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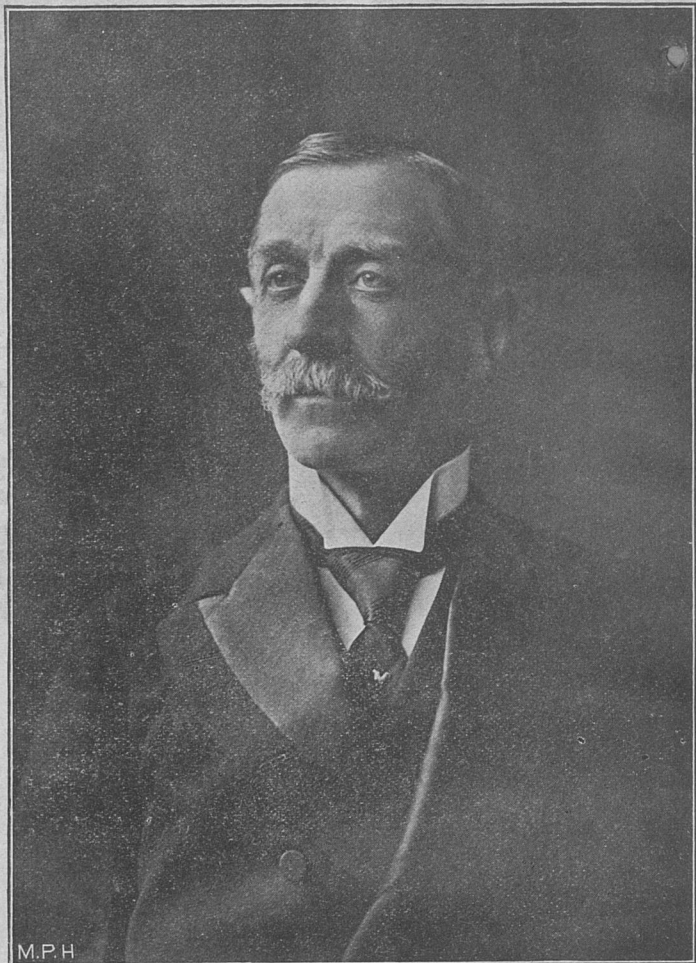
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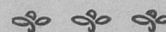


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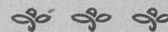
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NINTH ANNUAL REPORT 1916

DURING the year under review the Society has kept up its steady progress and has reached in its growth a mark higher than it ever attained to previously. The Society may fairly be considered to be well on its way in a course of progress. Government Officials such as Magistrates, Superintendents of Hospitals, and Police Officers, and the public have in great numbers sought the help of the Society to obtain shelter for deserving and helpless children. Within the period under report the circumstances of over one hundred cases have been investigated, and of these ninety cases have been dealt with.

The following is an analysis of the cases dealt with—

SEX:—Boys, 82; Girls, 8.

AGE:—Under nine years, 26; over nine years, 64.

NATIONALITY.—Mussulmans, 19; Roman Catholic Christians 3; Hindus, 68—Vanniyar, 10; Brahmin, 1; Asari, 3; Gramani, 1; Kanakar 1; Uriya, 1; Rajput, 1; Janapa Chetti 1; Villiyar, 1; Vellala, 6; Panchama, 9; Vysia Chetti, 2; Yadava, 9; Baliya 12; Raja, 1; Pattana Chetti, 3; Reddi, 1; Vanigar, 1; Valluvar, 1; Marwadi, 1; Nadar, 2.

PARENTS:—Both alive, 23; Both dead, 18; Father only alive, 20; Mother only alive, 24; Unknown, 5.

LITERACY:—Literate, 11; Illiterate, 79, of these four are under five years.

LOCALITIES FROM WHICH THE CHILDREN HAVE COME
—Ponneri, Chingleput, Polur, Madurantakam, Trivellore,
Tirutani, Nagari, Kalastri, Tanjore, Tinnevely, Ambur,
Kolar, Bangalore, Mettupatti, Ulsoor, Kelangadu, Gudivada,
Bezawada, Jeypore, and Rangoon.

CONDITIONS FROM WHICH CHILDREN HAVE BEEN RESCUED.	Number of cases rescued.	In the Society's Home.	Handed over to Guardians.	Absconded.	Placed in families.	Died.	Warned by the Honorary Secretary.
CLASS--A. CHILDREN NOT AT FAULT:—							
Destitution	3	3	...	...	...	...	...
Deserted by parents	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
" by father	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
" by relations	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Ill-treated by step-father	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
do. by step-mother	2	1	1	...	...	...	...
do. by mother	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
do. by relations... ..	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
do. by employer	8	3	5	...	...	...	...
do. by 'Somaree'	3	...	3	...	...	...	...
Dementia	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Lost children	4	1	3	...	...	...	...
Misled by associate	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Illegitimate birth	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
Begging under parental compulsion.	11	...	2	...	...	...	9
CLASS--B. CHILDREN AT FAULT:—							
Begging	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Truancy	26	3	20	3	...	...	...
Disorderly children	13	2	6	5	...	...	...
Ungovernable children	4	2	...	2	...	...	...
Petit Larceny	5	1	2	2	...	...	...
	90	21	45	12	...	1	11
Children in the Home at the begin- ning of '16.	21	6	4	6	4	1	0
Total disposed of	84	...	49	18	4	2	11
Children in the Home at the end of 1916.	...	27	...	...	...	...	...

Of the twenty-seven children in the Society's Home at the close of the year under report twenty-four are boys, of whom one is an infant, and three are girls.

The following are some of the typical cases dealt with—

An Indian Christian girl, aged seven years. The girl's mother died while she was young. Her father married again. Her step-mother day after day treated her badly during her father's absence. The girl looked to the father in vain. Eventually she ventured to seek a home away from her own. But being too young she was not able to help herself much for she was found to be moving aimlessly by the Police who rescued her and brought her to the notice of the Honorary Secretary. The child was admitted into the Society's Home, and enquiries as to her relations were set on foot. The father and the step-mother were traced out, and the former was made acquainted with the facts of the case. Two months after admission, when the father promised to take better care of her she was handed over to him.

