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[Despatch Abstract.]

GRANT - Building - St. Christopher's Training College, Madras -
Construction of a hostel - Increased from one-fourth to one-
half of the estimated cost -

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Saint Christopher's Training College Vepery, Madras

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June 24, 1949.

To

The Hon'ble Sri K. Madhava Menon,
Minister for Education, Government of Madras,
Fort St. George, Madras.

From

Miss K.N. Brockway, M.A. (Cantab.),
Principal,
St. Christopher's Training College, Vepery, Madras.

Dear Mr. Madhava Menon,

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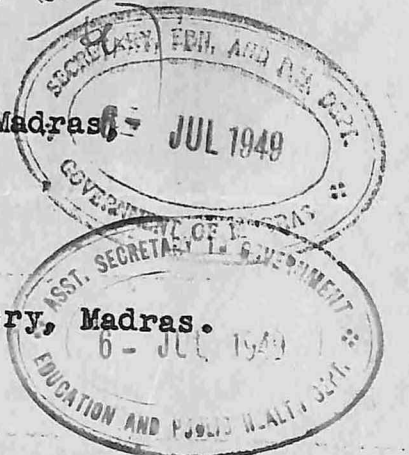
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Yours sincerely,

K.N. Brockway
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Principal.

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St. Christopher's Training College was opened in July 1923 and it was recognised in that year as a constituent college of Madras University preparing students for the B.T. degree. From 1923 - 1932 the college was in rented buildings.

On 6.2.1936 an application was made to Government for a building grant on the college hostel and on a joint teaching block for the college and its practising school, the Bentineck Girls' High School. Owing to the embargo on building grants in 1937 and subsequent difficulties connected with the war, no grant was promised for many years.

On 29.9.1945 St. Christopher's Training College hostel was placed on the list of approved works for purposes of grant at an estimated cost of Rs. 2,63,200 (Proceedings of the D.P.I. R.C. No. 1078-D/40 dated the 29th September 1945). During the course of building, costs have considerably increased.

On 7.4.1948 Government reduced the grant from $\frac{2}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the actual expenditure on a library and auditorium for Loyola College, Madras and on the St. Christopher's Training College hostel (Proceedings of the D.P.I. R.C. No. 803-K/47 dated 7.4.1948). The quarter grant of Rs. 65,800/- for St. Christopher's Training College was drawn in March 1949.

On 8.4.1949 Government rejected a recommendation made by the Director of Public Instruction that the grant be paid in full and that the scheme should be included in the post war reconstruction programme (G.O. No. 1046 Edn dated the 8th April 1949 of the Education and Public Health Department)

NOTE It is requested that for the grant on St. Christopher's Training College hostel a further sum of Rs. 65,800 (see D.P.I.'s proceedings R.C. No. 1078-D/40 dated the 29th September 1945) may be granted. This will help towards the construction of a joint teaching block for college and school which is to begin immediately. St. Christopher's Training College and its practising school, the Bentineck Girls' High School, greatly need better classrooms, as the present ones are scattered and very inconvenient. A grant of Rs. 30,000 only has been promised on the joint teaching block which is estimated to cost about Rs. 5 lakhs.

Dated 24.6.1949

(Miss) E. N. Brockway, M.A. (Cantab.),
Principal.

(x) E. & P.H. (G.2)

Grant - Building - St. Christopher's Training College,
Madras - Construction of hostel - Request for
enhancement ~~of the~~ to one-half.

From the Principal, St. Christopher's Training College,
Madras, letter dated 24-6-1949, to H.M. (E. & L).

Memo. No. 5137182/49-1 Edn., dated 7/7/49

The Principal, St. Christopher's Training College,
Madras, is informed that her letter read above has
been received and is receiving the attention of
Govt.

To
The Principal, St.
Christopher's Training
College, Madras.

Note. The acknowledgement above is submitted with
reference to the orders of H.M. (E. & L) on p.l.c.f.

After issue

After issue of the memo. overleaf, the case will be examined and ~~submitted~~ the file submd.

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPTT(G.2)
NOTE FOR THE CABINET.

SUB:- Grant - Building - St.Christopher's Training College, Madras - Construction of a hostel - enhancement - from one-fourth to one-half.

In 1946, the Government sanctioned a half-grant of Rs.1,31,600/- to the management of the St.Christopher's Training College for Women for the construction of a hostel estimated to cost Rs. 2,63,200/-, and made the necessary provision for the scheme in the B.E. for 1946-47. As the work was not taken up by the management ~~that~~ during that year, the provision was surrendered.

2. In 1947-48, the management of the College took up the work and applied to the Govt. for an advance grant ~~of Rs. 50,000/-~~ for the work. The D.P.I. reported that the management would be able to complete work to the value of about Rs. ~~1~~ 1 lakh in 1947-48 and recommended the payment of an advance grant of Rs. 50,000/- during that ~~work~~ year. This Department suggested that the scheme might be considered as Part II Scheme for 1948-49 and that a provision of Rs.1,31,600/- might be made in the B.E. for 1948-49 ~~for~~ ^{in respect of} the scheme. Finance also agreed to the above suggestion. It was however ordered in circulation that the provision of Rs.1,31,600/- might be spread over two years beginning from 1948-49. The S.F.C. and ~~the Cabinet~~ which considered the above scheme along with other Part II schemes, ~~ordered that~~ for 1948-49 ~~ordered that~~ eventually decided that the total grant for this scheme should be limited to one-fourth of the actual expenditure on the work or Rs.65,800/- whichever was less. The Cabinet approved the above decision of the S.F.C. and accordingly the Govt. sanctioned the payment of a quarter grant of Rs.65800/- during 1948-49 for the scheme.

3. ~~At the end of Feb. 1948~~ April 1948, at the request of the management of the College, the D.P.I. recommended that the grant for the scheme might be increased to one-half, i.e. from Rs.65800/- to Rs. 1,31,600/-, in view of the fact that the scheme had already been ^{in the} approved list for a half grant of Rs. 1,31,600/-, and the management had been put to serious financial difficulty due to a reduction in the above grant. He also recommended that if it

was not possible to increase the grant to one-half of the estimated cost, the Govt. of India might be addressed for including this scheme in their Post-War Devt. Plan in order to enable the management to get a half grant for the scheme.

The question was considered in detail and it was at last decided ^{after consultation with Dept. (P&D) & Finance} that the proposal should be negatived. The management of the college was informed accordingly.

4. In Feb. 1949, the D.P.I. reported that the management of the college had completed work to the value of Rs. 1,37,945/- up to 15.1.1949 and recommended the payment of ^{the} grant of Rs. 65,800/-. Sanction was accordingly given for the disbursement of the above grant, subject to the management giving an undertaking to complete the work as originally estimated.

5. Now, the Principal of the College requests the Govt. to reconsider their previous orders in the matter and increase the grant payable for the scheme from ~~Rs. 65,800/- to Rs. 1,31,600/-~~ one-fourth to one-half i.e. from Rs. 65,800/- to Rs. 1,31,600/-. It may be mentioned in this connection that in 1946, the scheme relating to the building grant for the Mazharul Uloom High School, Ambur, was included in the approved list for a half grant of Rs. 75,400/-. When the question of provision of funds was taken up for consideration in connection with the budget for 1948-49, it was decided to reduce the maximum grant for this institution to Rs. 40,000/- i.e. Rs. 5000/- over the maximum limit fixed for building grant for aided ^{secondary} schools, and the grant was accordingly fixed at Rs. 40,000/-. This year the management of the above High School applied for reconsideration and it was ordered in circulation that it was wrong to repudiate ~~previous~~ ^{old declared} commitments and accordingly orders have been issued in July 1949 raising the grant for the high school from Rs. 40,000/- to Rs. 75,400/-. On the same analogy, this Deptt. recommended that the request of the management of the St. Christopher's Training College for a half-grant of Rs. 1,31,600/- ^{might} be allowed. Finance while agreeing to the above suggestion, stated that as it was the Cabinet which restricted the grant for the College to one-fourth on the recommendations of the Standing Finance Committee, orders should be taken on the subject in the Cabinet. The file was circulated to H.M. (Edn), H. (Fin) and

H.Pr. for orders on the proposal. It ^{has been} decided in circulation that the grant may be raised to one-half and that the subject should be placed before the Cabinet.

