

Our New Warden, Dr. David Malaiperuman, arrived in England at the end of May and on behalf of the Committee I should like to extend to him a very hearty welcome.

EWART GREAVES
(Chairman of the Committee of Management).

REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INDIAN STUDENTS' UNION FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY, 1945 TO MAY, 1946

During the first six months of the year 1945, while the Social Room and the Office of the I.S.U. were kept open it was not possible to organize any activities. In the first place there was no Warden in charge and secondly the attacks on London by flying bombs had scattered many students in many different directions outside of London. Nevertheless, those who were in London continued to call in to read the papers and meet each other.

In October Mr. Shoran Singha was asked to occupy the position of Warden until the arrival of the new Warden, Dr. S. D. Malaiperuman. Mr. Singha, besides the oversight at 112, Gower Street, paid visits to the Provincial Universities and was able to help in forming social contacts with local friends who would be able to offer hospitality to Indians who were in their midst.

During the period under survey over a thousand calls were made at the office by old members and new arrivals. In fact it speaks well for the past services of this Institution that the new arrivals invariably came here first for assistance and advice. Every effort was made to make them feel at home. No one in search of accommodation which has been extremely difficult to obtain in bombed London was ignored. Sometimes a dozen or more telephone calls were made to hotels and boarding houses before a student could be fixed up temporarily for a few days.

The personal contact made with students in an informal and friendly way has been a special feature of our service. It was very agreeable to see men and women students dropping in for a cup of tea and a talk in the afternoons. We owe a special debt of gratitude to Miss Underwood who during the trying period of bombing kept to her post throughout and was of particular service to Indian women who called here and made this place a second home. Every Thursday evening an informal supper party was held for the Indian girls who brought their own rations or sometimes they went out together for the evening with Miss Underwood.

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Several of our old members joined the Forces in all the three services and it was a privilege to look after their belongings which they entrusted to us during their absence and to handle all their correspondence. When on leave they never failed to call on us and to renew their associations with their old club.

A very thorough survey has been made for lodgings which are available for students. The old list had to be revised as many places were bombed and new places were found. But the accommodation for students has been a very serious problem. Nevertheless we were able to find rooms for well over 150 after a great deal of difficulty.

We have been able to rent from the University Authorities two houses to be used as a Hostel in 25/26 Woburn Square. These were badly damaged and the repairs have taken much longer than was expected owing to labour difficulties and the grant of permits for building material. When these premises are ready we will be able to accommodate between 30 and 35 residents in dormitories. This will, at any rate, help the new arrivals until suitable accommodation can be found for them outside.

We have held social functions twice a week to which between 45 and 70 students and their friends have come. Lectures have been arranged on various topics of interest. Dr. R. W. Pilkington, of Cambridge, held an interesting competition on a scientific subject by means of lantern slides. A member of the Italian Press Bureau gave a comprehensive survey of Italy, old and new. The National-General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Czecho-Slovakia told us of the conditions in his country. We had the Secretary of the National Institute of the Blind speaking to us about welfare work amongst the blind. A speaker from the Probation Office was able to speak to us about the welfare work amongst Juvenile offenders. Interesting discussions followed each lecture.

We welcomed some members of the scientific delegation from India on their way to the U.S.A. We also were pleased to welcome Mr. Santwan, the National General Secretary of the Indian Y.M.C.A., on his visits. Raja Sir Mahraj Singh, the President of the Indian Y.M.C.A., was able to visit us. We were glad once again to be favoured with a visit by the High Commissioner, Sir Samuel Ranganadhan, who met a group of selected students in an informal way. The rationing scheme has made the task of finding hospitality rather difficult. Nevertheless students have been introduced to various social clubs where they have met young people of their own age. The contacts with the Rotary

Clubs have again been taken up and students have been invited to the luncheons on various occasions. One party of six went to Staines and were then taken over Windsor Castle ending up with tea with a few members of the Rotary Club. During the Christmas holidays arrangements were made for some students in the Provincial Universities to spend Christmas Day in the homes of British friends. Four students were sent to the International Christmas Party, Cambridge, where with 150 visitors from other countries our students were able to spend a long week-end from Friday night before Christmas until the following Wednesday.

A special Indian Film was shown to which nearly 300 students came. The Ministry of Information very kindly placed their hall at the University building at our disposal.

We have had to maintain our traditions in a very difficult period to the best of our ability, and are hoping to be in full swing regarding our programme and activities with the coming year.

SHORAN SINGHA,
*Acting Warden and
Honorary Hospitality and
International Secretary.*

FINANCE.

Appended is a summary of the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1945, from which it will be seen that the various Indian Governments and the Tata and Wadia Trustees have kindly maintained their usual grants, and has contributed £850 towards the cost of equipping the new premises in Woburn Square. The expenditure for the year was again on a very low scale, owing to the restricted amount of activities in our war-damaged premises. As a result the income exceeded the expenditure for the year by £1,179, making the accumulated credit balance of £1,329.