A Hindu boy, aged fourteen years. His parents are alive but unable to take care of the boy as he is a demented lad and inclined to wander away from his home. He was wandering in the streets of Madras for a number of years. On rescue he appeared ill-fed and completely unable to take care of himself. His father was traced out, but he was not disposed to take back the boy, as he had tried his best to keep the boy at home to no avail. The boy is an inmate of the Society's Home, and shows some signs of improvement.

A Hindu boy, aged thirteen years. The boy lost his parents. He has a brother who lives by his labour. This boy was apprenticed to a rice merchant. But he took to eking out his own livelihood by committing petty thefts such as cutting bags of rice, dhal, groundnut and other articles of produce carted to and from the Railway goods' shed opposite to the Peoples'

Case No. 414
15th January 1916
Ill-treated by
step-mother.

Case No. 422
7th March 1916
Dementia.

Case No. 434
9th March 1916
Petit Larceny.

Park. He used to sell the articles thus emptied from bags to the neighbouring baz armen who paid him a small remuneration. With this he purchased sundry articles of food to live upon, and 'Ganja' to smoke. He was watched for several days and finally rescued by the Society's Inspector, and admitted into the Home. He made several clever attempts to escape as he was mad after 'Ganja' smoking, but he was not allowed to do so. He seems now to be reconciled to his stay in the Home.

A Mussulman boy, aged ten years. His father died, his mother became a cook, and he was employed in a cigarette shop at Bangalore. Sometime after, a neighbour brought him down to Madras and left him behind at the Central Railway Station. The boy searched for the neighbour in vain. He took to begging at the Moore Market. He was rescued by the Society's Inspector and admitted into the Home. His mother who was communicated with did not choose to reply. He is a very well-behaved lad.

Case No. 437
10th March 1916
Deserted by relations.

A Hindu boy, aged ten years. The boy was sent by his mother on an errand to buy some eatables. He seemed to have walked far away from his home. After two days he was seen by the Police and rescued, and brought to the notice of the Honorary Secretary. The mother had been searching for the boy all over the city, making enquiries at the several Police Stations. When she arrived at the Washermanpet Police Station on the third day of her missing him, she was informed that her son was to be found in the Society's Home at Tondiarpet. She found the child in the Home to her great joy. After due enquiry the child was handed over to her.

Case No. 450
10th April 1916
Lost Child.

A Hindu boy, aged ten years. His father died and his mother came to live with another man, a tinker. The boy was employed in the tinker's shop. One day his mother took the boy with her when she went to market to sell tin vessels. The boy was seated outside the market,

A 'Somaree' came and took him promising to show him 'tamasha', but made him carry torches in a temple procession for which he was paid a few pice. The next day the boy reached his home but was severely handled by the tinker. Thereupon he left his home and went to the 'Somaree' who gave him some money the previous day. The 'Somaree' took care to secure the boy in his custody, and put him to bad and questionable use as is the wont with his class of people. The lad was seen by the Society's Inspector while being handled by the 'Somaree' for some so-called dereliction of duty, and rescued and admitted into the Home. The mother was traced out and made acquainted with the facts. As she was rightly anxious to have the boy back under her care he was handed over to her.

A Hindu female infant, aged one day. The infant was found by the Police abandoned in a public latrine near Elephant Gate. The Police brought the child to the Society's Home.

Case No. 468
15th July 1916
Illegitimate birth.

A few days after admission into the Home the child took ill and was covered with eruption. Its eyes became affected. It ailed for about ten days and in spite of all help rendered to it, died about a fortnight after its admission.

A Hindu boy, aged eight years. He is a native of Poonamallee. His father died, and his mother was living with a petty tradesman. The lad while suffering from fever, was asked to do some work by his step-father.

Case No. 481
4th December 1916
Ill-treated by step-father.

But the boy went to sleep in a quiet corner. While asleep he was scalded on the calf of his left leg with a red-hot piece of stone, and turned out of the house by his step-father. The boy went and slept in the neighbourhood, and waited there the whole of next day. But none seemed to care for him. In the evening he left Poonamallee in a cart bound for Madras. On arrival here he begged his daily food from house to house, and slept on the verandahs of houses. He was seen by the Society's Inspector, and rescued and admitted into the Home. He is one of the very well-behaved lads in the home.

A Mussalman boy, aged ten years. His father died. His mother is a cooly at Tanjore. The boy while seated at the entrance of a Mosque at Tanjore was offered a two-anna piece by a man, and taken to distribute the hand-bills of a circus. He moved with the circus party from place to place for nearly five months till they reached Madras where the party broke up. The boy having been left behind began to shift for himself. He was found starving by the Society's Inspector who rescued him and had him admitted into the Society's Home.

Case No. 493
21st December 1916
Destitution.

A Hindu girl, aged thirteen years. She is a native of Tinnevely. Her parents died, and she was under the care of her uncle. A trader from Tinnevely who is carrying on business in Madras brought her down with the uncle's consent. She was employed to pound rice. One day she was severely taken to task for indifferent work. Thereupon, she left the man's house accompanied by another girl and went about the city begging for trainage to return to Tinnevely. They reached Mylapore and approached a firewood depot keeper who took them to his neighbour Rao Sahib Hari Rao who in turn referred them to the Honorary Secretary. They were admitted into the Society's Home, and investigations were commenced. The half-brother of the girl who lived in a neighbouring village, and her employer were traced out. As the girl was willing to go with her half-brother, and as he was equally willing to take her back to Tinnevely, she was handed over to him.

Case No. 497
30th December 1916
Ill-treated by employer.

Comparative Statement of Work Done, and Support Received during the nine years 1908-16.