6. Accordingly the subject is now placed before the Cabinet for orders whether the one-fourth grant of Rs. 65,800/- ~~paid~~ sanctioned to the management of the St. Christopher's Training College for Women, Madras, for the construction of a hostel, may be increased to one-half ~~xxx~~ of the estimated cost, i.e. to Rs. 1,31,600/- ^{If this is agreed to, necessary provision may} and the ~~balance of grant payable~~ ^{grant} paid during the current year ^{will} be included in Part I of the next year's budget.

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NOTE FOR THE CABINET.

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Meeting of the Council of Ministers held at Fort St. George, on Tuesday the 11th October 1949 at 11 A.M.

The Hon'ble the Premier presided.

PRESENT:-

The Hon. Dr. T.S.S. Rajan
The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam
The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi
The Hon. Sri K. Madhava Menon
The Hon. Sri H. Sitarama Reddi
The Hon. Sri A.B. Shetty
The Hon. Sri K. Chandramouli
The Hon. Sri B. Parameswaran
The Hon. Sri N. Sanjiva Reddi
The Hon. Sri C. Perumalswami Reddi
The Hon. Sri J.P.L. Roche Victoria.

AGENDA.-

5. Education - Grant - Building - St. Christopher's Training College, Madras - Construction of a hostel - Enhancement from one-fourth to one-half.

ORDER.-

The one-fourth grant sanctioned may be increased to one-half of the estimated cost.

K.R.M.
12.10.49.

P.S. Kumaraswami Raja
Premier.

E. P. H. Dept.



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approved list for a half grant of Rs. 75,400/-. When the question of provision of funds was taken up for consideration in connection with the budget for 1948-49, it was decided to reduce the maximum grant for this institution to Rs. 40,000/- i.e. Rs. 5000/- over the maximum limit fixed for building grant for aided secondary schools, and the grant was accordingly fixed at Rs. 40,000/-. This year the management of the above High School applied for reconsideration and it was ordered in circulation that it was wrong to repudiate old declared commitments and accordingly orders have been issued in July 1949 raising the grant for the high school from Rs. 40,000/- to Rs. 75,400/-. On the same analogy, this Department recommended that the request of the management of the St. Christopher's Training College for a half-grant of Rs. 1,31,600/- might be allowed. Finance while agreeing to the above suggestion, stated that as it was the Cabinet which restricted the grant for the College to one-fourth on the recommendations of the Standing Finance Committee, orders should be taken on the subject in the Cabinet. The file was circulated to the Hon'ble Minister for Education, the Hon'ble Minister for Finance and the Hon'ble the Premier for orders on the proposal. It has been decided in circulation that the subject should be placed before the Cabinet.

6. Accordingly the subject is now placed before the Cabinet for orders whether the one-fourth grant of Rs. 65,800/- sanctioned to the management of the St. Christopher's Training College for Women, Madras, for the construction of a hostel, may be increased to one-half of the estimated cost, i.e. to Rs. 1,31,600/-. If this is agreed to, necessary provision will be included in Part I of the next year's budget.

J.H. LOBO PRABHU,
Secretary to Government.

E.& P.H.(G.2)

Grant - Building - St.Christopher's Training College,
Madras - Construction of a hostel - Increased from
one-fourth to one-half of the estimated cost.

E.No.51371/49.

READ:- G.O.No.696 Edn., dated 1.4.46.
G.O.No.748 Edn., dated 2.4.48
G.O.No.1046 Edn " 8.4.49.

From the ~~Principal~~ Principal, St.Christopher's Training
College, Madras, dated 24.6.1949.

ORDER No. 3247 Edn., dated 25.10.49

In G.O.No.748 Edn., dated 2-4-1948, the Govt.

sanctioned ~~the payment of a one-fourth~~ a grant of

Rs. 65,800/- to the St.Christopher's Training College,
Madras, for the construction of a hostel, equivalent to one-fourth of the estimated cost. In the

circumstances, now explained by the Principal of the

College, the grant payable ~~to the institution~~ scheme will

for the purpose will be raised from ~~one-fourth~~

one-fourth to one-half of the estimated cost, viz.

from Rs. 65,800/- to Rs.1,31,600/-.

3. The D.P.I. is requested to suggest ~~necessary~~ take

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in accordance with
the provisions of the
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R.E. for 1950-51.

12/10/49 take necessary action for
the provision of funds in Part I
of the BE for next year.

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The Principal, St.
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Education and Public Health Department.
G.O.MS.NO. 3247 Edn. dated 25th October 1949.

Abstract.

GRANT - Building - St. Christopher's Training College, Madras
Construction of a hostel - Increased from one-fourth to one-
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G.O.No.696 Edn. dated 1st April 1946.

G.O.No. 748 Edn. dated 2nd April 1948.

G.O.No.1046 Edn. dated 8th April 1949.

From the Principal, St. Christopher's Training College,
Madras, dated 24th June 1949.

ORDER:

In G.O.748 Edn. dated 2-4-1948 the Government
sanctioned a grant of Rs. 65,800/- to the St. Christopher's
Training College, Madras, for the construction of a hostel
equipment to one-fourth of the estimated cost. In the
circumstances now explained by the Principal of the College,
the grant payable for the scheme will be raised from one-
fourth to one-half of the estimated cost, viz. from Rs.
65,800/- to Rs. 1,31,600/-

2. The enhanced grant will be disbursed in accordance
with the provision of the grant-in-aid code.

3. The Director of Public Instruction is requested
to take necessary action for the provision of funds in Part I
of the Budget Estimate for the next year.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

J.M.LOBO PRABHU,
Secretary to Government.

To The Director of Public Instruction.

" " Accountant-General (through Finance)

Copy to the Principal, St. Christopher's Training College,
Madras.

Copy to Finance (BE) Department.

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Superintendent.

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Grant - Building - St. Christopher's Training College, Madras
Construction of a hostel - enhancement - from one-fourth
to one-half - Request.

C.No.51371/49.

From the Principal, St. Christopher's Training College, Madras,
dated 24-6-1949.

Please see the letter from the Principal, St. Christo-
pher's Training College, Madras, to H.M. (Edn) on p.1 c.f., and
its enclosure on p.3 c.f. ^{She} He requests that the ^{me} quarter grant
of Rs. 65,800/- sanctioned for the construction of a hostel
for the college in G.O.No.748 Edn., dated 2.4.48 may be ~~incre~~
increased to one-half, viz. to Rs. 1,31,600/-, as it is
not likely that the Govt. of India will meet the increase in
grant as a Post-War Development Scheme.

2. In G.O.No.696 Edn., dated 1.4.46, the Govt. sanction-
ed ~~the payment of~~ a half-grant of Rs. 1,31,600/- to the St.
Christopher's Training College, Madras, for the construction
of a hostel at an estimated cost of Rs.2,63,200/-, and made
the necessary provision for the work in the B.E. for 1946-47.
As the work was not taken up by the management that year,
the amount was surrendered. The authorities of the college
took up the work in 1947-48 and applied for an advance grant
for the work. The D.P.I. reported that the management would
be completing work to the tune of about a lakh of rupees by
1947-48 and recommended the payment of an advance grant of
Rs.50,000/- during that year. This Department suggested that
the scheme might be considered as a Part II Scheme for 1948-49
and a provision of Rs.1,31,600/- be made for it in the B.E.
for 1948-49. Finance also agreed to the above suggestion.
It was however ordered in circulation that the above
provision of Rs. 1,31,600/- might be spread over 2 years,
beginning from 1948-49. The ~~scheme was considered~~ S.F.C.
which considered this scheme along with other Part II Schemes
for 1948-49 ^{eventually} decided that the total grant for this scheme
should be limited to one-fourth of the actual expenditure
on the work or Rs. 65,800/- whichever was less. ~~and~~ The
Cabinet approved the above decision of the S.F.C. Accord-
ingly in G.O.No.748 Edn., dated 2.4.48, the Govt. sanctioned the

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payment of a quarter-grant of Rs.65,800/- for the scheme.

