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Muhammadan Gosha Widows' Aid Charity.
Recording the report on the working of the — for the year ending 31st December 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From Lieutenant-Colonel D. D. PRYCE, I.S.C., Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, Chepāk, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 4th March 1898, No. 101.

I have the honour to forward the annual report on the working of the Gosha fund received from the Honorary Secretary of the Charity.

ENCLOSURES.

From GHULAM MAHMUD KHAN SAHIB, Honorary Secretary, Muhammadan Gosha Widows' Aid Charity, to the President, Muhammadan Gosha Widows' Aid Charity, dated Madras, 1st March 1898.

I have the honour to submit, for your information and for favour of transmission to Government, the annual report on the working of the Muhammadan Gosha Widows' Aid Charity for the year ending 31st December 1897.

2. Statement A shows that 1,406 destitute women were afforded relief during the year against 1,401 in 1896. The small increase of five was in the class of women granted monthly stipends, the number of those receiving rice-doles through Mrs. A. Firth remained stationary. As explained in previous reports, the latter grant is not restricted to gosha widows, but is also extended to old, infirm and helpless non-gosha women.

3. The average monthly collections during the year under report amounted to Rs. 144-1-4 against Rs. 164-4-0 during the previous year. The decrease was due (1) to the Government grant of Rs. 50 per mensem not having been drawn for November and December 1897 owing to the collection of private subscriptions in those months having fallen below Rs. 100 and (2) to the absence of donations in 1897 against Rs. 100 in 1896.

The average monthly expenditure as particularised below amounted to Rupees 140-8-8 against Rs. 139-12-0 during 1896, showing a trivial increase of As. 12-8 which calls for no explanation :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Monthly stipends to gosha widows	98	4	0
Rice-doles through Mrs. Firth	36	0	0
Pay of peon and bill collector	6	0	0
Contingencies	0	4	8
Total ..	140	8	8

4. Statement B exhibits the receipts and disbursements during the year, showing a small saving of Rs. 40-8-0.

5. Statement C shows the cash balance of the charity. From this it will be seen that the charity had, on the 31st December 1897, a reserve capital of Rs. 3,183 in the Madras Bank and Rs. 83-12-0 in the treasurer's cash-chest, or a total of Rupees 3,266-12-0 in its favour. Of the sum of Rs. 3,183 deposited in the bank, Rupees 3,146-0-3 has been laid out in the purchase of Government bonds of the value of Rs. 2,900.

6. Colonel Stewart, the President of the Charity, retired in March 1897 and was temporarily succeeded by Mr. E. Marsden. As an inspecting officer of the Educational Department Mr. Marsden was often absent from Madras on duty and it was therefore not feasible to hold regularly the ordinary meetings of the Executive committee during the period of his incumbency.

7. I need hardly remark that Mrs. Firth continues to take the same keen interest in the well-being of this charity as she does in all other charitable undertakings and fully maintains her reputation as the friend of the poor.

8. We constantly receive fresh applications from destitute gosha widows for help; but, owing to the limited nature of our income, are unable to unduly increase the list of stipendiaries for fear of going beyond our depth. We register such applications, and when vacancies occur or when the finances of the charity admit of one or more stipendiaries being added, the most deserving cases are selected with the kind assistance of Mrs. Firth.

A.—STATEMENT showing the number of widows aided by the charity, 1897.

Description.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.
By money allowances ..	52	52	53	52	51	51	51	51	51	51	50	49	614
By rice-dole ..	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	792
Total ..	118	118	119	118	117	117	117	117	117	117	116	115	1,406

B.—RECEIPTS and disbursements, 1897.

	Subscriptions and Donations.			Expenditure.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Subscriptions—						
January 1897	120	0	0	142	0	0
February	112	0	0	142	0	0
March	101	0	0	144	0	0
April	101	0	0	142	8	0
May	103	0	0	140	8	0
June	100	0	0	140	8	0
July	100	0	0	140	8	0
August	100	0	0	140	8	0
September	100	0	0	140	8	0
October	99	0	0	138	8	0
November	93	0	0	136	8	0
December						
Donations—						
Government * grant from 1st January 1897 to 31st December 1897, at Rs. 50 per mensem.	500	0	0			
Total ..	1,729	0	0	1,688	8	0

* Government grant was not drawn for November and December 1897 owing to the collection of subscriptions in those months being short of Rs. 100—some of the subscribers being in arrears.

C.—CASH Balance Sheet.

Receipts.	Amount.	Disbursements.	Amount.
	RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.
Balance in hand on 1st January 1897 ..	3,228 4 0	Amount paid to widows, &c., from 1st January to 31st December 1897 ..	1,688 8 0
Subscriptions collected from 1st January to 31st December 1897 ..	1,220 0 0	Amount deposited in the Madras Bank as "Reserve Fund" ..	† 3,183 0 0
Donations received from 1st January to 31st December 1897 ..	* 600 0 0	Amount in cash-chest of the Paymaster's office ..	83 12 0
Total ..	4,955 4 0	Total ..	4,955 4 0

* Government grant for ten months at Rs. 50 per mensem.

† Out of this sum Government bonds of the value of Rs. 2,900 were purchased at a cost of Rs. 3,146-0-3.

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A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary.To the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends,
" Accountant-General.

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There is no necessity to repeat this every year. The grant has been fixed once for all in G.O. No. 97 P.O. of 20 February 1893, and is subject to a similar amount being raised by subscriptions. The A.G. sees to this.

Forwards the annual report on the working of the Poona Fund received from the Honorary Secretary of the Charity.

To The Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends
(P.O.)

" Accountant-General (P.O.)

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