Year.	Number of cases rescued during the year.	Number of cases disposed of during the year.	Number of cases in the Home at the end of the year.	RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR.			DISBURSEMENTS			Balance at the end of the year.
				Public subscription.	Grants.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	during the year.	Rs.	
				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1908	...	...	...	500	...	...	500	...	500	
1909	43	33	10	1,565	...	...	1,565	1,014	1,051	
1910	77	52	35	1,623	...	109	1,752	2,489	294	
1911	102	91	46	1,716	750	101	2,567	2,861	...	
1912	27	48	25	1,693	858	194	2,745	2,877	368	
1913	34	39	20	1,171	1,000	248	2,419	2,130	657	
1914	44	48	16	1,260	800	84	2,144	2,200	601	
1915	81	76	21	1,455	840	53	2,348	2,305	644	
1916	90	84	27	1,926	970	140	3,036	2,690	950	
Totals...	498	471		12,909	5,218	929	19,056	18,066		

PUBLIC LECTURES.

The Committee have been considering in the year under report the feasibility of organising public lectures to be delivered in the localities inhabited by the poorer classes with a view to educate them in the training of their children. For in a large number of cases coming under the notice of the Society it is found that the indifference and apathy of parents and employers of children, engendered by their poverty and ignorance is at the root of children taking to shifting for themselves. Innocent children who drift by themselves into public markets and places of public resort soon learn to lead bad and disorderly lives from their promiscuous association with adults and other children already tainted, and finally in by no means small numbers learn to smoke 'Ganja' and tobacco, to drink alcoholic liquors, and to become even accomplices of notorious criminals. The Committee have found themselves much to their regret, powerless to eradicate the root of the evil by inaugurating public lectures in the areas occupied by the labouring classes, in view of the financial limitations under which they have had to carry on their work.

The National Humane Review, United States, America.

In the April 1916 number of "The National Humane Review," the Journal of the American Humane Association of New York, the work carried on by the Society during the years 1909—1915 has been noticed. Two of the cases mentioned in the last report as being typical, and the passages in the report relating to the members of the Domiciled Community sending their children on begging and other more questionable errands have been reprinted. The article opens with the passage, "The condition among the poorer and lower classes of India are admittedly bad. Much of the trouble could be obviated if adequate laws could be passed so that those in authority might intervene in cases of cruelty. But even more than this is necessary. Until the people of all classes in India come to appreciate more generally than they do now the sacredness of human life and moral responsibility which rests upon parents in protecting and properly educating their children,

conditions will not change very materially". It concludes with the remark that the Society is doing splendid work.

The Society's Permanent Home.

Early in the year the Committee submitted to Government the plans and the estimates of the proposed Home Buildings, and applied for a substantial building grant. The buildings consisted of (1) a Boys' Home, (2) a Girls' Home, (3) a Superintendent's Quarters, (4) an Out-house, (5) a Workshop, (6) a Hospital, and (7) a Laundry. The total estimated cost of the buildings was about fifty thousand rupees. Dr. Varadappa Naidu's Building Fund is approximately twenty thousand rupees cash. The Committee finding it impracticable to further reduce the estimated cost of the buildings applied to the local government for a grant to make good the deficit. The local government has forwarded the plans and the estimates to its Chief Engineer who was good enough to revise the plans and the estimates and to make certain suggestions by way of helping the Committee in reducing the total estimated cost of the buildings without inconvenience and discomfort to the children who are to occupy the buildings. The most important suggestions were (1) that the erection of the Hospital and the Laundry Buildings be put off, (2) that the number of stair-cases in both the homes be increased to two or more, (3) that the number of latrines be reduced to one for each Home, (4) that the plans be re-sketchd by a competent architect. The local government was pleased to forward to the Committee the Chief Engineer's memorandum of suggestions. The Committee have adopted the Chief Engineer's suggestions and requested the late Mr. E. M. Thomas, the Government Architect, to re-sketch the plans and to revise the estimates. Mr. Thomas expressed his willingness to help the Committee, and at his own suggestion undertook to do so free of all charges. To everybody's regret, Mr. Thomas was taken ill soon after undertaking the work, and died towards the close of the year. At his death plans and estimates were found to be in an almost finished condition. The Society's thanks are due to Mr. Jackson, the Acting Government Architect, who has kindly undertaken to complete the task so generously and ably begun.

The revised plans and estimates which will be forwarded early in the current year to Government with the Committee's memorandum on the Chief Engineer's note compare with the original plans and estimates as shown below:—

ORIGINAL.		REVISED.	
Building.	Estimate	Building.	Estimate.
Boys' Home (for 24) ...	15,200	Boys' Home (for 24) ...	13,200
Girls' Home (for 12) ...	6,650	Girls' Home (for 12) ...	9,980
Superintendent's quarters.	3,000	Superintendent's quarters.	2,350
Out-House ...	2,300	Out-House and Workshop.	4,400
Workshop ...	1,850		
Hospital and Dispensary ...	9,350		
Laundry ...	1,950		
Compound Wall ...	6,880	Compound Wall ...	3,210
Water-supply ...	500	Water-supply ...	500
Flush-out water-closets ...	500	Flush-out water-closets ...	500
Furniture, Lights, etc. ...	1,200	Furniture, Lights, &c. ...	1,200
Laying out roads ...	620	Laying out roads ...	500
Total ...	50,000	Total ...	35,840

A permanent Home with a compound wall is an urgent need to prevent escapes, and will result in a saving of the rent which is now being paid for the use of the building temporarily occupied. The Committee hope that the Local Government will be pleased to render in the near future such financial assistance as will be requisite to supplement the Society's own building fund, and thus enable them to proceed with the work of erecting the buildings at an early date.

The Committee are glad to note that the Corporation of Madras have kindly filled up the big tank on the Home Buildings' site at Washermanpett as per agreement entered into by the Committee with the Corporation. The filling up of the tank in the centre of the site places a very large plot of ground at the disposal of the children to be used as playground.

THE ENDOWED FUNDS.

