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Governor of Madras.

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PART I
GUNTUR AND NELLORE

P A R T Y .

The party accompanying His Excellency consisted of -

- (1) T. E. MOIR, Esq., I.C.S., *Private Secretary*.
- (2) Captain H. V. COLLINGRIDGE, *Military Secretary*,
- (3) W. D. F. LISTON, Esq., *Aide-de-Camp*.

GUNTUR

Date.	Day of week.	Town or village.	Place.	Arr. or Dep.	Time.	
					A.M.	P.M.
1915. Dec. 14.	Tues.	Madras ...	Government House. Central Station ...	Dep. Arr. Dep.		9-45 9-50 10-0
Dec. 15.	Wed.	Tenali ...	Railway Station ...	Arr.	7-30	
		Guntur ...	Collector's Office ...	Dep. Arr.	8-0 9-15	
			Collector's Bungalows.	Dep. Arr.	9-55 10-0 11-0	
			Site of Town Hall.	Dep.		1-30 4-25
			Indian Club	Dep.		4-30 4-45
			Collector's Bungalows.	Arr.		5-15 6-25 6-30 8-0

TIME-TABLE

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Distance in miles.	Remarks.
	Departure private. By special train.
16	Arrival public. Received and replied to an address from the Tenali Municipal Council. By motor-car. Arrival public. Received and replied to addresses from the— (1) Guntur Municipal Council. (2) Narasaraopet Municipal Council. (3) Guntur District Board. (4) Do. Anjuman-Islamiah. (5) Do. District Association. By motor-car.
300 yds.	Breakfast. Interviews with— (1) Rev. Dr. Aberly, Rev. Dr. Uhl and Rev. J. R. Strock. (2) M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib K. M. Krishna Rao Pantulu Garu, Government Pleader. (3) M.R.Ry. P. V. Srinivasa Rao Pantulu Garu, H.A., B.L., Vice-President of the District Board. (4) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur C. V. Subrahmanya Sa3triyar Avargal, President of the Tenali Taluk Board. (5) M.R.Ry. Chimakurti Kumaraswami Garu of the Guntur Chamber of Commerce.
1	Lunch. By motor-car. Laid foundation stone of Town Hall.
4	Drive round Ringroad.
1½	Garden Party by the Reception Committee., By motorcar.
	Dinner party.

Date.	Day of week	Town or village.	Place.	Arr. or Dep.	Time.	
					A.M.	P.M.
Dec. 16.	Thurs	Guntur ..	Collector's Bunga- low.	Dep.	7-40	...
			A.E.L.M. Hospital.	Arr.	7-50	...
			Site of Municipal Hospital.	Dep. Arr. Dep.	8-35 8-45 8-55	...
			Salvation Army Prisoners' Home	Arr. Dep.	9-0 9-20	
			Collector's Bunga- low.	Arr.	9 25 9-30 11-0	1-30 8-0
Dec. 17.	Fri.	Guntur ...	Collector's Bunga- low.	Dep.	7~30	
			A.E.L.M. College.	Arr.	7-40 8-10	
			Town H'gh School.	Dep. Arr.	8-35 8 40	
			A.E.L.M. Girls' School.	Dep. Arr.	9-5	
			Collector's Bunga- low.	Arr. Dep.	9-15 9-30 11-30	
			Railway Station ...	Arr. Dep.		1-0 1-30
		Bapatia ..	Railway Station ...	Arr. Dep.		2-30 3-0

TIME-TABLE

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Distance in miles.	Remarks.
	By motor-car.
	Opened the new Maternity and Surgical Block and in- spected afterwards.
1	By motor-car. Laid foundation stone of new Municipal Hospital.
i	By motor-car.
i	Presentation of an address. By motor-car.
	Breakfast. Revenue Officers' Conference at the Collector's office. Lunch. Dinner party.
	By motor-car.
1	By motor-car.
...1¼	By motor-car.
...1¼	By motor-car.
	By motor-car.
1	Breakfast. By motor-car. Departure private.
...16	Lunch in train. By special train. Arrival private.
...	By motor-car. Visited the American Baptist Mission Leper Asylum <i>en route</i> .

Date.	Day of week.	Town or village.	Place.	Arr. or Dep.	Time.	
					A.M.	P.M.
1915. Dec. 17.	Fri.	Bapatla ..	Stuartpuram Salvation Army Criminal Settlement.	Arr. Dep.		3-30 4-30
			American Baptist Mission Yenadi Settlement.	Arr. Dep.		5-5 5-35
			Railway Station ...	Arr. Dep.	...	5 45 7-0

TIME-TABLE

Distance in miles.	Remarks.
4*	Presentation of an address. By motor-car.
54	By motor-car. By special train for Nellore. Departure private.

Date.	Day of week.	Town or village.	Place.	Arr. or Dep.	Time.	
					A.M.	P.M.
1915. Dec. 18.	Sat.	Nellore...	Railway Station ...	Arr. Dep.	7-0 7-40	
			Public Hall	Arr.	7-50	
				Dep.	8-30	
			Victoria Jubilee Hospital for Women and Chil- dren.	Arr. Dep.	8-35 8-50	
			Coles-Ackerman Memorial High School	Arr. Dep.	8-55 9-15	
			Collector's Bunga- low.	Arr.	9-20 9-30 11-0	
	v			Dep.		1-30 4-20
			Town Hall	Arr. Dep.		4-30
			Collector's Bunga- low.	Arr.		6-10 8-30

TIME-TABLE

Distance in miles.	Remarks.
2 ...	Arrival private. By motor. Arrival public. Received and replied to addresses from the Municipal Council, District Board, District Congress Committee and the Muslim Educational Association. By motor. By motor, Inspected the school and opened the new hostel. By motor. Breakfast. Interviews with— (1) The Hon'ble Mr. A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu, Vice-President, District Board. (2) Saiyid Mustafa Sahib Bahadur, President of Nellore taluk Board. (3) M.R.Ry. R. Lakshminarasu Reddi Garu, Landholder. (4) M.R.Ry. A. Santanarama Ayyaftgar Avargal, Chairman, Nellore Municipal Council. (5) The Rev. Dr. D. Downie. Lunch. By motor. Garden party by the Reception Committee. By motor. Dinner party.

Date.	Day of week.	Town or village.	Place.	Arr. or Dep.	Time,	
					A M	P.M.
1915. Dec. 19.	Sun.	Nellore...				5-0
Dec. 20,	Mon.	Nellore...	Collector's Bungalow,	Dep.	7-45	
			Municipal Hospital,	Arr. Dep.	7-50 8-8	
			Training School ...	Arr. Dep.	8-20 8-40	
			American Baptist Mission Women's Hospital.	Arr. Dep.	8-45 9-0	
			Mission House Compound.	Air.	9-10	
			Venkatagiri Raja's High School.	Dep. Arr. Dep.	9-55 10-0 10-35	
			Collector's Bungalow.	Arr.	10-40 10-45	
					0 to 12 12-15 to	-15
				Dep.		2-0 3-0
			Railway Station ...	Arr. Dep.		3 10 3-30
		Madras...	Central Station ...	Arr.		6-45

TIME-TABLE

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Distance in miles.	Remarks.
	Divine Service at the Church. By motor. By motor. Inspected water-works <i>en route</i>. By motor. By motor. Inspected American Baptist Mission Girls* School and Girls' Training School. By motor. Breakfast. Revenue Officers' Conference. Conference with the Educational Officers of Guntur and Nellore districts. Lunch. By motor. By special train Departure private. Arrival private.

GUNTUR.

HIS Excellency the Right Hon'ble the Lord Pentland, P.C., G.C.I.E., accompanied by Mr. T. E. Moir, I.C.S., Private Secretary, Captain H. F. Collingridge, Military Secretary, and Mr. W. D. F. Liston, Aide-de-Camp, left Government House, Madras, on a tour to Guntur and Nellore districts at 9-45 P.M. on Tuesday the 14th December 1915. His Excellency's departure by special train from the Central Station at 10 P.M. was private. There were present on the platform to see His Excellency off Mr. P. S. P. Rice, I.C.S., Collectoi of Madras, Mr. A. B. Strange, Agent, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway, Mr. R. Greenall, General Traffic Manager, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway, Risaldar Major Malik Sher Bahadur, Sirdar Bahadur, Indian Aide-de-Camp, and Honorary Captain Shaik Ismail Sirdar Bahadur, Honorary Indian Aide-de-Camp.

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1915.
MADRAS.
Private
departure**

Mr. H. R. G. Hasted, Superintendent, Government Railway Police, and Mr. H. D. B. Sinclair, District Traffic Superintendent, travelled in charge of the special train.

His Excellency and party arrived at Tenali Railway station at 7-15 A.M. the next day, the arrival being public. On alighting from the train His Excellency was received by Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks, I.C.S., Collector of Guntur, and Mr. H. Dawson, District Superintendent of

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1915.
TENALI.
Public
arrival.**

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1915.**

TENALI.

**Public
arrival. '**

Police, and conducted into a pandal put upon the platform under which the members of the Tenali Municipal Council and the other leading residents of the town and the neighbourhood were assembled. The Collector introduced the principal local officials to His Excellency who then walked up to the dais.

After His Excellency had taken his seat, the Collector called upon M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib C. Bhaktavatsaludu Nayudu Garu, Chairman of the Tenali Municipal Council, to read the following address on behalf of the Council :—

**Municipal
address.**

" We, members of the Municipal Council, Tenali,
" approach Your Excellency with our hearty greetings,
" and in doing so our first thoughts refer to the terrible
" war into which our great Empire is drawn in the cause
" of right and international honour.

"2. We embrace this occasion to assure Your Excellency of our deep and abiding loyalty to the British Throne. And while we regret the terrible loss of life this war has entailed, we feel glad and proud in the thought that out of this evil has risen the further good of deeper and more abiding sympathies of united action and fellowship between Great Britain and India, and indeed between the different parts of the Empire.

"3. This is the first occasion we have been privileged to present an address to the Governor of our Presidency since the constitution of our town into a municipality. It may interest Your Excellency to know that Tenali is historically associated with Tenali Ramalinga—the Court wit and humorist poet in the days of Krishna-devarayulu. It was given the civic status in November

" 1909 with twelve nominated members, with the Revenue
 " Divisional Officer as Chairman. We respectfully beg
 " to represent to Your Excellency that though under the
 " District Municipalities Act the rate-payers are eligible
 " to be given the right of electing a portion of the coun-
 " cillors after the first three years of the Council's exist-
 " ence, that right has not yet been extended to them ;
 " and the present constitution of the Council remains
 " much the same, except that the Government was pleased
 " to give us a nominated non-official Chairman from
 " outside the Councillors. We venture to respectfully
 " submit that the Municipal administration of our town
 " has been uniformly such as to enable us to make the
 " request that Your Excellency may be pleased to
 " confer on us the right of electing at least one-third
 " of the councillors by the rate-payers, and to increase
 " the number of councillors from 12 to 16, in view of
 " the increasing importance of the town.

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1915.

TENAM.

Municipal
address.

" 4. We are glad to bring to Your Excellency's
 " notice that Tenali is growing by rapid strides, and is
 " extending in all directions. This has however involved
 " us in problems of town extension, and relief of conges-
 " tion, that require large sums of money for their solution.
 " We earnestly hope and pray that we may receive that
 " help and encouragement which we need from Your
 " Excellency's Government by liberal grants from the
 " Provincial funds.

" 5. We beg to avail ourselves of this occasion
 " to express our gratitude to Your Excellency for the
 " peculiar advantages afforded to us by Professor
 " Geddes' advent to this Presidency, and by the lectures
 " he delivered on town-planning and town extension,

Dec. 15, 1915. " as we feel they are of special value for towns like ours
TENALI, " which are in their formative period of growth and
Municipal " development.
address.

" 6. We feel grateful for the grants-in-aid already received from Your Excellency's Government which enabled us to construct three good school buildings—one for Muhammadans and two for Hindus. We gratefully offer our thanks to Your Excellency for the promised grant for the acquisition of site in connexion with the relief of congestion of that portion of the town known as 'Weaverspeta' and its extension towards further south. But our needs are yet many and pressing.

" 7. We respectfully represent that our town is low-lying and flat and water-logged. Consequently a good drainage system becomes its pressing need. The investigation was undertaken in 1911-12 and completed in the beginning of 1913. The whole scheme is estimated to cost Rs. 1.30 lakhs.

" 8. We also beg to invite Your Excellency's consideration to the fact that the present hospital building was constructed years ago when Tenali was but a small village. It has quite outgrown its usefulness and is not suited for modern requirements, and a new hospital is a real desideratum.

" 9. There is at present only one set of bridges to lead into the town by what is called the Tenali-Narakodur road, and it has to bear a heavy strain of ever increasing traffic. It is therefore essential to construct another set of bridges over the three canals that intervene between the town proper and its western extension, Morrispeta, to divert a portion of the

" traffic and to give relief to the existing bridge. And
 " we beg to represent none of these works could be
 " undertaken without munificent grants from the
 " Government.

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 1915.
 TENALI.
 Municipal
 address.

" 10. We are not unaware, Your Excellency, of
 " what may possibly seem ambitious requests we are
 " making to draw from the Provincial funds, but we beg
 " to represent that being a young municipality as Your
 " Excellency is doubtless aware, our needs are neces-
 " sarily many and our resources limited and slender.
 " We, therefore, pray that Your Excellency's Government
 " may be pleased to render us necessary assistance to
 " enable us to carry out our large schemes.

" In conclusion, we once more beg to tender our
 " hearty greetings to Your Excellency, and pray that
 " Heaven may shower on Your Excellency and Lady
 " Pentland all health and happiness, and that Your
 " Excellency may long continue to preside over the
 " destinies of this Presidency for the further good of its
 " people."

After reading the address, the Municipal
 Chairman presented to His Excellency the other
 members of the Council.

His Excellency then replied to the address
 as follows:—

"GENTLEMEN OF THE TENALI MUNICIPAL COUN-
 " CIL,—I would first thank you most heartily for your
 " welcome and for the expression of your loyalty and of
 " your sympathy in the great cause in defence of which
 " the Empire is now engaged,

His
 Excel-
 lency's
 reply.

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1915. '
TENAM.
His
Excel-
lency's
reply.

" I feel it a special privilege to be the first Gover-
" nor of this Presidency to receive an address from the
" Municipal Council of Tenali. It gives me great
" pleasure to be able in this way to show my appreciation
" of the work which you are doing and to have an
" opportunity of wishing this young municipality a
" long and prosperous career. Most of us envy youth
" and your youth to which you refer gives you great
" advantages : it enables you to profit by the lessons of
" the past and by the sometimes painfully gained
" experience of others ; you can derive instruction from
" their mistakes and encouragement from the measure
" of success to which they have attained. I feel sure,
" gentlemen, that you realize to what a large extent
" the future of your town is in your hands, and that
" you will do what in you lies to promote that spirit of
" co-operation and of concord which is all-important in
" civic life.

" I now turn to the representations contained in
" your address. That you have early realized your
" responsibilities and your opportunities is clear from
" the survey which you have found time to make of your
" more pressing needs, to which I will now briefly
" refer. In the first place you suggest that your eon-
" stitution might be placed upon a broader and more
" popular basis. As to that, I need only assure you
" that proposals for its revision will be attentively
" considered.

" I am glad to hear that you have benefited by
" the visit and lectures of Professor Geddes, but I under-
" stand that the proposals for the relief of congestion

"and town improvement to which you refer are not
 " mature. I hope that, when the time comes, Govern- Dec. 15,
 " ment will again be in a position to aid your schemes* 1915.
 " TENALI.