3. Towards the end of April 1948, at the request of the Correspondent of the College, the D.P.I. recommended ~~that~~ that the grant for the scheme might be increased from one-fourth to one-half, i.e. from Rs.65,800/- to Rs.1,31,600/- in view of the fact that the scheme ^{had} ~~was~~ already included in the approved list for a half-grant ~~which was later reduced to one-half~~ and also in view of the facts set forth by the Correspondent in his letter dated 16.4.48 extracted at p.p.1-2 c.f. of G.O.No.1046 Edn.,

dated 8.4.49. He also recommended that if it was not possible ^{for} to increase the grant for this scheme, the Govt. of India might be ~~addressed~~ addressed for including this scheme in their Post War Devt. Plan for 1948-49. The D.P.I.'s recommendations were considered and examined in detail. It was decided that the one-fourth grant already sanctioned need not be increased. Please see the orders of H.M.(Edn) ~~extracted~~ ^{as per the orders of H.M.(Edn)} at R on p.2 n.f. of G.O.No.1046 Edn., dated 8.4.49. This Deptt. suggested ^{that} the Govt. of India might be addressed for including this scheme also in the Post-War Devt. Programme in order to enable the management to get a half-grant for the scheme but Devt.(P. & D.) and Finance advised against the proposal. The proposal was accordingly negated. Please see in this connection the notes of this Deptt. on p.p.4-5 n.f. of the Devt.(P. & D.) on p.p.6-7 n.f., and that of Finance on p.p.7-8 n.f. and the orders in circulation thereon on p.9 n.f. of G.O.No.1046 Edn., dated 8.4.49. In Feb.1949, the D.P.I. reported that the management had completed work to the value of Rs. 1,37,945/- and recommended the payment of the grant of Rs. 65,800/-. Sanction was accordingly given for the disbursement of the above grant subject to the management giving an undertaking to complete the work as originally estimated.

4. Now the Principal of the College requests ~~for~~ ^{reconsideration} of the ~~previous~~ ^{orders}. It may be mentioned that the Govt. have of late ~~been~~ ^{been} sanctioning half-grants subject to a maximum of Rs.75,000/- ~~in respect of~~ ^{for} buildings schemes ~~of~~ First Grade Arts Colleges. In view of the fact that the Christopher's Training College is a Professional college for women, with a good standing, it is for consideration whether the grant of Rs.65,800/-

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already sanctioned to the college, may be increased to ~~the~~ ~~maximum limit for a First Grade College viz Rs.75,000/-~~

Rs.75,000/-, the maximum amount of grant permissible for a First Grade College, and if so, the difference, viz. Rs.9,200/- (Rs.75,000 minus Rs. 65,800/-) may be paid during the current year. ~~before the end of the year~~

^{22/7/49} ~~before the end of the year~~ / This seems to be the maximum aid which can be rendered to this institution in view of the present finances of the Province which may not permit the making of a half grant amounting to Rs 1,31,600 as requested -

Finance may see the case for Remarks -

^{23/7/49} Recently, the question of payment of a building grant for the Mayhew School, Ambur, was reconsidered.

In 1946, the scheme was included in the approved list and a half grant subject to a maximum of Rs 75,400 was promised.

When the question of provision of funds was taken up for consideration in connection with the budget for 1948-49, it was decided to reduce the maximum grant to Rs 40,000 only, i.e. Rs 5,000 over the maximum grant ~~then~~ ^{then} allowed from 1948 onwards.

The grant was accordingly fixed at Rs 40,000. The management applied for reconsideration recently. H.M.(Edn) recorded that it is wrong to repudiate promises and commitments and accordingly orders have been issued in G.O. No. 2340 Edn. of 19-7-49 raising the grant from Rs 40,000 to Rs 75,400.

From pages 2 and 3 on pages 1-2 and it will be seen that the case of the Christopher's Training College is similar to that of the school at Ambur and

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that the request of the management for a half grant of Rs. 1,31,600 should be allowed.

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No. 51371/49.2



Fin (Exp A)

Please see the representation made to the Hon'ble the Minister for Education and Law on pp 1-3 CF. and the note of the E.P.H. Dept. on pp 1-4 above.

In view of the precedent quoted by the E.P.H. Assistant Secy on p 3 above and of the fact that a half grant amounting to Rs 1.31.600/- was actually sanctioned by the Govt., Finance need not object to the full half grant being given to the St. Christopher's Training College. However as it was the Cabinet that restricted the grant to one-fourth on the recommendations of the Standing Finance Committee,

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see para 2, pp 1-2 above

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E.P.H. may be requested to obtain the orders of the Cabinet in the matter. H.M. (Fin) may be requested to place the matter before the Cabinet.

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E.P.H. (G2)

(This Department note on p.p.1-4 ante and the Fin. Department note on p.p.4-5 ante may be perused). Finance agree with this Department that the full amount of half-grant of Rs. 1,31,600/- may be sanctioned to the St. Christopher's Training College, Madras, for the ~~construction~~ scheme relating to the construction of a hostel building that the subject be placed before the Cabinet as it was the Cabinet that restricted the half-grant to one-fourth and that before placing it before the Cabinet, the case may be circulated to H.M. (Fin) also. The file may now be circulated to H.M. (Edn) and H.M. (Fin) for orders on 'A' above.

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Please see the orders in circulation above. A draft note for the Cabinet is submitted for approval. May be sent to Finance and Chief Secretary for circulation.

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Fin (Exp A)

(Previous Finance note on pp 4-5 above).

The orders in circulation on p. 5 above and the draft note for the Cabinet may be perused.

Slight pencil additions have been suggested for consideration of E.P.H.

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The draft note for the Cabinet may be perused and the file xed to E.P.H.

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The file may be circulated to H.M. (Exp) for approval of the note for the Cabinet.

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Exp (H) (G2)

Copies of the note have been circulated to all H.M.'s etc. See copies of the note are kept below. The file may be sent to

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Please see decision of the Cabinet at p. 13 of. A draft order is submitted for approval. Finance may see before issue.

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Fin (Exp A)

(Previous Finance note on p 6 above)

Please see the order of the Cabinet with reference to para. 6 on p. 12 C.F. The draft order below may be accepted.

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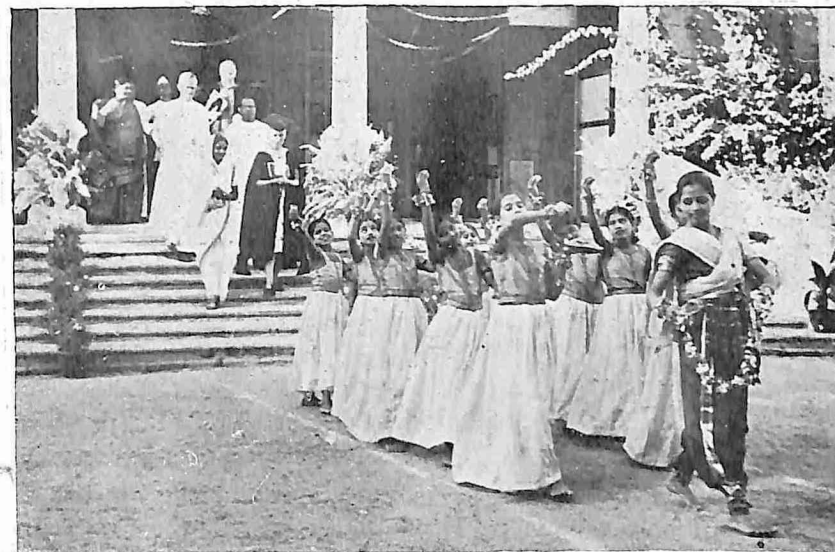
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A black and white illustration of a man with a beard and a halo, wearing a robe, standing in water and holding a long staff or pole. A large, stylized fish is visible in the background.