The executors of the late Salem Godavari's Will have not yet chosen to put the Society in possession of the funds so generously left by her for the Society. The Committee have requested Mr. T. Ethiraja Mudaliyar, High Court Vakil, to move the Court in the matter with the result that the executors

have been asked to file their statement of accounts. The Committee have not been put in possession of the lands given in gift by Srimati Venkammah Garu of Nellore nor have they received the produce of the land. The legal adviser of the lady has assured Mr. T. Ethiraja Mudaliyar who wrote to him on behalf of the Committee, that the Committee will be put in possession of the land as soon as certain family arrangements have been agreed upon by the several members who are parties in a suit in regard to the properties. The Committee have not received the interest for the year due on the Endowed Funds vested with the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments. Consequently the Endowed Funds stand at the previous year's figures—(1) Dr. Varadappa Naidu's building fund consisting of Government Promissory Notes of the face value of Rs. 26,000 and cash Rs. 700 odd, (2) Dr. Varadappa Naidu's maintenance fund consisting of Government Promissory Notes of the face value of Rs. 10,000, and (3) Mr. Gopi Krishna Lala's Fund consisting of Government Promissory Notes of the face value of Rs. 1,000.

THE TWO BRAHMIN ORPHANS.

With reference to the application made to the High Court in regard to the appointment of a Trustee to take charge of the late Rajammal's children and properties, the Court ordered the appointment of Dr. M. Vijayaraghavulu and Professor P. Lakshminarasu members of the Society, in their private capacity as trustees to the estate of the late Rajammal. The trustees have taken charge of the properties set them in good repairs, made the properties yield nearly twice its former income, liquidated the debts by selling the moveables with the permission of the Court, placed the children in a suitable family, and otherwise improved the condition of the children.

GRANTS.

The Committee rejoice to announce that the Local Government in its G. O. 949, Public, dated the 16th May 1916 was pleased to grant a sum of Rs. 970 which is two-thirds the contributions received by the Society from the public, and

to inform the Committee that they might apply for a grant for the proposed carpentry class after recognition and aid have been secured for the general educational class attached to the Society's Home. The Committee beg to tender their grateful thanks to the Local Government for this generous aid. The standing Committee of the Corporation of Madras have expressed their regret that they are unable to contribute towards the funds of the Society in view of its financial condition.

RECOGNITION OF THE HOME SCHOOL.

As suggested by the Local Government the Committee applied to the Educational Authorities for the recognition of the school attached to the Society's Home. They are glad to state that the Inspector of Schools, Fourth Circle, has in his Dis. N. 468 M/16, dated the 27th October 1916 recognised the Society's Home School as an Elementary School fitted to impart instruction up to the Third Standard under the Madras Educational Rules, and has directed the Committee to employ a trained teacher at an early date. The Committee have sanctioned the appointment of a trained teacher. In the current year the Committee intend to apply for an educational grant and for aid to start a carpentry class.

THE THANKS OF THE COMMITTEE.

Foremost amongst those to whom the Committee feel grateful are the ladies and gentlemen who, by their contributions, have rendered the carrying on the work of the Society possible (please see Appendix B). The contributions of large sums, have not only increased in number but have come from persons other than those intimately connected with the Society. His Excellency the Right Hon'ble Lord Pentland, President of the Society, the Hon'ble Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar, the Hon'ble Sir John Wallis, Chief Justice and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Abdur Rahim, Vice-Presidents of the Society, Rao Saheb Ramanujam Chetty and Mr. P. Kuppuswami Chetty, members of the Committee, Jaffer Sait Sahib Bahadur, Mr. A. Nathamuni Chetty, Rao Saheb C. Kannan Chetty, Mr. R. Subramania

Ayyar, Mr. Bickajee and Mr. T. Manavala Chetty have liberally contributed towards the funds of the Society. To every one of the ladies and gentlemen who have helped the Society with their subscriptions and donations the Committee beg leave to tender their cordial thanks. The circle of sympathetic persons who have remembered the children in the Society's Home in a way in which children like to be remembered has also widened. Visits to the home by persons who take a kindly interest in the work of protecting children are always welcome, and do much good both to the inmates who appreciate the interest that is taken in them, and to the officers of the Society who feel encouraged in their efforts by such sympathetic visits. The thanks of the Committee are due to those who have, when occasions occurred, furthered the work of the Society. Among these are Mr. F. Armitage, the Commissioner of Police, Diwan Bahadur P. Parankusam Nayudu, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. C. B. N. Pelly, the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Mr. P. Narayana Menon, Presidency Magistrate, and Mr. T. Ethiraja Mudaliyar, High Court Vakil. Lieutenant-Colonel Bryson by his weekly visits to the Society's Home has materially helped those who are responsible for the proper care and training of the children in the Home. The committee tender him their grateful thanks. The regret felt at the untimely death of Mr. E. M. Thomas, the Government Architect, who for his love of children undertook to prepare the plans and estimates of the Society's Buildings free of all charges has already been referred to. The Committee were deprived of the satisfaction of expressing their gratitude to him during his life. The simple but beautiful buildings he has designed will, when erected, serve to keep his memory ever fresh in the hearts of those who love children as he did.

THE SOCIETY.

The strength of the Society stood at sixty-three as against fifty-one in 1915. In spite of financial stringency all round, the amount of subscriptions and donations received during the year was Rs. 1926 as against 1,455 received during

1915. The balance on hand at the end of the year was Rs. 989-2-5 as against Rs. 643-6-2 at the close of 1915. The amount disbursed during the year was Rs. 2,689-15-8 as compared with Rs. 2,305-5-5 spent during 1915, of which Rs. 1,002-10-1, Rs. 1,093-4-11, Rs. 74-2-0 and Rs. 8-0-0 were spent on account of establishment, feeding, clothing and furniture as against Rs. 798-14-8, Rs. 860-4-3, Rs. 84-10-0, and Rs. 46-8-0 respectively during 1915. The numbers of cases rescued and disposed of during the year were 90 and 84 respectively as compared with 81 and 76 during 1915. Hence, not only has the Society progressed in all its essential features but it has surpassed the figures of 1911 the highest attained till the year under review (please see the Comparative Statement on page 11).

The Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Saturday the 26th February 1916 in the Pachiyappa Hall with the Vice-President the Hon'ble Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar in the Chair (please see at the end of this report for the Proceedings of the Meeting).

THE MANAGING COMMITTEE.

Eleven Ordinary Meetings and one Special Meeting of the Committee were held. In addition to the building Sub-Committee of the previous year, two Sub-Committees one for considering how best to stimulate public contributions, and the other to suggest ways and means to make up the deficit of the Building Fund, were appointed during the year. The former reported that every elected member of the Committee should be requested to secure sympathisers with the cause of the Society, and the latter resolved to approach the members of the Committee for funds in aid of the work before approaching the public. But the carrying out of the suggestion had to be deferred in view of the many other imperative demands on the purse of the charitable. For the first time in the annals of the Society it is to be recorded that a meeting of the Committee had to be postponed in the month of May for want of a quorum,—though not without excuse considering the weather

prevailing at the time. The average attendance at the monthly meetings has fallen from 10-7 in 1915 to 8-6 in 1916, for a total of eighteen members. Viewing the average as 9, it may be taken that on an average each meeting was attended by the Chairman, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, five out of the twelve elected members, and one out of the three nominated members of the Committee. Diwan Bahadur M. Adinarayanayya, a Vice-President of the Society, who took keen interest in its affairs and always helped it with his wise counsels, died early in the year. The Committee regret the loss incurred by the Society and place on record the invaluable services rendered by him to help the growth of the Society. In the middle of the year Mr. S. P. Rice, I.C.S. Collector of Madras, and a member of the Committee nominated by the Government vacated his seat and was succeeded by Mr. M. Young, I.C.S., Collector of Madras. The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Abdur Rahim, a Vice-President of the Society resigned the Chairmanship of the Committee as he found it inconvenient to attend the meetings, and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice C. G. Spencer I. C. S., who was the Chairman of the Committee during the previous year was re-elected as the Chairman. During the year the Hon'ble Sir Harold Stuart and the Lord Bishop of Madras have also resigned their Vice-Presidentship. Mr. Salanson, the Honorary Auditor of the Society also resigned, and Mr. P. Narayana Menon a member of the Committee has been elected in his place. No vacancies occurred among the twelve elected members.

THE STAFF.

The staff of the Society consisted of a Superintendent in charge of the children in the Society's Home, an Inspector in charge of the rescue work, a half-time Clerk in charge of the office work, a Collection Peon, a Watchman in place of the Drill Master, and a Cook for the Home. Of these the Inspector and the Collection Peon have been provided with uniform and badges. Mr. T. C. Balasundram Mudaliyar the acting Superintendent has been confirmed in his post on a salary of Rs. 25-1-30,

the Inspector Mr. T. Narayanaswami Pillai is on long sick leave without pay, and two acting Inspectors were appointed in succession. Mr. P. Ethiraja Mudaliyar a government pensioner who retired at middle age on account of illness has been ably helping the Honorary Secretary in attending to the office work and more especially in the matter of collecting subscriptions from the public. It was largely due to his exertions that the Committee were able to raise their collections from the public to almost two thousand rupees. He has been appointed as the Manager of the Society in appreciation of the valuable help the Society commands at his hands. Towards the end of the year the Committee have sanctioned the appointment of a qualified teacher for the Society's Home classes and Mr. Panchapakesa Ayyar of Trichinopoly has since been appointed to the post. In conclusion the Committee earnestly hope that the public will more generally subscribe towards the funds of the Society so as to enable the Committee to employ more workers in the cause of the neglected and wronged children for whom much remains to be done in this populous city of Madras.

The Financial Statement for the Year 1916

General Account.

	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
To Opening Balance	643	6	2	By Establishment	1,002	10	1
Subscriptions ...	1,926	0	0	House-Rent	120	0	0
Government Grant...	970	0	0	Feeding ...	1093	4	11
Refund of Loan ...	73	8	11	Clothing for Children	74	2	0
Refund by Staff ...	6	10	0	Uniform for peon ...	25	0	0
Charges recovered...	2	14	0	Furniture	8	0	0
Undisbursed pay ...	25	0	0	Printing	157	0	0
Interest on current—				Postage, etc.,	20	3	3
Account ...	31	11	0	Photo & Half-tone	33	0	0
				Stationery	15	10	0
				Public Meeting			
				Charges	50	0	0
				Loan to Rajammall's			
				Account	43	8	11
				Typing ...	42	13	6
				Cheque books	4	11	0
				Total Disbursements.	2,689	15	8
				Closing Balance	989	2	5
Total ...	3679	2	1	Total ...	3679	2	1

Varadappa Naidu's Fund.

To Opening Balance	36,777	6	5	By Draftsman	40	0	0
Rent ...	2	8	0	Quit-rent...	14	15	2
				Assessment	14	4	10
				Closing Balance	36,710	10	5
Total ...	36,779	14	5	Total ...	36,779	14	5

Gopikrishna Lala's Fund.

To Opening Balance	1,031	6	1	Closing Balance	1,031	6	1
Total ...	1,031	6	1	Total ...	1,031	6	1

Balance Account.

To General a/c				By Deposit with the			
closing Balance ...	989	2	5	A. G.	37,000	0	0
Varadappa Naidu's				Current a/c	1,619	2	11
closing Balance...	36,710	10	5	Cheque on hand...	100	0	0
Gopikrishna Lala's				Cash on hand	12	0	0
closing Balance ...	1,031	6	1				
Total ...	38,731	2	11	Total ...	38,731	2	11

P. LAKSHMINARASU, B.A., F.M.U.,
 P. NARAYANA MENON, B.A.,
Hon. Auditor. *Hon. Treasurer.*

Proceedings of the Eighth Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, the 26th February 1915, at 6 p.m., in the Pachiyappa Hall, with the Honorable Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar, Kt., C.I.E., a Vice-President of the Society in the chair.