" The lack of drainage from which you suffer has His
 " been recognized and the Government hope shortly to Excel-
 " be placed in possession of a preliminary report and lency's
 " estimates, and when these have been scrutinized, I reply.
 " have no doubt that the Government will be ready
 " to consider the question of financing the scheme.

" You refer also to the unsuitability of the present
 " hospital building. This is admitted on every side,
 " but it is for the Council to submit practical and con-
 " sidered proposals, and such proposals are, I understand,
 " awaited. I have no doubt that, subject to financial
 " considerations and to the competing claims of other
 " bodies, the Government will be prepared to forward
 " any scheme which they can see their way to approve.

" So, too, with reference to your proposals in
 " respect of bridges. A report on the subject is awaited
 " and I need at present say nothing further here.

" You refer also to numerous other pressing needs
 " and if I may give one word of advice to you in
 " dealing with them it is that time and thought and
 " trouble devoted to the maturing of municipal schemes
 " are never misspent. Where funds are limited and
 " competing claims so numerous, well-considered
 " schemes must have superior prospects of acceptance.

" You plead your municipal youth as an excuse
 " for the exuberance of your requests. I can assure
 " you that no apology is necessary and my only regret
 " is that the financial situation for the time makes

Dec. 15, 1915, " caution and strict economy so necessary. I feel sure
 " however that the quality of cheerful and sapient good
 TENALI. " humour so long associated with the nam^ of Tenali
 His " Ramalinga still characterizes the people of this town
 Excel- " and that though the task of municipal development
 lency's " and improvement seems so arduous and expensive,
 reply. " your difficulties will stimulate you to further efforts to
 " overcome them. Gentlemen, I wish your town and
 " municipality all prosperity, and thank you again for
 " the cordial welcome you have extended to me."

GUNTUR. After replying to the address, His Excellency
 Public and party, including the Collector and District
 arrival. Superintendent of Police, left Tenali by motor
 for Guntur, a distance of 16 miles, where His
 Excellency was accorded a public reception at
 the Collector's office. The Guntur Reserve Police
 furnished a guard-of-honour. After inspecting it
 His Excellency was conducted upstairs where in
 a room adjoining the reception hall the leading
 gentlemen of the district were introduced to His
 Excellency by the Collector. His Excellency
 then proceeded to the hall and, after he had
 taken his scat, the Collector introduced M.R.Ry.
 N. Hanumanta Rao Garu, Chairman of the
 Guntur Municipal Council, who read the following
 address on behalf of the Council and presented
 the other members :—

Municipal " We, the members of the Municipal Council,
 address. " Guntur, appreciate gratefully the honour done to our
 " town by Your Excellency's gracious visit, and beg to
 " accord to Your Excellency our cordial welcome.

" 2. It gives us sincere gratification to avail
" ourselves of this opportunity to give expression to
" our fervent feelings of loyalty to His Majesty the
" King-Emperor at a time when the different parts of
" the Empire are vying with one another in deeds of
" heroism and self-sacrifice in the noble cause of
" freedom and justice on which the foundations of the
" Empire rest. We devoutly pray that the glory of a
" righteous triumph may crown our efforts and that
" India may continue to enjoy the blessing of the
" British rule.

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GUNTUR.
Municipal
address.

" 3. We rejoice at the happy coincidence of Your
" Excellency's visit with the near prospect of the com-
" pletion of the construction of the Municipal Hospital
" and the Guntur-Repalle Railway line both of which
" formed subjects of special representation to Your
" Excellency's predecessor, Sir Arthur Lawley, as being
" two of the most urgent needs of this growing town.
" We take this occasion to express our gratitude to the
" Government for the munificent grant of Rs. 80,000
" and also to the District Board, Guntur, for its
" liberal contribution of Rs. 50,000 for the construe-
" tion of the hospital. We feel deeply grateful to
" Your Excellency for having so kindly consented to
" lay the foundation stone of the building which,
" when completed, will prove a boon to the people of
" this district.

" 4. Though the question of water-supply has
" always received the best attention of Government and
" no efforts have been spared to improve it, we regret to
" state that, while the supply never exceeds 4 gallons

Dec. 15, " per head, it falls down to 325 gallons in summer
1915. " when the need is greatest and that the introduction of
GUNTUR. " house supply is wellnigh hopeless under the existing
Municipal " circumstances. We apprehend that the scheme for
address. " its improvement which is now under consideration
" may not prove a real success, and we feel compelled
" to request that Your Excellency's Government may
" be pleased to direct a special investigation into the
" matter with a view to securing for us the blessing of
" an unfailing and abundant supply which seems pos-
" sible of realization only by devising a scheme
" whereby the water of the Kistna river can be
" utilized.

" 5. We have also to emphasize the pressing
" need for a satisfactory system of drainage which is
" so closely connected with the water-supply, and so
" indispensable for the proper sanitation of the town.
" The matter has been under consideration for a long
" time, but no definite scheme has been formulated as
" yet, and we hope that it may receive the kind attention
" of the Government.

" 6. The question of the sanitary improvements
" of the town by the opening up of congested areas and
" laying out extensions has been for several years under
" consideration and now that the final orders of the
" Government on the subject have just been received,
" the Council will work out the schemes on the lines
" indicated by the Government and submit them for
" sanction with the necessary estimates. We pray that,
" when the detailed scheme is ready, Your Excellency's
" Government would be pleased to make such grants

" as may be necessary for the carrying out of the
 " scheme, in view of the fact that the Municipality is
 " already heavily indebted on account of the water-
 " works and the construction of the hospital.

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 Municipal
 address.

"7. In view of the great inconvenience felt by
 "the public for want of an over-bridge near the Rail-
 "way station, we pray that the Government may be
 " gracious enough to persuade the Madras and Southern
 " Mahratta Railway to construct the same so as to
 " allow communication between the important suburb
 " of Arundel pet and the rest of the town on the
 " opposite side of the Railway station.

" 8. In conclusion we sincerely hope that this
 " visit will afford Your Excellency an opportunity to
 " understand our conditions and needs and will prove
 " a blessing to our town, and we pray that the Almighty
 " may grant Lady Pentland and Your Excellency long
 " life and prosperity."

The Collector next introduced to His
 Excellency M.R.Ry. V. Parabrahma Sastri Garu,
 Chairman of the Narasaraopet Municipal Council,
 who read the following address on behalf of the
 Council:—

" We, the Chairman and Councillors of the Muni-
 " cipal Council, Narasaraopet, most cordially welcome
 " Your Excellency on your first visit to the head-
 " quarters of our district.

Narasa-
 raopet
 Municipal
 address.

"2. It is a matter of utmost pleasure and sincere
 " gratification to us that Your Excellency has been
 " pleased to accord to us the privilege of presenting
 " our first loyal address to the representative of our
 " Most Gracious King and Emperor of India,,

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1915.

GUNTUR.
Narasa-
raopet
Municipal
address.

" 3. It is our devout wish and fervent prayer that
" victory should soon crown the British arms in the
" gigantic and terrible war which has convulsed Europe
" as well as the world at large ; and the British Empire
" which has risen to a man and participated in it for
" the defence of those ideals of liberty, freedom, honour
" and justice which have been ruthlessly set at naught
" by the enemy, would, we are sure, emerge from it with
" added strength and glory to extend its beneficent
" influence for peace and goodwill among the nations.

" 4. It is a happy sign of the times that Your
" Excellency, as the admirer and follower of the author
" of the local self-government measure in India, the
" late lamented Lord Ripon, is in full sympathy with
" the aims and objects of the local self-government
" and stands for broadening its base and making it
" truly an instrument of popular education in the art of
" Government.

" 5. Our municipality is an infant about nine
" months old and hence requires all nourishing care
" from the Government to make it strong and healthy.
" Our town has been constituted a municipality for
" constructing water-works and providing its inhabitants
" with drinking water, the want of which is keenly felt
" especially in the hot season when all the drinking
" water wells are dried up. We offer our grateful
" thanks to Your Excellency's Government for the first
" instalment of grant of Rs. 10,000 made to enable us
" to dig wells and test the water-supplying capacity of
" the proposed source.

" 6. We have some more schemes on hand : the
" acquisition of land for town extension, the construction

" of a decent hospital and the acquisition of a piece of
 " land for the same, the construction of a dozen public
 " latrines, for all of which we have already submitted
 " proposals to Your Excellency's Government, We are
 " looking forward with anxious hope that Your Excel-
 " lency's Government will be pleased to give us liberal
 " grants to accomplish these objects as soon as the
 " finances of the Government permit.

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"7. We have one more proposal to submit for
 " Your Excellency's gracious consideration. There is a
 " minor irrigation tank situated in this town under the
 " control of the Revenue Department. It has about 60
 " acres of wet ayacut under it. The tank is never full
 " except once in ten or twelve years when there is an
 " abundant rainfall. The annual rainfall of this town
 " is very scanty and the water that is collected into
 " the tank in the beginning of the agricultural season
 " is immediately drawn away by the ayacut ryots for
 " purposes of agriculture and the result is that, at a
 " time when crops most need water, the tank would be
 " empty and the crops wither away. As a consequence
 " of the failure of crops, the Government is obliged to
 " make remissions year after year. The tank is there-
 " fore remunerative neither to the Government nor to
 " the ryots who own land under it. In recent years the
 " town has extended close to the tank and it has
 " become therefore all the more necessary to keep its
 " surroundings in a more sanitary condition. The
 " Municipal Council has no control over it and cannot
 " therefore prevent its insanitary condition. Moreover,
 " this is the only tank for all the cattle that belong to the
 " town as well as the floating cattle that go to it from

Dec. 15, 1915. " outside in large numbers, this being an important
GUNTUR. " centre of cotton trade. A rough idea of the number
 " of the cattle that resort to it may be gathered from
 " the large amount of the municipal tolls collected and
 " the census of the town cattle. The municipal tolls
 " amount to Rs. 14,000 and the number of the town cattle
 " comes to 2,942. It may therefore be roughly stated
 " that the number of such cattle would be more than a
 " lakh. It is therefore absolutely necessary to reserve
 " in the tank for the cattle only all the water that is
 " collected. We therefore earnestly pray Your Excel-
 " lency to convert the wet ayacut into dry and hand
 " over the tank to the Municipality.

" 8. In conclusion, we beg to offer our most
 " sincere thanks to Your Excellency for the opportunity
 " now afforded to us to make known our wants and the
 " great trouble Your Excellency has taken amidst mani-
 " fold and pressing duties and anxieties of the Govern-
 " ment to pay a visit to our district and know its wants
 " « at first hand."

After the Municipal Chairman had presented
 the other members of the Council, the Collector
 introduced to His Excellency M.R.Ry. P. V.
 Srinivasa Rao Garu, Vice-President of the District
 Board, who read the following address on behalf
 of the Board and presented the other members of
 the Board:—

District
 Board's
 address.

" We, the members of the District Board, Guntur,
 " realize the honour done to our district by Your
 " Excellency's gracious visit, and beg leave to offer
 " to Your Excellency our most cordial and respectful
 " greetings of welcome,

" 2. While we rejoice to share in the spontaneous
" outburst of devotion to the King-Emperor through-
" out India, and to echo the feelings of grateful
" appreciation of His Majesty's Indian subjects for the
" opportunity afforded them to serve the Empire, in
" the great struggle for freedom and justice, we beg to
" affirm on this happy occasion our fervent and abiding
" loyalty to the Throne. And we devoutly pray that a
" speedy and glorious victory may crown the heroic
" and self-sacrificing efforts of the Empire and her
" brave Allies.

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" 3. From the first, the Board was anxious to
" construct railways which would connect the delta
" taluks of Tenali and Repalle, and the upland taluks
" of Sattenapalle and Palnad, with Guntur. Special
" representations by way of appeal to the Government
" to finance the scheme were made to Lord Ampthill by
" the Kistna Board in 1903, and to Sir Arthur Lawley
" by this Board in 1908. It was finally decided to
" have the chord between Guntur and Tenali con-
" structed by the State, and the section between Tenali
" and Repalle by the Board. We feel sincerely glad
" that Your Excellency's gracious visit synchronizes with
" the near realization of our long-cherished object. The
" line is expected to be completed early next year, and
" it is our earnest desire that we may have the singular
" fortune of the first railway of the Board being opened
" by Your Excellency.

" 4. The Board has also formulated a programme
" of railways to be constructed in future, of which the
" most urgent is the extension of the Repalle line to
" Visweswaram, in view of the advisability to take it

Dec 15, 1915. " up before the present staff is disbanded, and the most
GUNTUR. "important is the Guntur-Gurzala line, which will
District " prove a boon to the upland taluks liable to drought
Board's " and famine, and a source of material prosperity to the
address. " district, by opening up the whole of the upland tracts
" lying between the railway line to Guntakal and the
" river Kistna, reputed for its cotton, napa slabs, marble,
" copper and iron ores. The question of raising a
" loan to defray the cost of construction has been
" engaging the attention of the Board, and we hope
"that the Government will be pleased to extend its
" helping and guiding hand in this matter as well.

" 5. We beg to thank Your Excellency's Govern-
" ment for the appointment of non-official presidents
" to the Taluk Boards of Tenali and Guntur, and to
" urge for its kind consideration the desirability of
" extending gradually that liberal policy to the other
" taluk boards in the district. We venture respect-
" fully to request that, in the way of further advancing
" the principle and practice of self-government, the
" system of taluk boards electing their presidents may
" be introduced in this district also though as an
" Experiment.

" 6. -The Board was constituted in April 1905
" with a strength of 32, which has remained unaltered
" all these years. In view of the large extent, and the
" growing importance of the district, and of the strength
" sanctioned to the other boards of equal rank, we pray
"that the number of members for this Board may be
" raised to forty.

" 7. We feel highly thankful to Your Excellency's
" Government for the policy laid down in G.O. No. 556

" of 1912 as regards the appointment of non-official
" vice-presidents of district boards, and we venture to
" hope that the extension to it of the principle of
" election may duly receive Your Excellency's favour-
" able consideration.

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address,

" 8. Deeply grateful as we are to Your Excellency
" for the munificent Provincial grants made to us year
" after year, and for the great encouragement and
" impetus given to the spread of primary education, we
" pray that the Government will be pleased to continue
" to this district, having regard to its special conditions
" and needs, the same generosity in future.

" 9. We beg to express our genuine gratification
" at the recent order of the Government to extend, and
" enlarge the power of the union panchayats so as to
" render them more popular and efficient and we pray
" that effect may be given to the liberal spirit and policy
" adopted by the Government in the order by extending
" the principle of election to the union panchayats in
" this district.

" 10. Since our respectful representations to Sir
" Arthur Lawley in 1908 on the subject there have been
" two abnormal floods on account of breaches in the
" banks of the Kistna. The difficulties and sufferings
" of the people of nearly 121 villages under water and
" of the damage caused to property during the last
" floods in 1914 compel us to emphasize the urgent
" and pressing need for improving and enlarging the
" embankments to ensure greater protection in future.
" We are of opinion that any proposals to prevent recur-
" rence will not by themselves afford adequate relief,
" without substantial strengthening of the flood banks.

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" 11. The Kistna irrigation system, a monument
" of engineering skill and of the British administration,
" has brought plenty and prosperity to but a small
" portion of this district. The Kistna reservoir pro-
" ject, which the Government was pleased to adopt,
" would, by conversion into delta of a vast tract of the
" upland taluks, extend the same blessings to a large
" population. It would also solve the perplexing
" problem of adequate water-supply to this town and
" several other places, which suffer badly for want of
" it. We, therefore, fervently hope that the Govern-
" ment may be able to find its way to direct such
" further investigation into the matter as may be
" necessary, and to sanction at no distant date the
" execution of the project.