Now that new premises have been secured in Woburn Square, our increased activities will entail a much higher scale of expenditure which will more than absorb our present income. We accordingly appeal for the generous support of all interested in the work.

H. G. JUDD,
Hon. Treasurer.

INDIAN STUDENTS UNION AND HOSTEL.

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December, 1945.

LIABILITIES AND FUNDS.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
SUNDRY CREDITORS	...	...	...	31	1	6	
SIR WILLIAM WEDDERBURN MEMORIAL FUND	...	...	...	101	14	8	
BUILDING FUND (1922) as at 31st Dec. 1944	...	...	...	18,157	0	1	
WAR DAMAGE FUND	...	...	...	779	3	0	
Add Donations	...	...	...	1			
	...	...	...	780	3	0	
Less Expenditure (to be claimed from H.M. Government)	...	...	...	744	5	9	
	...	...	...	35	17	3	
FUND FOR EQUIPMENT OF TEMPORARY PREMISES	...	...	...	850			
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.							
Balance as at 31st Dec. 1944	...	...	...	149	15	8	
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	...	...	...	1,179	15	6	
	...	...	...	1,329	11	2	
HAROLD G. JUDD,							
Hon. Treasurer.							
	£	20,505	4	8			

ASSETS.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
FREEHOLD LAND AND BUILDINGS*							
106-112 Gower Street, at cost, less depreciation as at 31st December, 1944				14,820	1	9	
FURNITURE, FITTINGS, EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS at cost, less depreciation as at 31st December, 1944				958	10	7	
*NOTE—The above Buildings, Furniture, etc., were mainly destroyed by enemy action in September, 1940. A claim for compensation is in preparation for lodging with H.M. Government.							
SIR WM. WEDDERBURN MEMORIAL FUND							
Investment: £105 8 7 New South Wales 3½% Stock at cost				101	14	8	
SUNDRY DEBTORS, etc.							
Grants in Transit	...	...	...	450	0	0	
Sundry Debtors	...	...	...	26	18	5	
	...	...	...	476	18	5	
SUSPENSE ACCOUNT (New Building)	...			158	5	2	
CASH AND BANK BALANCES							
Post Office Savings Bank Deposit	...	1,634	2	0			
At Bank—Current Account	...	2,355	10	9			
In hand	...		1	4			
	...			3,989	14	1	
	£	20,505	4	8			

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Indian Students' Union and Hostel for the year ended 31st December, 1945.

The National Council of Young Men's Christian Association Incorporated, certify that they hold the Title Deeds of the Freehold Property which is registered in the name of the Indian National Council of Y.M.C.A's.

Subject to this, the above Balance Sheet, in our opinion, is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the position at 31st December, 1945, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the Books.

67, WATLING STREET,
LONDON, E.C.4.

18th June, 1946.

FAIRBAIRN, WINGFIELD & WYKES,
Chartered Accountants.

P.T.O.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st December 1945.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wages	290	13	0			
Rates	96	14	2			
Gas, Electricity and Cleaning	23	1	6			
Insurance	5	14	5			
Telephone	15	1	3			
Printing, Stationery and Newspapers	49	2	11			
Postages and Telegrams	11	17	6			
Audit and Treasurer's Expenses	21	0	0			
Sundry Expenses	49	10	11			
Entertainment	14	11	6			
Balance—being excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	1,179	15	6			

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INCOME.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Registration Fees				2	6	
Sir William Wedderburn Fund—Interest				3	13	8
Post Office Savings Bank Deposit Interest				20	6	6
GRANTS:—						
Grants received—						
Government of India	250	0	0			
Punjab Government	100	10	0			
U.P. Government	225	0	0			
Madras Government	225	0	0			
C.P. Government	37	10	0			
Mysore Government	37	10	0			
Cochin Government	7	10	0			
Sir Dorabji Tata Trust	250	0	0			
Sir Ratan Tata Trust	100	0	0			
Wadia Charities	50	0	0			
Grants in transit—						
Government of Bombay	225	0	0			
Bengal Government	225	0	0			
				1,733	0	0

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Grant - Indian Students Union and Hostel, London
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The Govt. sanction the payment during the year 1947-48 of a grant of Rs 3,000 (Rupees Three thousand only) to the National Council Y.M.C.A. Calcutta, towards the expenses of the Indian Students' Union and Hostel, London.

The expense will be met from the appropriation under "37.5 - Education - General - Miscellaneous B" - other grants - voted. The Indian Students Union and Hostel "in the ~~detached~~ Annual Estimate of Expenditure for the current year

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May be accepted. (For last year's precedent, please see G.O. No. 1123 E.P.H. & 6.6.46.)

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