The proceedings commenced with the singing of the National Anthem in Tamil by the children in the Society's Home, the whole audience standing.

The report of the Managing Committee was submitted by the Honorary Secretary Dr. M. Vijayaraghavulu.

The Chairman delivered his speech commending the work of the Society and wishing the Society every success.

The Hon'ble Mr. Gordon Fraser moved, and Rao Sahib C. Ramanujam Chetty seconded "That the Report be taken as read"—Carried.

The Hon'ble Mr. A. Butterworth moved, and the Hon'ble Dr. T. M. Nair seconded "That the report be adopted"—Carried.

The Honorary Secretary Dr. M. Vijayaraghavulu proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman and the several speakers, and the ladies and gentlemen who honored the Society with their presence.

The public business having concluded the members met with Diwan Bahadur P. Parankusam Nayudu in the Chair and proceeded with the election of the officers and members of Committee. It was unanimously carried that the following persons be declared as the duly elected officers and members of the Committee for the year 1916—

President

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE LORD PENTLAND, P.C., G.C.I.E.

Vice-President & Chairman of the Committee

The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Abdur Rahim.

Vice-Presidents

The Right Reverend Henry Whitehead, M.A., D.D.,
The Hon'ble Sir Harold Stuart, K.C.V.O., C.S.I., I.C.S.
The Hon'ble Sir Justice J. E. P. Wallis,
The Hon'ble Sir P. S. Sivaswami Aiyar,
The Hon'ble Mr. Justice C. G. Spencer, I.C.S.,
Diwan Bahadur M. Adinarayanayya Garu.

Honorary Secretary

M. Vijayaraghavulu Esq., B.A., M.B. & C.M.,

Honorary Treasurer

Professor P. Lakshminarasu B.A., F.M.U.,

Members of the Managing Committee

T. Ethiraja Mudaliyar Esq, B.A., B.L.,
Mrs. A. Firth,
Diwan Bahadur Govindas Chaturbuja Dass,
Khan Bahadur M. A. Kudus Batcha Sahib,
P. Kuppaswami Chettiyar Esq.,
C. R. Murugesu Mudaliyar Esq.,
P. Narayana Menon Esq., B.A.,
Diwan Bahadur P. Parankusam Nayudu,
Rao Sahib V. A. Parthasarathi Mudaliyar,
Rao Sahib C. Ramanujam Chettiyar,
T. Ranga Chariyar Esq., B.A., B.L.,
G. Venkatapathi Nayudu, Esq.,

Honorary Auditor.

A. Salanson, Esq.

APPENDIX A.

The Madras Society for the Protection of Children.

1. The Society shall be called the Madras Society for the Protection of Children.
2. The area of the efforts of the Society shall be Southern India.
3. The objects of the Society shall be—
 - (a) To prevent the public and private wrongs of children and the corruption of their morals;
 - (b) To take action for the enforcement of the laws for their protection, and when desirable to have such laws amended;
 - (c) To take such steps as may be necessary for the rescue of destitute children;
 - (d) To provide and maintain an organisation for these objects and;
 - (e) To do all other such lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.
4. It shall also be one of the aims of the Society by various means, such as lectures and distribution of literature to disseminate right views in regard to the training and upbringing of children, and to create and direct public opinion in favour of the rational and humane treatment of children.

Membership.

5. The body corporate of the Society shall consist of—
 - (a) Patrons—consisting of persons who make donations of Rs. 1,000 or more to the funds of the Society or persons of distinction accepting office at the special invitation of the Managing Committee of the Society.
 - (b) Life Members—those paying a donation of Rs.100,

- (c) Members—those paying a subscription of not less than Rs. 10 per annum.

Officers and Managing Committee.

6. The Managing Committee shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall be termed the Chairman of the Committee, a Honorary Secretary, a Honorary Treasurer and not more than fifteen members, twelve of whom together with the officers shall be elected by the members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, and the remaining three shall be nominated by the Local Government. The quorum for a meeting of the Managing Committee shall be five.

7. The Members of the Managing Committee shall hold office for a year, but they shall be eligible for re-election in subsequent years. Vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled up by the Managing Committee or the Government as the case may be.

8. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Managing Committee. In his absence, the Vice-President, who is the Chairman of the Committee, shall occupy the chair, and in his absence one of the other Vice-Presidents, and in their absence any member present may be elected Chairman of the Committee.

9. Subject to the control of the Society, the executive administration shall be vested in the Managing Committee, who shall have power to initiate all measures and do anything necessary or desirable to further its objects.

10. The Treasurer shall collect all subscriptions, donations and other payments due to the Society and shall pay the receipts to the Society's account with the National Bank of India. All payments shall be sanctioned by the Managing Committee and paid by cheque signed by the Treasurer and the Secretary. He shall keep proper accounts and present a monthly report and statement of accounts to the Committee.

11. The Managing Committee shall meet once a month to transact the current business of the Society. The Managing Committee may appoint Sub-Committees, each with a convener,

from time to time, when the Committee consider it necessary. The Chairman of the Managing Committee and the Honorary Secretary shall be ex-officio members of all such Sub-committees, which shall work subject to the control of the Managing Committee.

Meetings.

12. The Annual General Meetings of the Society shall be held in February each year for the election of Office-bearers and other members of the Managing Committee and an Auditor, and the adoption of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.

13. A Special General Meeting of the Society shall be called by the Managing Committee whenever they think necessary or on a written requisition signed by not less than twenty-five members of the Society. Fourteen days' notice shall be given of such meeting.

14. The Endowed Funds of the Society shall vest in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments, but the funds shall be administered by the Managing Committee subject to the control of the Society.

APPENDIX B.

List of Subscriptions and Donations received during the year 1916.