" 12. In conclusion, we respectfully beg to thank
" Your Excellency for this kind visit to our district,
" and we pray that the Almighty may bless Lady
" Pentland and Your Excellency with long life, health
" and prosperity."

The Guntur Anjuman Islamiah next presented
the following address, which was read by
Babib-ul-lah Khan Bahadur, its President:—

Anjuman
Islamiah's
address.

" We, the members of the Anjuman Islamjah,
" Guntur, offer our hearty and loyal welcome to Your
" Excellency on behalf of the Muslims of this place
" and respectfully beg leave to express our heartfelt
" gratitude for the permission so kindly accorded to us
" to present this address.

" 2. The Muhammadan population of this town
" was close upon 10,000 in the last census and yet to
" our deep regret we have to submit that not even

" 5 per cent of the members are able to keep their heads
 " above water and most of them eke out a hand-to-
 " mouth livelihood by manual labour and journeyman's
 " hard toil from day to day. It is now more than 25
 " years since the local A.E.L.M. College was opened
 " and the Hindu High School has been in existence
 " longer. With sorrow and shame we have to admit
 " that not more than half a dozen boys have passed the
 " old Matriculation examination. With a view to
 " ameliorate our condition, the leading men among us
 " formed themselves into this association with the object
 " of (1) helping the needy Muslim students of Guntur
 " and (2) of improving the intellectual and moral and
 " social status of our community.

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" 3. Encouraged by the active sympathy and
 " kind patronage of the local European officers, espe-
 " cially of the benevolent N. E. Marjoribanks, Esq.,
 " I.C.S., who we are proud to state is our patron—and
 " Honorary President—the Anjuman has been fortu-
 " nate this year to meet with better co-operation and
 " more help from our community and it has been
 " registered under the Indian Societies Act.

" 4. The Anjuman, though in its infant state, has
 " been spending for school fees Rs. 90 a month and
 " supporting 39 students of the local educational insti-
 " tutions and these results achieved in so short a
 " period with income chiefly derived from monthly
 " subscriptions made up of the poor man's pie are not
 " a little encouraging, but funds and permanent source
 " of income are required to place it on a firm and
 " substantial basis and we approach Your Excellency
 " with the following prayers,

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" 5. About 350 acres of Guntur kazi service inam in Inavolu, a village in this taluk, bearing an annual assessment of Rs. 870, have become the private property of a sowcar in discharge of debts incurred by its former holders. We learn that this portion has been converted into jirayati lands and fully assessed.

" 6. We respectfully pray that this assessment may be transferred to the Anjuman. Inasmuch as these lands were once an endowment made for the due performance of the spiritual function of the kazi of this town who is not now appointed by Government nor is ever likely to be appointed and as the education of the Muhammadans is a great want, we have made bold to approach Your Excellency with the above request.

" 7. Whenever charitable endowments are resumed by Government, the assessment on such lands is transferred to the taluk boards to be utilized for the same or similar object and we crave that our prayer may be considered in the light of the same principle.

" 8. Besides poverty, the language difficulty thwarts the progress of our boys in the schools. In secondary classes all the subjects are taught in vernaculars. Our boys coming up from the elementary schools with Urdu as their vernacular are at a disadvantage to understand their subjects when a sudden change takes place in the medium of instruction. This accounts for the comparatively small number in higher classes.

" 9. In spite of this the number of boys in the local College and High School is 140. We are confident that this number would be more than doubled if the vernacular difficulty is overcome.

" 10. We therefore crave that, as this town stands **Dec. 15,**
 " first in the Circars in respect of the number of **1915.**
 " Muhammadan population and as our boys have **GUNTUR.**
 " commenced to show their aptitude for learning, a **Anjuman**
 " Government Muhammadan secondary school be **Islamiah's**
 " opened here. **address.**

" 11. In order to develop the formation of
 " character in our boys and to make them loyal respect-
 " able citizens, the Anjuman has considered it
 " advisable to establish a reading-room and library of
 " its own where facilities for healthy association and
 " noble thoughts would be readily provided out of
 " school hours. The Anjuman cannot sufficiently
 " thank Your Excellency for the generous grant of the
 " site in the town made in G.O. No. 1909, dated 19th
 " August 1915, for the construction of the reading-
 " room and we are confident that ere long we should be
 " able to raise the required building on this site. With
 " the above object of developing the character and
 " instilling beneficent moral principles in the minds of
 " our youths, the Anjuman intends to start a religious
 " seminary in the shape of an Arabic Madrasa.

" 12. Fifty-six acres of mosque service inam lands
 " in Karachola, Narasaraopet taluk, bearing an annual
 " assessment of about Rs. 75 have been resumed
 " by Government. We beseech Your Excellency
 " would be pleased to transfer the assessment of these
 " lands to this Anjuman for the support of the above
 " Madrasa. Were this done, the Anjuman would
 " abide by all the conditions that may be imposed.

" 13. If for any reason our prayers for the trans-
 " fer of assessment on the above two resumed inams

Dec. 15, 1915. " cannot be granted, we humbly request that some other
" lands may be granted to us on patta as has been done

GUNTUR. " for the support of Indian Christians in other districts.

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address. "14. Very few among us are graduates and the
" Anjuman prays that the case of those graduates
" among us of the Circars, who have thrown in their
" lot in the Registration and the Judicial Departments
" and who by their long service and other educational
" qualifications are fit for the appointments of District
" Registrars and District Munsifs may be favourably
" considered and that encouragement may be shown to
" them by making them District Registrars and District
" Munsifs as well as to other graduates in public ser-
" vice to serve as an incentive to higher education
" for which the community will be very thankful.

"15. We conclude this address with an ardent
" and sincere prayer to the Almighty God to crown
" the British arms with success, to shed the glory of
" triumph on His Majesty our beloved King-Emperor
" George V and to shower all the blessings of pros-
" perity and long life on Your Excellency and Lady
" Pentland."

After the other members of the Islamiah
deputation were presented to His Excellency, the
Collector introduced M.R.Ry. K. Venkatappayya,
President of the Guntur District Association, who
read the following address on behalf of the
Association, and presented the other members of
the deputation :—

District
Associa-
tion's
address.

" We, the members of the District Association,
" Guntur, rejoice at Your Excellency's visit to this
" district and beg to offer hearty welcome to Your

" Excellency both on our behalf and on behalf of the people of this district. Dec. 15, 1915.

" 2. We also take the opportunity to express our loyalty to His Majesty the King-Emperor and our devotion to the British Throne and earnestly wish that the British Empire with her trusted Allies may soon emerge victorious from the great war, which, while it proved a colossal struggle unparalleled in the history of the world, has brought out the valour and the magnanimous instincts of the different peoples of the Empire and knit them together in bonds of mutual respect and enduring affection. GUNTUR District Association's address.

" 3. We are thankful to the Government for the measures already adopted to minimize the evils arising from the establishment of the criminal settlements in the district especially of the Yerukalas and Yanadis near Bapatla. Cases of burglary and theft, in and about Bapatla, still continue to occur and the culprits in several of these cases are found to be the persons belonging to the settlement. It is, however, a matter for gratification to learn that Your Excellency's Government has resolved to limit the Yanadi settlement to fifty families, for which we feel bound to express thanks on behalf of the people of Bapatla and we pray that Your Excellency may be pleased to reduce to some extent the strength of the Yerukala settlement.

" 4. We feel also gratified by the recently published order of Your Excellency's Government aiming at the revival of the rural self-government in the Madras Presidency. However, we are humbly of opinion that the provisions of the Government Order

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" fall far short of the recommendations of the Decentra-
" lization Commission and are much less liberal than
" the principles that governed the self-contained village
" panchayats of ancient India. We beg to state that
" instead of the local officials, special panchayat
" officers as in the case of co-operative credit societies,
" appointed for the purpose of forming the panchayats,
" and the introduction of vote by ballot for the elec-
" tion of the members of the panchayat, will prove to
" be wholesome alterations in the provisions of the
" Government Order. We further beg to state that the
" rule that the village munsif should be the chairman
" of the voluntary panchayat detracts very much from
" the dignity of the institution and the excessive powers
" of control vested in the revenue officers over the
" panchayats deter deserving persons from serving on
" them. Above all the panchayats will have to be so
" constituted as to form the real units of self-govern-
" ment vested with judicial functions with exclusive
" jurisdiction without which it is impossible to put an
" end to the crying evil of ever-increasing litigation.

" 5. We further beg to state that Bapatla, a taluk
" station with a population of 1,000, has long been a
" union. It has a District Munsif's Court and several
" educated men also live there. It is now the most
" senior of all the existing unions in the district, the
" only other senior union which was competing with it,
" viz., Narasaraopet, having been recently made a
" municipality. It is therefore prayed that Your
" Excellency's Government may be pleased to raise the
" strength of the union from 9 to 12 and also to grant
" the privilege of electing its members and chairman.

" 6. By far the most crying evil in the district
" which demands the immediate and most careful
" attention of the Government is the question of the
" resluicing of the canals in the delta. The number of
" sluices has been suddenly and to a large extent
" reduced and most of the new spouts have been fixed
" apparently without regard to the existing levels and,
" in new places, making no adequate provision for the
" connecting botheys to effect the distribution of the
" water in the fields. Many ryots have been put to
" serious loss for want of water to their fields and by
" reason of substantial reduction in the yield. This
" year several fields could not be irrigated and would
" have been left fallow but for the very heavy rains
" which made transplantation possible though very late
" in the season. While in the due season the fields
" suffered for want of water, they fared much worse
" during heavy rains, which, on account of very defect-
" ive drainage, flooded the lands, submerged the crops
" and destroyed them.

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" 7. The heavy penal assessments levied in
" respect of the longstanding donka channels is
" another evil which calls for redress. From the existing
" orders it appears that many such channels are not
" liable to penal assessment, but the mistake lies more
" in the working of the rules rather than the rules
" themselves.

" 8. We feel sincerely thankful to Your Excel-
" lency's Government and to Sir Harold Stuart for the
" kind attention already paid to the question, but we
" venture to respectfully submit that the duties of the
" inspection committees now ordered to be formed do

Dec. 15, 1915. "not seem to go much in advance of the existing provisions to watch the interest of the ryots and pray that in view of the numerous troubles which have followed the new system of resluicing and of the long-standing grievance of defective drainage, a committee of enquiry composed of a competent revenue official of a higher grade than a Tahsildar and a Sub-Divisional Officer and a non-official gentleman having knowledge and interest in the question of irrigation may be appointed to report on the existing evils and to suggest remedies.

GUNTUR. " 9. The forest grievances are another matter District Association's address. " which we beg to submit to Your Excellency's kind consideration. These sufferings, though long endured, are not the less keenly felt. However, since the days of the Forest Committee, people were looking forward for substantial relief. But to their great disappointment they find that, while things remained much as they were, the grazing fees are enormously raised. The reason for the enhancement is stated to be to prevent the pollarding of the trees in the forests. If this is the object, it virtually amounts to the closing of the forests for grazing purposes by fixing prohibitive rates, which, however, we believe, is not the intention of the Government. We further beg to submit that there is no use in assigning for the control of the panchayats some forest lands with little or no grass growing upon them, as, for instance, the arid forest blocks near Bapatla, and that the people do not come forward to form themselves into panchayats for taking charge of such waste lands unless at least some good grazing areas are also added to them.

" 10. Now that the District Municipalities Act
 " is about to be amended, we pray that YdM Extd-
 " lency's Government, which has already shown its
 " sympathy with the late Mr. Gokhale's Bill for free and
 " compulsory education, be pleased to add a provision
 " in the new Act vesting powers in the municipalities
 " to introduce the system of free and compulse^
 " primary education in their own areas, whenever funds
 " permit them to do so.

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 tion's
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" I I . In conclusion we beg to offer our hearty
 " thanks to Your Excellency for the kind visit to this
 " district and wish long life and health to Lady
 " Pentland and Your Excellency."

His Excellency then made a joint reply to
 all the addresses as follows :—

" GENTLEMEN,—Before I proceed to touch upon
 " the various representations and requests which your
 " addresses contain, it is but right that I should express
 " to you my cordial appreciation of the warm welcome
 " which you have extended to me. Especially would
 " I thank you for the expressions of loyalty and devotion
 " to the Throne which those addresses contain. I have
 " recently come from the heart of the Tamil country
 " where I received full proof that the people are con-
 " vinced of the righteousness of our cause and of the
 " supreme importance of those imperishable ideals in
 " defence of which the whole Empire is united, and it
 " is a matter of deep satisfaction to me to find here too
 " among men of a different though allied tongue the
 " same loyalty, the same confidence, and the same
 " unanimous appreciation of the heroism and self-
 " sacrifice of our brave armies and of those of our

Dec. 15, 1915. " gallant Allies. I Appreciate highly the sincere and
 eloquent terms in which you have given expression

GUNTUR. " to the feelings which animate you.

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"GENTLEMEN OF THE GUNTUR MUNICIPAL
 COUNCIL,—I have listened with pleasure to the expressions of gratitude to the Government for the help it
 has been able to afford you in carrying out your
 project for a municipal hospital and it will give me
 great pleasure to accede to your request to lay the
 foundation stone of the new building.

" I could wish that the provision of medical aid
 were the whole problem of importance which you
 have had to face, but as you state in your address,
 the questions of water-supply and drainage have also
 required serious consideration. As to your water-
 supply, investigations with a view to rendering it
 more copious and regular are now being carried on.
 We can only hope that these investigations will
 prove successful, as I fear that the alternative scheme
 which you suggest for utilizing the Kistna water
 would be prohibitive in cost.

" A drainage scheme has also been examined and
 although financial considerations must largely deter-
 mine the lines on which proposals of a practical
 nature should proceed, I hope that our Sanitary
 Engineers will yet be able to frame a scheme which
 will improve the sanitation of your town without
 laying an excessive burden on the resources which
 may be available for its execution.

" I am glad to hear that your schemes for opening
 up congested areas are at last assuming a final shape.
 I can assure you that when your detailed proposal

are placed before them, Government will give due consideration to your plea for financial aid. I only hope that by the time they are ripe for execution the Government will once more be in a position to give subventions in aid of such schemes.

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"As regards your request for an overbridge, I understand that no definite proposals have yet been submitted for consideration. When that is done, they will be carefully considered but it seems at least possible that your requirements may be met in a less expensive manner. In any case the other schemes which you have already undertaken seem likely for some years to come to prove a sufficient strain upon both your energies and resources.

"GENTLEMEN OF THE NARASARAOPET MUNICIPALITY,—Although your municipal experience has been so brief, I recognize that you too have realized the responsibilities with which you have been entrusted. I have no doubt that in course of time the various improvements to which you have turned your attention will be accomplished. I can but assure you that when financial conditions improve, your claims for assistance will not be overlooked. I am unable at this stage to do more than refer to your proposal to convert the minor irrigation tank to which you allude into a municipal tank to be reserved for cattle. That proposal raises several issues which require careful consideration, but I can promise that a report will be called for and on its receipt your proposal will be most carefully examined.

"GENTLEMEN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD,—I must first offer you my sincere congratulations on the fact

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 GUNTUR. " ing completion. I can at present give no definite
 His Excel- " undertaking, but if it be possible for me to do so
 lency's " I shall have great pleasure in accepting your invita-
 reply. " tion to open it. You have under contemplation other
 " railway schemes also. On the present occasion I
 " shall merely content myself with congratulating you
 " upon the enterprise and foresight which you are
 " showing and I can assure you that the Government
 " will give all possible encouragement and assistance
 " to your projects.

