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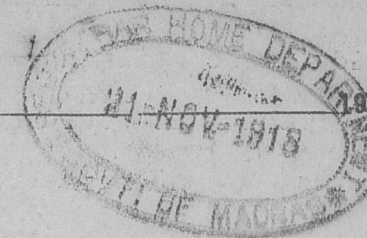
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Station Madras., Dated the 20th November 1918.

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. A.R.L. Tottenham, I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of Madras.

To The Secretary to Government, Home (Miscellaneous) Department,

Madras.

Sir,

Gordon Refuge, San Thome

Annual report

(Financial)

G.O.No. 680 dated 3rd October 1918

I inspected the Gordon Refuge yesterday-19th November. I could not inspect it sooner as it was closed for a time owing to 'Influenza.'

2.The condition of the institution and its inmates reflects great credit on Mrs. Firth. The girls appear to be both healthy and happy. I saw some of their hand-writing which was very good and also their needle work,

which appears to me quite remarkable. I also heard them read aloud and sing, both of which they did well. The buildings and their surroundings were clean and tidy. The building appeared to me to be somewhat damp in parts. I think it would be a good thing to have the terraced roof examined by an Engineer. No doubt some competent officer of the D.P.W. would be willing to do this gratis. I understand that it is some years since the roof was examined. The building is an old one and some of the ceilings have a very wide span. I do not pretend to have audited the accounts nor ^{does} it appear to be necessary for the Collector to do so. They are very tidily and methodically kept, and the expenditure is carefully classified month by month. If I may say so, I think it is a somewhat unwise practice to sign a large number of blank ~~cheques~~ before they are required, as Mrs. Firth is in the habit of doing. No doubt she keeps her book locked up, but at the same time somebody might get access to it and misuse a blank ~~cheque~~. The institution is a most deserving one and the amount of ^{good work} ~~work~~ which has been done by Mrs. Firth during her long years of devotion to it is incalculable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. T. S. K.
Collector.

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THE GORDON ORPHAN REFUGE

SAN THOME, MADRAS, 1917.

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" FIRTH, Hon. Secretary.

" G. H. SMITH

Treasurers—BANK OF MADRAS.

The Committee of The Gordon Orphan Refuge have the honour to publish their Report for 1917.

The design of this Institution is to afford a refuge for such *destitute* orphan girls of European descent, who, owing to age and other reasons, are not eligible for either the Military or the Civil Orphan Asylums. From the foregoing statement, it will be seen that this Institution *does* not in any way infringe on the other Asylums in Madras but occupies a position of its own, and as such, it is one, the Committee plead, well deserving of public support.

For the information of new subscribers, it may be mentioned that "The Refuge" was commenced in 1860 by Mrs. W. A. More-head, by whose exertions sufficient money was raised to

purchase the premises at San Thome, where "The Gordon Orphan Refuge" is now located. Subsequently, the Trustees of the property of the late Mrs. GORDON of the Mount, endowed it to the amount of about 500 rupees per annum on condition that it assumed its present title. From April 1st, 1873, the Institution has received a grant-in-aid from Government of Rs. 100 per mensem *provided* the subscriptions reach that amount.

The girls in the Gordon Orphan Refuge receive an elementary education in reading, writing and arithmetic, and are taught domestic duties and all kinds of useful needle-work, so that after leaving us, they may be able, as neat, good workers, to maintain themselves in comparative comfort. During the past year four girls were removed by their relatives; there were 6 admissions, and the number now in the Orphanage is 36. The utmost economy is observed in the management of the Institution, with due regard to the proper feeding and care of the children.

As many old subscribers have left Madras, and as it is most desirable to secure the Government Grant, and, if possible, to enlarge the operations of this Institution, the Committee think it right to put forth this statement, in the hope that new subscribers will kindly come forward and help the Institution by their practical sympathy. The Committee invite those who are subscribers, or who may be disposed to aid this Institution, to visit it between the hours of 5 and 7 P.M., and to judge by personal inspection whether it be worthy of support.

THE GORDON ORPHAN REFUGE, 1917.

RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.		EXPENDITURE.		AMOUNT.	
	RS.	P.	RS.	P.	RS.	P.
Credit Balance 31st December 1916	455	11	Establishment ..	..	1,086	0
By Subscriptions and Donations ..	1,956	0	Home Establishment ..	..	541	3
From A. J. Leech Esq.	400	0	Rice and Stores ..	..	1,045	4
Christmas Collection	180	0	Daily Food ..	..	712	9
From Cathedral Trustees	360	0	Bakers, etc. ..	..	538	5
Government Grant ..	1,200	0	Milk ..	..	123	8
From F. I. N. Society	460	0	Treats ..	..	132	8
Rent of Workshop ..	180	0	Clothing.....	..	293	0
Church Collection ..	450	0	Municipal Taxes ..	..	248	13
In Memoriam E. M. P.	100	0	Urgent Repairs...	..	258	0
Interest drawn from the Bank of Madras ..	540	13	Mats, Plates, Books and Sundries..	..	258	12
Offertory, Christ Church	103	8	Total Rs.	..	5,238	1
Total ..	6,385	12	Sent to Bank of Madras	..	546	15
A special donation ..	546	15	Credit balance 31st Dec, 1917	..	5,785	0
From Sir A. G. Cardew...	6,932	11			1,147	10
					6,932	11

THE GORDON ORPHAN REFUGE, 1917,
SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Receipts.	Rs.	A.	P.	Receipts.	Rs.	A.	P.
H. E. the Governor ...	100	0	0	Church Committee.			
H. E. Lady Pentland ...	100	0	0	St. George's Cathedral ...	150	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Madras ...	100	0	0	St. Mary's the Fort ...	60	0	0
Mrs. Alders ...	20	0	0	St. Matthias, Vepery ...	60	0	0
" Bryson ...	60	0	0	St. Thomas, San Thome ...	60	0	0
Mr. Beardsell ...	50	0	0	Holy Emmanuel ...	60	0	0
Mrs. Bakewell ...	50	0	0	Christ Church ...	60	0	0
Rev. J. Breedon ...	15	0	0				
Lady Cardew ...	220	0	0		450	0	0
Mrs. Chatterton ...	60	0	0				
Archdeacon Cox ...	25	0	0				
Mrs. Daviss ...	15	0	0				
" F. F. Elwes ...	120	0	0				
" Ellis ...	50	0	0				
" Oldbury ...	12	0	0				
" Gordon Fraser ...	60	0	0				
" Leslie Firth ...	60	0	0	Christmas Collections.			
Rev. Canon Foley ...	75	0	0				
Mrs. Gompertz ...	25	0	0	Lady Cardew ...	10	0	0
Miss Gell ...	100	0	0	Mrs. F. F. Elwes ...	10	0	0
Mrs. Higgins ...	60	0	0	Pears ...	10	0	0
" Kirkpatrick ...	30	0	0	" Leslie Firth ...	10	0	0
" McCreedy ...	24	0	0	" Gordon Fraser ...	10	0	0
" Molony ...	30	0	0	Mr. Hanbury ...	5	0	0
" Pears ...	144	0	0	" Peacock ...	5	0	0
" Rodrigues ...	24	0	0	W. E. Smith ...	20	0	0
Mr. Justice Spencer ...	50	0	0				
Dr. Simonsen ...	30	0	0		80	0	0
Miss A. Thompson ...	60	0	0	C. C. C. Committee ...	100	0	0
M. Thompson Esqr. ...	60	0	0				
Mrs. Turner ...	30	0	0		180	0	0
" F. Wilson ...	25	0	0				
" Acheson Williams ...	72	0	0				
	1,956	0	0				

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Gordon Refuge - San Thome

From the Collector of Madras No A. 1830/20.11.18

Home Mr. Doff

The Collector submit the annual report on the Gordon Refuge. It should have been submitted by the end of October (vide G.O. 680 of 3.10.13) but the delay is explained as being occasioned by the closing of the Refuge for a time on account of influenza.

2. The Condition of the institution is reported to be satisfactory. The Collector however thinks it desirable to have the terrace roof of the building examined by a competent officer of the D.P.W. Submitted that the Collector may be asked to advise the Hon. Secretary to have the roof examined ^{an inquiry} by ~~some expert~~ ^{an inquiry}. The question of detailing an officer of the D.P.W. may be considered if and when the Hon. Secretary comes up to Govt. with ^{such} a request. But it seems hardly likely that Mrs. Firth (the Hon. Secy.) ^{will} ~~will~~ find any difficulty in securing private expert advice gratis.

The Collector has not inspected the accounts, but from the copy of the printed annual report furnished by the Committee of the Refuge it appears

NOTES.

that from the financial point of view the institution is now on a firmer basis than it was at the beginning of the year under review, viz 1817, the credit balance at the end of the year being Rs 1,147-10-11, while at its beginning it stood at Rs 455-5-11. The amount of Subscriptions and donations raised during the year exceeds the Government Grant by Rs 750 and odd and ^{hence} the condition upon ^{which} the latter is granted is satisfied.

A draft order is submitted for approval

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