	Rs.	A	P.
Pentland, H. E. The Right Hon'ble The Lord ...	100	0	0
Jaffer Mohomed Sahib Bahadur ...	200	0	0
Nathamuni Chettiyar, Esq., A. ...	112	0	0
Ramanujam Chettiyar, Rao Sahib, C....	100	0	0
Subramania Ayyar, Esq., R... ..	100	0	0
Abdur Rahim, The Hon'ble Mr. Justice ...	60	0	0
Cunnam Chettiyar, Rao Sahib, C. ...	50	0	0
Kuppuswami Chettiyar, Esq., P. ...	50	0	0
Manavala Chettiyar, Esq., T. ...	50	0	0
Sha. Hindujeer Bikajee, Esq. ...	50	0	0
Sivaswami Ayyar, The Hon'ble Sir P. S. ...	50	0	0
Wallis, The Hon'ble Sir John, Chief Justice ...	50	0	0
Srinivasa Ayyangar, The Hon'ble Mr. S. ...	40	0	0
Stuart, The Hon'ble Sir Harold ...	30	0	0
Butterworth, The Hon'ble Mr. A. ...	25	0	0
Govindass Chathurbhoojadoss, Diwan Bahadur...	25	0	0
Fraser, The Hon'ble Mr. Gordon ...	25	0	0
Spencer, I.C.S.. The Hon'ble Mr. Justice, C. G. ...	25	0	0
Sri Kannika Parameswari Devasthanam Com- mittee	25	0	0
Dadabhoy, Esq., K	20	0	0
Kasturiranga Ayyangar, Esq., S. ...	20	0	0
Munuswami Chettiyar, Esq., S. ...	20	0	0
Phillips, I.C.S., The Hon'ble Mr. Justice, W. M. ...	20	0	0
Rajagopala Charriar, The Hon. Diw. Bahr., P... ..	20	0	0
Robinson, The Hon'ble Mr. J. O. ...	20	0	0
Sadasiva Ayyar, The Hon'ble Mr. Justice, T. ...	20	0	0
Ayling, I.C.S., The Hon'ble Sir W. B. ...	15	0	0
Bedford, The Hon'ble Mr. J. P. ...	15	0	0
Bryson, I.M.S., Lt. Col. R. ...	15	0	0
Buckley, The Hon'ble Mr. L. E. ...	15	0	0
Chenchiah Chettiyar, Ramanjam Chettiyar ...	15	0	0
Coutts-Trotter, The Hon'ble Mr. Justice V. M. ...	15	0	0
Ethiraja Mudaliyar, Esq., T. ...	15	0	0
Sha Heerajee Vanichand, Esq. ...	15	0	0
Leech, Esq., A J. ...	15	0	0
Narayana Menon, Esq., P... ..	15	0	0

	Rs.	A.	P.
Nowrojee, Esq., H. ...	15	0	0
Oldfield, The Hon'ble Mr. Justice F. D. P. ...	15	0	0
Parankusam Nayudu, Diwan Pahadur P. ...	13	0	0
Satagopa Mudaliyar, Esq., S. G. ...	12	0	0
Vijayaraghavulu, Dr. M. ...	12	0	0
Ayyanna Chettiyar, Esq., P. ...	10	0	0
Ashworth, Esq., H. P. ...	10	0	0
Balasundaram Chettiyar, Esq., P. ...	10	0	0
Cunniah Nayudu, Esq., C. ...	10	0	0
Firth, Mrs. A. ...	10	0	0
Gopal Menon, Esq., C. ...	10	0	0
Kudus Batcha Sahib, Khan Bahadur M.A. ...	10	0	0
Lakshminarasu Nayudu, Prof. P. ...	10	0	0
Murray, The Hon'ble Mr. S. B. ...	10	0	0
Murugesu Mudaliyar, Esq., C. R. ...	10	0	0
Parthasarathi Mudaliyar Rao Sahib, V. A. ...	10	0	0
Radakrishnayya, Esq., V. ...	10	0	0
Rae, Esq., H. P. M. ...	10	0	0
Rajagopala Chariyar, Esq., T. ...	10	0	0
Ramaswami Ayyar, Esq., T. S. ...	10	0	0
Ranga Chariyar, The Hon'ble Mr. T. ...	10	0	0
Ranganayakulu Chettiyar, Esq., C. ...	10	0	0
Rangayya Chettiyar, Esq., C. ...	10	0	0
Swamikannu Pillai, The Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur ...	10	0	0
Venkatapathi Nayudu, Esq., G. ...	10	0	0
Venkata Subba Rao Esq., M. ...	10	0	0
Annamalai Mudaliyar, Esq., T. ...	5	0	0
Armitage, Esq., F. B. ...	5	0	0
Beardsell, Esq., W. A. ...	5	0	0
Callianjee and Sons, Messrs. ...	5	0	0
Chinnathambi Pillai, Prof. K. ...	5	0	0
Damodara Mudaliyar, Esq., C. ...	5	0	0
Govindaraghava Ayyar, Diwan Bahadur L. A. ...	5	0	0
Henderson, Dr. J. R. ...	5	0	0
Higginbotham, Esq., G. H. ...	5	0	0
Iyer, Esq., E. L. ...	5	0	0
Kasiviswanatha Mudaliyar, Esq., R. ...	5	0	0
Kesava Asari, Esq., T. ...	5	0	0
Kirkpatrick I.M.S., Lt. Col. H. ...	5	0	0
Krishnaswami Mudaliyar, Esq., M. ...	5	0	0
Kodandarama Chettiyar, Esq., P. ...	5	0	0
Lakshminarayana Chettiyar, Esq., K. ...	5	0	0
Macphail, The Rev. E. M. ...	5	0	0
Meston, The Rev. W. ...	5	0	0
Mitchell, Esq., W. Taylor ...	5	0	0

