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MARCH.

Passing orders on an application for a grant-in-aid of the cost of the Young Men's Christian Association buildings, Madras.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers :—

G.O., No. 1337 W., dated 21st May 1897.

Read—the following papers :—

From D. McCONAUGHY, Esq., General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, dated Madras, 8th May 1897.

On the occasion of my interview with the Governor in Madras, last month, regarding the building of the Young Men's Christian Association, His Excellency expressed a wish that our Building Committee should act, as far as possible, under the advice of the Consulting Architect to Government. Accordingly, I called upon Mr. Harris, laid our plans before him and told him that we would be grateful for any co-operation that he could see his way clear to give in carrying them out. I am happy to say that he entered into the matter most cordially, inspected the work on the foundations as far as completed and has now made a pencil drawing of a revised elevation which I herewith send you, under separate cover (in case from Messrs. Nicholas & Co.). As His Excellency so kindly suggested this course to me, I think it right that this sketch elevation should be seen and approved by him.

2. His Excellency very rightly considered that as this building will directly front the new Law Court and College buildings, it should be in the same style. I mentioned this fact to Mr. Harris, and his elevation, it will at once be seen, will harmonize with the elevations of the erected buildings.

Mr. Harris has looked through the plans kindly furnished us by Messrs. Merrill & Cutler and is of opinion that they are not adapted to Madras. It will be necessary, therefore, to get out fresh ones.

If His Excellency will permit him to do so Mr. Harris will make out these drawings and will from time to time during the progress of the building visit the work.

3. We are most anxious to meet the wishes of Government so far as can be done within the limits of the funds at our disposal. The difference in cost between the plain elevation which we had originally contemplated and that which Mr. Harris now proposes, would be about Rs. 6,000. The total cost of the site and building, with the revised elevation, is estimated at Rs. 1,60,000. The Association is prepared to expend Rs. 1,30,000 and for the balance we shall be obliged to look to Government for a liberal grant-in-aid.

4. From calculation it is found that 17,000 square feet of the building will be devoted to educational purposes and we are given to understand that one-third of the cost of this area will be met by a grant-in-aid by Government.

As the building is reckoned to cost Rs. 3 per square foot of floor throughout, this would mean Rs. 17,000. The addition of the front will amount to another Rs. 6,000 and the proportion of the amount paid for the site would be Rs. 5,000, a total in all of Rs. 28,000.

5. I recognize that this matter will take a little time to pass through the regular channels for decision, so I ask you to very kindly obtain His Excellency's early approval to the drawing, and his sanction to Mr. Harris's making out the other necessary drawings.

6. Packed in the same box with the drawing of the front elevation, I am sending a framed copy of the photograph taken on the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone. Will you please ask His Excellency to accept this as a souvenir of that occasion.

Requesting the favour of as early a reply as possible.

From the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, dated 11th May 1897.

From the Public Department, No. 1032, dated 12th May 1897.

Order—No. 1337 W., dated 21st May 1897.

The sketch of the front elevation for the proposed building of the Young Men's Christian Association is approved, and the request of the Association that the Consulting Architect may be permitted to draw up fresh plans is sanctioned as a special case.

2. The application for a grant-in-aid will be considered in the Educational Department.

(True Extract.)

A. R. KNAPP,
for *Secretary to Government.*

To the Consulting Architect to Government, with plan.
„ General Secretary, Young Men's Christian Association.
„ Educational Department.

Endt. No. 1134, Educational, dated 28th May 1897.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

From the Hon'ble Mr. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D., Director of Public Instruction, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated 17th November 1897, No. 12747.

I have the honour to return Government endorsement No. 1134, Educational, dated 28th May last, regarding grant to the proposed building for the Young Men's Christian Association, Madras. Ten plans are also submitted countersigned. Plans numbered 1 to 4 are the original plans of the four floors and those numbered 5 to 10 are the revised plans for the floors and the south and east elevations.

2. Grant is applied for on behalf of the following :—

Technical class-rooms.
Library.
Reading-room.
Lecture-room.
Intercollegiate department.
Hostel.

The intercollegiate department is reported to be a resort for the students of all the colleges in the city, and I do not think that a grant need be sanctioned for it. With regard to the hostel, the Grant-in-aid Code now in force does not provide for payment of grant towards its cost. But, in the Code for 1898–99, submitted for sanction with my letter No. 6464, dated 17th June last, provision has been made for payment of grants for hostels. Assuming that it will be sanctioned, I have included the hostel among the items for which grant might be given.

3. The superficial area of all the portions mentioned above, including verandahs and staircases, is reported by the Secretary to be 17,000 square feet. The dimensions of the rooms are not noted on the plans and I have, therefore, only to adopt the figures given by the Secretary in his letter dated 11th August (copy enclosed). Each square foot is said to cost on the average Rs. 3. A third grant on the cost of the portion of the building which is reported to be for purely educational purposes will be $\frac{17,000 \times \text{Rs. } 3}{3}$ or Rs. 17,000. In addition, the Secretary wants a grant of Rs. 5,000 towards the cost of the site, and Rs. 6,000, being the increased cost on account of the improvement to the front elevation in accordance with the wishes of His Excellency the Governor. The total amount of grant applied for is thus Rs. 28,000.

4. The amount of grant which I would recommend is Rs. 20,880 as I shall show below. The superficial area of the "intercollegiate department" is 801 square feet. This should be omitted as recommended in paragraph 2 above and along with it the

area of the two verandahs adjoining it. This latter cannot be definitely ascertained from the plans, but may, approximately, be held to be nearly 200 square feet, so that the total area to be omitted will, in round numbers, be 1,000 square feet. The portion for which grant should be given will thus cover 16,000 square feet (17,000—1,000), and the grant for it, calculating the cost at Rs. 3 per square foot, will be $\frac{16{,}000 \times \text{Rs. } 3}{3}$ or Rs. 16,000.

The cost of the site is Rs. 37,400 and the total cost of the building, site excluded, is Rs. 1,22,600. The cost of the portion of the building, for which grant is recommended to be given being only Rs. 48,000, the cost of the site proportionate to this cost will be $\frac{\text{Rs. } 37{,}400 \times 48{,}000}{1{,}22{,}600}$ or Rs. 14,642, and a third grant on it amounts to Rs. 4,880 in round numbers. The total amount of grant will thus be Rs. 20,880. I think this amount of aid is most liberal, considering the claims of other institutions on the department.

5. The Secretary also requests that the increased cost of Rs. 6,000 on account of improvement to the front elevation may be paid by Government. I regret I cannot recommend the payment of this item from the funds of this department, seeing that the improvement is intended more to add to the beauty of the building than to serve any educational purpose. I would, in this connection, point out that the Secretary has overlooked the fact that he is availing himself of the services of the Consulting Architect gratuitously. The revised plans were prepared by him and I also understand that he frequently personally inspects the building.

6. If the above grant be sanctioned, I recommend that it be paid in three equal annual instalments beginning from the current year.

Enclosure.

From the Secretary, Young Men's Christian Association, to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, dated 11th August 1897.

In reply to your demi-official, dated the 9th instant, I beg to inform you that the superficial areas of the different rooms mentioned are as follows :—

	Superficial feet.
(1) Technical class-rooms … … … … … … …	3,297
(2) Library … … … … … … … … …	1,167
(3) Lecture-room … … … … … … … …	1,340
(4) Intercollegiate department … … … … … …	801
(5) Hostel for students … … … … … … …	3,818
(6) Reading-room … … … … … … … …	780

Order—No. 189, Educational, dated 19th March 1898.

His Excellency the Governor in Council agrees with the Director of Public Instruction in considering that the proposed building for the Young Men's Christian Association, Madras, comes within the scope of the Grant-in-aid Code.

2. The scheme of the building at first proposed being unsuitable in point of elevation, it was revised at the suggestion of Government. It is only reasonable that the additional cost thus entailed should be taken into account in fixing the basis on which the grant shall be calculated.

3. As to the class-rooms, it is observed that there were last year nearly 100 students, and that a considerable advance may be expected, as the classes have been very successful in the Technical examinations and already attract students from a great distance. For these rooms the full one-third grant may be given.

4. Of the library, only a section is devoted to the exclusive use of students belonging to the educational institution; but it appears certain that a large proportion of members using the library will be students of the various colleges in Madras and that it will thus have a large area of useful influence. In this case one-third grant may be given on three-quarters of the cost of the room. Similar remarks and a similar ruling apply to the reading-room.

5. The lectures being of a literary not of a scholastic order, no grant can be given for the lecture-room. But in the intercollegiate department room Government recognizes a most beneficial arrangement. It will be a meeting place for the students of all the various colleges in Madras, and a special Secretary of collegiate distinction is coming out for collegiate purposes. The full one-third grant may be given.

6. The hostel consists of ten dormitories. The applicants state that it is primarily intended for students of their own classes, but that, space permitting, they will, without exclusion of caste or creed, take in students from other institutions, if the Director approves. In this connection His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that at present the Grant-in-aid Code does not provide for aiding the establishment of hostels, but that the Director, acting upon the suggestion of the Educational Conference of 1897, has lately advocated an expansion of the Code in this respect. The Director's proposals embraced a revision of the Code in other directions also, as to which the Government is not prepared to pass immediate orders. On the one point, however, of aiding students' hostels, it considers that the alteration suggested by the Director may be carried out at once, since compared with the other provinces of India Madras is singularly destitute of hostels, and the desirability of supplying this want is universally admitted. One-third grant will be given for the hostel, but on the condition that the dormitories are used by students only under rules approved by the Director.

7. It is not quite clear how the applicants have calculated the areas on which they have based their claim for grant. In respect of the items which have been admitted, the Director is requested to supply correct figures in communication with the Government Architect.

(True Extract.)

H. TREMENHEERE,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

Exd. A.F.E.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 189, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 19TH MARCH 1898.

[SUBJECT.—*Building grant to the Young Men's Christian Association.*]

From the General Secretary, Young Men's Christian Association, dated 8th May 1897.

" *Director of Public Instruction, dated* 17*th November* 1897, *No.* 12747.

Demi-official from D. McCONAUGHY, Esq., General Secretary, Young Men's Christian Association, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Madras, 28th January 1898.

Referring to the subject of my call at your office to-day, I have the honour to request you to kindly facilitate action, so far as is in your power, upon the application of this Association for a grant on its new building. I understand that the Director of Public Instruction forwarded the papers, with his recommendation, some time since. As our anniversary is approaching, we are very desirous to ascertain the action of Government at the earliest date possible. I trust you will see your way clear to concur in Dr. Duncan's recommendation. We have undertaken very large obligations on the strength of the action already taken by Government in sanctioning the plan prepared by the Consulting Architect, counting on a favourable issue from our application now in your office.

Hoping for kindly consideration at your hands.

The Young Men's Christian Association, Madras, applies for a grant of Rs. 28,000 towards the cost of the building which is being erected for its accommodation in front of the Law Courts and the Law College. The Director of Public Instruction, to whom the application was referred, recommends a grant of Rs. 20,880. He considers that no grant need be sanctioned for the intercollegiate department, which will be a resort for the students of all the colleges in the city and states that he cannot recommend the payment from the Educational budget of the increased cost of Rs. 6,000 on account of improvement to the front elevation of the building on the ground that the improvement is intended more to add to the beauty of the building than to serve any educational purpose. He, however, recommends a grant for the hostel on the assumption that his proposal made in connection with the revision of the Grant-in-aid Code that building and rent grants be paid for hostels or boarding-houses attached to Educational institutions will be approved.

and the accommodation of its students.
J. G[ROSE]—14-3-98.

What the Director says about it there is that the Educational Conference approved in G.O., No. 152, Educational, dated 15th March 1897, expressed itself in favour of building grants being given to hostels or boarding-houses attached to educational institutions.
J. G[ROSE].