" You next touch upon certain questions regard-
 " ing the increase of your numbers and extension of the
 " principle of election in the case of non-official presi-
 " dents of taluk boards and vice-President of district
 " board. As you are aware, the question of the xevl-
 " sion of the Local Boards Act is now under the
 " consideration of Government and affects all local
 " boards. Further, the experiment of having non-
 " official presidents in your district is still upon its
 " trial and I think we may wait before altering the
 " scope of the experiment.

" I share your satisfaction at the increase in the
 " number of elementary schools in your district which
 " has been made possible by Provincial grants and I
 " trust that any check due to present financial condi-
 " tions may be purely of a temporary nature.

" The Government greatly wish to render union
 " panchayats more efficient and I am glad to find that
 " you share my hope that the recent order of Govern-
 " ment on the subject will help this object. Your
 " request for an extension of the principle of election

" in union panchayats will receive careful consideration.
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" You refer also to a matter of considerable importance to your district, namely, the prevention of floods due to breaches in the flood banks. The Public Works Department is paying anxious attention to these important questions and measures which will tend towards the prevention of breaches are now under consideration. I would however take this opportunity of pointing out to you that much depends on the hearty co-operation of the villagers themselves. Cases are not infrequent in which a breach has occurred owing to difficulties in securing a prompt supply of labour for dealing with leakage when discovered. For that we must rely largely on the villagers themselves and I sincerely trust that landowners will use their influence in every way to impress upon the ryots the necessity for prompt assistance on their part.

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" As regards the Kistna reservoir project, I refrain from expressing any opinion at present except that further investigation is necessary.

" GENTLEMEN OF THE GUNTUR ANJUMAN-ISLAMIAH,—I sympathize greatly with you in your desire to ameliorate the condition of your community and I am glad to hear of the efforts you are making to extend education among your members and thereby to secure for them wider opportunities. I rejoice to think that Government have been able to help in some degree towards the establishment of a reading room and library for your association and I hope that the building to be constructed will form the nucleus of

Dec. 15, 1915 " other institutions which will forward the advancement
" of your community.

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reply.

" You make various requests and suggestions as
" to the methods by which the funds necessary for your
" purposes may be provided. These suggestions raise
" questions of principle and I would suggest that if
" you think such methods may properly be pursued,
" you might very properly bring them to the notice of
" the district officials.

" You lay stress on the difficulties of poverty and
" language which stand in the way of the higher
" education of your boys. The Government have, as
" you are aware, recognized the former difficulty and are
" according to their means making special provision
" for scholarships to Muhammadans. The calls upon
" the public purse are so heavy however that I would
" suggest to you that provision of this kind might well
" appeal to the generosity of the well-to-do among you.
" Subject to the same limitation, the Government are
" also making provision for the use of Hindustani as a
" medium of instruction in secondary schools. I regret
" to say however that at present, in view of the financial
" position, I cannot hold out any hope that Government
" will be able to open a Muhammadan secondary
" school here.

"I am glad to learn that your community are
" taking more and more advantage of the educational
" facilities which this place affords and I trust that it
" will not be long before you are able to point with
" pride to a long list of academic distinctions.

" You may be sure that no Muhammadan in
" Government service will be overlooked in respect of

" any promotion to which he is entitled and for which
 " he has shown himself fitted. The fair field and no
 " favour which you ask for on behalf of your graduates
 " is assured to them equally with all the other classes.

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"GENTLEMEN OF THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION,—

" You bring to my notice certain dangers to which in
 " your opinion the existence of criminal settlements in
 " this district gave rise. I assure you readily that the
 " Government have taken and will take all necessary
 " measures in order to prevent these settlements from
 " constituting a menace in any way to the public, while
 " they continue to carry on the important and necessary
 " work which they are doing.

" You make various suggestions in connexion
 " with the recent resolution of the Government on the
 " much debated question of panchayats. I do not pro-
 " pose to accompany you into the historical field of the
 " constitution, functions and powers of village pancha-
 " yats in ancient days. The Government will be well
 " satisfied if their desire to evoke and utilize to a fuller
 " extent the growing interest in local affairs is realized
 " and will, as experience grows, readily adopt any
 " measures or suggestions which seem likely to advance
 " the object they have in view.

" With regard to the introduction of the elective
 " principle in the Union of Bapatla, any local repre-
 " sentations will receive careful attention.

" Irrigation questions must of course occupy a
 " prominent place in this district, but I think that the
 " impression conveyed by your remarks would hardly
 " be just towards the department on which rests the
 " heavy responsibility of regulating an irrigation system

Dec 15, 1915. " of such immense extent and complexity. You refer
 1915. " to the system of resluicing as new, although as a
 GIJNTUR. " matter of fact I find that over one-third of the Kistna
 His Excel- " western delta had already been piped as far back as
 lency's " 1908 and that the work has been steadily carried on
 reply. " since that time. The object with which it was intro-
 " duced was to meet the very evils of which you
 " complain and with a view to secure a more equitable
 " and regular distribution of the available water.
 " Mistakes may possibly have been made, but the ryots
 " are certainly not debarred from bringing them to
 " notice, and Government have recently been over-
 " hauling the machinery for dealing with them. On the
 " other hand, assertions such as that most of the new
 " spouts have been fixed apparently without regard, to
 " existing levels and without adequate provision for the
 " connecting botheys can hardly be accepted without
 " reserve, and in the interest of all concerned I would
 " deprecate exaggeration in matters of such importance.
 " It is fair neither to the engineers to whom the ascer-
 " tainment of the actual facts is all important, nor to
 " those ryots whose genuine grievances may be obscured
 " by a mass of vague and unsubstantiated assertions.
 " Individual cases of hardship may no doubt exist, but
 " that is a very different matter, and at present I see no
 " reason to suppose that our existing agency is not per-
 " fectly competent to enquire into and decide such cases
 " upon their merits, for I am aware that they are care-
 " fully investigated and that the officers concerned
 " generally are anxious to remove all grievances.

" As regards the penal assessment on donkas, you
 " seem to be satisfied with the rules and I feel sure

" that you realize how essential it is to preserve these
" donkas for the use of the village communities. As
" regards the working of the rules which you apparently
" complain, in the absence of definite information I
" cannot speak. The rules are intended to be enforced,
" but if unreasonably enforced, the aggrieved party has
" a right to appeal.

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" You also raise certain questions in connexion
" with your forests. You complain that the grazing fees
" have been enhanced and that the forests which have
" been assigned to panchayats for management provide
" little or no grazing. Your complaints really empha-
" size a fact which is well known; that in this district
" the results of indiscriminate grazing have been
" deplorable ; it is hoped that panchayats will help to
" provide a remedy. In a forest which has been over-
" grazed, the only possible course is to limit the number
" of cattle admitted in proportion to the reduced
" grazing. Otherwise indiscriminate attacks upon the
" tree growth are inevitable and the fate of that parti-
" cular forest is sealed. It seems clear from your
" remarks that areas which at one time probably
" supplied both fuel and grazing no longer supply the
" former and but scantily the latter. I trust however
" that forest panchayats where formed will realize their
" obligation to restore and improve the areas committed
" to their charge by restricting the demands upon them
" and by affording them wherever necessary a reason-
" able opportunity to recuperate. You seem to be
" under a misapprehension as to the forest blocks in
" Bapatla to which you refer, as I understand that their
" object is not to serve as grazing grounds but rather
" as cattle stands,

Dec. 15, 1915. " As regards the question of free and compulsory
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 " on the subject in the Legislative Council.

His Excellency's reply. " Gentlemen, I have occupied much of your
 " time and yet I have been able merely to touch upon
 " the numerous questions which have been placed
 " before me, but I realize their importance and your
 " representations will not be overlooked. In conclusion, I would again thank you for your cordial welcome and I shall have great pleasure in conveying to
 " Her Excellency the good wishes in the expression of
 " which you have associated her name."

His Excellency and party then motored to the Collector's bungalow, where His Excellency stayed as the guest of the Collector.

Private interviews At II A.M. His Excellency accorded a few private interviews.

Laying foundation stone of the Town Hall. In the afternoon at 4.10 P.M. His Excellency and party left the Collector's bungalow to the site of the proposed Town Hall, to lay its foundation stone. On arrival His Excellency was received by M.R.Ry. P. V. Srinivasa Rao, Honorary Secretary, who introduced to His Excellency the members of the Building Committee. His Excellency was then conducted to a pandal erected on the site of the Town Hall under which the leading residents of the town were assembled. After His Excellency had taken his seat M.R.Ry. P. V. Srinivasa Rao showed His Excellency the plan of the proposed Town Hall and requested him to lay the foundation stone. In doing so he said ;

"I know that I but echo the feelings of all those who are interested in the Town Hall movement when I say that the function of this evening affords great rejoicing to us because it sees the fruition of the labours and hopes of some years, and the realization of a long cherished object. I need hardly say that it is most appropriate that the foundation stone of an institution intended to commemorate the Imperial Coronation Durbar of Their Majesties the King-Emperor and Queen-Empress is to be laid by their highest representative in the Presidency, the Governor of Madras : and we all sincerely rejoice that His Excellency Lord Pentland has so graciously consented to lay it. Gentlemen, the progress that India has made during the last half century and more, the culture and enlightenment, the hopes and aspirations of educated India redound to the glory of British rule more than anything else. Such is the marked growth of the civic and social life of the people that in almost every important town you find an institution of the kind the prospect of which we are glad to have today."

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Mr. Srinivasa Rao then gave an account of the origin and history of the Town Hall scheme which is as follows.

The marked growth of the town since it became the capital of the district has resulted in the need for a town hall being keenly felt. The auspicious occasion of the visit to India of His Majesty the King-Emperor afforded an opportunity for launching a definite scheme. At a meeting held on 30th September 19" it was

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resolved in addition to other celebrations to construct a permanent district memorial in the shape of a town hall and museum. An influential executive committee was formed to carry out this object.

The efforts made to raise funds all over the district for the permanent memorial met with much success. People of all communities and professions subscribed, and the Municipality and the District Board have also contributed to it, with the result that a sum of about Rs. 23,000 was promised.

The idea was to construct the permanent memorial at a cost of about Rs. 2,000 and to invest about Rs. 5,000 as a maintenance fund. The plan and estimate which were approved by the committee showed that Rs. 25,000 were required for the construction of the Town Hall alone. The Museum had therefore to be abandoned and the committee resolved to devote Rs. 20,000 of the amount actually available for the construction of the Town Hall without a portico in front or verandah at the back as provided in the plan, with the hope that they might be added later on.

A sum of Rs. 21,000 is now lying in deposit in the Bank to the credit of the committee, and is available for the construction of the Town Hall. A building sub-committee was also appointed to supervise the work.

The question of a site presented some difficulty and the committee finally resolved to apply to

the Government to grant 3 acres out of the large compound of the local District Munsif s Court. The Government were generously pleased to grant it, and the Town Hall is to be constructed thereon.

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The Board of Trustees constituted to manage it consists of eight gentlemen, viz.—

- (1) Vice-President, District Board.
- (2) Chairman, Municipal Council.
- (3) Principal, A.E.L.M. College.
- (4) A member to be nominated by the Bar Association.
- (5) A member to represent the Indian merchants to be appointed by the Municipality.
- (6) A member to be appointed by the District Board.
- (7) Headquarters Deputy Collector.
- (8) Agent, Bank of Madras, Guntur.

It is proposed to invest Rs. 5,000 for this purpose. The income so secured together with what is expected to be realized from leasing a portion of the building is expected to be ample.

The committee hopes that money will be forthcoming not only for the above purposes but also for building the portico and the verandah which for the present have been omitted. The Town Hall is to be styled the "George Town Hall."

In conclusion Mr. Srinivasa Rao expressed the gratitude of the committee to Mr. J. N. Roy, their former Collector, for his kind help to which much of their success was due and also thanked the

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Government for the grant of land on which the Town Hall was to be built and Mr. Marjoribanks, their present Collector, for the keen interest evinced by him in all matters connected with the Town Hall.

His Excellency made the following speech and then formally laid the foundation stone :—

" GENTLEMEN,—Before I proceed to comply with
" the invitation to lay the foundation stone of the Guntur
" Town Hall, I should like to offer my hearty congratula-
" tions to all those who have taken a part in bringing
" this laudable project to this its final stage. To the
" subscribers who have so generously supplied the
" funds, to the Committee who have guided the pro-
" gress of the scheme, and to all who have encouraged
" and helped them, the people of this town owe a debt
" of gratitude, of which I feel sure they will allow me
" on their behalf to express their recognition. It gives
" me additional pleasure to think that the Government
" may also claim to have done their part and were able
" to assist your endeavours by providing the site on
" which your Town Hall is to be erected. I sincerely
" hope that the building which will arise here will for
" many years serve as a memorial of a unique event and
" as a centre of civic, of intellectual and of social life
" for this rising and important town.

" With all good will, gentlemen, I will now proceed to lay the foundation stone."

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After laying the foundation stone of the Town Hall, His Excellency drove round Ringroad to the Indian Club, where he attended a Garden party given by the Reception Committee.

On arrival, His Excellency was received by Mr. J. C. Fernandez, District Judge and President of the Reception Committee, and several of the leading gentlemen were introduced to His Excellency. The amusements consisted of a Lambadi dance, jalatharangam (instrumental music) and nethra-vadhanam (a performance by two experts, viz., M.R.Ry. P. Virabhadra Sastri and M.R.Ry. E. Purushottama Sastri, who by means of movements of the eyelids communicated messages given from one to the other). After spending over an hour conversing with the guests and witnessing the entertainments, His Excellency returned to the Collector's bungalow.

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On the morning of Thursday the 16th December, His Excellency motored to the American Evangelical Lutheran Mission Hospital.

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It is thirty-two years since medical work for women by women was commenced in the Northern Circars and the first town to have the services of a woman physician was Guntur.

Dr. A. S. Kugler arrived in Guntur on the 29th November 1883 and commenced work in a small way, first in her own bungalow and then in a rented building in the town. Later, a plot of 18 acres was purchased and the first building—the dispensary—was opened in February 1893. Upon the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, June 17, 1897, the hospital was formally opened but patients were not admitted until December 1898.

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	Dispensary for out-patients ...	10,000	1893
	Jubilee Medical Home	12,500	1895
	Main building and Maternity ward, 60 beds.	57,000	1898
	Puerperal Infectious ward, 4 beds.	1,500	1898
	Infectious ward, 4 beds	1,500	1898
	Zimmerman Hospital Chapel.	7,000	1909
	Hugh Hencken Children's ward, 16 beds.	11,000	1911
	Nurses' Home and Training School.	34,000	1912
	Maternity and surgical block—estimated cost Rs. 30,000—opened in 1915.		

The total cost of the buildings, including kitchens, godowns, septic tanks, etc., has been about Rs. 2,00,000.

The district and taluk boards contributed Rs. 17,000 to the original buildings and the District Board has promised Rs. 10,000 towards the new block, of which amount Rs. 5,000 has been received. About Rs. 8,000 has been received from friends in India and the remainder has been contributed by the Mission. Five years ago it became necessary to demolish the original maternity ward, and the new block stands in its place.

The children's ward and chapel are the gifts of two American ladies.