**SILVER JUBILEE
CELEBRATIONS
FEBRUARY 26, 1949**

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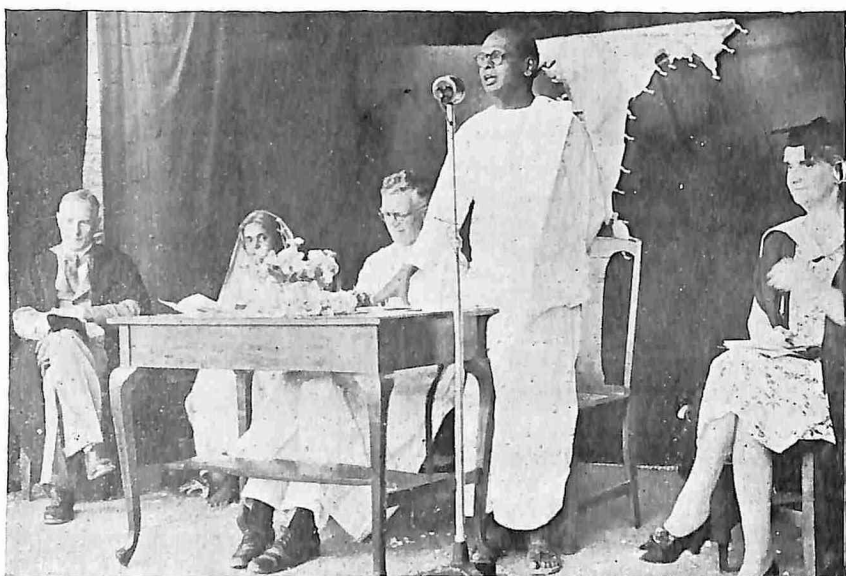


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Asha Devi and Miss Brockway (*leading*), followed by the Bishop in Madras and the Minister for Education.



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From left to right : Dr. A. J. Boyd, Asha Devi, Bishop in Madras, Minister for Education (*speaking*), Miss Brockway.

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ST. CHRISTOPHER'S TRAINING COLLEGE SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION

at 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 26, 1949.

1. PRAYER—by the Most Rev. A. M. Hollis, Bishop in Madras.
2. READING OF MESSAGES—by Mrs. Sugantham Charles, Member of Staff and Secretary to the College Council.
3. THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.
4. SONG—by Srimati D. K. Pattammal
5. SPEECH—by the Hon'ble Sri T. S. Avinashilingam, Minister for Education, Government of Madras.
6. READING OF MESSAGES—by the Rev. A. J. Boyd, Principal of the Madras Christian College and President of the St. Christopher's College Council.
7. SONG—by Srimati D. K. Pattammal.
8. SPEECH—by Srimati Asha Devi.
9. SPEECH—by the Chairman, the Most Rev. A. M. Hollis Bishop in Madras.
10. GREETINGS FROM OLD STUDENTS AND VOTE OF THANKS—by Mrs. V. A. Azariah.
11. A PAGEANT OF INDIA.
12. JANA GANA MANA.

MESSAGES AND GREETINGS

HIS EXCELLENCY SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI, Governor-General, Government House, New Delhi.

The service of loving and devoted teachers is one of the highest forms of patriotic contribution that India needs from people trained to that work. Every pupil-teacher should take pride in the vocation she has chosen.

HIS EXCELLENCY KRISHNA KUMARSINHJI BHAVSINHJI OF BHAVNAGAR, Governor of Madras, Government House, Guindy.

I am very glad to learn that the St. Christopher's Training College is celebrating its Silver Jubilee on the 26th February this year.

Teaching is one of the noblest and one of the most responsible of professions—and in free India teachers have a great burden to bear in training our future citizens. I am sure that they realise the importance of this duty and will do everything they can to equip themselves for this task.

I would like to congratulate the College authorities on this occasion and I wish the College every success.

The Hon'ble Sri O. P. Ramaswamy Reddy, Premier of Madras, Fort St. George, Madras.

I should very much like to be present at the Silver Jubilee Celebration of the St. Christopher's Training College. But prior engagements deny me the pleasure.

Women have a great role to play in the field of education. With their gentleness, spirit of sacrifice and natural tenderness for children, they are acknowledgedly better fitted than men to handle the education of the young. More than the teaching of the Three R's, the moulding of character in the formative stages is a highly important and onerous task and in this women have a decisive influence. May God grant this institution ever-increasing strength and prosperity to serve the cause of education.

SRIMATI RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR, Minister for Health, Government of India, New Delhi.

India needs many things but perhaps nothing so much as good teachers. Any Institution that turns out good teachers, particularly women, is doing a real service to the country. Teaching should be a calling to each one in this noble profession. To mould the thought and character of our little ones and our youth is surely a fascinating work, but withal one fraught with great responsibility. I hope all those who go out from St. Christopher's will go with love in their hearts and with a missionary zeal which alone can overcome all difficulties. I wish your Institution well and send you my best wishes for your Silver Jubilee Celebrations.

HER EXCELLENCY LADY MAHARAJ SINGH, Government House, Bombay.

I am really very sorry not to be with you on this happy day.

St. Christopher's has been the source of much blessing and enrichment in the lives of many a young woman. May courage, vision and faith be yours in rich measure during the years to come. I should like to close with words of the Psalmist which have been an inspiration to me.

'And may the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us—yea the work of our hands establish Thou it.'

With warmest greetings,

GUNAVATI MAHARAJ SINGH.

The Hon'ble Dr. John Matthai, Minister for Transport, Government of India, New Delhi.

My wife and I wish St. Christopher's all success and prosperity in the coming years. Hope Silver Jubilee will be a great success.

JOHN MATTHAI.

Secretary to HER EXCELLENCY SRIMATI SAROJINI NAIDU, United Provinces Governor's Camp.

As Her Excellency Srimati Sarojini Naidu is indisposed no message for Silver Jubilee Celebration of your college could be sent.

27-2-1949.

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARY.

(Srimathi Sarojini Naidu died on 2-3-1949).

THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This is a joyful day for St. Christopher's. We have had the happiness of welcoming numbers of our alumnae and of receiving letters and telegrams from others who could not be present. It is on their good work that our reputation rests, and their remembrance of us brings us joy. Messages from distinguished citizens of India and from friends overseas have brought home to us again the importance of the work entrusted to us. Now the presence of many of our friends, especially may I say our teacher friends, adds to the happiness of this great day. We were grateful and touched that Srimati Asha Devi readily agreed to travel such a long distance to speak for us, and that Srimati Pattammal, a friend of earlier days in college and school, gladly consented to sing for us without any fee though she might have demanded so much. We are very grateful too to the Hon'ble Minister for Education, to Bishop Hollis and to Dr. Boyd, all very busy men, for their willingness to take part in to-day's proceedings.

On this College Day and Silver Jubilee we commemorate our first College Day which was held towards the end of the first year of our College. St. Christopher's was opened on July 4, 1923 with a graduate class of twelve students and with the support of missionary societies in America and Britain, supplemented later by Government grants. Our founders hoped that Indian women trained in our college would in time assume responsibility for long established Christian schools in different parts of South India. Their hopes have been realized and we see those schools today staffed by Indian women graduates and with Indian head mistresses. Looking back it seems that it was in the providence of God that the two women's training colleges in this city, Lady Willingdon Training College, opened in 1921, and St. Christopher's Training College, opened in 1923, were established a few years before the great expansion of girls' education. So when that expansion came, there were already, in schools throughout this Presidency, trained women graduates who were able to assume increasing responsibility.