2. First it seems necessary to consider whether the grant applied for can be paid under the Grant-in-aid Code. According to article 2 of chapter VII of the Code (*vide* page 26), grants may be given for "the erection, enlargement, or purchase of school buildings, and orphanages and homes for destitute European children". The Association does not appear to come under any of these heads. It appears to be more a club than an educational institution; is open to *all* (not to students only) and its object is "to make a whole man fit for a whole life". It has opened certain technical classes but promotion of technical education does not appear to be one of its chief or primary objects.

The article does not refer to "associations" but to buildings and only mentions two "heads". Various missionary bodies, who are not "associations" coming "under either of these heads", get grants-in-aid for their schools.

J. G[ROSE].

A man cannot be made "a whole man fit for a whole life" without education.

J. G[ROSE].

It does not matter what is its chief or primary object. If the building or part of it is a school building, the grant is permissible.

J. G[ROSE].

3. Secondly, if the Government decides that the Association may be aided under the Grant-in-aid Code, it has to be considered whether a grant should be allowed for the hostel. No rules regarding the administration of the hostel are before Government: it is not known whether the hostel will be open only to students or to all. The Government is concerned only with boarding-houses where students separated from their families and friends can be decently accommodated and will be subject to some control.

According to the last report 94 students were enrolled and "about half came to Madras expressly for these classes" (shorthand, typewriting, book-keeping, commercial correspondence, banking).

J. G[ROSE].

4. Thirdly it will be noted that the application for the grant has not been accompanied by an estimate and that the Government had not been consulted before the site was purchased and the erection of the building was commenced—*vide* articles 1 and 2 of chapter VII of the Grant-in-aid Code, page 26.

The estimate has been sent in since and is amongst the papers sent to me with the Secretary's letter of the 12th instant which I have appended to this note.

In the Director's Proceedings of 6th January 1897, No. 117, he says: "The foundation may be laid without prejudice to a grant being sanctioned for the building".

J. G[ROSE].

5 A copy of the prospectus of the Young Men's Christian Association is attached.

6. To sum up, therefore, it is submitted—

(1) That it does not appear that the grant applied for can be given under the Grant-in-aid Code. The Director of Public Instruction may be asked to state under what provision of that Code he recommends the grant;

It can be granted under chapter VII if part of the building is for students.

J. G[ROSE].

(2) if the first point is decided in the affirmative, it has to be considered whether a grant can be given for the hostel; and

The importance of hostels in which this Presidency is singularly deficient has been fully recognized by Government and I have no doubt they should be "aided".

J. G[ROSE].

(3) the application for the grant should have been accompanied by an estimate and Government should have been consulted and the aid promised before the building was begun.

See above.

J. G[ROSE].

T. Kanakasundaram—10-2-98.

A. Edgington—16-2-98.

Two sets of subjects will be taught (1) phonography and typewriting four times a week and (2) book-keeping, banking and commercial correspondence four times a week. For each course there is one instructor, who may perhaps manage 40 students. If, therefore, there are to be only 80 students—and I cannot make out more from the scheme—meeting eight times a week for an hour or two, it seems a large order to ask Government aid for 3,000 feet of class-rooms *plus* a library *plus* a lecture-room *plus* an intercollegiate department *plus* a hostel *plus* a reading-room; in all 17,000 square feet.

There are five subjects taught, book-keeping in three stages and the rest in two. At the last Technical examination, 63 subject-candidates appeared, 10 passed in the 1st class and 23 in the 2nd.

J. G[ROSE].

In February it was stated that there were 94 students. No doubt there will be many more when the accommodation which is very limited at present is enlarged.

J. G[ROSE].

According to chapter II, section 11 of the Educational Rules, 8 feet per student are required in the case of schools for general education; so 3,000 feet would be enough for 375 students. But it appears from the plans submitted with these papers and the plan amongst the papers appended by me that 697½ feet of the 3,000 are to be made into a gymnasium.

J. G[ROSE].

2. The General Secretary has been given to understand "that one-third of the cost of the area will be met by a Grant-in-aid" [nothing is known in this office about any promise, so he probably refers to the Grant-in-aid Code, Chapter VII (2)].

3. The Director strikes out the intercollegiate department, but he allows everything else. It is submitted that he goes too far.

4. *Library.*—I don't know the numbers of the Young Men's Christian Association in Madras, but there are probably or will be several hundred members to whom the circulating and reference library will be open (see prospectus and Lawrence Asylum Almanac). To a very slight extent will such a library form part of the school building.

424 last February; now 450.

J. G[ROSE].

A large percentage of them will be students from other colleges.

J. G[ROSE].

5. *Lecture-room.*—A similar remark applies. The lectures on page 5 of prospectus are seemingly meant to be attended by all the world, and not only by the students of the classes.

6. *Reading-room.*—See paragraph 4. Similarly.

7. *Hostel.*—At present the Director cannot give a grant for a hostel: but in the revised Grant-in-aid Code he provides for "hostels or boarding-houses attached to "educational institutions", that is, hostels to be inhabited by students of the institution to which the hostels are attached. But we have seen that there are to be only about 80 students probably and it strikes me that they will all be young men of Madras. These need no hostel.

Besides can it be that a young man would come to live in this hostel merely to attend instruction four times a week?

Not "to be". There are 94 now that only 1,001 feet can be given them.

J. G[ROSE].

Half (of 94) came from outside Madras.

J. G[ROSE].

Why not? The classes are very successful at the Government Technical examinations. I am credibly informed that there are now a man from Travancore, another from Ganjám, others from other outside places who have come to Madras expressly to attend the classes.

J. G[ROSE].

8. I suspect the word hostel has been conveniently used to obtain a grant for bed-rooms for ordinary young Christian associates, whether in Madras without impediments or from up-country. Otherwise I cannot understand why the whole top-floor (nearly) is given up to these ten dormitories, which may hold, perhaps, 40 persons.

There will be no limitation to Christians.

J. G[ROSE].

9. To put it shortly, I see no guarantee that these dormitories are to be in a reasonable sense attached to an educational institution.

If there is anything in the above views, the Government grant should be one-third of the cost of a building reasonably required to accommodate two classes of, say, 40 students each and as nothing can be properly made out from the plans and figures given for a quite different purpose, it is submitted that the papers be either remitted to the Director for reconsideration, or that a rough estimate be made.

In the latter case suppose such a building to cost Rs. 25,000 (site included), the Government grant would be in round figures 8,000, to which apparently 6,000 should be added for the alteration in elevation.

H. TREMENHEERE—21-2-98.

The Young Men's Christian Association is an excellent and well-managed association, and has met a real want well. The way in which it has conformed to the interests of the public, and consented to erect a good and expensive building on its previously acquired site, where a bad building would be a perpetual eyesore, and mar the effect of the Government buildings, which are close by, entitles it to great consideration.

2. From the application to the Director, I find that the site has cost Rs. 37,420, and that the building was then expected to cost Rs. 3 per square foot of flooring, or Rs. 1,22,580 altogether. The Association said that 17,000 feet were to be devoted to educational purposes and asked for a grant-in-aid of one-third of the cost of this, viz., Rs. 17,000, *plus* a proportional part of the cost of the site, which thay estimated at Rs. 5,000, *plus* the sum spent in improving the elevation of the building, in accordance with views expressed by His Excellency, viz., Rs. 6,000, or Rs. 28,000 altogether.

3. The 17,000 feet, said to be devoted to educational purposes, included class-rooms, a library, a lecture-room, an intercollegiate department room, a hospital for students and a reading-room. The Director thought there was no need to give a grant for the intercollegiate department room, and cut out 1,000 feet for that, but recommended a one-third grant for all the other items. He reduced the proportion of the grant to be given for the site with reference to the reduction for the intercollegiate department room, and said that in his opinion Government could not grant the Rs. 6,000 spent in improving the elevation from the funds of the Educational Department. He recommended a grant of Rs. 20,880.

4. From the approximate estimate which the Government Architect has prepared, it appears that the cost of the building, exclusive of site, will be Rs. 1,44,170 instead of Rs. 1,22,580 so that the cost per square foot of flooring will be more than Rs. 3.

5. I will now discuss, one by one, the propriety of giving a grant-in-aid for the improvement in the elevation and the "purposes" named above :—

(1) *The improvement in the elevation.*—This will be part of the cost of a *suitable* building. If it had been made with the elevation at first proposed, it would have been *unsuitable*. There would have been no doubt about considering it a necessary and integral part of the building, if it had been projected from the first. The fact that the elevation was changed at the suggestion of His Excellency is a reason for granting more, not less, consideration, than would otherwise be granted. I have no doubt that, if a grant is given (and I think a grant ought to be given) for any part of this building, the cost of the improved elevation should be taken into account. If this, the enhanced cost of the building according to the approximate estimate, and the cost of the site are added together, the total cost of the building will be Rs. 3·52 a foot instead of Rs. 3.

(2) *Class-rooms.*—It is estimated in the note that there are two classes of students, each of 40, so that there are 80 altogether, and it is suggested that a grant, corresponding to this limited number of students, should be given, and not a grant for the 3,000 feet, said to be occupied by class-rooms. This assumes that the Association will not do more in the educational way than it does now (with only 1,000 feet for class-rooms) after it gets 3,000 feet. I am satisfied that it will do more. The number of its students has steadily increased from the beginning.

There were —

22 in 1892.
36 in 1893.
44 in 1894.
? in 1895.
94 in 1896.
97 in 1897.

The students have been very successful in the Technical examinations. The classes already attract students from a great distance. 3,000 feet may seem a large space, but 697½ feet of it are to be devoted to a gymnasium. I think the full one-third grant should be given for these rooms. I do not think, however, that we can trust to the Association's rough estimate of the space for which the grant should be given. We know that there are 3,000 feet in the rooms themselves but the grant has to be calculated on the attached verandahs, and, according to what they say, on a portion of the staircases leading to the rooms. I have tried in vain to make out from the plans how the calculation has been made. The Director of Public Instruction in communication with the Government Architect should supply correct figures.

(3) *The Library.*—The library has a "special section, devoted to the exclusive use" of students belonging to the institution. The rest of it is used by the members generally. I am certain, however, that a large proportion of the members, who are not students of the institution, will be students from other colleges in the town of Madras. I think it will be just to give a one-third grant for three-quarters of the cost of this room. (About the estimated space, etc., see above.)

(4) *The Lecture-room.*—The lectures are open to all and no doubt will be of use to the students, but from the lists of them which I have seen (one list is given in the programme), I should say that they are of a literary not a scholastic order, and, though the Director recommends a grant, I don't see how one can be given.

(5) *The Intercollegiate Department room.*—It is a meeting place for the students of all colleges, and a special Secretary, of collegiate distinction, is coming out for collegiate purposes. This seems to me a most beneficial arrangement. The Director does not think a grant need be sanctioned for it, but I would give the full one-third of the cost. (About the estimated space, etc., see above.)

(6) *The Hostel.*—The hostel consists of ten dormitories. The applicants state that it is primarily intended for students of their own classes, but that, if space permits, they will take in students from other colleges, if the Director approves. There is no exclusion of caste or creed. Our Grants-in-aid Code as it stands at present, does not provide for aiding the establishment of hostels, but the Director, in a communication proposing the revision of the Code, has advocated such grants. He says nothing about the subject, except that the Educational Conference of March 1897 considered such grants desirable. Before the proposed revision of the Code is sanctioned, it is necessary to consider the subject of fixed grants *v.* results grants very carefully, and this cannot be done in a hurry. I see the Director wrote in June, but the papers only came to me at the end of last month, and I have been unable to dispose of them up to date. There is nothing, however, to prevent our adding to the old Code, at once, a provision for aiding students' hostels, and I think we should do so. The importance of establishing these hostels in our province, which is singularly destitute of them compared with the other provinces of India, is fully recognized by my Honourable Colleagues, so I need say nothing on this point. As regards the London Mission Association hostel, I think a one-third grant should be given, but given conditionally. The condition should be that the dormitories are used by students only under rules approved by the Director of Public Instruction.

(7) *The Reading-room.*—The considerations about this are exactly the same as the consideration about the Library—(3). As in that case, I would give a one-third grant for three-quarters of the cost.

The grant may be paid in three annual instalments, as the Director proposes.