Although not standing within the hospital compound the Rani Chinnamma Rao Choultry erected at a cost of Rs. 20,000 by M.R.Ry. M. Bhujanga Rao Bahadur of Ellore upon land presented by M.R.Ry. Mallela Rama Krishnayya Garu and Seshagiri Rao Garu of Rayapudi, is really a part of the hospital plant and holds to it something of the relation of a convalescent ward. Since the opening of the hospital in 1898 its upkeep has cost Rs. 2,66,681-12-3 and at present the average yearly cost is about Rs. 20,000.

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More than 50 per cent of the cost of maintenance is met by fees and donations. There is an endowment of Rs. 60,000. No maintenance grant has ever been received from Government. Every effort is being made to interest the people in the maintenance of such benevolent institutions as hospitals.

In the Nurses* Training School connected with the hospital a three years* course in sick-nursing and midwifery is given and since the opening, 41 nurses—27 European and Eurasian and 14 Indian Christian—have passed out with certificates ; 6 compounders have also been trained.

The record as to patients during these years is as follows :—120,602 dispensary patients made 343,585 visits ; in-patients, 12,555 ; office patients 6,935.

In 1915 there were 9,405 dispensary and 1,023 in-patients. Of the in-patients 137 were treated in the children's ward and there were 260 maternity patients treated in the hospital.

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From Guntur the work has been extended into the district and Dr. Mary Baer, who was for some years associated with the work in Guntur, is now in charge of an important branch in Chirala.

For five years the only assistant in the Guntur work has been Miss P. Paru, a very efficient young Indian lady from Cannanore. Miss E. B. Wolf, B.A., M.D., of John Hopkin's Medical School, United States of America, has joined the staff.

The present staff consists of the following :—

Miss A. S. Kugler,	}	...	Physicians.		
M.D., SC.D.,					
„ E. B. Wolf,					
B.A., M.D.,	}		Superintendents of nurses.		
„ P. Paru,					
„ K. Fahs,					
„ R. Hoffman,					
„ S. O'Gilvie,					
„ M. James,	}	...	Graduate nurses.		
„ H.W. Mollan,					
„ E. Bazely,					
„ K. Kamala,	}		Graduate compounder.		
„ A. Ida					
Pupil nurses, 14.					
Pupil compounders, 3.					

The medical plant has just received the gift of a motor from the young people of California and it is proposed to open dispensaries at Tenali and Sattenapalle early in 1916.

The medical work in all its departments is open to women and children without respect to

caste or creed and a large proportion of those cared for are high-class Hindus.

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On arrival His Excellency was received by Dr. A. S. Kugler, the Rev. V. McCauley and Dr. J. Aberly. There was a large gathering of local people assembled in front of the main block of the hospital. After His Excellency had taken his seat the Rev. McCauley offered a prayer and Dr. Aberly read portions of the Scripture. Dr. Kugler then read a statement of the origin and growth of the hospital as given above. She also referred to the fact that the maternity work had considerably developed and that the Hindus formed a large proportion of the patients treated. In conclusion she thanked the gentlemen who had given subscriptions and donations to the hospital and afterwards requested His Excellency to open the new Maternity and Surgical Block. Before doing so, His Excellency spoke as follows:—

" Miss KUGLER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—We
" have all, I am sure, listened with the greatest interest
" to the statement just read in which the development
" of the great work carried on in this hospital has been
" sketched, and I value highly the privilege of being
" associated even in a ceremonial manner with the
" opening of this the latest addition to its buildings
" and equipment. I know of no work more necessary
" and important in this country than the bringing
" of medical assistance within the reach of women and
" children, and I would congratulate most heartily the
" Mission authorities and the staff of this institution on
" the added facilities which this fine building will

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" provide for the exercise of that skill and devotion
" by which so many have already benefited here. I
" am glad to think that the services which this institu-
" tion renders are appreciated by those in whose
" interests it is maintained and I sincerely hope that
" in the future as in the past the claims it has upon
" the generous and well-to-do will not be overlooked.
" On your behalf and my own I would express our
" congratulations to Miss Kugler on the completion of
" this new ward, our admiration for the self-sacrifice
" and sympathy with which for so many years she has
" devoted herself to the services of others, and our
" hopes that this institution may long continue to
" benefit by the skill, the capacity and the generous
" insight with which she has watched and guided its
" progress.

" Miss Kugler limited her remarks to the hospital
" and what has been going on in this compound, but
" we all know that its work is not only famous through-
" out the whole of the Madras Presidency, but through-
" out India. I extremely regret the absence of Her
" Excellency Lady Pentland on this occasion, but I
" may assure you on her behalf that she will be most
" interested to hear of the work of this hospital.

" I wish this hospital success and the members
" of its staff that which they most desire, those ever
" increasing opportunities for usefulness, in meeting
" which I trust that this new building will not disappoint
" expectations."

His Excellency was afterwards conducted
, round the various wards of the hospital which he
inspected with much interest,

From the A.E.L.M. Hospital His Excellency motored to the site of the Municipal Hospital to lay its foundation stone.

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Under a pandal erected on the site the leading townsmen were assembled. His Excellency was on arrival received by M.R.Ry. N. Hanumanta Rao Pantulu Garu, Municipal Chairman, M.R.Ry. G. Ramaswami Ayyar Avargal, Executive Engineer and M.R.Ry. J. Venkataswami Nayudu Garu, District Medical and Sanitary Officer, and conducted to the dais. The Municipal Chairman then read the following statement and requested His Excellency to lay the foundation stone:—

" The proposal to have a new hospital building at Guntur was first made by Surgeon-General Bannerman, when he visited this municipality as Deputy Sanitary Commissioner in 1894. Since then, successive inspecting officers—Medical, Sanitary and Civil—including two of the members of His Excellency's Council, and His Excellency Sir Arthur Lawley, late Governor himself, when he visited this municipality in 1908, have condemned the old hospital building and pointed out the necessity for a new one.

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" But the proposal could not be carried into effect for want of funds. Both the Municipal Council and the District Board were financially poor; the Government were therefore approached for help. But the water-works scheme demanded the prior attention of Government

" Since the opening of, the water-works in 1905, the question of constructing a new hospital building

Dec. 16, " at Guntur was more definitely tackled. The visit of
 " His Excellency Sir Arthur Lawley in 1908 gave a
 GUNTUR. Afresh impetus to the scheme. The selection of a site,
 Municipal " the preparation of plans and estimates, technical
 address. " scrutiny, intermediate correspondence, allotment of
 " funds—all these matters occupied a considerable time,
 " but the work has at last been commenced.

" It would appear that the site of the new hos-
 " pital building was first handed over to the Municipal
 " *Council for a town extension* in 1889. But when the
 " proposal for a new hospital building was made, it was
 " suggested in 1895 by the then Chairman that the hos-
 " pital might be constructed on that site, and it was
 " approved by the officers concerned as suitable.

" The site originally acquired was 6 acres, of
 " which 2 acres 93 cents had to be given over to the
 " Railway authorities in connexion with the Guntur-
 " Tenali-Repalle Railway construction. The remaining
 " space was found insufficient and it was proposed that
 " an additional 15 acres 3 cents should be acquired from
 " Nidadavole estate land. But the estimated cost of
 " acquisition Rs. 60,000 was prohibitive.

" Accordingly only 5 acres 57 cents were acquired
 " so as to bring up the total extent to 8 acres 64 cents.
 " A compensation of Rs. 15,827-13-10 has been
 " awarded, and the site has been handed over to the
 " Public Works Department. The owner of the land
 " not having accepted the award, the matter is referred
 " to the District Court under the Land Acquisition Act.

" The total cost of the building, as finally settled,
 " is Rs. 1,81,790. The Government undertook to bear

" the entire cost of the police ward and of the police
 " isolation ward and one half of the cost of the mortuary.
 " They have also made a free grant of Rs. 80,000
 " towards the construction of the remaining buildings.
 "The District Board has undertaken to contribute
 "Rs. 50,000."

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His Excellency made the following speech
 and then formally laid the foundation stone :—

" GENTLEMEN,—As you have learnt from the state-
 " ment of the Municipal Chairman, 21 years have passed
 " since Surgeon-General Bannerman, then Deputy
 " Sanitary Commissioner, urged the necessity of new
 " hospital buildings for Guntur. Many difficulties have
 " stood in the way of the realization of his wishes, the
 " lack of funds being as in so many cases the most
 " formidable : but they have all been overcome and it
 " must, I feel sure, be a source of great satisfaction to
 " him that the new hospital for which he pleaded so
 " many years ago will become an accomplished fact
 " during his term of office. This has been no small
 " undertaking: it will involve, I believe, an immedi-
 " ate expenditure of nearly two lakhs, but you will agree
 " with me that the money will be well spent. The new
 " buildings, the construction of which I am to inaugurate,
 " will, I feel certain, prove a great boon to the people of
 " this town and not only of this town but, as the
 " District Board has acknowledged by a handsome
 " contribution, to many beyond its limits. We may
 " well congratulate the Municipal Council on the
 " success which has attended their efforts, and share in
 " the satisfaction which it must give to the staff of the

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GUNTUR. " accommodation.

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" On behalf of all present and most heartily I wish

" success to this institution and its staff and I commend

" it to the care and generous interest of the citizens of

" this town."

After laying the foundation stone of the Municipal Hospital, His Excellency proceeded to the Salvation Army Prisoners' Home, where, in the unavoidable absence of Commissioner Booth-Tucker owing to illness, His Excellency was received by Colonel Spooner and conducted to his seat in a shamiana. After His Excellency had taken his seat, Colonel Spooner read the following address on behalf of the inmates of the Industrial Home for Released Prisoners:—

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" On behalf of the inmates of the Industrial Home

" for Released Prisoners at Guntur, we would express

" their gratitude at Your Excellency's keen interest in

" their welfare, as evidenced by the opening of the

" similar Home in Madras for Tamil-speaking prisoners,

" and now by your visit to this institution for Telugus.

" We are sure that Your Excellency's presence here

" to-day will greatly encourage the inmates in their

" efforts to reform, and will thereby greatly facilitate the

" task we have in hand.

" Some years ago we pointed out to Government
" that Homes for released prisoners, as at present
" constituted, were a complete failure all over the world,

"and could not anywhere claim results commensurate
"with their cost. The Salvation Army has probably
"had more experience of such than any other organi-
"zation in the world, having worked them in about
"fifty countries and colonies for about a quarter of a
"century, and being regarded as the most successful in
"dealing with this class. Our experience has been the
"same as that of others, only perhaps in a somewhat
"less degree.

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"We pointed out that the cause for this was evident.
"The released prisoner was a hopeless prey to his
"circumstances and evil surroundings. It was like
"turning a man out of hospital whose leg had been
"broken, taking off the splints, and then telling him to
"walk and run, as if he had never had anything the
"matter with him. It was worse ! It was like sending
"him into the trenches to fight the Germans. What
"wonder if the Huns who surrounded him had very
"little difficulty in pushing him over and driving their
"bayonets into him !

"The remedy for this was to compel him to spend
"the latter part of his sentence in a kind of Conva-
"lescent Home, where he would be able to gradually
"exercise his weakened will power and lose the criminal
"taint which made re-employment and restoration so
"difficult.

"Government accepted the principle. Our first
"Home of this character was opened in Lahore. The
"second Your Excellency will remember opening in
"Madras. The third is here in Guntur. A fourth was
"opened last week by His Excellency Lord Willingdon
"in Bombay.

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" These Homes have more than answered our expectations regarding them. The Jail Superintendents and the Police tell us that it is rarely that those who are thus treated relapse into crime, or become habituals. There is no need for them to do so. We follow them up and are able to see that they get honest and sufficient employment and that they are no longer preyed upon by their former evil companions, or by their employer in crime,—by that dark and mysterious demon, who so successfully escapes the meshes of the law,—by the Indian Kaiser of crime, who employs the habitual as his submarine of crime, and makes the habitual do what he usually dare not do himself. When his clients have been set free from his meshes, he will find the ground cut from under his feet, and will have to employ his genius in other and more honourable ways than in crushing Yerikula Belgians and Dongawadda Servians !

" This institution represents, we believe, the ultimate solution of the Habitual problem, which is even more dangerous and difficult than that of the criminal tribes. The same is the experience all over Europe and the civilized world, where the habitual is, as Your Excellency knows, the bugbear and pest of society, and the despair of Magistrates, Police and Governments. And no wonder! It is the natural consequence of the ordinary treatment of the released prisoner. Statistics serve to show- that thus treated, ' Once a criminal always a criminal.' It is so easy to ascribe to the released criminal thus treated all the crimes that are committed in his neighbourhood. He knows it, and after one or two feeble and futile efforts at

"reform, he quickly abandons himself to despair and
 "resolves to make society pay dearly for the injustice
 " of which he is the subject. Can we wonder? What
 " would be our own feelings under similar circum-
 " stances? Let us imagine furthermore that his first
 " conviction was possibly an unjust one as may happen
 " in any country. How sad, how desolate, how hopeless
 " is the lot of many an Indian prisoner, when serving
 " *his first* sentence, how increasingly terrible when his
 " convictions begin to multiply behind him, and his
 "thumb impressions make it impossible for him to
 " deny the record, or to conceal the past!

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**Salvation
 Army
 Prisoners'
 Home's
 address.**

" Your Excellency, your hand has been among
 "the first to break these unnecessary chains, and not
 " content with merely giving the released prisoner the
 " customary good advice, you have furnished him with
 " the protection, without which reformation will be
 " humanly speaking impossible.

" In doing so, is it too much to hope that the
 " prisoners of the whole civilised world are about to
 " reap the benefit of the new policy which Your Excel-
 " lency's Government has inaugurated !

" Crime must be discovered and punished. We
 " believe firmly in this. A Government that is too
 " merciful to punish is not fit to exist. Law without
 "punishment, as the lawyers say, is merely good
 "advice.

" But we firmly believe that if the new principle
 " now introduced is generally adopted and applied to
 " all released prisoners, it will *cut crime in half* and
 " rob the jails of their inflowing and increasing tide
 " of hardened and expert habituals.

Dec. 16, " Again thanking Your Excellency for the interest
1915. "you have taken in the solution of this burning problem
GUNTUR. " of society."

In replying to the address His Excellency made the following speech :—

His Ex- " COLONEL SPOONER AND GENTLEMEN,—I am
cellency's " indeed glad to have this opportunity of meeting you
reply. " and of acquiring in person some knowledge of your
" work and of the problems and difficulties which you
" are so earnestly trying to solve and overcome. My
" one regret is that indisposition has prevented my
" friend Commissioner Booth-Tucker from being
" present here today, and I sincerely hope that he will
" soon be restored to complete health and enabled to
" resume in full vigour those disinterested labours which
" have won for him so much esteem.

" The eloquent manner in which you have pleaded
" the cause of those in whose interests this Home has
" been established will, I feel certain, make a strong
" appeal not only to those here present but also to that
" large body of thinking men to whom the whole
" question of the penalties imposed by the criminal
" law and the principles by which their administration
" should be regulated presents a most complex and
" difficult problem. With that problem I do not now
" propose to deal. You acknowledge, and wisely in
" my opinion, the right of the community at large to
" protect itself against the evil-doer, and even when
" the penalty is paid in full, that same right denies the
" crime full absolution and oblivion in the absence of
" some guarantee that the reformation of the criminal
" has also been secured.