	Rs.	A.	P.
Munuswami Chettiyar, Esq., M. G. ...	5	0	0
Mutaiyya Chettiyar, Esq., P.M.A. R.M. ...	5	0	0
Narasivaya Mudaliyar, Esq., C. R. ...	5	0	0
Pittendrigh, The Hon'ble Rev. G. ...	5	0	0
Ramanujam Chetty and Sons, Messrs. V. ...	5	0	0
Ramaswami Ayyar, Esq., B.A., B.L., T. S. ...	5	0	0
Ramaswami Nayudu, Esq., B. ...	5	0	0
Rangiah Chettiyar and Canniah Chettiyar, Messrs. ...	5	0	0
Saravana Mudaliyar, Esq., M. ...	5	0	0
Syed Eusuf Sahib Bahadur ...	5	0	0
Thaivasigamony Chettiyar, Esq., P. S. ...	5	0	0
Thanikachellam Chettiyar, Esq., O. ...	5	0	0
Thiruvengada Mudaliyar, Esq., P. ...	5	0	0
Venkataramam Nayudu, Esq., K. ...	5	0	0
Venkateswara Sastrulu, Esq., V. ...	5	0	0
Young, Esq., I.C.S., M. ...	5	0	0
McCready, Esq., F. J. ...	3	0	0
Ethirajulu Nayudu, Esq., C. ...	2	0	0
Fhojmul Moor Chund ...	2	0	0
Mohanaragam Pillai, Esq., N. K. ...	2	0	0
Singaravulu Mudaliyar, Esq., A. V. ...	2	0	0
Vengu Pillai, Esq., C. ...	2	0	0
X. (V. M. P.) ...	2	0	0
Mariappa Mudaliyar, Rao Sahib C. ...	1	0	0
Subbayya Chettiyar, Esq., Menta ...	1	0	0

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P. LAKSHMINARASU, B.A., F.M.U.,

1st January 1917.

Honorary Treasurer.

ORIGINAL. 20
Government of Madras

HOME DEPARTMENT (MISCELLANEOUS)

G.O. No. 508, 29th May 1917

Madras Society for the Protection of Children

Sanctioning a grant of Rs. 1,284 for the current year in aid of the work of the —.

READ—the following paper :—

Letter—from the Honorary Secretary, Madras Society for the Protection of Children.

To—His Excellency the Governor in Council (through the Chief Secretary to Government.

Dated—Madras, the 14th April 1917.

I have the honour to submit this application for aid for the current year on behalf of the Madras Society for the Protection of Children, incorporated under Act XXI of 1860, with copies of the annual report for the past year 1916.

2. I beg leave respectfully to invite the attention of the Government to the comparative statement of work done and of support received during the nine years 1908-16 on page 11 of the report herewith sent. From a perusal of the statement it may be seen that "the society has progressed in all its essential features." The amount of subscriptions received from the public during the past year was Rs. 1,926.

3. As directed by your Excellency's Government in their G.O. No. 949, Public, dated the 16th May 1916, the managing committee have applied for and obtained the recognition of the society's home classes as per order of the Inspector of Schools, Fourth Circle, dated the 27th October 1916. The committee have since appointed a trained teacher on a monthly salary of Rs. 15 as ordered by the Inspector of Schools and have provided every pupil and the teacher with the books advised by the Inspector of Schools. In the near future the committee will provide the home classes with the necessary furniture and proceed to apply for grant to the educational authorities first in aid of the general educational classes and next in aid of the much-felt for carpentry class. Till these aids are received, the committee beg leave to submit that their financial resources are heavily taxed by these additional charges, and they venture to hope that Government will be pleased to take into consideration these facts in sanctioning a grant for the current year in aid of the society's work.

Order—No. 508, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 29th May 1917.

The Government are pleased to sanction for the current year a grant of Rs. 1,284 equivalent to two-thirds of the subscriptions collected in 1916 in aid of the work of the Madras Society for the Protection of Children.

2. The charge will be debited to "32-A. Miscellaneous—Donations for charitable purposes." Further orders will issue in the Financial Department regarding the provision of funds.

(True Extract)

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To the Honorary Secretary, Madras Society for the Protection of Children.
" Accountant-General.
" Financial Department.

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NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 508, HOME (MISCELLANEOUS),
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Civil Budget Estimate, 1917-18.

*From the Honorary Secretary, the Madras Society for the Protection of Children,
dated 14th April 1917.*

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3. Calculated on the basis decided in G.O. No. 744, Public, dated 26th June 1914 (namely, two-thirds of the amount of the public subscription collected during the year under report), the amount of the grant for this year comes to Rs. 1,284 or in round figures Rs. 1,300. There is a provision of Rs. 1,000 in the budget estimate for 1917-1918 on account of the grant to the society under 32-B. MISCELLANEOUS—DONATIONS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES—MISCELLANEOUS. Financial Department may be invited to offer their remarks. Reference is also solicited to the request of the Honorary Secretary in paragraph 3 of his letter for the factors to be considered in fixing this year's grant.

4. On pages 13 and 14 of the society's report is given a short account of the proposal to construct a permanent home for the society and the stage at which it stands at present. The revised plans and estimates have been received and are under separate consideration.

A.V.S.—28-4-17.

P.N.B.R.—5-5-17.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—8-5-17.

L. DAVIDSON—17-5-17.

R.R.—29-5-17.

To the Honorary Secretary, Madras
Society for the Protection of
Children
,, Accountant General,
,, Financial Department.

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4. On pages 13 and 14 of the society's report is given a short account of the proposal to construct a permanent home for the society and the stage at which it stands at present. The revised plans and estimates have been received and are under separate consideration.

A.V.S.—28-4-17.

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C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—7-5-17.
R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—8-5-17.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Please see the Home Department notes supra. Submitted that this department may agree to the grant to the society for the protection of children, of a sum of Rs. 1,284, being *two-thirds* of the amount of subscriptions collected from the public by the society during 1916. As there is only a provision of Rs. 1,000 in the budget estimates for 1917-1918 under the head "32 A.—MISCELLANEOUS—DONATIONS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES", to meet the above charge, an additional allotment of Rs. 284 may be sanctioned to the above head from the reserve, on receipt of a copy (with notes) of the Home Department proceedings which will be issued on this case.

V.V.—14-5-17.
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