J. G[ROSE]—14-3-98.

APPENDIX.

Demi-official from D. McConaughy, Esq., General Secretary, Young Men's Christian Association, to the Hon'ble Mr. J. Grose, dated Madras, 12th March 1898.

In accordance with your request, I have the honour to furnish the following additional information asked with reference to the application for a grant-in-aid on account of the new building of the Young Men's Christian Association of Madras :—

(*a*) Copy of the Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, dated 6th January 1897.

(*b*) Copy of the Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, dated 8th January 1897.

(*c*) A copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, Order No. 1337 W., of 21st May 1897.

(*d*) A copy of the letter to the Director of Public Instruction from the General Secretary, Young Men's Christian Association, dated 20th September 1897.

(*e*) A copy of detailed estimate of the cost of the building from which it may be noted—

(1) That the total cost will considerably exceed the amount roughly estimated in our application (viz. Rs. 1,60,000).

(2) I am informed by the Consulting Architect that Toda stone is to be used in facing the entire front and parts of the two side elevations, also that the increased expense is due more particularly to the style of the building to correspond with the Government buildings opposite, in accordance with the request of His Excellency.

(*f*) A copy of letter to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor from the General Secretary, Young Men's Christian Association, dated 7th May 1897.

(*g*) A drawing of the class rooms and gymnasium in the new premises with memorandum showing the area of each room :—

(1) The area of the room at present used for our classes is 13 × 77 feet, or an area of 1,001 square feet, the classes being separated by curtains.

(2) The rooms set apart in the new premises will not be more than will be required in the near future. The growth of our classes has been seriously checked for several years past by sheer lack of space to expand.* Our plans contemplate a considerable enlargement, on removing to the new quarters, early next year.

(*h*) A tabular statement showing the enrolment in the educational classes from 1891 to 1897 ; * also a copy of the *Young Men of Madras* for September 1897, containing a tabular statement of the results of the classes at the last Technical examinations.

This information is as full as can be furnished in the absence of the Manager of the classes, who is away from Madras on account of sickness.

(1) Arrangements are now being completed to open another class in phonography in our Royapettah rooms.

(2) Of the students in our classes, some have come for this express purpose from places as distant as Travancore and Ganjám.

(3) In addition to the students in our own classes, our membership includes many students from all the other colleges of Madras.

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* This cannot be completed in the absence of the Manager but will be sent next week, if required. The classes were established in July 1891, the number enrolled was—

22 in 1892 | 44 in 1894
26 in 1893 | 94 in 1897

Enclosures.

ceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, No. 117, *dated* 6*th January* 1897.

Read letter from the Manager, Young Men's Christian Association, Madras, No. 39, dated 5th January 1897, soliciting special sanction to begin laying the foundations of the new association building.

The tracings will be forwarded as soon as the Director get them back from Government.

2. The foundation may be laid without prejudice to a grant being sanctioned for the buildings.

D. DUNCAN,
Director of Public Instruction.

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, No. 228, *dated* 8*th January* 1897.

Read letter from the Secretary, Young Men's Christian Association, Madras, dated 4th January 1897.

The plans are returned to the Secretary as requested.

2. The Director does not think that the design of the building, more especially the front elevation, is worthy of the splendid site on which it is proposed to erect it, and he hopes that the plan will be revised so as to make a more handsome structure without greatly increasing the cost.

D. DUNCAN,
Director of Public Instruction.

To the Secretary, Young Men's Christian Association.

From the General Secretary, Young Men's Christian Association, to the Director of Public Instruction, dated 20th September 1897.

Replying to yours of the 31st ultimo, requesting further particulars regarding the application for grant-in-aid toward the cost of our new building, I have the honour to send herewith the ground plans and elevation as finally revised.

The portions of the buildings on which application was made for grant-in-aid in my letter of 16th June 1897, were the following, viz.—

Third floor ...	(1) Technical class rooms. (2) Library. (3) Lecture room. (4) Inter-collegiate department room.
Fourth floor ...	(5) Hostel for students.
Second floor ...	(6) Reading-room.

Our approximate estimate of 17,000 square feet for the above was based upon calculations made by the Consulting Architect to Government to whom I beg to refer you if any further details are required in this connection.

In averaging the areas for the proportion on which grant-in-aid is asked, we understand that it is of course right and proper that there should be included not merely the *superficial area* of the above portions, as asked for in yours of 9th August 1897, and given in ours of 11th August 1897, but also the averages of the verandahs which pertain to these rooms, and of the staircases which serve these rooms. When it is determined in the Educational Department on what portion of the building the grant-in-aid is to be given, it will be possible for the Consulting Architect to revise his calculations accordingly if any revision is required.

Permit me to point out the following considerations in favour of the grant being allowed on the portions for which it is asked :—

(1) This Association is the only institution in Madras so far as we are aware, which admits to its *Commercial and Technical classes* students of all castes and creeds without distinction. Starting in July 1891, with a class of 22 students in Book-keeping, our educational department now enrolls 94 pupils in the following classes, viz. :—

(*a*) Book-keeping	Elementary. Intermediate. Advanced.
(*b*) Commercial correspondence	Elementary. Intermediate.
(*c*) Banking	Elementary. Intermediate.
(*d*) Phonography	Elementary. Intermediate.
(*e*) Type-writing	Elementary. Intermediate.

While this department has reached the limit of expansion in our present straitened quarters, it is our purpose to greatly develop it after occupying our new premises. We are planning to devote one of the larger class rooms for the purpose of light gymnastic work, supplying it with pully-weight machines and other improved appliances for the purposes of physical culture.

In time we hope to use these rooms for classes throughout the day as well as in the evening.

2. In our *Library* is a special section devoted to books for the exclusive use of our students, and plans are already on foot to greatly develop this feature when space is available for the purpose.

3. The small *lecture-room* will provide for the Literary Society as well as for lectures and discussions. The Association Hall, which will be utilized for lectures also, has not been included in our application.

4. *The inter-collegiate department room* is designed to be a head-quarters for students of all colleges; and we intend to make it available for meetings of such organizations as the University Student's Union and other societies, quite distinct from the Association. In promotion of our plans for furthering the interests of students of this city generally, we have completed arrangements for another Secretary to come out at the close of this year to become college secretary of the Madras Association. This secretary, Mr. George Benton Smith, B.A., and his wife will reside in the new building and have direct personal oversight of the hostel.

5. *The Hostel* is designed primarily for the students of our own classes, of whom we have a steadily increasing proportion coming up from the mufassal for the express purpose of our classes. If our space permits, we will be prepared, with the approval of the Department of Public Instruction, to admit likewise the students of other colleges. In order to be safely within what we have good reason to consider reasonable expectations, we have applied for the grant on only half of the fourth floor. We will most probably devote it all to this purpose.

6. Our *Reading-room* is an important adjunct to our educational classes, and is much used by the students.

With reference to the extra expense involved in altering the plan for *the exterior*, so as to meet the wish of Government, I would request that, if it does not properly come within the scope of your department, to grant the full amount of the difference asked, viz., Rs. 6,000, you will kindly recommend this to the Government of Madras to be treated as a special case. Permit me to remind you in this connection, that in submitting the revised plan to His Excellency the Governor in our letter of 7th May, we pointed out that the difference of cost involved in the alteration would be about Rs. 6,000; that the total cost, including the improvements, would be about Rs. 1,60,000 of which the Association was prepared to provide about Rs. 1,30,000, and for the difference, we would be obliged to look to the Government.

In reply to this, the Government (No. 489, dated 22nd May), Public Works Department, passed an order (No. 1337 W., dated 21st May 1897) approving the trial elevation submitted and sanctioning the services of the Consulting Architect, under whose advice we have since acted in preparing the estimate included in our application for grant, etc. In order to save time, we have proceeded with the building on the revised plan, assuming from the order first referred to, that the whole amount asked would in due course be granted.

As the building is now advancing rapidly and the contract provides for the completion of it by 15th December 1898, we will be exceedingly grateful if you will kindly have our application acted upon at as early a day as is possible.

[G.O., No. 189, Educational, dated 19th March 1898.]

The Young Men's Christian Association.

W. R. ARBUTHNOT, ESQ., *President.*
S. SATTHIANADHAN, ESQ., *Vice-President.*
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GEO. BENTON SMITH, ESQ., *College Secretary.*
D. McCONAUGHY, ESQ., *General Secretary.*

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Madras 12th March 1898.

To

The Hon.ble Mr T. Grose.

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Dear Sir.

In accordance with your request, I have the honor to furnish the following additional information asked with reference to the application for a grant in aid on account of the new building of the Young Mens Christian Association of Madras:—

(A) Copy of the Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, dated 6th January 1897

(B) — Do — Do — 8th January — " —

(C) A copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, Order No 1337 W of 21st May 1897.—

(D) A copy of the letter to the Director of Public Instruction from the General Secretary. Young

Men's Christian Association dated 20th September 1897

(E) A Copy of detailed Estimate of the Cost of the building from which it may be noted:

(1) That the total cost will considerably exceed the amount roughly estimated in our application (vizt Rs. 160,000/-)

(2) I am informed by the Consulting Architect that Tada Stone is to be used in facing the entire front and parts of the two side elevations, also that the increased expense is due more particularly to the style of the building, to correspond with the Government buildings opposite, in accordance with the request of His Excellency.

(F) A copy of letter to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor from the General Secretary Young Mens Christian Association, dated 7th May 97.

(G) A drawing of the Class rooms and Gymnasium in the new premises (with memo) showing the area of each room.

(1) The area of the room at present used for our

classes is 13 × 77 feet, or an area of 1001 square feet, the classes being separated by curtains.

(2). The rooms set apart in the new premises will not be more than will be required in the near future. The growth of our Classes has been seriously checked for several years past by sheer lack of space to expand.* Our plans contemplate a considerable enlargement, on removing to the new quarters, early next year.

(H) A tabular statement shewing the enrolment in the Educational Classes from 1891 to 1897*; also a copy of the Young Men of Madras for September 1897, containing a tabular Statement of the results of the Classes at the last Technical Examinations –

This information is as full as can be furnished in the absence of the Manager of the Classes, who is away from Madras on account of sickness.

(I). Arrangements are now being completed to open

* This cannot be completed in the absence of the Manager but will be sent next week, if required. The Classes were established in July '91; the no. Enrolled was
22 in '92
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44 " '94
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open another Class in Phonography, in our Royapettah Rooms.

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(3). In addition to the Students in our own classes, our Membership includes many Students from all the other Colleges of Madras.

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I have the honor to be
Dear Sir
Your Obedient Servant.
D. McConaughy,
General Secretary.

DO No 60

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THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

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D. McConaughy, Esq., *General Secretary.*

Madras, 28th Jan. 1898.

J. H. A. Tremenheer, Esq.

Dear Sir,

Referring to the subject of my call at your office today, I have the honor to request you to kindly facilitate action, so far as is in your power, upon the application of this Association for a grant on its new building. I understand that the Director of Public Instruction forwarded the papers, with his recommendation, some time since. As our anniversary is approaching, we are very desirous to ascertain the action of Government at the earliest date possible. I trust you will see

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your way clear to concur in Dr. Duncan's recommendation. We have undertaken very large obligations on the strength of the action already taken by Government in sanctioning the plan prepared by the Consulting Architect, counting on a favorable issue from our application now in your Office.

Hoping for kindly consideration at your hands, I have the honor to be

Dear Sir,

Yours Faithfully

D. McConaughy

Genl. Secy.

THE Young Men of Madras,

A Supplement to THE YOUNG MEN OF INDIA.

MADRAS, SEPTEMBER, 1897.

THE PAST MONTH.

The contract has been awarded to Mr. S. Numberumal Chetty for the completion of our building by December 15, 1898. Our President, Mr. W. R. Arbuthnot, starts for India the latter part of November, but will spend a few weeks on the west coast before reaching Madras.

The Athletic Department.