St. Christopher's, which opened with a class of twelve students, now has a B.T. class of 44 students, 87 Tamil and 38 Telugu students in its secondary training section, and 750 girls in its

practising school, the Bentinck Girls' High School. More than 1,500 students have been trained in this college. In the 25 years of its history the college has passed through five stages, each of which corresponds roughly to a quinquennium. In the first five years, the college was largely concerned with the work of women graduates in secondary schools. We owe much to the co-operation of six Christian secondary schools in the City which from the first have admitted our students for practice teaching. After five years, St. Christopher's was amalgamated with a secondary training school, previously managed by the United Free Church of Scotland, and our interests then reached out to the problems of elementary schools and of primary education. After another five years the college had moved to this compound with a view to a further amalgamation—this time with Bentinck Girls' High School, which had been opened by the London Missionary Society a hundred years earlier. The college has been much enriched by its contact with this school which is partly residential and partly a day school, and which admits girls from class 1 to Form 6. After another five years, the Vepery Nursery School and Training School had been opened in our immediate vicinity, and contact with it stimulated our interest in problems of pre-school education and in parent-teacher co-operation. Then five years ago, thanks to the help of our Vice-Chancellor, the M.Ed. course was instituted in Madras University and our college has since that time had some responsibility for lecturing in connection with that course at Meston Training College. You will ask what our next development is to be. Asha Devi will tell you her dreams for us. I hope they may be realized, but quite how that will come about is not at present clear.

St. Christopher's is eager to be of service to Independent India. Political freedom has been achieved. How can we win and hold freedom of the mind and spirit? In school, spiritual freedom means freedom from fear and from the tyranny of meaningless words. Can our training colleges help to achieve this? At any rate we can try. It was written of Winifred Mercier who did much to raise the status of teachers' colleges in England, 'She saw that the key to spiritual freedom lay in the enfranchisement, enlargement and adornment of the spirits of those who taught young children. For such teachers, she held, no education could be too good, no conditions too inspiring.' We at St. Christopher's share this ideal. We wish our students could have the uplifting influence of beautiful surroundings and of contact

with truth-loving and magnanimous minds. For the first of these, beautiful and appropriate buildings, we have had long to wait. At last, after very many disappointments and delays, our college hostel is on the way to completion. We hope soon to proceed to build a section of the teaching block for school and college, but in order to complete that block four lakhs must still be raised; we acknowledge with gratitude contributions that have been made to our Silver Jubilee Building Fund. Our desire for a devoted and highly qualified staff is already largely realized. As I look back through the 25 years of our history and as I think of our present staff, I recall with gratitude the devoted service they have rendered from the first year until today. We are proud too of their qualifications. Two members of our present staff have doctorates in Education and a third, who is on study leave, hopes to complete her doctorate soon. For part of next year we expect to have the help of one who has done much to encourage educational investigation and research in India. It is our conviction that in a teachers' college teaching and research should both have a place. Research is needed, in this as in other lands, to improve methods of teaching, to raise the standard and increase the usefulness of school books, and to help in the understanding and wise treatment of each individual child. We hope that the importance of advanced study and of research in Education may soon be widely appreciated in our university.

All this is true, but it is not all. A teacher of olden days said, 'I may be possessed of all knowledge, but if I have no love, it counts for nothing.' However learned a teacher may be, without a spirit of loving service her work will be a failure. St. Paul, whose words I have quoted, counted all great gifts as nothing in comparison with the spirit of love which he had found in his Master, Jesus Christ. It is our desire that the Christian ideals of this College may be made real to others through lives which reveal that same spirit of loving service.

K. N. BROCKWAY.

THE HON'BLE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

Notes of a speech given by

THE HON'BLE SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAMS

Minister for Education.

I am glad to associate myself with the Silver Jubilee celebrations of this college. Madras owes not a little to the good work done by Missionary organizations in the development of education. The magnitude of their contribution to education will be found when it is learned that 5,287 elementary schools out of a total number of 36,268 elementary schools are maintained by them and 214 out of 1,041 secondary schools and 22 out of 82 colleges are also maintained by them. Both in the field of education and medicine, their contribution has been great. Coming to this college, which is another example of a great Missionary effort in education, I must congratulate it on its continuous work in the last quarter of a century. After many vicissitudes, it has at present attained the stature of a full grown institution, that is imparting education in all stages from the elementary school to the Teachers' College. I must also acknowledge with gratitude the help that the staff of this college has given in the recent reorganization of Secondary Education both in the drawing up of the syllabuses and putting them into practice. I hope that this college will give the same co-operation in bringing into effect the scheme of basic education which has been accepted by Government as their policy with regard to primary education.

In paving the way for a glorious future for this great country giving the right type of education to our women is indeed of very great importance. As has been said, when you educate a man, you educate an individual; but when you educate a woman, you educate a family. Training in good habits and the cultivation of those qualities in our children which go to make up a great nation are done through traditions set up in our homes and our women are the repositories of these traditions. Indian women have had a distinctive culture of their own throughout the ages. In this connection, I should like to point out the essential difference between education and culture. It is not always that education and culture go together, though the

essential objective of education is the cultural development of the individual. Many times we may have felt in our own lives that certain people have had education but have no culture. It is also true that there are many men and women who have had little formal education but who are deeply cultured. The Great Sage of Dakshineswar might have been regarded as an illiterate from the point of view of education, but he was the expression of the highest culture that man can aspire to. So also the Poet Rabindranath Tagore; though he could not boast of University education, he was considered to be one of the most cultured men of his time. While education is a course of study that an individual may pass through in various institutions, culture is something greater and is based on the cultivation of the virtues of love, affection, devotion and consideration for others. In our own country, in spite of the colossal lack of education, our women who have never crossed the threshold of our houses or rarely gone out of their villages, possess a culture which has been handed over to them from generation to generation. In fact, when men were affected by superficial ideas from foreign countries, it is our women who maintained our great culture and tradition by their purity and selflessness. It is hereafter necessary that the curriculum and activities in our girls' schools and colleges should be imbued with the best of our own culture—those qualities of purity, steadfastness and devotion to which our women have always been heir.

Pure as the snows on the tops of the Himalayas, steadfast in their devotion to their hearths and homes, to the child and to the family, firm as a rock in pursuit of their ideals and with a heart as expansive as the ocean, Indian women have been an example to the womanhood of the world. As humble as a blade of grass, but full of indomitable strength in facing difficulties, they have preserved the culture of ages in their own personal lives. It is this capacity for suffering and devotion and discipline and selfless service which has marked Indian womanhood throughout the ages and which has been responsible for the mother of every household being worshipped as the expression of Godhood.

It is a happy sign of the times that today a large number of institutions for women under Missionary and other managements understand the need for their reorientation on Indian cultural lines. The reorientation given to girls' schools in the recent reorganization of secondary education has been

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done with the same objective in view. For the modern age, Kasturba Gandhi and Saradamani Devi stand as the supreme examples of womanhood. The one had children but her heart was so wide that all India were her children. The other had no children of her own but her affection and devotion made her look upon all as her own children and millions throughout the world still worship her as the embodiment of motherhood. They spent a life of devotion and service throughout the length and breadth of this great country. To bring up a hearth and home is great but greater than this is to lead a life of sacrifice and dedication. The progress of India depends upon her producing a number of such men and women who can lead this great life of purity, sacrifice and dedication.

I must congratulate this institution on the work they have done in the past. A quarter of a century of service is something which any institution may be proud of. The St. Christopher's Training College has served well in the past. I am sure it has a great future before it. I hope and pray that it will stand for the greatest ideals of Indian womanhood and will produce women of whom India and the world may well be proud.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

From SIR A. L. MUDALIAR, Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras who could not be present as he was attending the conference of the World Health Organization in Geneva.