" Not the least important object of these Homes
" therefore is to provide that guarantee, and I regard
" the experiment which is here being carried on as of
" the utmost importance. We owe a debt of gratitude.
" to the Salvation Army for the large-hearted sympathy
" and the enthusiasm with which it has undertaken this
" work. Disappointments and failures will no doubt
" occur from time to time, but I feel sure that you will
" not allow them to dishearten you. The work done
" here must be judged not by its failures but by
" its successes, and we may well hope that with in-
" creased knowledge leading constantly to improved
" methods this Home will in course of time amply repay
" the solicitous care expended upon it, fulfil the reasons
" of its existence and justify an undertaking in which
" Government have been glad to co-operate. They
" have, with this object, recently taken measures to
" make the existence of this Home more widely known
" to all judges and magistrates in this Presidency and
" to ensure that the selection of its inmates is conducted
" on proper lines. To the staff I wish success and
" desire to express my cordial appreciation of their
" labours. I trust that they will continue to find those
" committed to their charge responsive to the elevating
" influences which this Home is intended to provide."

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cellency's
reply.

His Excellency was then taken round the Prisoners' Home by Colonel Spooner, Brigadier Tulley and Major Jnanadhikam. There were 169 inmates at the time of His Excellency's inspection. The inmates are taught carpentry and weaving and some are employed on road-making and each inmate earns on an average As. 4 a day.

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Revenue
Officers'
Confer-
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Engliish
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From the Prisoners' Home His Excellency-motored to the Collector's bungalow.

At II A.M. His Excellency held an informal conference with the Revenue Officers of the district at the Collector's office.

In the afternoon at 4-30 P.M. His Excellency visited the Local English Club.

On the morning of Friday the 17th December, His Excellency visited the local educational institutions. He first motored to the A.E.L.M. College.

A school conducted by the A.E.L. Mission in Guntur was in existence as early as 1853 and it met with a fair measure of success up to the year 1862, when financial stress caused by the American Civil War led to its being closed. In 1873, measures were taken to re-open the English school and in January 1874 the Rev. L. L. Uhl, now Principal Emeritus of the College, was appointed Principal. Considerable difficulty arose over the admission of non-caste boys to the school; but by the end of the year 85 boys were on the rolls, of whom 23 belonged to no caste.

In 1881, two branch schools were opened and in 1883 the number of pupils in the High School and its branches was 230.

On Dr. Uhl's return to America on furlough in 1885, Dr. L. B. Wolf became Principal. It was in September of this year that the school was affiliated to the University of Madras and made a second-grade college under the rules of the

University. The first college class was opened Dec. 17, 1915.

Through the energetic efforts of Dr. Uhl while in America, and the generous gifts of Messrs. Watts of Baltimore, and of other good friends in the United States of America came the Arthur G. Watt Memorial, the present college structure, first occupied by the college in October 1893.

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College.

From this time on to the year 1907, when Dr. Wolf left the field, the College grew rapidly in numbers and in influence. Dr. Uhl then took up the work and continued it until April 1913, when the present Principal, Rev. J. Roy Strock, took charge.

The College aims at giving the highest type of Christian education, and teachers and preachers required in connexion with the educational and evangelistic work of the Mission are trained within its walls.

The College is under the immediate control of the College Council, which consists of the Principal Emeritus, the Principal, a European member of the staff, an Indian member nominated annually by the College Old Boys' Association, the Principal of the Sylvanus Stall Girls' High School, and two missionaries not connected with the college. The College Council is responsible to the Guntur Mission Conference and through it, to the Home Board in America.

The staff at present numbers 71, of whom 11 belong to the College department, 17 to the High School department, 16 to the Lower Secondary

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department, and 27 to the four branch schools which, though situated in different parts of Guntur, are a part of the institution in the eyes of the Educational Department and of the Mission. The staff consists of 15 Christians, 52 Hindus and 4 Muhammadans.

Administration is in the hands of the Principal, who is assisted by Mrs. J. Roy Strock, Ph.B., Trained, as Personal Assistant, M.R.Ry. M. R. Sundaresa Ayyar Avargal, B.A., L.T., as Headmaster of the Secondary department, and by Mrs. J. Aberly as Manager of one of the branch schools. There are also committees of management for the different departments consisting of lecturers and masters.

The pupil strength of the whole institution is 1,512, distributed as follows : College department, 233; High School department, 379; Lower Secondary department, 354; Police Lines branch, 171; Ramachandrapuram Agraharam branch, 127. Lalapetbranch, " 2 ; and Arundelpet branch, 136] Thus there are 966 students in the main building while 546 are reading in the branch schools. Of the 1,512 pupils, 288 are Christians, 1,089 Hindus and 135 Muhammadans. The majority of the pupils belong to the Guntur district.

/ The College is affiliated in Groups I and III, the optional subjects being Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Ancient History, Modern History, Logic, Telugu, Sanskrit and Urdu. In the High School, the following optional subjects are offered tinder Group C of the Secondary School-Leaving

Certificate course :—Algebra and Geometry, Dec, 17,
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Sanskrit, Urdu, Persian, Commercial Correspondence and Geography, Commercial Arithmetic, GUNTUR.
and Book-keeping, and Shorthand and Type-writing. A.E.L.M.
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The total expenditure during the past year was Rs. 56,636-9-5, while the receipts were Rs. 43,967-9 0. Of the latter amount, Rs. 4,645 was received as Government grant towards the cost of buildings, library, furniture and apparatus, while a sum of Rs. 3,469 was received as teaching grant. The expenditure has rapidly increased in recent years owing to the improvements made in staff and equipment.

Daily chapel services are held for all classes, and Scripture lessons combined with moral instruction are given in all classes, attendance being compulsory. There is also a College Sunday School, but attendance is purely voluntary.

Great attention is paid to athletics and interest in them is stimulated by tournaments and trophy cups. Literary and other societies provide for all tastes and the College Young Men's Christian Association and the Old Boys' Association play an important part in the social life of the College.

There is also a students' senate, the aims of which are to secure co-operation among the students and a sympathetic understanding between them and administration.

Two hostels, one for Hindus and one for Christians, are maintained by the College.

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Unfortunately neither building belongs to the college. Plans for a hostel building to accommodate 85 students are now before Government with a request for grant. The future extension of the College contemplates the erection of not fewer than four hostel buildings.

Both for hostels and play-grounds, an additional site is required.

During recent years the following building operations have been carried on in connexion with the Watts Memorial Building :—(i) the erection of an annex for the accommodation of five divisions of the lower forms ; (2) the addition of a second story to the eastern wing of the main building; (3) the erection of temporary sheds for use during building operations (but still in use) ; (4) the installation of a gas and water system for the laboratories ; and (5) the erection of a second story on the west wing of the main building.

It is the hope of the administration eventually to provide a first-grade college of the highest efficiency.

The Mission also maintains a Theological seminary, a Training school for masters with a model school attached to it, a higher grade elementary school and four lower grade elementary Schools.

On arrival His Excellency was received by the Rev. J. Roy Strock, Principal, and the Rev. Dr. L. L. Uhl, Principal Emeritus, and conducted round the classes at work. After inspection of the classes, His Excellency was taken to the main hall upstairs, where the members of College Council

were introduced to His Excellency. Here the staff and students were assembled. The Principal thanked His Excellency for his kind visit and His Excellency made a short speech as follows:—

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cellency's
speech.

" It has been a great pleasure to me to have this
" opportunity of seeing the college and schools attached
" to it, which are doing such excellent work in this part
" of the Presidency. The large assembly which I see
" before me shows how warm the support is which these
" institutions receive from the town here and from the
" neighbourhood in this district which sends all these
" pupils. My reflection is—this is not the work of
" a day. The College has, I believe, been in existence
" for thirty years nearly, and the beginnings of the
" school date back some thirty or more years before
" that. What we see before us today is the result of
" many years of unselfish and devoted endeavour, for
" which none of us can be too grateful, least of all the
" students and scholars whom I see before me. I feel
" sure that when they go out into the world, they will
" remember the work which has been done at this
" college and schools, and the inestimable benefits
" which they themselves have received from them, and
" they will turn frequently as the years go on with
" gratitude to the memories of the days they have
" spent here and to the men and women who have
" guided their instruction. I hope that this may be so,
" and that, as time goes on, there may be an increasing
" body of loyal and grateful support, which will show
" in a practical way gratitude for benefits received here.
" As the representative of the Government of the
" Presidency, I wish to add how much the work which

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 1915. " institution fills in the educational work which is
 GUNTUR. " being done for this Presidency. I offer my heartiest
 " good wishes to the authorities."

Town
 High
 School.

From the A.E.L.M. College His Excellency motored to the Town High School.

The Town High School, Guntur, was originally a Government Anglo-Vernacular Middle School, started some time before 1870. The hall downstairs with tiled roofing was all the accommodation it then had, which was partly built by private contribution and partly at the public expense. The school gradually rose to a high school in 1882 and the Government having ceased to maintain it the Municipality took up the management in 1886, and after a couple of years transferred it in 1888 to a private body of the citizens of Guntur, who had formed themselves into a committee known as the Sanskrit School Committee and were managing a middle school of their own. Since then the committee has been managing the institution with some success in spite of several reverses it had, the chief of which was that it lost all it had in the late unfortunate Arbuthnot crash in 1907. Since then without any funded capital to fall back upon, it has been meeting all its needs by private contributions. Recently, Mr. Tunukuntla Sambayya, a Vaisya sowcar, made a generous gift of about Rs. 10,000 in the shape of bond-debts and the committee wishes that a few more benevolently disposed gentlemen would follow his example and place the institution on

a sounder basis. The accommodation was from time to time extended at the committee's cost to meet the growing demand till two years ago, when the building was reconstructed and extended at a cost of Rs. 17,000 and further extensions to the extent of Rs. 10,000 are now in progress. The Government were pleased to sanction half grants for which the committee is deeply indebted to His Excellency's Government, and a further grant of Rs. 1,500 is awaiting sanction. The school is now 951 strong with an efficient staff of teachers consisting of an Headmaster, an M.A., L.T., and four B.A., L.T.'s, in Science, History and Mathematics, besides several other qualified assistants at a cost of about Rs. 20,000 a year. The school owns a library, furniture and science apparatus of about Rs. 20,000. The committee cherishes an ambition to raise its efficiency further so as to make it a model school, provided the funds permit. It is at present in great need of a larger play-ground and a hostel.

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S. c. h. o. o. l.

On arrival His Excellency was received by Mr. N. S. Venkatarama Ayyar, Headmaster, and conducted round the classes at work. Mr. V. R. Venkatarama Ayyar, Inspector of Schools, and Mr. K. Venkatappayya and other members of the Managing Committee were also present. After the inspection of the classes His Excellency was taken to the main hall where the staff and students were assembled. Some of the pupils sang Sanskrit and Telugu verses welcoming His

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Town
High
School.

Excellency and wishing success to the British Arms. His Excellency then spoke a few words expressing his appreciation of the work done in the school and announced an annual gift to the school of Rs. 50 given by Mr. J. Venkataratnam, a local pleader, in commemoration of His Excellency's visit.

A.E.L.M.
Girls'
School.

The A.E.L.M. Sylvanus Stall Girls¹ School was next visited.

Some time before 1870 a girls' boarding school had been opened, but was closed during 1871-72 for want of some one to look after it.

In 1873 the present girls' school was opened with two pupils and having no dormitory or hostel, the girls were boarded out in families.

In 1883 there was an enrolment of 49 pupils and classes up to sixth standard. About 1885 the school was moved into the present dormitory compound. The quarters then consisted of one small building which was used for both school and dormitory purposes- Later a second small building was erected.

In 1893 there were 83 pupils and a seventh standard class. The same year the present large dormitory was opened and used for school and, dormitory.

In 1907 the Secondary department was opened with 19 pupils in the fourth class. In 1912 the Sylvanus Stall building was occupied and is used only for school work. In 1914 the secondary school was recognized as a complete secondary school with the sixth form.

A Training department was established very-early in the history of the school.

At present the school has four departments, the High school, the Higher Elementary, the Training and the Model schools and an enrolment of 324 pupils. Of these 221 are in hostels in the compound and 9 in a hostel for families just west of the school.

The Telugu side of the school is overcrowded and the hostel accommodation is quite inadequate to meet the present needs.

There is a staff of 22 teachers, of whom 18 are women, 4 European and Anglo-Indian, 1 a B.A., L.T., and 5 Secondary trained.

On arrival, His Excellency was received by Miss M. C. Knauss, Principal, who introduced the senior staff of the school to His Excellency and then took him round the classes. The girls sang the National Anthem and a girl of the senior class recited a poem welcoming His Excellency and expressing their loyalty to the King-Emperor. His Excellency then spoke as follows :—

" LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AND GIRLS OF THE
 " SYLVAN us STALL GIRLS' SCHOOL,—I am myself no
 " poet and I think you will agree with me that mere
 " prose affords a very inadequate means of acknow-
 " ledging a welcome so charmingly expressed and of
 " conveying my appreciation of sentiments and aspira-
 " tions, which we all, I know, most cordially endorse.
 " It is a great pleasure to me to visit this school and to
 " see in so many bright faces evidence of the affection-
 " ate care so abundantly bestowed upon its students,

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Girls'
School.

His
Excellency's
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Dec. 17, 1915. " My only regret is that it has not been possible for
GUNTUR. " Her Excellency to be present here today and to
His " witness a scene in which she would have taken the
Excel- " keenest delight. I wish you all—the staff and the
lency's " girls—happiness, prosperity and success, and I trust
speech. " that Miss Knauss will enable me to atone for my
 " poetical deficiencies by declaring a holiday in recogni-
 " tion of this happy occasion."

Before leaving, Dr. Aberly introduced to His Excellency a number of American Missionaries who were assembled there.

His Excellency and party then returned to the Collector's bungalow.

Departure. Guntur was finally left at 11-30 A.M. by motor for Tenali, which was reached at 1 P.M.
TENALI
Arrival. At Tenali Railway station His Excellency was met by J. M. Husain Khan Sahib Bahadur, Deputy Collector, and M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib C. Bhaktavatsaludu Nayudu, Municipal Chairman, and the Collector introduced to His Excellency M.R.Ry. Appanna Ramachandra Rao, a local merchant, who fed over 4,000 poor in honour of His Excellency's visit.

BAPATLA
Arrival. From Tenali His Excellency and party travelled by special train to Bapatla which was reached at 2-30 P.M. Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks, the Collector, Mr. H. Dawson, District Superintendent of Police, and Mr. J. Beckett, Assistant Superintendent of Police, travelled in the same train. Mr. H. R. G. Hasted, Superintendent, Government Railway Police, and Mr. O. S. M. Sarkies, Assistant Traffic Superintendent, were in charge of the train.

At Bapatla railway station, His Excellency was met by M.R.Ry. R, Chenchuramayya Garu, Union Chairman. At 3 P.M. His Excellency motored to the Stuartpuram Salvation Army Criminal Settlement for Yerukalas. On the way His Excellency visited the Leper Asylum maintained by Mr. W. Powell. After inspecting it His Excellency proceeded to the Yerukala Settlement where he was received by Colonel Spooner who showed him the various kinds of ropes, pottery, baskets, mats, etc., made by the settlers and English and Indian vegetables cultivated at the Settlement. Colonel Spooner in the absence of Commissioner Booth-Tucker then presented His Excellency with the following address of welcome:—

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BAPATLA.
Leper
Asylum.

" It is with sincere pleasure that we welcome you
" to this settlement. We earnestly hope and pray that
" Your Excellency's visit may mark a new era in the
" lives, not only of those who are here gathered to meet
" you, but of the large community whom they represent.

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Army
Criminal
Settle-
ment's
address.

" It is scarcely seven years since we opened our
" first settlement in India, and less than three since
" we started work in this Presidency. Our present
" figures show that we have now 34 settlements with
" a total population of more than 7,000 souls distributed as follows :—

- " 2,000 in the United Provinces,
- " 1,200 in the Punjab,
- " 600 in Bihar and Orissa,
- " too in Bengal,

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"while in the Madras Presidency we are dealing 'with
" about 3,000 men, women and children.