It is a pleasure to go down, of an evening, to the Athletic field and see so many of our members engaged in some or other of the games, lawn tennis, badminton, and basketball being among the chief that attract them. The Athletic Department Committee has resolved for the present to vary the general programme for practice, in order to give more time to Basketball and also to Cricket, the season for which has just commenced. The changed temporary programme is as follows:—

Monday—Baseball.
Tuesday and Thursday—Cricket.
Wednesday and Friday—Basketball.

The Interbranch Match in badminton was rather an easy victory for Royapettah as usual. The contest between Black Town and Vepery was very exciting indeed, Black Town winning by a very narrow margin of one point, the scores being 29—28 respectively. With the daily practice in Badminton that is now going on, especially by Black Town members, there should soon be keener contests against the now invincible Royapettah players, whom meanwhile we congratulate.

It is a pity that more Vepery members do not turn up every evening.

The Interbranch Match in baseball fell through, owing to a sufficient number not having turned up from Vepery.

At the instance of the Athletic Department Committee, the following resolutions were adopted at the last general meeting of the Athletic Department:—

(*a*) That in connection with the ensuing Members' Quarterly Meeting, which is to come off on the last Saturday of this month (September), at the Memorial Hall, sports, including exhibition games, in tennis, badminton, baseball, &c., be held between 4 and 6 P.M.

(*b*) That subscriptions be invited from members of the Athletic Department, and other members as well, towards the extra expenses in connection with the sports.

(*c*) That the Athletic Department Committee be in charge of the arrangements, &c.

(*d*) That the Athletic Department members will do their best to double their number before the end of this month by each bringing in a new member to the Department.

Fifteen of our cyclists, captained by Mr. Dan I. Jesudasen, the Secretary, had one of their finest moonlight outings on August 10th, and it was to the Red Hills and back, a journey of about 20 miles. The Municipal Bungalow at the Red Hills lake was placed at the disposal of the members by the kind courtesy of Mr. Loane, Acting Municipal Engineer, and Mr. T. Theagaraya Mudaliar very liberally entertained the tired-out cyclists with refreshments. The most interesting feature of the run was the boating excursion on the lake, and the whole expedition was thoroughly enjoyed by the members. The next run will be a 'paperchase' in and around Madras, at the close of which Mrs. and Mr. N. Subramaniam will be 'at home' to the members at their residence, 'Hermitage,' The Luz. The Y. W. C. A.

Cyclists are also expected to take part in the chase. We promise our riders no end of fun, provided the weather is propitious.

ATHLOW.

BLACK TOWN.

THE statistics for the past month are indeed gratifying. They are as follows :—

Number of Members ...	305
„ Admissions ...	21
Attendance at the Lecture ...	47
Social Hour	75
Bible-class, average	13
Devotional Meetings, average ...	13
Gospel Meetings, „ ...	60
Open Air Meetings, „ ...	98

Membership.--Since the beginning of the year, 115 old members have failed to renew their tickets when they fell due. Of these, 7 have resigned, 2 deceased, 39 removed from Madras, and 19 have promised to renew soon, leaving 44 who have not been heard from.

Social.—The Social Committee should be congratulated on the success that attended the Social Hour held on Friday, the 6th August. Two *solos* by Rev. J. H. Maclean, two piano and violin duets by Messrs. Alf. Martyn and Alex. Cotelingam, two recitations by Messrs. W. Zaccheus and A. Kadirvelu, and two Tamil songs by Mr. Ephraim Lite were all very well rendered. Mr. Lite was accompanied by his father Mr. Johannes with his violin and by himself with his *Tambur*. They displayed such an artistic skill in the rendering of the Indian music with its characteristic variations that the audience was greatly charmed.

Literary.—Rev. J. H. Maclean's lecture on 'Mazzini' was delivered at our rooms on the 13th August. The attendance was fairly good (47) for a rainy evening. The character and life work of the noble-minded Italian patriot were ably portrayed by the lecturer, and many points well worth remembering by the Indian social reformer were effectively set forth. A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. C. B. Rama Rao with a few appropriate remarks on the subject. On the 27th August, Mr. P. Rama Rao Naidu, B.A., gave a short address on the 'Problem of Suffering.' It was meant to be followed by a discussion, but, as nobody seemed to have come prepared to say anything, the Chairman, Mr. P. Lakshminarasu Naidu, B.A., Assistant Professor of Science, Christian College, in a learned discourse expressed his own views on the problem. With a vote of thanks to the speakers, the meeting was brought to a close. Owing to the heavy rains, there were only 27 members present.

The results of the late Government Technical Examinations, as far as our classes were concerned, have been very good compared with previous years. The Director of Public Instruction was good enough to sanction Government Scholarship grants of Rs. 6 per mensem each on behalf of four of our students who passed first class last year, though the application was made very much later than the appointed time. This year we have applied in good time for similar grants for 12 students who have passed first class at the late examinations.

Religious.—The Bible class was conducted on the 3rd by Mr. McConaughy, on the 10th, 17th, and 24th by Mr. Maclean, and on the 31st by Mr. Ward. The Devotional Meetings were conducted by Messrs. E. G. Cotelingam, J. Sawyer and S. S. Peter, and the Gospel Meetings were addressed by Mr. H. M. Clay, B.A., Rev. H. Rice, Rev. R. M. Bauboo, Rev. L. P. Larsen and Mr. F. P. Hall, the last of whom kindly supplied the place of Rev. J. S. Peter, who was suddenly taken ill on the day he had engaged to speak.

P.

VEPERY.

THINGS have been somewhat livelier with us during the past month than they had been for some time previous. The "Social" held in the Y. W. C. A. house, kindly lent to us by Miss Hill, was a success. We were glad to meet there a number of young men whom otherwise we seldom have a chance of greeting, so as to recommend the Association to them.

The restaurant which was opened in our rooms this month has certainly made a promising start, and we hope will become an established institution. Refreshments may be had at the rooms up to 8 P.M., and are sold at rates that we believe nobody ought to grumble at.

Our membership has been gradually rising and stands now at 67. This is certainly not high for Vepery, but is encouraging when we remember that not long ago we were just a little above 50. We have had a good deal of indifference to contend with and are thankful for any signs of increasing interest in our work.

It has cheered some of us to find a decided improvement in the attendance at our young men's meetings, the average of which during the past month has been 14. Some have been attending who before never came to these meetings. We regret however to observe a falling-off in the attendance at the Bible class. May I say here that a Christian without the Bible is like a ship at sea without her rudder, and we ought to seize every opportunity of studying the Book. "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life."

There has been during the month an increased daily attendance at the rooms, averaging 35. A good proportion of these must be non-members, and we hope it augurs well for the future membership of the branch.

H. M. C.

ROYAPETTAH.

The Conference.—The most important event of the month was the Active Members' Conference held on the 31st July. The idea was first suggested at a meeting of the Social and Membership Committee held on the 21st April; and this led to a Joint Committee Meeting on the 23rd April, when the question was discussed, and it was resolved to hold the Conference in the latter part of July. Accordingly we had two sessions on the 31st—one at 7-30 A.M. and the other at 6-30 P.M. In the morning session a paper on "What has the Y. M. C. A. done for Royapettah?" was presented by Mr. E. Savariroyan, B.A.; and another paper on "The needs and opportunities of Y. M. C. A. work in Royapettah" by Mr. P. J. Devasahayam, B.A. These papers were preceded by a very soul-stirring address on "Where is the guest chamber?" by the General Secretary, Mr. McConaughy, and followed by a discussion in which several took part. The evening meeting began with a musical entertainment at 5-45 P.M., in which several friends from Black Town and Chintadripettah took part, and to whom our thanks are due. Mr. McConaughy took the chair at the evening session as well, and spoke a few earnest words on the "Transfiguration." The Rev. C. H. Monaham, B.A., presented a paper on "Christ, the young man's ideal." After this several short prayers were offered and the Conference closed. We cannot estimate the results of this unique meeting. Time alone can declare what they will be. In the meantime the various committees have begun to work with new vigour. The attendance at the Conference was 34, on the average, for each session.

Religious.—We have had from the 1st July to the 15th August three Young Men's Meetings and two sessions of the Bible class, the average for the former being 11 and for the latter 17. During the absence of the General Secretary the Bible class was led by Mr. Satthianadhan. The young men's meeting held on the 12th August was, to a certain extent, an innovation, and the Religious Committee have decided upon having such meetings from time to time. Mr. W. A. Hensman read a thoughtful paper on "Temptation."

Literary.—On the 7th August, the Rev. J. H. Maclean, M.A., B.D., delivered a very interesting lecture on "Mazzini, the Patriot and Reformer" to an audience of 30. The meetings for September are: on the 4th, Rev. J. Cooling's lecture on "Japan," on the 11th a paper on "Imperial Federation" by Mr. D. David, B.A., and on the 18th an address on "The Greatness of Russia" by Mr. J. Gnanamuthu, B.A., L.T.

Athletic.—At the interbranch Badminton Competition, Royapettah again won. Our players were so sure of victory that they did not even take the banner to the field.

General.—On the 14th August, a "Sham-trial" took place in the Harris School. Mr. P. J. Devasahayam, B.A., deserved much credit, for the whole undertaking was due to his efforts. Mr. K. Krishna Rao acted as Judge and Mr. Devasahayam was the Counsel for Prosecution and Mr. Rama Rao for the Defence. Mr. Devasahayam had so carefully arranged his story that if only his witnesses had done what was expected of them, the Defence Counsel would have found it hard to break them down. But as a matter of fact they broke down of themselves and the prisoner Thomas—the Y. M. C. A. Chokra—was acquitted. Mr. L. Dhan Singh, who acted as the Interpreter, and others did their parts well.

J. G.

ENGAGEMENTS FOR THE MONTH.

SUNDAY.—Bible Class at Vepery, at 6-30 A.M., conducted by Mr. D. McConaughy. MEN'S GOSPEL MEETING at Black Town, at 4-15 P.M. Song Service with Orchestral Music commences at 4 P.M. Addresses will be delivered on the
5th Sept. by Mr. D. McConaughy, M.A.
12th „ „ Rev. J. Lazarus, B.A.
19th „ „ Rev. J.H. Maclean, M.A., B.D.
26th „ „ Mr. J. S. Martyn, M.A.

MONDAY.—Committees meet at 6-30 P.M. in Black Town and Vepery.

TUESDAY.—Bible Class at Black Town, at 6-30 P.M., conducted by Mr. D. McConaughy, M.A.

THURSDAY.—Devotional Meeting at Royapettah, 6-30 P.M. Devotional Meeting at Vepery, at 6-30 P.M.

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2nd : Mr. J. J. Chatterton.
9th : Mr. R. A. Harman.
16th : Mr. H. M. Clay.
23rd : Mr. D. McConaughy.
30th : A Meeting for Prayer and Praise.

FRIDAY.—At Black Town : at 6-15 P.M., there will be either a Social Hour or a Literary Hour.
3rd, Social Hour : Messrs. F. P. Hall, S. F. Simpson, W. H. H. Chatterton, W. Robertson, J. H. Maclean, Alf. Martyn, J. A. Lazarus and others will take part.
10th, Lecture on "Student Life at Oxford" by Mr. Syed Belgrani, B.L.
17th, Social Hour : Games with Music.
24th, Literary Hour : A Paper on "The College, Y. M. C. A." by Mr. Raymond Davis, B.A., will be read by Rev. T. P. Dudley, B.A.

SATURDAY.—At *Vepery* : Literary or Social Hour at 6-30 P.M.
At *Royapettah* : Literary Hour at 6-30 P.M.
4th : Rev. J. Cooling, B.A., "A Fortnight in Japan."
11th : Mr. D. David, B.A., "Imperial Federation."
18th : Mr. G. Gnanamuthu, B.A., L.T., "The Greatness of Russia."
At *Black Town* : Devotional Meeting at 6-30 P.M., Musical prelude commencing at 6-15 P.M.
4th : Mr. F. Hurst.
11th : Mr. A. DeZilva.
18th : Mr. J. Gnanamuthu, B.A., L.T.

SATURDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER : *Quarterly Meeting* of all the Branches.
4—6 P.M.—Sports and Exhibition Games at the Athletic Field.
6—7-30 P.M.—Memorial Hall.
Refreshments and Music in charge of the Ladies' Auxiliary.
Quarterly Reports of the Branches and of the various Departments of the Central Association.

INTER NOS.

THE Conference of Members held at the Royapettah rooms at the close of July is worth imitating by the other Branches. A full day, once a quarter, entirely devoted to Praise and Prayerful Conference is sure to bring forth good fruits—fruits worthy of the Association, fruits expected of the Members of such an Association as ours.

THE Royapettah Branch seems to be earnest in play as well as in work, as proved by the Badminton Banner still hanging in its room and by its all day Conference. It is hoped that this branch, the youngest of the three, will soon have the opportunity of competing with its elders in other games also, such as lawn tennis, baseball, basket ball and cricket.

THE figures under "the results of tl Examinations in our Educational Classes, in our last issue, should be amended a follows :—

Subject.	Grade.	No. that appeared.	No. that passed.	
			1st Class.	2nd Class.
Banking ...	Elementary ...	11	1	2
Book-keeping ...	Elementary ...	12	1	5
"	Intermediate.	8	2	3
Correspondence	Elementary ...	19	5	9
Phonography ...	Elementary ...	10	1	3
Type-writing ...	Elementary ...	3	0	1

NOTE well that the next Quarterly Meeting of the whole Association will be held on Saturday, the 25th September, at the Memorial Hall, preceded by athletic sports on our athletic field.

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Royapettah. ,, Cathedral School.

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EVERY Young Man in Madras has a chance to make the most of himself, if he will, for **the Young Men's Christian Association** exists for the express purpose of helping young men to help themselves. It aims to "*make a whole man*, fit for a whole life." And this it does for all Young Men alike, without distinction of race, or rank, or religion.

Throw physic to the dogs,
I will none of it.—SHAKESPEARE.

For the Body.

The Athletic Department, centrally located on the Esplanade, extending from the Fort Station S. I. Ry. to the Memorial Hall, affords facilities for Tennis, Badminton, Cricket, Base-ball, Foot-ball and Basket-ball. Basket-ball is a new and popular game which is played on the Association grounds only.

Inter-Branch Matches in Base-ball, Badminton, Tennis and Cricket (in season) are played monthly by teams representing the several Branches of the Association, in competition for handsome banners which hang in the rooms of the winning Branch until again won.

Fees:—Any member of the Association (except those holding the Minimum ticket, see p. 10) is entitled to the privileges of this Department on payment of an extra fee of Rs. 2 for all sections except Tennis, or Rs. [illegible] for all Sections including Tennis.

The Bicycle Club meets for a moonlight ride on the Tuesday evening nearest full moon, each month, starting at 5-30 p.m. from the main office of the Association, Blacktown. There is an extra fee of 12 As. a year to meet the incidental expenses of the Club.

The Athletic Department Rules can be had on application at the Association Offices.

"My mind to me a kingdom is."
—Percy's Reliques.

For the Mind.

LIBRARY.—A Circulating Library of [illegible] volumes is open daily, [illegible] p.m., in charge of a Librarian; books may be kept out for a fortnight, or longer if renewed.

READING ROOMS.—In Blacktown, Vepery and Royapettah, a fine assortment of periodicals, home and foreign, will be found, among many others, the following:—

British.—Illustrated London News, Graphic, Spectator, Nineteenth Century, The Young Man, British Weekly, Christian Commonwealth, Review of Reviews, &c., &c.

American.—Scribner's, Harper's Monthly, Harper's Weekly, Scientific American, Independent, Men, Review of the World, &c.

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His Excellency very rightly considered that as this building will directly front the New Law Court and College buildings, it should be in the same style. I mentioned this fact to Mr. Harris, and his elevation, it will at once be seen, will harmonize with the elevations of the erected buildings.

Mr. Harris has looked through the plans kindly furnished us by Messrs Merrill & Cutler and is of opinion that they are not adapted to Madras. It will be necessary, therefore, to get out fresh ones.

If His Excellency will permit him to do so, Mr. Harris will make out these drawings and will from time to time during the progress of the building visit the work.

We are most anxious to meet the wishes of Government so far as can be done within the limits of the funds at our disposal.

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~~Urgent~~

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

C No 614 Edl

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following.

~~From the General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association dated 8th May 1897.~~

× Copy attached ×

~~From the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor dated 11th May 1897.~~

~~From the Public Department No 1032 dated 12 May 1897.~~

Order thereon No 1337 W of 21 May 1897

The sketch of the front elevation for the proposed building of the Young Men's Christian Association is approved, and the request of the Association that the Consulting Architect may be permitted to draw up fresh plans is sanctioned as a special case.

2. The application for a grant-in-aid will be considered in the Educational Department.

(True Extract)

A.W.Knapp.

for Secretary to Govt

The Consltg: Architect to Government with plan

General Secretary Y.M.C. Association

" Educational Department

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CURRENT No. 1349

Memo 1134
28-5-97

D.P.I's letter 6464
17-6-97

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT
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From

The Director of Public
Instruction
Madras.

Order

No. 12747

Dated 17th November 1897.

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Enclosures twelve (ten plans in a separate packet) (plans not yet recd.)

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SUBJECT.

Young Men's Christian Association buildings.

Recommending a grant of Rs.20,880 towards the cost of the new in Madras.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

The Young Men's Christian Association.

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Madras, 11th August 1897.

To

J.B.Bilderbeck Esqr.,

Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your D.O. dated the 9th instant, I beg to inform you that the superficial areas of the different rooms mentioned are as follows:-

(1)	Technical class rooms	3,297	Superfl.Ft.
(2)	Library	1,167	,,
(3)	Lecture room	1,340	,,
(4)	Intercollegiate Dept.	801	,,
(5)	Hostel for students	3,818	,,
(6)	Reading room	780	,,

I remain &c

(Sd) S.S.Peter,

Asst.Secretary for Secretary.

/True Copy/

D Duncan

Director of Public Instruction.

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To

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras, 17th November 1897

No. 12747.

CURRENT No 1349

From

THE HONOURABLE MR. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc. LL.D.,
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Educational Department.

SIR,

I have the honour to return Government endorsement No 1134, Educational, dated 28th May last, regarding grant to the proposed building for the Young Men's Christian Association, Madras. Ten plans are also submitted countersigned. Plans numbered 1 to 4 are the original plans of the four floors and those numbered 5 to 10 are the revised plans for the floors and the South and East elevations.

2. Grant is applied for on behalf of the following:-

Technical Class rooms
Library
Reading room
Lecture room
Intercollegiate department
Hostel.

The intercollegiate department is reported to be a resort for the students of all the colleges in the City, and I do not think that a grant need be sanctioned for it. With regard to the hostel, the Grant-in-Aid Code now in force does not provide for payment of grant towards its cost. But, in the code for 1898-99, submitted for sanction with my letter No 6464, dated 17th June last, provision has been made for payment of grants for hostels. Assuming that it will be sanctioned, I have included

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the hostel among the items for which grant might be given.

3. The superficial area of all the portions mentioned above, including verandahs and staircases, is reported by the Secretary to be 17000 square feet. The dimensions of the rooms are not noted on the plans and I have, therefore, only to adopt the figures given by the Secretary in his letter dated 11th August (copy enclosed). Each square foot is said to cost on the average ₨.3. A third grant on the cost of the portion of the building which is reported to be for purely educational purposes will be $\frac{17000 \times \text{₨.}3}{3}$ or ₨.17,000. In addition, the Secretary wants a grant of ₨.5000 towards the cost of the site, and ₨.6000, being the increased cost on account of the improvement to the front elevation in accordance with the wishes of His Excellency the Governor. The total amount of grant applied for is thus ₨.28,000.

4. The amount of grant which I would recommend is ₨.20,880 as I shall shew below. The superficial area of the "Intercollegiate department" is 801 square feet. This should be omitted as recommended in paragraph 2 above and along with it the area of the two verandahs adjoining it. This latter cannot be definitely ascertained from the plans, but may, approximately, be held to be nearly 200 square feet, so that the total area to be omitted will, in round numbers, be 1000 square feet. The portion for which grant should be given will thus cover 16000 square feet (17000-1000), and the grant for it, calculating the cost at ₨.3 per square foot, will be $\frac{16000 \times \text{₨.}3}{3}$ or ₨.16,000.

The cost of the site is ₨.37,400 and the total cost of the building, site excluded, is ₨.1,22,600. The cost of the portion of the building for which grant is recommended to be given being only ₨.48,000, the cost of the site proportionate to this cost will be ₨.$\frac{37400 \times 48000}{122600}$ or ₨.14642, and a third grant on it amounts to ₨.4880 in round numbers. The total amount of grant will thus be ₨.20,880. I think this amount of aid is most liberal, considering the claims of other institutions on the Department.

5. The Secretary also requests that the increased cost of ₨.6000 on account of improvement to the front elevation may be paid by Government. I regret I cannot recommend the payment of this item from the funds of this Department, seeing that the improvement is intended more to add to the beauty of the building than to serve any educational purpose. I would, in this connection, point out that the Secretary has overlooked the fact that he is availing himself of the services of the Consulting Architect gratuitously. The revised plans were prepared by him and I also understand that he frequently personally inspects the building.

6. If the above grant be sanctioned, I recommend that it be paid in three equal annual instalments beginning from the current year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

D Duncan

Director of Public Instruction.

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From D. McConaughy Esq.

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SUBJECT.

Requesting early orders on the application of the Y. M. C. Association for a grant towards its new buildings.

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ESTIMATE FORM.—Abstract.

Quantity.	Description of Work	Rate.	Per	Amount	TOTAL.
1	2	3	4	5	6
				RS.	RS.
	Y. M. C. A. Building at Madras. Approximate Estimate				
20,870 Cft	Brickwork in Superstructure with Stock bricks.	23-5-0	100	4,865	
18072 "	Do 2d Storey.	25-5-0	"	4,574	
11204 "	Do 3d Storey.	27-5-0	"	3,060	
8662 "	Do 4th and above do.	29-5-0	"	2,539	
5130 "	Archwork in all floors.	27-5-0	"	1,401	
150 "	Sholingar Stone slabs under girders and Trusses.	2-0-0	Cft	300	
38 "	Paluvaram Stone under Columns.	2-8-0	"	95	
11,554 "	Jada Stone facing	1-12-0	"	20,220	
3788 "	Do in Columns, brackets, parapets &c moulded	2-4-0	"	8,523	
996 "	Do in bands &c	1-12-0	"	1,743	
2937 "	Do in lintels	1-12-0	"	5,140	
2464 Sqft	Jada Stone jallee work	2-8-0	Sqft.	6,160	
10 Tons	Cast Iron Columns	170-0-0	Ton	1,700	
10 "	Do Hoisting & Setting	10/-/-	"	100	
46 "	Rolled Steel beams.	160-0-0	"	7,360	
46 "	Hoisting & Setting do.	10-0-0	"	460	
1,800 lb	Wrought Iron work	0-3-0	lb	338	
500 "	Lead Sheeting	0-3-0	"	94	
262 cft	Teak wood in trusses	3-4-0	Cft	852	
3181 "	Do in joists, beams, purlins &c	3-0-0	"	9,543	
	Carried Over			79067	

Grand Total of Estimate ..

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Date ____________

Executive Engineer

(E. No. 132.)

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Division—

District—

Taluk (or Estate in case of Estate Works.)

ESTIMATE FORM.—Abstract.

Financial Head—

Budget Head—

Departmental Head—

Main Head—

Sub-Head—

Project of which the work forms part—

Section—

Name of Work—

Amount of Estimate, Rs.—

To be carried out by—

REFERENCES.

ESTIMATE FORM.—Abstract.