DEAR MADAM PRINCIPAL,

On the occasion of the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of St. Christopher's Training College, may I, on behalf of the University, offer you, the staff and students, warmest felicitations and congratulations on the brilliant record that your College has built up during the last quarter of a century. It would be no exaggeration to say that St. Christopher's Training College is held in high esteem for the standards it has established and the atmosphere of cordiality and spirit of service that it has engendered in its alumnae.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to have visited this institution on several occasions, and I can say with confidence that the subsequent record of the alumnae trained at this institution bears witness to the soundness of the training given and to the excellent principles inculcated during the training of the candidates.

Training Colleges in Madras, as elsewhere, have a great responsibility, and in the new order of things the world over, one should look to such Colleges to inculcate correct principles in those who will be given the responsibility and the privilege of looking after the younger generation and bringing them up as useful citizens of the country.

I feel no doubt that in the future as in the past, if the College holds to those ideals which it has cherished and which it has sought to inculcate, its future will be bright. I wish the college every success, and offer my hearty congratulations to the Principal and the other members of the staff on the splendid record of service for over a quarter of a century.

(Sd.) A. L. MUDALIAR,
Vice-Chancellor.

February 3rd, 1949.

MESSAGES AND GREETINGS FROM FRIENDS OVERSEAS

A. INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL, 'Congratulations and best wishes.' Oldham, Gibson, Ranson, Goodall, Standley.

CONFERENCE OF BRITISH MISSIONARY SOCIETIES, LONDON, 'Hearty congratulations and high hopes.' Stanley Dixon.

FOREIGN MISSIONS CONFERENCE OF NORTH AMERICA. Greetings were received from Miss Sue Weddell, Secretary of the India Committee.

B. AMERICA

MRS. SARDESON, *President, Board of St. Christopher's in U.S.A.* 'It is a great pleasure for me to send greetings for the special function at St. Christopher's, Saturday February 26th, and it is a privilege on this occasion to extend my best wishes because I believe so completely in the good work that St. Christopher's is performing in the field of education and because I remember with such happiness my visit there in 1939.'

MISS COLONY, *Secretary, Board of St. Christopher's in U.S.A.* 'The American Board of Governors of St. Christopher's Training College join you in your Silver Jubilee celebration February 26th. We rejoice greatly in the splendid achievements of the college during these first twenty-five years of growth and service. Our confident expectation is that these are but the beginnings of a long history of service to India. We believe profoundly in your future as we rejoice in your success during the past. May February 26 be a day long to be remembered.'

DALTON McCLELLARD, *National General Secretary, Y.M.C.A. in U.S.A.* 'Congratulations 25 years wonderful service. Heartiest good wishes for future.'

DR. JOHN R. MOTT, *Honorary Life President, World Alliance of Y.M.C.A.* 'I have just learned of the planned celebration of the 25th anniversary of your important institution. I am availing myself of the privilege of conveying to you and through you to the countless friends of this vital project, the expression of my profound appreciation of the wonderful service you have rendered, and of my deep conviction that the work of the college was never so much needed as it will be in the coming fateful period.'

C. BRITAIN

E. J. BINGLE, *Chairman*, AND MRS. TAFFS, *Secretary*, *Board of St. Christopher's in Britain*. 'The friends and supporters of St. Christopher's College in Britain desire to congratulate the College on the attainment of its Silver Jubilee. They are mindful of the many and varied experiences of the college during the twenty five years when it has changed its abode frequently and has undergone many trying difficulties, financial and otherwise and they give thanks to God for the self-sacrificing devotion and loyalty of the staff, both Indian and European. They also recall the diligence and enthusiasm of the students during the past quarter of a century. The supporters of the college in Britain are resolved to maintain their contribution to the work of the college as far as lies in their power. The members of the Board wish to send their warmest greetings to Miss Brockway and her colleagues and to the students on this happy occasion and they look forward to an ever increasing sphere of usefulness for the college in the service of India and of the Kingdom of God.'

Letters of greeting were received from supporting boards, Church of England Zenana Missionary Society, Church Missionary Society, Methodist Missionary Society.

A cable came from the Church of Scotland.

This letter was received from Miss McDougall, *first Principal of the Women's Christian College, and a founder of St. Christopher's Training College*.

'When the word was spoken 25 years ago which launched the little ship on the voyage which then seemed so great a venture not many of us could have foreseen how sea-worthy the vessel would prove and what noble freight it would bring safe to land. But we had great confidence in the crew and we had some idea of the goal of the voyage. Now that through storms and fogs and also through times of tranquility and fair weather, a generation of voyaging has been happily accomplished, we give thanks for the creation and preservation of St. Christopher's College and commit it afresh to the never failing providence of God.'

D. INDIA

Among many messages received was a letter from the Rt. Rev. Sandegren, Bishop of Tranquebar, representing the Church of Sweden.

A letter of greeting came from the National Missionary Society of India.



THOUGHTS FROM THE TALK GIVEN BY SRIMATHI ASHA DEVI AT THE SILVER JUBILEE MEETING

1. The first essential of Basic Education is community life. From the very beginning every child should understand that there is no common good which is not an individual good, and no individual good that is not a common good.
2. The second essential is cleanliness. We, as educators, have a great responsibility for sweeping away the dirt, not only the physical external dirt, but also the internal dirt and filth of bad, wicked and unjust thoughts and ideas. There is no salvation for the masses unless the internal dirt has been wiped off.
3. Every teacher should be a scavenger. She should herself lead the way in clearing away dirt and filth wherever she finds it.
4. Basic Education is concerned with the basic needs of society. What are these needs? They are food, shelter and clothing.
5. The average child in our country has no proper food, no proper clothing, no proper shelter. This is the child for whom Basic Education is planned. Such children form the majority of the children in the country.
6. The teacher should first of all be able to minister to the physical needs of her pupils. Every training college should have a clinic attached to it where students should receive training. They should know all the elementary principles of first aid and home nursing.
7. Education must start with the children. From there it must extend to their homes, from the homes to the community and from the community to the whole village.
8. Every teacher should work in the slum areas for at least one year. She must not expect any salary for the service. She must give herself whole heartedly to the service of these people and uplift them in as many ways as she can. Service must be her duty and happiness must be her reward.
9. The teacher should not work for a salary. She should serve the community in every way she can. The community should be responsible for the support of their teachers.
10. Art, like music, dancing and painting should not be commercialised. It should not be used as a means for earning one's own livelihood. It should be learnt for its own sake, that

is, for its own beauty and the enjoyment and pleasure it gives to people.

11. Basic Education does not start and end in spinning. Gandhiji started spinning in jail, but this does not necessarily mean that Basic Education should be started only in spinning. There are other manual works like gardening, masonry, carpentry, etc. which also offer wider channels for the starting of Basic Education.

12. Every child must learn to do some productive work.

Prepared by J. F. Forrester and a group of B.T. students.

THE BISHOP IN MADRAS

Draft of the speech given by the Chairman, the Most Rev. A. M. Hollis, Bishop in Madras.

If freedom is to survive, it demands the acceptance of responsibilities, and an uneducated democracy is on the high road to tyranny. It is therefore difficult to overestimate the importance of the teacher in India to-day and, if that be so, it is impossible to exaggerate the value of such institutions as St. Christopher's where the teacher is trained for his or her vital task. We rejoice at the thought of all that has been accomplished during these twenty-five years. We look forward to a future of wider and even more effective service in a free India.