" Indeed so admirable have been the arrangements
" of the Madras district authorities and the police for
" bringing them in, that we have been somewhat embar-
" rassed with the rain of riches. To others they may
" hardly appear in the light of riches, but to us, each
" one bears the image and superscription of the Divine
" Mint, and we believe that in the furnace of discipline
" and the mould of love, new coins can be turned out
" which will pass current not only on earth but *in*
" Heaven.

" The old pillar-to-post policy, which only aggra-
" vated the evil, is now replaced by the humane and
" statesmanlike policy of recognizing that a man, how-
" ever degraded, is still a man, and is the most wonder-
" ful piece of God's handiwork and machinery in the
" world Because boilers have a liability to burst, we
" do not scrap our engines and cast them on the dust
" heap of an adjoining district. We pass regulations,
" appoint boiler inspectors, minimize explosions and
" utilize for the purpose of industry and agriculture the
" enormous forces which they place at our disposal,
" instead of allowing them to run to waste.

' May we not therefore see in these settlements
" the dawn of a new hope for these children of crime,
" who are often more sinned against than sinning ?

" This particular settlement has been named
" after Sir Harold Stuart, to whom all our Madras
" settlements owe such a debt of gratitude for the keen
" and practical interest he has taken in the welfare and
" reformation of these tribes. Others have exhorted
" them to forsake their evil ways, but Your Excellency

" will know that there is much truth in the saying
" that -

' Empty-handed good advice,
Is like curry without rice.'

" The settlers of Stuartpuram cannot complain
" that they have been so treated. The only condition
" asked of them is that they should be willing to work.
" We have a saying that those who are willing to work
" are worthy to be helped. Stuartpuram is a place
" not for shirkers, but for workers. In the adjoining
" settlements of Guntur and Bezwada we have sieves
" through which the raw material can be passed and
" tested, and those who respond to the treatment can
" find their Cannan in Stuartpuram.

" May we not hope that a wise and paternal
" Government is laying the foundation of what will be
" a future bulwark of the Indian Empire and is
" transforming those who have hitherto been the
" enemies of law into its future ornaments and guardians.
" The criminal taint will ere long be wiped out and the
" bad sad past will be looked back upon as a dream
" that has vanished like the morning dew."

His Excellency replied to the address as follows :—

" COLONEL SPOONER AND GENTLEMEN,—One of
" the great difficulties which has always hampered the
" work of the police in this country lies in the fact
" that that division of labour which is at any rate one
" of the causes, which have led to the development
" and perpetuation of the caste system, has by a
" singular perversion extended even to criminal
" pursuits. It is perhaps not peculiar to this country,

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- Dec. 17. 1915.** " but nowhere else I imagine has the dedication—if I
BAPATLA. " may so term it—of sections of the community united
His Excellency's " by ties of consanguinity and of evil tradition to a
reply. " life of crime, been accepted to the same remarkable
" extent as a normal feature of the social structure.
" Its more dangerous and more highly organized
" manifestations such as Thuggism have been, as was
" necessary, drastically suppressed, but the attempt to
" deal with those criminal tribes which, though their
" depredations seldom imply risk to life as well as to
" property, by their elusiveness and their ubiquity form
" a constant source of apprehension and annoyance to
" the peaceful villagers upon whom they prey, has
" hitherto met with but scanty success. This has been
" due not to any neglect or indifference on the part of
" Government: for as a matter of fact it has indeed
" long been recognized by legislative enactment that it
" is incumbent upon the State to attempt to reclaim
" these unfortunates, to win them over from their
" inherited tendencies and to give them an opportunity
" to take at last their position in the body politic as
" law-abiding and useful citizens. The task of refor-
" mation is however beset with difficulties and it has
" not been easy to find an agency to which it might
" suitably be entrusted. To the Salvation Army which
" hap so generously placed its experience and the
" devotion and capacity of its officers at the disposal
" of Government we have therefore good reason to be
" most grateful. I would also most cordially associate
" myself in the tribute which you, gentlemen, have
" paid to the broad-minded and sympathetic manner
" in which my colleague Sir Harold Stuart has so

"successfully laboured to find a practical solution of this most complicated problem. These settlements are yet young but the results already obtained are most encouraging and I feel certain that they will yet completely justify the courage and the confidence with which the problem has been approached.

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"Gentlemen, you have my sincerest sympathy and good wishes in the task you have undertaken and I share your hopes that these settlements will mark the opening of a new era of usefulness and of ordered life for those to whom you minister."

His Excellency afterwards inspected the Settlement with much interest in company with Captain Robilliard, who is in charge of the Settlement. There were 909 inmates in the Settlement at the time of His Excellency's visit.

From the Stuartpuram Settlement, His Excellency proceeded to the American Baptist Mission Yanadi Settlement, where he was received by the Rev. A. H. and Mrs. Curtis and taken round the Settlement.

**A.B.M.
Yanadi
Settle-
ment.**

Rev. G. N. Thomssen, who has been a missionary of the American Baptist Telugu Mission since 1881, became specially interested in the Yanadis some years ago. Some time prior to 1906 he brought some Yanadi families to Bapatla and gave them a place to live on property belonging to the Mission. But while this brought them more directly under Christian influence, they were not provided with regular work, so did not altogether abstain from their former practice of thieving. While Mr. Thomssen was absent from

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ment.

India, some time between 1906 and 1908, the Yanadis whom he had gathered together went away. So when he returned in 1908 he again made an effort to accomplish something for them with the result that he soon had ten families living near the Mission compound.

He tried to get the public of Bapatla interested in the work of elevating the condition of the Yanadi people, but they took no interest in it, believing that it could not be done. Then he brought it to the attention of the Bapatla Co-operative Association and they expressed a willingness to take it up as a part of the work of the Association, and applied to Government for help in establishing the Settlement. But Government decided that such an association was not well adapted to the execution of a scheme of this nature, so were not prepared to accept the proposals made by them. Then Mr. Thomssen arranged that it should be carried on as a part of the work of the Bapatla Baptist Church, and a regular committee of the church, known as the Church Panchayat, of which the missionary is president, assumed the management of it. This has met with the approval of Government, with the result that a voluntary settlement for Yanadi families of known criminal propensities, has been established.

The Government sanctioned an initial grant of Rs. 5,000 for opening the Settlement, on the understanding that there should be not less than fifty families, and as many more as funds would

permit. A monthly recurring grant of Rs. 50 was also sanctioned for the cost of supervision.

The Settlement is located on the site of the old ruined village of Amadalapalli Kota, and it is still possible to see where the old Fort once stood. A tope of palmyra trees surrounds the Settlement and the 72 acres of land, on which it stands, is expected very soon to be formally granted by Government. In a central position and on high land stands the school house where about forty children are being taught by two well qualified teachers.

In the middle of the Settlement there is also a garden, where a number of fruit trees, such as plantain, mango, lime and jack-fruit have been planted.

There are at present 55 families in the Settlement. Each family, in coming to the Settlement, is given four palmyra trees and sufficient leaves to build a house and ten cents of land on which to build it. Many of them have cultivated the land about their houses, planting ragi or ground-nuts, and to those who have done so satisfactorily has been given additional land to plant. The soil is sandy but excellent for cultivation.

A short distance from the Settlement is the Romperu swamp, and Government has promised to give 150 acres of this to the Settlement so that each family can have a piece for wet cultivation. Originally, Government ordered that 1,500 acres should be granted to the Settlement, but has now decided that 150 acres will be sufficient

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Dec. 17, for the present. It is expected that this will be handed over before the next planting season.

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merit.

Rope-making is being taught to some of the people, a rope-making machine having been purchased. And with a well qualified maistri to supervise their work, several have learned to make excellent rope.

Near the road is the " Stores " building. This was opened by Sir Harold Stuart and has been named in his honour. One room of the building is occupied by a merchant of the town, who, under strict rules, keeps for sale such grains and other foodstuffs as would be required by the settlers. This arrangement is made so that they will not be under the necessity of going daily to the village bazar. Other parts of the building are used in connexion with the rope work and for storing goods.

The Settlement is visited at regular intervals by the Assistant Superintendent of Police, who reports to the Inspector-General of Police regarding the condition in which he finds it. Two police constables are at the Settlement every night, together with the two watchers appointed by the management.

The people had difficulty, for some time, in regard to their support. But now they are able to get plenty of work, sometimes being employed in connexion with the repairing of roads, and at other times, doing cooly work for villagers where they can work in gangs. Some are also getting an income from fishing at the canal. Their

gardens have also proved a source of revenue to them, and the people of the town have been glad to buy the vegetables that they have raised.

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His Excellency afterwards returned to the Railway station and left Bapatla at 7 P.M. by special train for Nellore.

Departure.

Mr. Marjoribanks, the Collector, and Mr. Dawson, District Superintendent of Police, took leave of His Excellency at the station.

APPENDIX (GUNTUR,.)

LIST OF PERSONS PRESENTED TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

WEDNES-
DAY.
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7-30 A.M.

TENALI RAILWAY STATION.

- Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks, I.C.S., Collector of Guntur.
Mr. H. Dawson, District Superintendent of Police.
J. M. Husain Khan Sahib Bahadur, Deputy
Collector, Tenali.
Mr. J. Beckett, Assistant Superintendent of Police,
Ongole.
M.R.Ry. L. Narayana Ayyar Avargal, Principal
District Munsif.
„ P. Rajagopala Achariyar Avargal, Additional
District Munsif.
„ R. V. Chalapati Rao Pantulu Garu, Tahsildar,
Tenali.
„ B. H. Suryanarayana Rao Pantulu Garu,
Stationary Sub-Magistrate.
„ Rao Sahib C. Bhaktavatsaludu Nayudu Garu,
Chairman, Municipal Council.
Mr. H. Macleod, Railway Executive Engineer.
M.R.Ry. P. Anjaneyulu Pantulu Garu, Vice-Chair-
man, Tenali Municipal Council.
„ Diwan Bahadur G. Venkataramayya Pantulu
Garu, Retired Revenue Survey Officer,

TENALI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

WEDNES-
DAY.

M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib C. Bhaktavatsaludu Nayudu Gam,
Chairman.

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„ K. Tirumalaiswami Ayyar Avargal.

„ U. Venkatappayya Garu.

„ K. Kotayya Garu.

„ K. Suryanarayana Garu.

„ G. Pattayya Garu.

Shaikh Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.

GUNTUR COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

9-15 A.M.

Mr. J. C. Fernandez, District Judge.

M.R.Ry. G. Ramaswami Ayyar Avargal, Executive
Engineer, Guntur Division.

„ M. Panchapakesa Ayyar Avargal, District
Forest Officer.

„ J. Venkataswami Nayudu Garu, District
Medical and Sanitary Officer.

„ A. Sambamurti Ayyar Avargal, Temporary
Subordinate Judge.

„ S. Ranganatha Mudaliyar Avargal, Addi-
tional Subordinate Judge.

„ J. Ramayya Pantulu Garu, Personal Assistant
to the Collector.

„ S. V. Narasimha Achariyar Avargal, Treas-
ury Deputy Collector.

„ V. Parabrahma Sastri Garu, Deputy Collector,
Narasaraopet.

„ P. Kumararazu Pantulu Garu, Deputy
Collector, Ongole.

Janab Moulvi Muhammad Habib-ul-lah Khan Sahib
Bahadur, Deputy Collector, Guntur,

- WEDNES- M.R.Ry. N. HanumantaRao Pantulu Garu, Chairman,
DAY, Guntur Municipal Council.
- Dec. 15, „ P. V. Srinivasa Rao Pantulu Garu, Vice-
1915. President, District Board.
- 9-15 A.M. „ Rao Sahib K. M. Krishna Rao Pantulu Garu,
Government Pleader and Public Prosecutor.
- „ Rao Bahadur C. V. Subrahmanya Sastri Garu,
President, Tenali Taluk Board.
- „ G. Vasudeva Sastri Garu, President, Guntur
Taluk Board.
- „ V. Desika Achariyar Avargal, Superintendent
of Post Offices.
- Mr. R. P. Gill, Merchant.
- Rev. Dr. Uhl, American Evangelical Lutheran Mission.
- Mr. J. J. Jardine, Bank of Madras.
- Mr. J. C. Pearce, Director, Indian Leaf Tobacco
Development Syndicate, Limited.
- M.R.Ry. K. Venkatappayya Pantulu Garu.
- „ K. Kotilingam Garu.
- „ G. V. Srinivasa Rao Garu.
- „ S. Ponnuranga Mudaiiyar Avargal, Deputy
Superintendent of Police.
- Mir Riaz-ud-din Sahib Bahadur, Assistant Commis-
sioner of Salt.
- Mr. J. B. Lutman, Executive Engineer, Kistna
Western Division.
- Rev. Dr. Aberly, President, American Evangelical
Lutheran Mission.
- M.R.Ry. S. V. Subba Rao Pantulu Garu, Principal
District Munsif.
- P. C. Nagaraja Ayyar Avargal, District
Munsif-

- M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur V. R. Venkatarama Ayyar
 Avargal, Inspector of Schools, II Circle. **WEDNES-**
DAY.
 „ M. Narayana Rao Pantulu Garu, District **Dec. 15,**
 Registrar of Assurances. **1915.**
9-15 A.M
 V. Gopala Ayyar Avargal, District Board
 Engineer.

GUNTUR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

M.R.Ry. N. Hanumanta Rao Garu, Chairman.

„ G. Subrahmanyam Garu.

„ P. Ethirajulu Nayudu Garu.

Rustum Khan Sahib Bahadur.

M. Muhammad Husain Sahib Bahadur.

M.R.Ry. P. Lakshmayya Pantulu Garu.

„ M. Bhavanarayana Garu.

„ G. Krishnayya Garu.

„ R. Basavayya Garu.

„ S. Jagannadham Garu.

„ Ch. Basavayya Garu.

„ T. Prasada Rao Pantulu Garu.

NARASARAOPET MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

M.R.Ry. N. Parabrahma Sastri Garu, Chairman.

„ R. Krishnamurti Garu, Vice-Chairman.

„ P. Narasinga Rao Pantulu Garu.

„ K. Hanumayya Garu.

Rev. Mr. M. E. Thomas.

M.R.Ry. Malrazu Venkata Narasimha Rao Bahadur
 Garu.

GUNTUR DISTRICT BOARD.

M.R.Ry. P. V. Srinivasa Rao Pantulu Garu, Vice-
 President.

K. Manikya Rao Pantulu Garu.

WEDNES- M.R.Ry. L. Varada Raghavayya Chetti Gam.
 DAY. „ B. Rami Reddi Garu.
 Dec. 15, „ P. Ananta Sitarama Sastri Garu.
 1915. „ Rai Bahadur J. Lakshmayya Nayudu Garu.
 9-15 A.M. „ M. Subba Rao Pantulu Garu.
 „ R. Jagannatha Rao Pantulu Garu.
 „ V. Kotilingam Chetti Garu.
 Muhammad Khaja Sahib Bahadur.
 Rev. Father J. Vander Westerlaken.
 M.R.Ry. P. V. Somayajulu Pantulu Garu.
 „ K. Punneya Garu.

ANJUMAN-ISLAMIAH.

Habib-ul-lah Khan Sahib Bahadur, President.
 Abdul Rahiman Beg Sahib Bahadur, Vice-President.
 Shaikh Nur-ud-din Sahib Bahadur, Vice-President.
 T. S. Muhammad Husain Sahib Bahadur.
 Muhammad Saiyid-ud-din Sahib Bahadur.