Quantity.	Description of Work	Rate.	Per	Amount	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6
		RS.		RS.	RS.
	Brought forward			79,067	
2820 Sft	Teak wood boarded floor 1¼" thick for Stairs room & reception Hall &c	40-0-0	100	1128	
6831 "	Ceiling planks to roof 4th Storey	22-0-0	"	1,503	
984 "	Teak wood partitions with frames 5/8" planking	0-8-0	Sft	492	
734 "	Teak wood Staircase	1-8-0	"	1,101	
394 "	Hand railing for do and gallery	1-0-0	"	394	
2 No.	Cast Iron Spiral Stairs 4' Dia	400-0-0	each	800	
2 "	Do Do 5' Dia	500-0-0	"	1,000	
1 "	Lift	150-0-0	"	150	
6836 Sft	Doors and windows with frames	1-4-0	Sqft	8,545	
8645 "	Flooring basement with Cuddapah Slabs on a bed of Concrete	22-0-0	100	1,902	
20,470 "	Terrace flooring with brick on edge 3" Concrete plastered on top with cement	25-0-0	"	5,118	
2131 "	Terrace roofing	33-0-0	"	703	
8433 "	Roofing with Corrugated Iron 22 BWG	22-0-0	"	1,855	
37,200 "	Pointing exterior with prepared lime mortar	1-8-0	"	558	
28,000 "	Plastering interior with 3 Coats chunam	3-8-0	"	980	
30,000 "	Do Do 2 Coats	2-8-0	"	750	
	Carried Over			106,046	
	Grand Total of Estimate ..				

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Main Head—

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Name of Work—

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		RS.		RS.	RS.
	Brought forward			106,046	
1538 Lft	Interior cornice and plaster	0-3-0	Lft	288	
2279 Sft	Finishing interior doors and windows with varnish.	2-8-0	100 Sft.	57	
9114 „	Painting exterior doors and windows	3-0-0	„	273	
2 No.	Dome work in Angle Tower	36-0-0	Each	72	
254 Lft	Cast Iron rain water pipes 4" Dia. with heads &c complete.	1-8-0	Lft.	381	
	Scaffolding thro: & thro: works	L.S.		700	
				107,817	
	Contingencies @ 5%			5,390	
	Petty Supervision @ 2½%			2693	
					115,900
	Add for foundation & basement.				18,272
	Do. for Site				37421
					171,593
	Out buildings Lighting plant &c say.				10,000

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Budget Head—

Departmental Head—

Main Head—

Sub-Head—

Project of which the work forms part—

Section—

Name of Work— Young men Christian Association Building at Madras Approximate Estimate.

Amount of Estimate, Rs.— 1,81,575/

To be carried out by—

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Madras 7th May 1897

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C. G. A. Sim Esqre—
Private Secretary to
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this course to me, I think it right that this sketch Elevation should be seen by and approved by him.

His Excellency very rightly considered that as this building will directly front the New Law Court and College Buildings, it should be in the same style. I mentioned this fact to Mr Harris, and his Elevation, it will at once be seen, will harmonize with the Elevations of the erected buildings.

Mr. Harris has looked through the plans kindly furnished us by Messers Merrill and Cutler, and is of opinion that they are not adapted to Madras. It will be necessary therefore to get out fresh ones.

If His Excellency will permit him to do so, Mr Harris will make out these drawings, and will from time to time, during the progress of the building, visit the work.

We are most anxious to meet the wishes of Government so far as can be done within the limit of the funds at our disposal. The difference in Cost between the plain Elevation which we had originally Contemplated, and that which Mr Harris now proposes, would be about Rs 6,000/-. The total cost of the site and building with the revised Elevation is estimated at Rs 160,000/-. The Association is prepared to expend Rs 1,30,000/- and for the balance, we shall be obliged to look to Government for a liberal grant-in-aid.

From calculations it is found that 17,000 square feet of the building will be devoted to Educational purposes, and we are given to understand that one-third of the cost of this area will be met by a grant-in-aid by Government. As the building is reckoned to cost 3/ per square foot of floor, throughout this would mean Rs 17,000/-. The Alteratio to the front will amount to another 6000/- and the proportion of the amount paid for the site would be 5000/- - a total in all of Rupees 28,000/-.

I recognize that this matter will take a little time to pass through the regular Channels for decision, so I ask you to very kindly obtain His Excellency's early approval to the drawing and his sanction to Mr Harris' making out the other necessary drawings.

Packed in the same box with the

drawing of the front Elevation; I am sending a framed copy of the photograph taken on the occasion of the laying of the Corner Stone. Will you please ask His Excellency to accept this as a Souvenir of that occasion

Requesting the favor of as early a reply as possible, believe me,

Dear Mr Sim.
Yours faithfully
S. McConaughy

(True Copy)
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ESTIMATE FORM.—Detail Measurements.

Detail of Work.	Number.	Measurements in Feet.			Area or Contents.	Total Quantity of each description of Work.
		Length.	Breadth.	Depth.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Class room 2 floor		23·0	24·4	}	951	
		23·0	17·0	}		
		46·0	51·0		2346	
				Total	Sq ft	3,297
Library 2d floor		22·6	16·9		377	
3d floor		32·4½	24·5		790	
				Total	Sq ft	1167
Lecture room 1st floor		22·6	23·11½		539	
		36·6	21·11½		801	
				Total	Sq ft	1,340
Inter-Collegiate Dept.		36·6	21·11½		801	
				Total	Sq ft	801
Hostel		17·0	32·6		553	
		47·0	52·0		2444	
		36·6	22·6		821	
				Total	Sq ft	3,818
Reading room		36·1½	21·7		780	
				Total	Sq feet	780

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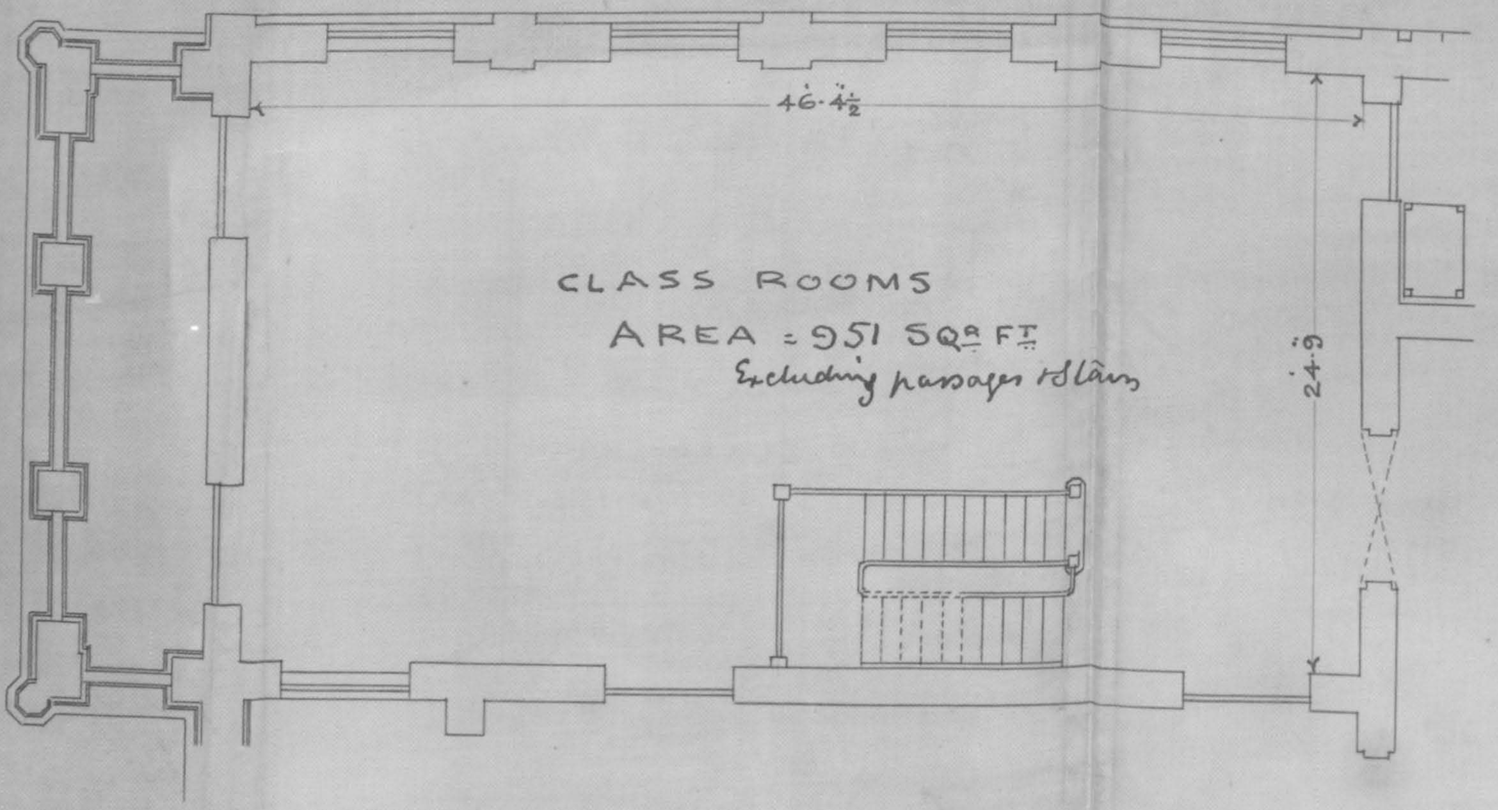
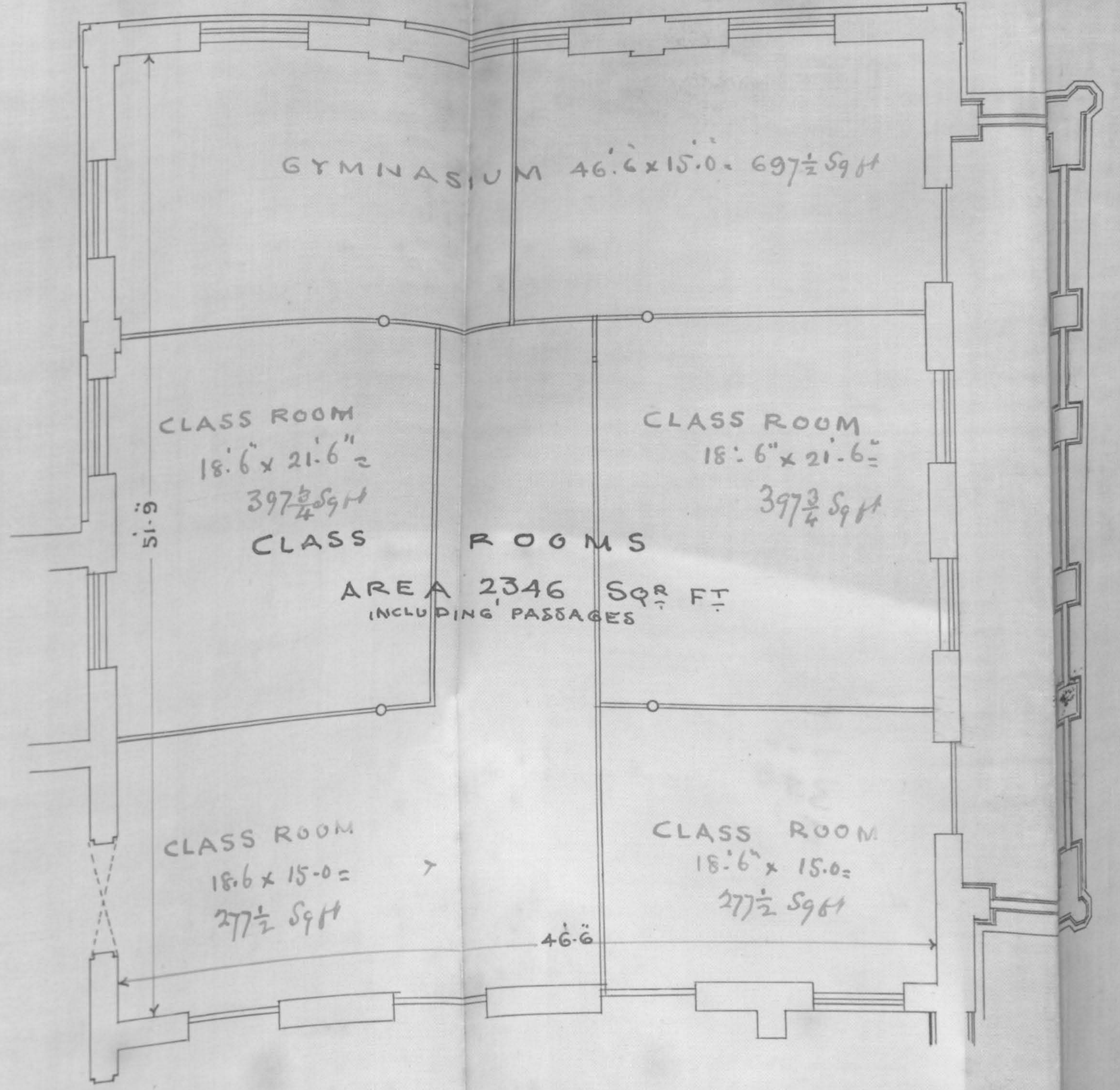
CLASS ROOMS IN SECOND FLOOR.