We are glad that the Government recognizes how great a role the Christian Church, in all its branches, has played in the education of India, and that it desires the continuance of that partnership between itself and Christian institutions which has proved fruitful in the past. I can assure the Hon'ble Minister that we desire to give to India the fullest service that lies in our power. We desire to send out from this and similar Christian educational institutions men and women who will see life not as an opportunity for personal advantage, whether in money or in position, but as a call to service. It is our aim to train them to a self-forgetting loyalty to their country, to the unswerving pursuit of truth, to the maintenance of the loftiest standards of personal integrity. The true greatness of a country is to be found not in its wealth or material power, still less in its use of material power to dominate other peoples, but in the character of its citizens. If that be true, we cannot be content with anything less

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than the highest standards in the teachers, in whose hands the future so largely rests for good or ill.

Yet we need to remember that patriotism is not enough. The greatest service which we can render to the state is to set proper limits to our obedience. The state no less than all its citizens stands under the judgment of God. Men's duty to obey the state is not absolute. A healthy state is one in which the honest criticism of good men and women is not merely tolerated but welcomed. The school and the college have a great part to play in fitting the men and women of the future for life in a community, for the fulfilling of the tasks that await them as citizens of India. But it will be disastrous if they come out taught simply to conform, to follow blindly, to shout always with the crowd. Integrity of mind and conscience is not to be sold for any popularity or wordly advantage. As Christ taught men, while Caesar's things are for Caesar, God's things are for God and for God only. We can only render to the state the truest service if we keep this inner citadel inviolate.

What we believe to be God's demands depends upon what we believe God to be like. St. Christopher's is a Christian College. Its final answer about God is therefore, in Christ's words, 'He that hath seen me hath seen the Father'. We have endeavoured in the past and shall continue to endeavour to be absolutely fair to those who profess other faiths and to co-operate with them in all efforts for the removal of those evils which delay the progress of our country. We must use no methods of making known our own faith which Christ cannot bless. We feel it wrong to compel any students to receive Christian instruction or to attend Christian Worship against their will. Yet it must always be true that the greatest gift which we can give to any man or woman is Christ. In Him and only in Him have we found the secret of the full development of our human nature, body, mind and spirit. We know perhaps better than others how grievously we Christians fail to be Christlike. Yet in Christ we dedicate ourselves afresh to this great privilege of training the teachers of free India, that through their teaching and the witness of their lives there may grow up men and women who do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with their God.

GREETINGS ON ST. CHRISTOPHER'S SILVER
JUBILEE DAY, 26TH FEBRUARY 1949

By *Sugirtham Azariah* (*Mrs. Azariah was a student at Christopher's in its opening year, 1923-4. She is now an Advocate of the Madras Bar.*)

It is my proud privilege to offer greetings to the college on behalf of the old students of St. Christopher's. This is a happy day for us all; the past and present students rejoice and proudly share the heritage that has been built up. Indian tradition has it that once upon a time a community known as the Visva-brahmins were gifted with the power of creating palatial buildings. That no sooner did these spiritual architects visualise them than the buildings appeared in material form. No such miracles now happen at a word, but equally astounding results are achieved by faith and hard work. This college is the concrete evidence of the power of faith and prayerful endeavour. It is the realisation of a vision by a group of Christians educationalists, and Miss Brockway in particular, who foresaw clearly the great need for training women teachers, and dedicated their supreme efforts to bring it into being. The fulfilment is manifested not merely in the buildings that have gone up, brick by brick but also in the lives of the hundreds of young women who have been trained in this college since the first year. A quarter of a century may seem a small measure in the passage of time, but in our span of life it is a considerable period. It is my pleasant duty to convey loving greetings from all the old students living far and near. We of the first year feel close to college, and the twelve of us can never forget the time spent there. It was necessarily a year of experiments in arranging studies, lectures, practical work and so on. Adjustments in hostel life and personal relationships were necessary but we were a happy group of staff and students enjoying genuine comradeship, only sorry that the year of training ended all too soon. The others following I am sure have stored away pleasant memories and valuable experiences in their minds, and the troubles that confronted some of them in the dark days during the war could only knit them in closer bonds of love for the college.

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Not all of us, but a good number, are teaching, some have gone ahead distinguishing themselves by higher studies and research work. A fair proportion of us have married and find work for spare hours in various avenues of service.

But whatever we may do, wherever we may be, we shall remain a grateful group proud of our Alma Mater, loyal to her ideals; ready to meet the challenge of the changing times, till the lamp of knowledge is lit in the least of our hamlets, and the country is set ablaze with the spirit of love and brotherhood. This shall be our tribute to our college and staff.

May God bless them.

A PAGEANT OF INDIA

The present students of the college presented a brief pageant in which were shown representatives of the different peoples and occupations of India offering their gifts in the service of their Motherland, farmers and weavers, engineers and goldsmiths, sweepers and princes, doctors and teachers and many others. They are reminded, when they have offered their gifts, that all their efforts will be mere child's play unless they put first the service of God. It is only by so doing that they can make India a great light to all the world.

THE COLLEGE DAY FUNCTIONS

Saturday, February 26th.

- 8.0 a.m. Sports
- 10.0 a.m. Thanksgiving service in Bentinck School Chapel led by Miss A. B. Van Doren.
- 11.0 a.m. Business Meeting of the Old Students Association.
- 12.30 p.m. Community Lunch in the New Hostel.
- 3.30 p.m. Tea.
- 5.0 p.m. Public Meeting in the College Grounds.

Sunday, February 27th.

- 8.0 a.m. Corporate Communion Service in Bentinck School Chapel, conducted by the Most Rev. A. M. Hollis, Bishop in Madras.

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SPORTS

An excellent sports programme, with the usual popular features was arranged by Miss Rosalind Samuel and the Games Committee. This was much enjoyed both by athletes and spectators.

Winners of the Shield

Winner of Old Students race

Winner of Staff Race

Senior Secondary Class

Jeevarathnam Daniel

Nurse Flora

OUTLINE OF MISS VAN DOREN'S ADDRESS AT THE THANKSGIVING SERVICE

In her address, the speaker compared St. Christopher's in its history and influence to several rivers mentioned in the Bible. Like the river told of in the 47th chapter of Ezekiel which grew from a tiny rill to an unfordable river, so this college, in its 25 years of history, has increased from 12 students to over 150, and has sent out 1,500 trained teachers to serve the motherland.

Like the rivers described in the Book of Revelation, 22nd Chapter 'which yieldeth its fruit every month' so the many teachers sent out from St. Christopher's give dependable, unceasing service to the schools and the children to whom they minister.

Christian education is life giving. In St. John 7: 38, Jesus offers 'living water'. Ezekiel tells us 'Everything shall live wheresoever the river cometh.' Streams in the deserts of ignorance, illiteracy, poverty and apathy flow faster from the self-forgetful service of the truly Christian teacher.

Psalms 1 tells us of the fertility of the tree planted by the rivers of water 'whose leaf shall not wither' Such is the experience of the Christian teachers whose 'life is hid with Christ in God.' These secret and hidden springs of refreshment gave strength in weakness, courage in times of fear, hope in seasons of disappointment, and the ability to 'keep on keeping on.'

THE BUSINESS MEETING OF THE OLD STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The business meeting for the Old Students took place at 11 a.m. in the Assembly Hall. Mrs. Pithavadian, the first Indian member of staff, and one who was there from the first year of the college presided over the meeting. She opened with a speech of welcome and introduced Asha Devi to the members. Mrs. Charles, Secretary of the Old Students' Association, read out letters and telegrams which conveyed 'Best wishes and greetings' from the old students who were unable to be present for the occasion. The greetings expressed their love and devotion to the college for all that it had given to them. Special greetings were brought by Miss Jeevaratnam Daniel from Sarah Tucker College, Palamcottah, which had recently celebrated its golden Jubilee.

Then followed a happy item for the present students. Srimathi Asha Devi gave away the prizes and certificates to the students for their success in academic work and victory in the games field.

Miss Brockway next arose from her seat amidst cheers and applause. She gave a brief history of the college and referred to the presence of Miss Van Doren, the first Principal of the college with us and the great pleasure it was to have her. With her usual sense of humour Miss Brockway narrated the failures and success of our college during its growth. She read out the greetings and blessings sent by well wishers, benefactors and friends of the college for Jubilee Celebrations.

Srimathi Asha Devi was presented with yarn by the present students and Miss Brockway was given an Indian printed cloth which was bought in exchange for yarn that they had spun.

Srimathi Asha Devi was overjoyed to be with the old students that day. She gave a brief address in which she expressed her oneness with the college. She said that what most appealed to her was the real fellowship of brotherly love which pervaded the college.

Mrs. Azariah, one of the first old students of the college expressed her gratitude and love to Miss Brockway on behalf of the other members of the association. She said that Miss Brockway was a great inspiration to everyone in the college, and this truth holds good to-day also. The old students presented Miss Brockway with two beautiful Indian water colours as a token of their

love and appreciation. In thanking them for the gift Miss Brockway said that she needed no pictures of Indian scenes to remind her of India for she would remember the country with loving thought till the end of her life.

The present B.T. and Senior Secondary Students were proud to be enrolled by Srimathi Asha Devi as Members of the Old Students Association on this happy Jubilee Day. The business meeting came to an end with the singing of the old familiar college song. It was sung with hearts full of joy and loyalty to our dear college. Long live St. Christopher's.

Ratna Sudershanam, B.T. 1948-49.

PRIZE-WINNERS 1948-49

1. *Efficiency in Studies*—
B.T. Class— Kamalini Edwin
2. *The E. W. Legh Memorial Prize*—
B.T. Class— Alice K. James
Tamil Senior Secondary Class— Darling Lily Muthuswamy
Telugu Senior Secondary Class— S. Dhanarajamal
3. *The V. K. Black Memorial Prize*—
Victoria Chandrakantha

MESSAGES

Past and Present members of Staff

Mrs. Bouchier (née Scudder), Virginia Water. England: I want to add my greetings and good wishes to those of the many who will be thinking of the college. Buildings and grounds; students, staff and servants, past, present and future all belong to the one whole—St. Christopher's. May be there's even a spot for the shadow of little gentle Kim and big rowdy Punch in the picture. They're in my picture of it any way!

Miss B. G. Fraser, Selly Oak, Birmingham, England (cable) A very happy day to you all.

Miss Mariam Mathew, Teachers' College, Columbia University, U.S.A. (cable): Remembering you all to-day. Greetings good wishes.

Miss E. M. Stokes, Vidiavelli Ashram, Tinnevely Dt. I am so sorry I can't come to the Old Students and Silver Jubilee

function. Please add my good wishes to the list. I hope it will be a very happy day.

Greetings were also received from Mrs. A. Samuel, old student and former member of staff, and from Miss McNair, Principal of Kinnaird College, Lahore, the first treasurer of the college.

The first year of the college 1923-24

All three members of staff, Miss Van Doren, Miss Brockway, and Mrs. Pithavadian, and three of the first twelve students; Mrs. Abraham, Mrs. Azariah and Mrs. Phanuel, were present.

A cable was received from Mrs. Aaron and her husband in Glasgow.

Letters and messages of greeting came from Mrs. Arputhanathan (President of the Old Students' Association), Madras, who was prevented by illness from being present, and from

Mrs. Devanandam, Bangalore.
Miss I. Ekanayaka, Ceylon.
Mrs. Jesudasen, Tanjore.
Mrs. Pavithran, Cochin.
Mrs. Thangiah, Bangalore.

Other old students

Many letters were received from old students, too many to be named here. Telegrams were received from the following :

1. S. Mathen, Oommen, Tiruvalla.
2. Diamoney and Ranjithabai, Megnanapuram.
3. Ruby Alagumani, Pasumalai.
4. Jaya Jayanthi and Gnana, Secunderabad.
5. Beatrice, Tellicherry.
6. Kunjammal Jacob, Moga.
7. Sumitra Francis, Hyderabad.
8. Sarah Tucker College, Palamcottah.
9. Sherman Old Students, Chittoor.
10. Abraham, O.C.P.M. High School, Madura.
11. Paranjothi, Sathianathan, Janaky, Nancy, Capron Hall, Madura.

A telegram was also received from the Principal, Sarah Tucker College, Palamcottah.

LUNCH IN THE NEW HOSTEL

One of the extra pleasures of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations was that they provided the first occasion on which at least part of the new hostel was used. The contractor was asked to make an effort to get two of the future staff rooms habitable for Srimathi Asha Devi and Miss Van Doren. With a great effort this was done and it seemed as if water rushed through the pipes and the electricians gave us light just as our guests arrived. On the evening of Wednesday 23rd the rooms that we hoped to use were blessed, the two bedrooms, the staff common room, the dining hall and the kitchens. Our community lunch was cooked partly in one of the kitchens and the meal was served in the new dining hall. This room will be large enough for staff and students all to eat together. On this occasion, however, we had such a good gathering of old students that even the verandahs were hardly big enough to hold the overflow.

THE CORPORATE COMMUNION SERVICE

We closed our Jubilee Celebrations with a Corporate Communion Service in Bentinck School Chapel on Sunday morning. The service was conducted by the Most Revd. A. M. Hollis, Bishop in Madras, assisted by the Revd. Z. S. Jeevanesan. Many of the present students and the old students who had spent the night in college attended the service. The epistle for the day (Quinquagesima Sunday) was I Corinthians XIII, St. Paul's famous discourse on Love. It would hardly have been possible to choose any passage more suitable to guide our thoughts in this closing service of our Jubilee. The Bishop reminded us that we can read St. Paul's words as a description of the character of Christ, and that when we look at Christ we see what God is like—very patient, very kind, never selfish, never resentful, never glad when others go wrong, gladdened by goodness, slow to expose, always eager to believe the best. As Christians we teachers have to become Christ-like, reflecting these qualities in our lives.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S SILVER JUBILEE GIFTS, 1949

<i>St. Christopher's</i>	Rs.	<i>Schools</i>	Rs.
Mrs. L. A. Pithavadian	100	The Staff of Bentinck	
Miss A. B. Van Doren	50	School	25
Miss F. A. Risley	35	C.S.M. Schools at	
Mrs. Selvam Robert	25	Tana St. and Sun-	
Miss M. Lund	25	daram Pillai St.	30
Miss G. Marsh	25	Old students of St.	
Miss Alice Barnabas	25	Christopher's at	
Miss S. C. Ferguson	25	Northwick School,	
Mrs. Azariah	..	Royapuram	20
Mrs. M. Abraham	..	C.S.M. Preparatory	
Mrs. R. Arputhanathan	100	School	10
Mrs. G. Pavithran	..	C.S.M. Rajagopal	
Mrs. J. Phanuel	..	Chetty Girls' School,	
Miss M. K. Chacko	20	G.T. Madras	10
Miss Sarala Moses	20	Mrs. R. Simon	6
Miss Ellen Luther	20	Mrs. Leela Roberts	2
Miss Rajkumari	15	Anonymous gifts	125-2
Miss Vimala Williams	10		
Miss Nesam Vadakkan	10	Total received	
Mrs. R. Govindarajan	10	to date 21-3-1949	827-2
Miss Chandra James	10		
Mrs. C. K. Nair	10	The amount of Rs. 827-2-0	
Miss L. D. David	5	is with Miss James (Bursar)	
Miss Kamala John	5	of our college. The use to	
Miss Kamala Samuel	5	be made of this money will	
Mrs. M. Jonathan Bal-		be decided at our Old Stu-	
raj	5	dents' meeting in August.	
Miss Mano Devaraj	5	On July 4, 1948—	
Miss E. U. Savitri	5	Staff	Rs. 195
Miss Teresa Cooper	5		
Miss Leena David	5		
Mrs. Leela Gnanadoss	5		
Miss D. Devakumari	5		
Miss Chandra Royal	5		
Miss Kamala Benny	3		
Mrs. V. Benjamin	3		
Miss Suganthi Henry	3		

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