SCALE 8' = 1"

TOTAL AREA EXCLUDING PASSAGES. 2048 Sq ft
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C. Nos. 614 & 1349 of 97

SUBJECT.

Building grant to the Young Men's Christian Association.

H.M.

FOR ORDERS.

See back of page 5
JG
14.3.98

The Young Men's Christian Association, Madras, applies for a grant of Rs 28,000, towards the cost of the building which is being erected for its accommodation in front of the Law Courts and the Law College. The D.P.I., to whom the application was referred, recommends a grant of Rs 20,880. He considers that no grant need be sanctioned for the Intercollegiate Deptt, which will be a resort for the students of all the Colleges in the City and ~~that~~ states that he cannot recommend the payment from the Educational budget of the increased cost of Rs 6000 on account of improvement to the front elevation of the building +

and the accommodation of its students JG

+ on the ground that the improvement is intended more to add to the beauty of the building than to serve any educational purpose.

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He, however, recommends a grant for the hostel on the assumption that his proposal made in connection with the revision of the Grant-in-aid Code that building and rent grants be paid for hostels or boarding houses attached to educational institutions will be approved.

2. First it seems necessary to consider whether the grant applied for can be paid under the Grant-in-aid Code. According to Art 2 of Ch VII of the Code (vide p 26) grants may be given to the erection, enlargement, or purchase of for the School-buildings, and Orphanages and homes for destitute European children". The association does not appear to come under any of these heads. It appears to be more a club than an educational institution; is open to all (not to students only) and its object is ~~to spread christian ideas~~ "to make a whole man fit for a whole life." It has opened certain technical classes but promotion of technical education does not appear to be one of its chief or primary objects.

Secondly, and if the Govt decides

This file is now with Us.

What the Director says would be here is that the Educational Conference approved in G.O. 152 Ed. 15.8.97 expressed itself in favour of building grants being given to hostels or boarding houses attached to educational institutions. JG

A man cannot be made a "whole man" fit for a "whole life" without education. JG

The Art does not refer to "associations", but to buildings, and mentions two "heads". Various Missionary Bodies, who are not "associations" coming "under either of these heads", get grants in aid for their schools. JG

It does not matter what is the chief or primary object. If the building or part of it is a school building, the grant is permissible. JG

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that the association ~~are~~ may be aided under the Grant-in-aid Code, it has to be considered whether a grant should be allowed for the hostel. No rules regarding the administration of the hostel are before Govt: it is not known whether the hostel will be open only to students or to all. The Govt is concerned only with boarding houses where students separated from their families and friends can be decently accommodated and will be subject to some control.

4. Thirdly it ~~may~~ will be noted that the application for the grant has not been accompanied by an estimate and that the Govt had not been consulted before the site was purchased and the erection of the building was commenced. vide arts. 1 & 2 Ch VII of the Grant-in-aid Code p. 26.

5. A copy of the prospectus of the Y.M.C. Association is attached.

WB
3/2/98

vide para 12 of G.O. 58 Ed. 31-1-98 — flag O

According to the last report 94 students were enrolled & "about half came to ~~the classes~~ Madras expressly for these classes" (Short hand, Typewriting, Bookkeeping, Commercial Correspondence, Banking) JG

The estimate has been sent in since & is amongst the papers put up with the Sec's letter of the 12 inst No 9. I have appended their note. JG

In the Director's Pro of 6.1.97 No 117, he says, "The foundation may be laid without prejudice to a grant being claimed for the building." JG

To sum up, therefore, it is submitted:-

(1) that it does not appear that the grant applied for can be given under the Grant-in-aid Code. The D.P.I. may be asked to state under what provision of that Code he recommends the grant.

2) If the first point is decided in the affirmative, it has to be considered whether a grant can be given for the hostel, and

3) the application for the grant should have been accompanied by an estimate & Government should have been consulted & the grant promised before the building was begun

J.G.
16.2.9(?)

Two sets of Subjects will be taught (1) Phonography & Typewriting times a week and (2) Book-keeping, Banking & Commercial Correspondence 4 times a week.

For each course there is one instructor, who may perhaps manage 40 students.

323 Edl.
19th Nov. 1898

It can be granted under Chap VII if part of the building is for students.

J.G.

The importance of hostels in which this Presidency is singularly deficient has been fully recognized by Govt. & I have no doubt they should be "aided"

J.G.

See above

J.G.

~~Besides these 2 subjects Book keeping Banking Commercial Correspondence are taught~~

J.G.

There are 5 subjects taught, Bookkeeping in 3 stages & the rest in two. At the last Technical Exams. 63 subject candidates appeared, 10 passed in the 1st Class & 23 in the 2d. J.G.

[illegible]

In February it was stated that there were 94 students. No doubt there will be many more when the accommodation which is very limited at present is enlarged. J.G.

According to Chap II Sec of the Edn. Rules 8 ft per student are required in the case of schools for general education; so 3000 ft would be enough for 375 students. But it appears from ~~the~~ the plans submitted with these papers & the plans amongst ~~the~~ papers appended by me that 697½ ft of the 3000 are to be made into a gymnasium

J.G.

424 last Feb. J.G.

now 450. J.G.

A larger percentage of them will be students from other colleges

If therefore there are to be an 80 students - & I cannot make out more from the scheme - meeting 8 times a week for an hour or two, it seems a large order to ask for aid for 3000 ft. of class rooms + a library + a lecture room + an Intercollegiate Dept. + a hostel + a reading room; in all 17,000 Sq. feet.

The Gen. Secy. has been given to understand "that one third of the cost of the area will be met by a grant in aid" (nothing is known in this office abt. any promise, so he probly. refers to G-in-A Code ch. VII. (2).)

The Director strikes out the Intercollegiate Dept., but he allows everything else. It is submitted that he goes too far.

Library. I dont know the numbers of the Y.M.C.A. in Madras, but there are probably or will be several hundred members to whom ~~it~~ the circulating & reference Library will be open (see prospectus & L.A

The Young Men's Christian Assocⁿ is an excellent and well managed assocⁿ, and has met a real want well. The way in which it has deferred to the interests of the public, & consented to erect a good and expensive building on its previously acquired site, where a bad building wd be a perpetual eyesore, and mar the effect of the Govt buildings wh are close by, entitles it to great consideration.

From the application to the Director I find that the site has cost R 33,420, & that the building was then expected to cost R 1,22,580 or R 3 per sq ft of flooring, altogether. The Association said that 17000 ft were to be devoted to Educational purposes & asked for a grant in aid of one third of the cost of this viz R 17,000, plus a proportional part of the cost of the site, which they estimated at R 5000, plus the sum spent in improving the Elevation of the building, in accordance with views expressed by H.S., viz R 6,000, or R 28000 altogether.

The 17000 feet, said to be devoted to educational purposes, included Class Rooms, a Library, a Lecture room, an Inter-collegiate debate room, a ~~[illegible]~~ Hostel for students & a Reading room. The Director thought there was no need to give a grant for the Intercollegiate debate room, & cut out 1000 feet for that, but recommended a one third grant for all the other items. He reduced the proportion of the grant to be given for the site for the Inter collegiate debate room with reference to that reduction [illegible] that in his opinion Govt could not grant the R 6000 spent in improving the Elevation from the funds of the Ed Dept. He recommended a grant of R 20,880.

From the approximate estimate which the Govt Architect has prepared, it appears that the cost of the building, exclusive of site, will be R 1,44,170 instead of R 1,22,580 so that the cost per sq. ft. of flooring will be more than R 3.

I will now discuss, one by one, the propriety of giving a grant-in-aid for the Improvement in the Elevation the

1 The Improvement in the Elevation.

This will be part of the cost of a suitable building. If it had been made unto the elevation at first proposed it wd have been unsuitable. There wd have been no doubt about considering it a necessary & integral part of the building, if it had been projected from the first. The fact that the Elevation was changed at the suggestion of H.S. is a reason for granting more, not less, consideration, than wd otherwise be granted. I have no doubt that, if a grant is given, (and I think a grant ought to be given) for any part of this building, the cost of the improved Elevation shd be taken into account. If the, ~~as well as~~ the enhanced cost of the building according to the approximate estimates, & the cost of the site are added together, the total cost of the building will be R 3.52 a foot instead of R 3

2 Class rooms. It is estimated in the Notes, that there are two classes of students, each of 40, so that there are 80 altogether, & it is suggested that ×

Not "to be". There are 94 now that only 1001 feet can be given there JG

Half (of 94) come from outside Madras
JG

Why not? The classes are very successful at the Govt Technical Exams. I am credibly informed that there are now a man fr Travancore another fr Ganjam others fr other outside places who have come to Madras expressly to attend the classes
JG

Almanac.) To a very slight extent will such a Library form part of the School building.

Lecture Room A similar remark applies. The lectures on p. 5 of prospectus are seemingly meant to be attended by all the world & not only by the Students of the Classes.

Reading Room See p. 4. Similarly.

Hostel. At present the Director cannot give a grant for a Hostel: but in the revised G in A Code he provides for "hostels or boarding houses attached to Educational institutions" — that is, hostels to be inhabited by Students of the Institution to which the hostels are attached. But we have seen that there are to be only about 80 students probably & it strikes me that they will all be young men of Madras. These need no hostel.

Besides can it be that a young man would come to live in this hostel merely to ~~stud~~ attend instruction four times a week?

I suspect the word hostel has been conveniently used a grant, corresponding to the limited no. of students, shd be given, & not a grant for the 3000 ft, said to be occupied by class rooms. This assumes that the Association will not do more in the educational way than it does now (with say 1000 ft for class rooms) after obtaining the 3000 ft. I am satisfied that it will do more. The ~~number~~ of its students has steadily increased from the beginning. There were 22 in 1892

36 — 1893
44 — 1894
? — 1895
94 — 1896
97 — 1897

The students have been very successful in the Technical Exams. The classes already attract students from a great distance. 3000 ft may seem a large space, but 697½ ft of it are to be devoted to a gymnasium. I think the full one-third grant shd be given for these rooms. I do not think, however, that we can trust the association's rough estimate of the space for wh the grant shd be given. We know that there are 3000 ft in the rooms themselves, but the grant has been calculated on the attached verandahs, & according to what they say, on a portion of the staircases leading to the rooms. I have tried in vain to make out from the plans how the calculation has been made. The D.P.I. in commn with the Govt Architect shd supply correct figures.

3 The Library. The Library has a "special section, devoted to the exclusive use" of students belonging to the institution. The rest of it is used by the members generally. I am certain, however, that a large proportion of the members who are not students of the institution will be students of other colleges in the town of Madras. I think it will be just to give a one-third grant for three quarters of the cost of the room. (About the estimated space &c see above.)

4 The Lecture room. The Lecture

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There will be no limitation to Xtians
JG

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use to the students, but from the list of themes wh I have seen (one list is given in the programme), I shd say they are of a literary not a scholastic order, &, though the Director recommends a grant, I don't see how one can be ~~granted~~ given.

5 The Inter-collegiate dept. room. It is a meeting-place for the students of all colleges, & a special secretary, of collegiate distinction, is coming out for collegiate purposes. This seems to me a most beneficial arrangement. The Director does not think a grant need be sanctioned for it, but I wd give the full ⅓d of the cost. (About the estimated space &c see above.)

6. The Hostel. The Hostel consists of 10 Dormitories. The applicants state that it is primarily intended for students of their own classes, but that, if space permits, they will take in students from other colleges, if the Director approves. There is no exclusion of caste or creed. Our grant-in-aid code, as it stands at present, does not provide for aiding the establishment of Hostels, but the Director, in a communication proposing the revision of the code, has advocated such grants. He says nothing about the subject, except that the Educational Conference of Mar 97 considered such grants desirable. Before the proposed revision of the code is sanctioned, it is necessary to consider the subject of Fixed Grants v. Results

obtain a grant for bedrooms for ordinary young Christian Associates, whether in Madras without impediments or from up-Country. Otherwise I cannot understand why the whole top-floor (nearly) is given up to these ten dormitories, which may hold perhaps 40 persons.

To put it shortly, I see no guarantee that these dormitories are to be in a reasonable sense attached to an Educational Institution.

If there is anything in the above views, the Govt grant shd be one third of the cost of a building reasonably required to accommodate two classes of say 40 students each; ~~[illegible]~~ and as nothing can be properly made out from the plans & figures given for a quite different purpose, it is suggested that the papers be either remitted to the Director for reconsideration, or that a rough estimate be made.

In the latter case suppose
ch a building to

be done in a hurry. I see the Director wrote in June, but the papers only came home at the end of last month, & I have been unable to dispose of them up to date. There is nothing, however, to prevent our adding to the old code, at once, a provision for aiding students' hostels, & I think we shd do so. The importance of establishing such hostels in our province, wh is singularly destitute of them compared with the other provinces of India, is fully recognized by my Hon Colleagues, so I need say nothing on this point. As regards the Y.M. Assocn hostel, I think a one-third grant shd be given, but given conditionally. The condition shd be that the dormitories are used by students only under rules approved by the D.P.I.

7 The Reading room. The considerations about this are exactly the same as the considerations about the Library — 3. As in that case, I wd give a 1/3 grant for three quarters of the cost.

The grant may be paid in three annual instalments, as the Director proposes.

JG

14/3/98

25,000 (site included). The Govt grant wd be in round figures ~~6000~~ 8000, to which apparently 6000 shd be added for the alteration in elevation

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21.2.98

[L. & M.
200—23-9-97]

NOTE FOR THE

(True Copy.)
McConaughy
12 Mch 97.

(B)

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction

Dated 8th Janry 1897.
No. 228.

Reference Officer — Read Letter from the Secretary the Young Men's Christian Association Madras d/. 4-1-97

Date — The plans are returned to the Secretary as requested

2. The Director does not think that the design of the building, more especially the front Elevation, is worthy of the splendid site on which it is proposed to erect it, and he hopes that the plan will be revised so as to make a more handsome structure without greatly increasing the Cost

S. D. Duncan
Director of Public Instruction

To
The Secretary.

(A)

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction

Dated 6th Janry, 1897
No. 117.

Reference Officer. Read letter from the Manager Young Men's Christian Association Madras No 39 D/. 5th Janry 97 soliciting special sanction to begin laying the foundations of the new Association building.

The tracings will be forwarded as soon as the Director get them back from Government

2. The foundation may be laid without prejudice to a grant being sanctioned for the buildings.

(Sd) D. Duncan
Director of Public Instruction

Public Works Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following —

From the General Secretary of the Young Mens Christian Association dated 8th May 1897.

From the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor dated 11th May 1897.

From the Public Department No 1032 dd. 12th May 1897

Order thereon - No 1337 W. dd 21st May 1897.

The sketch of the front elevation of the proposed building of the Young Mens Christian Association is approved, and the request of the Association that the Consulting Architect may be permitted to draw up fresh plans is sanctioned as a special case

2. The Application for a grant in aid will be considered in the Educational Department.

(True Extract)

The General Secretary
Y.M.C. Assocn.

Sd. A.R. Knapp
for Secretary to Govnt.

(True copy)
J McConaughy
12 Mch 98.

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D/. 20th September 1897

From The General Secretary, Y.M.C.A.,
To

The Director of Public Instruction

Sir

Replying to yours of the 3rd ulto, requesting further particulars regarding the application for grant in aid toward the cost of our new building, I have the honor to send herewith the ground plans & Elevation as finally revised.

The portions of the buildings on which application was made for grant-in-aid in my letter of 16th June 1897 were the following - viz:

3rd floor
1 Technical Class Rooms
2 Library
3 Lecture Room
4 Intercollegiate Dept Room

4th floor, 5 Hostel for Students
2nd floor, 6 Reading Room

Our approximate Estimate of 17,000 sq. ft for the above was based upon calculations made by the Consulting Architect to Govt, to whom I beg to refer you, if any further details are required in this Connection.

In averaging the areas for the proportion on which Grant in aid is asked, we understand that it is of course right and proper, that there should be included not merely the superficial area of the above portions, as asked for in yours of 9th Augt. 97 + given in ours of 11th Augst 97. but also the averages of the verandahs which pertain to these rooms, and of the Stair Cases which serve these rooms. When it is determined in the Educational Dept. on what portion of the building the Grant in aid is to be given it will be possible for the Consulting Architect to revise his Calculations accordingly, if any revision is required.

Permit me to point out the following Considerations in favor of the Grant being allowed on the portions for which it is asked —

(1) This Association is the only institution in Madras so far as we are aware, which admits to its Commercial and Technical Classes students of all Castes and Creeds without distinction. Starting in July 91. with a class of 22 Students in Book-Keeping, our Educational Dept now enrolls 94 pupils in the following Classes viz:—

a. Book Keeping — Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced.
b. Commercial Correspondence — Elementary, Intermediate
c. Banking — Elementary, Intermediate
d. Phonography — Elementary, Intermediate
e. Type writing — Elementary, Intermediate

While this Department has reached the limit of Expansion in our present straitened quarters, it is our purpose to greatly develop it after occupying our new premises. We are planning to devote one of the larger class rooms for the purpose of light gymnastic work, supplying it with pully-weight machines and other improved appliances for the purposes of physical culture.

In time, we hope to use these rooms for classes throughout the day, as well as in the Evening.

2. In our Library is a special Section devoted to books for the Exclusive use of our Students, and plans are already on foot to greatly develop this feature, when space is available for the purpose.

3. The small Lecture Room will provide for the Literary Society as well as for lectures and discussions. The Association Hall, which will be utilized for lectures also, has not been included in our application.

4. The inter Collegiate Dept Room is designed to be a head quarters for Students of all Colleges; and we intend to make it available for meetings of such organizations

as the University Students Union and other Societies, quite distinct from the Association. In promotion of our plans for furthering the interests of Students of this City generally, we have completed arrangements for another Secretary to come out at the close of this year to become College Secretary of the Madras Association. This Secretary, Mr George Benton Smith, B.A. and his wife will reside in the new Building, and have direct personal oversight of the Hostel

5. The Hostel is designed primarily for the Students of our own Classes, of whom we have a steadily increasing proportion coming up from the Mofussil for the Express purpose of our Classes. If our space permits, we will be prepared, with the approval of the Dept of Public Instruction, to admit likewise the Students of other Colleges. In order to be safely within what we have good reason to consider reasonable expectations, we have applied for the grant on only half of the 4th floor. We will most probably devote it all to this purpose

6. Our Reading Room is an important adjunct to our Educational Classes, and is much used by the students

With reference to the Extra Expense involved in altering the plan for the Exterior, so as to meet the wish of Govmt., I would request that, if it does not properly come within the scope of your Department to grant the full amount of the difference asked, vizt. Rs 6,000/-, you will kindly recommend this to the Govmt of Madras to be treated as a special case. Permit me to remind you in this connection, that in submitting the revised plan to H. E. the Governor in our letter of 7th May, we pointed out that the difference of cost involved in the alteration would be about Rs 6000/; that the total cost, including the improvements, would be about Rs 160,000/ of which the Association was prepared to provide about Rs 130,000/ and for the difference, we would be obliged to look to the Government. 4

In reply to this, the Govmt (No 480 of 22d May DPI) passed an order (No 1337 W d/21 May 97) approving the

the trial elevation submitted and sanctioning the Services of the Consulting Architect, under whose advice we have since acted in preparing the Estimate included in our application for grant etc. In order to save time, we have proceeded with the building on the revised plan, assuming from the order first referred to, that the whole amount asked, would in due course be granted

As the building is now advancing rapidly and the contract provides for the completion of it by December 15. 98. we will be exceedingly grateful if you will kindly have our application acted upon at as early a day as is possible

I have the honor to be Sir.
Yours faithfully
Sd, D. McConaughy
Genl Secrty

(True Copy)
McConaughy
12 Mch 98.

Read cnos 614 & 1349 of 97

Order mis No 189 of 19-3-98

H.E. The C. in C. agrees with the DPI in considering that the proposed building for the Young Men's Christian Assocⁿ Madras comes within the scope of the ~~principles regulating~~ Code Grants in Aid ~~it [illegible] remains to apply those principles~~.

2. The scheme of the building as first proposed being unsuitable in point of elevation, it was revised at the suggestion of Govt. ~~As this entailed additional cost~~, It is only reasonable that ~~this~~ the additional cost thus entailed shd be taken into ~~consideration~~ account in fixing the basis on which the Grant shall be calculated. ~~As revised by the [illegible]~~ ~~The total cost of the building with the site will now be at the rate of Rs 3.52 the square foot of building flooring~~.

3. As to the Class-rooms, it is observed that there were last year nearly 100 students, & that ~~thus~~ a considerable advance may be expected, as the classes have been very successful in the Technical Examⁿˢ. & already attract students from a great distance. For these rooms the full one-third grant

may be given [~~but as it appears doubtful how the calculation of 3297 Superficial feet has been arrived at, the Director in Consultation of the Gov.t Architect will supply correct figures.~~

Enter correct
[illegible] later

4. Of the Library, only a section is devoted to the exclusive use of students belonging to the educational institution; but it appears certain that ~~the Library will be largely used by students of~~ a large proportion of members using the Library ~~room~~ will be students of the various colleges in Madras & that it will thus have a large area of useful influence. In this case one third grant may be given on three quarters of the cost of the room. Similar remarks & a similar ruling apply to the Reading Room.

5. The lectures being of a literary not of a scholastic order, no grant can be given for the Lecture Room. But in the Inter-Collegiate Dept. Room ~~st~~ Govt. recognizes a most

beneficial arrangement. It will be a meeting-place for the students of all the various colleges in Madras, & a special secretary of collegiate distinction is coming out for collegiate purposes. ~~within this connection~~. The full one-third grant may be given.

6. The Hostel consists of ten Dormitories. The applicants state that it is primarily intended for students of their own classes, but that, if space permits, they will might take in students from other institutions, if the Director approves, without exclusion of caste or creed. In this connection H.E. the G. in C. observes that at present the Grant in Aid Code does not provide for aiding the establishment of Hostels, but that the Director, acting upon the suggestion of the Educational Conference of 1897, has lately advocated an expansion of the Code in this respect. The Director's proposal embraced a revision of the Code in other directions also

as to which the Govt is not prepared to pass immediate orders. On the one point however of aiding Students' Hostels it considers that the alteration suggested by the Director may be carried out at once, since compared with the other provinces of India Madras is singularly destitute of hostels & the desirability of ~~advance in this regard~~ supplying this want is universally admitted. ~~The following alteration will be made in the~~

~~7. In accordance with the Code thus altered as now exists~~ One-third grant will be given for the Hostel, but on the condition that the dormitories are used by students only under rules approved by the Director.

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7. It is not quite clear

how the applicants ha
calculated the areas on whic
they have based their claim
for Grant. In respect of the
items which have been
admitted, the Director is
requested ~~ti~~ to supply corre
figures in communication
with the Govt. Architect.

H.T.
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To
The D.P.I. G.A.O.
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