GUNTUR DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

M.R.Ry. K. Venkatappayya Garu.
 „ Tadepalli Anjaneya Sastri Garu.
 „ C. Venkatadri Pantulu Garu.
 „ B. Subrahmanyam Garu.
 „ B. L. Narayana Rao Pantulu Garu.
 „ S. Ramaswami Gupta Garu.

11 A.M.

INTERVIEWS.

Rev. Dr. Aberly, Rev. Dr. Uhl and Rev. J. R. Strock.
 M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib K. M. Krishna Rao Pantulu Garu,
 Government Pleader.
 P. V. Srinivasa Rao Pantulu Garu, B.A., B.L.,
 Vice-President of the District Board.

- M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur C. V. Subrahmanya Sastri
Garu, President of the Tenali Taluk
Board.
- „ Chimkurti Kumaraswami Garu, B.A., Guntur
Chamber of Commerce.

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TOWN HALL SITE.

4-30 P.M.

- M.R.Ry. P. V. Srinivasa Rao Pantulu Garu, Honorary
Secretary.
- „ Rao Sahib K. M. Krishna Rao Pantulu Garu.
- „ G. Ramaswami Ayyar Avargal, Executive
Engineer.
- „ V. Gopala Ayyar Avargal, District Board
Engineer.
- Rev. Mr. J. Roy Strock.

GARDEN PARTY.

5-15 P.M.

- M.R.Ry. G. S. Venkatarama Ayyar Avargal, District
Munsif, Narasaraopet.
- „ N. Balaramadas Pantulu Garu, Principal
District Munsif, Bapatla.
- „ V. Purnayya Pantulu Garu, Additional
District Munsif, Bapatla.
- „ K. Chengalvaraya Ayyar Avargal, District
Munsif, Ongole.
- „ G. Ramadhayya Garu, First-grade Pleader,
Guntur.
- „ A. L. Narasimham Pantulu Gam, B.A., B.L.,
First-grade Pleader, and Secretary, Indian
Club, Guntur.
- „ Bh. Sarma Pantulu Garu, M.A., B.L., First-
grade Pleader, Guntur.
- „ N. V. Narasimha Rao Pantulu Garu, M.A.,
LL.B., Barrister-at-Law, Guntur.

- WEDNES-
DAY.
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5-15 P.M.
- M.R.Ry. M. V. Chalapati Rao Pantulu Garu, Bar-ister-at-Law, Guntur.
- „ V. G. K. Ayyangar Garu, M.A., LL.B., Bar-at-Law, Official Receiver, Guntur.
- „ V. Bhavana Achari Garu, Pleader, Guntur.
- Moulvi Abdul Rahim Beg, Landholder, Guntur.
- M.R.Ry. M. Bhujanga Rao Bahadur, Proprietor of Lakkavaram, Kistna District.
- „ Ch. Bhanu Prasada Rao Nayudu Garu, Guntur.
- „ Mallela Siva Ra'iakrishnamma Garu, Landholder, Guntur.
- „ Batteni Ramaswami Nayudu Garu, Merchant, Guntur.
- „ Girdari Lai Daga Banker, Guntur.
- „ Mallela Venkatarayudu Garu, Landholder, Guntur.
- „ K. Nageswara Rao Pantulu Garu, Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies.
- Rev. Mr. J. Roy Strock, M.A., Principal, A.E.L.M. College.
- M.R.Ry. P. Venkata Reddi Garu, Lecturer, A.E.L.M. College.
- „ N. S. Venkatarama Ayyar Avargal, M.A., Headmaster, Town High School, Guntur.
- „ Rao Sahib D. Markandeya Sastri Garu, Landholder, Ongole.
- „ P. Narasinga Rao Garu, Second-grade Pleader, and Vice-President, Taluk Board, Narasaraopet.
- „ P. Venkatarangayya Garu, Landholder, Ongole.
- T. Sambayya Garu, Merchant, Guntur.

Mr. E. Granger, Agent, Messrs. Volkart Brothers.

„ P H. G. Theotokas, Agent, Messrs. Ralli Brothers.

„ W. Murphy, Bank of Madras, Guntur.

M.R.Ry. D. Seshachalapati Rao Pantulu Garu, Editor
of " Desabhimani," Guntur.

„ Ch. L. Narayana Prasad Garu, Tahsildar,
Guntur.

„ V. Gin Rao Pantulu Garu, Sarishtadar,
Collector's office, Guntur.

„ Y. Sriramulu Nayudu Garu, Sarishtadar,
District Court, Guntur.

„ Ch. Suryaprakasa Rao Garu, Assistant
Inspector of Schools.

„ K. Sundara Ramamurti Garu, Local Fund
Assistant Engineer, Guntur.

„ A. Sitapati Rao Pantulu Garu, Secretary,
District Association.

„ M. Kalidas Pantulu Garu, Secretary, District
Association.

„ G. Sitarama Sastri Garu, Secretary, Rate-
payers' Association.

„ L. Balakoteswara Rao Garu, Member of the
Taluk Board, Guntur.

„ M. Krishna Rao Garu, Chairman, Municipal
Council, Ongole.

WEDNES-
DAY.

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5-15 P.M.

DINNER PARTY.

8 P.M.

Mr. R. P. Gill, Merchant.

Mrs. Gill.

Miss Kugler, M.D., American Lutheran Mission.

Rev. Dr. Uhl, American Lutheran Mission.

Mrs. McCauley, American Lutheran Mission.

Miss Wolfe, American Lutheran Mission.

WEDNES- DAY.
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 8 P.M

Mr. J. C. Fernandez, District Judge, Guntur.
 „ J. Beckett, Assistant Superintendent of Police.
 „ J. C. Pearce, Director, Indian Leaf Tobacco Development Syndicate, Limited.

Mrs. Pearce.

THURS- DAY.
 Dec. 16, 1915.
 7-50 A.M.

A.E.L.M. HOSPITAL.

Miss A. S. Kugler, M.D., SC.D. }
 „ E. B. Wolf, B.A., M.D. } Physicians.
 „ P. Paru. }
 R. Hoffman, Superintendent of Nurses.
 „ S. O'Gilvie, }
 „ M. James, } Graduate Nurses.
 „ H. W. Mollan, }
 „ E. Bazely, }
 „ K. Kamala, }

Rev. V. McCauley.
 Dr. J. Aberly.

8-45 A.M.

MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL SITE.

M.R.Ry. N. Hanumanta Rao Pantulu Garu, Municipal Chairman.
 „ G. Ramaswami Ayyar Avargal, Executive Engineer.
 „ H. Sankaranarayana Ayyar Avargal, Assistant Engineer.
 „ J. Venkataswami Nayudu Garu, District Medical and Sanitary Officer.

9 A.M.

SALVATION ARMY PRISONERS' HOME.

Colonel Spooner.
 Brigadier Tulley (Madras).
 Adjutant Comeliussen (Sitanagaram).
 Ensign Beattie.

Major Jnanadesigar, Manager of the Home.
 Adjutant Bedford, Secretary to the Commissioner.
 Major C. A. D. Mackenzie.

THURS
 DAY,
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 1915.
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REVENUE OFFICERS' CONFERENCE.

Mr. J. B. Lutman, Executive Engineer.
 M.R.Ry. J. Ramayya Pantulu Garu, Personal Assistant
 to the Collector.
 „ S. V. Narasimha Achariyar Avargal, Treasury
 Deputy Collector.
 „ V. Parabrahma Sastri Garu, Divisional
 Officer, Narasamopet.
 „ P. Kamarazu Pantulu Garu, Divisional Officer,
 Ongole.
 J. M. Habib-ul-lah Khan Sahib Bahadur, Divisional
 Officer, Guntur.
 J. Husain Khan Sahib Bahadur, Divisional Officer,
 Tenali.
 M.R.Ry. K. Manikya Rao Pantulu Garu, Tahsildar,
 Vinukonda.
 „ B. Venkatarama Ayyar Avargal, Tahsildar,
 Bapatla.
 „ R. V. Chalapati Rao Pantulu Garu, Tahsildar,
 Tenali.
 „ V. Giri Rao Pantulu Garu, Huzur Sarishtadar.
 „ M. Panchapakesa Ayyar Avargal, Extra
 Deputy Conservator of Forests.

DINNER PARTY.

8 P.M.

Mr. H. Dawson, District Superintendent of Police.
 Mrs. Dawson.
 Rev. Dr. Aberly, American Lutheran Mission,

THURS.
DAY.

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Mrs. Aberly.

Mr. J. J. Jardine, Agent of the Bank of Madras.

„ VV. Murphy, Bank of Madras.

„ E. Granger of Messrs. Volkart Brothers.

Mr, H. T. McLeod, Executive Engineer in charge of the
Construction of the Guntur-Tenali-Repalle Railway.

Rev. Father Vander Westerlaken.

Mr. Theotokas, Agent, Messrs. RalJi Brothers.

FRIDAY.

A.E.L.M. COLLEGE.

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1915
7-40 A.M

Rev. Dr. L. L. Uhl, Principal Emeritus.

„ J. Roy Strock, Principal.

„ G. A. Rupley, Vice-Principal and Bursar.

Mrs. J. Roy Strock, Personal Assistant to the Principal.

Dr. J. Aberly, College Council.

Mrs. J. Aberly.

Rev. V. McCauley, Chairman of the Building Com-
mittee.

Mrs. V. McCauley, Manager of the Higher Elementary
Training School for Masters.

„ G. E. Rupley.

M.R.Ry. M. R. Sundaresa Ayyar Avargal, B.A., L.T.,
Headmaster of the Secondary Department
of the College.

„ G, Ramanathayya Garu, Member of the
College Council.

8-15 A.M.

. TOWN HIGH SCHOOL.

M.R.Ry. N. S. Venkatarama Ayyar Avargal, M.A., L.T.,
Headmaster.

„ Rao Bahadur V. R. Venkatarama Ayyar
Avargal, Inspector of Schools.

„ G. V. Srinivasa Raa Pantulu Garu,

A.E.L.M. GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Miss Knauss, Principal.

„ Moses.

Mrs. Tanner.

Miss Sargunar.

M.R.Ry. Ramachandra Rao Pantulu Garu.

Dr. Aberly.

FRIDAY.

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8-40 A M.

AMERICAN MISSIONARIES.

Miss A. E. Sanford.

„ E. B. Schuff.

Rev. Mr. I. Cannady.

Mrs. I. Cannady.

Miss M. E. Lowe.

Mrs. M. E. Thomas.

Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Dunkelberger.

„ H. R. Spangler.

„ and Mrs. J. C. Finnefrock.

„ and Mrs. G. R. Haaf.

Miss F. M. Welty.

„ L. A. Miller.

Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Dickey.

Miss T. E. Nelson.

BAPATLA RAILWAY STATION.

2-30 P.M.,

M.R.Ry. R. Chenchuramayya Garu, Union Chairman.

STUARTPURAM SETTLEMENT.

3-30 P.M.,

Colonel Spooner.

Captain Robilliard.

YANADI SETTLEMENT.

5-5 P.M

Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Curtis.

NELLORE.

Dec. 18, 1915.
NELLORE. THE special train conveying His Excellency the Right Honourable the Lord Pentland, P.C., G.C.I.E., and party arrived at Nellore Railway station from Bapatla at 12-30 A.M. on Saturday the 18th December and was kept at a siding till day-break. At 7-30 A.M., the train was brought to the platform. On His Excellency alighting from the saloon he was received by M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao Avargal, Collector of Nellore, Mr. W. Foster, District Superintendent of Police, and M.R.Ry. A. Santanarama Ayyangar Avargal, Chairman, Nellore Municipal Council. A guard-of-honour was furnished by the local Reserve Police outside the Railway station.

**Public
reception.**

At 7-40 A.M., His Excellency accompanied by his party including the Collector and the District Superintendent of Police motored from the Railway station to the Lakshminarasa Reddi Hall where His Excellency was accorded a public reception. The Maharaja of Venkatagiri, the Raja of Kalahasti, the Kumararaja of Venkatagiri and other leading residents of the town and district had assembled in the hall. A local band was in attendance. The approaches to the hall were lined with school children who

greeted His Excellency as he drove in. On his alighting from the car the pupils of the Local Elementary Girls' school, who were mustered on the verandah, sang a song of welcome.

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Public
recep-
tion.

After His Excellency had taken his seat, the Collector introduced to him M.R.Ry. A. Santanarama Ayyangar Avargal, Chairman of the Municipal Council, who read the following address on behalf of the Council, and presented the other members :—

" We, the members of the Nellore Municipal Council, beg leave to accord to Your Excellency a most loyal and hearty welcome.

Municipal
address.

" 2. We beg to avail ourselves of this opportunity to give expression to our profound sentiments of loyalty and devotion to the British Crown and to the person of His Most Gracious Majesty the King-Emperor George V.

" 3. We share in the universal regret at the horrors of the present European war. We feel thankful for the opportunity that the war has afforded the Indian communities throughout the country to place at the service of their august Sovereign all the resources available in the land. We beg to express our inflexible determination that the war should be continued to a victorious end. And we pray that such end may come speedily to the everlasting glory of the British race and of the principles of freedom, righteousness and justice which are the foundation of British sovereignty throughout a world-wide Empire.

" 4. The town of Nellore can boast of some hoary antiquity in that it stands on the site of what is known

Dec. 18, " as Dandaka Aranyam and is said to have borne long
 1915. " the proud appellation of Vikrama Simhapuram. It
 NELLORE, " has played a conspicuous part in the growth and
 Municipal " development of Telugu literature and claims to be
 address, " the birth-place of its most illustrious poet Thikkanna.
 " It has been for several centuries a centre of civiliza-
 " tion for a large and progressive law-abiding and
 " industrious population. Their main industry is
 " agriculture. Weaving and dyeing which once formed
 " staple industries for certain communities are at
 " present dying out. We pray that Your Excellency's
 " Government will be pleased to take early steps towards
 " their revival.

" 5. It is now more than seven years since we had
 " the privilege of welcoming His Imperial Majesty's
 " representative in South India. We have great pleasure
 " in intimating to Your Excellency that since that date
 " the history of this municipality has been marked by
 " steady progress and certain events of far-reaching
 " importance. With the piped supply of pure drinking
 " water inaugurated seven years ago with the generous
 " help of Government, several epidemics, chief of them
 " being cholera, which used to take away many valuable
 " lives almost every year, have nearly been stamped out.
 " The general health of the town during these years has
 " been decidedly better than it ever was prior to that
 " period. We are deeply thankful to Your Excellency's
 " Government for the liberal grants with the help of
 " which we have been able to open up several congested
 " areas in the town. Very much more remains to be
 " done in this respect and towards popularizing new
 " extensions of the town, and we look to Your Excel

" lency's Government to graciously continuing their Dec. 18,
" generous assistance to enable the Council to carry 1915.
" out its programme. NRLLORE

" 6. In the matter of water-supply, experience Municipal
" during the past seven years has shown the necessity of address
" the extension of the infiltration gallery, if the supply
" should be as steady and full as it was designed to be.
" Such extension requires a much larger outlay than
" the Council can afford. We therefore pray that Your
" Excellency's Government may be pleased to make a
" liberal grant towards the cost of the extension.

" 7. The provision for water-supply would have
" proved a greater blessing than it has been, if it had
" been followed by an improved system of drainage.
" The Council was anxiously hoping that the Govern-
" ment might find a means of supplying this great and
" growing want of this town. It was a great disappoint-
" ment to the Council and to the townsmen to find that
" the drainage scheme for this town was indefinitely
" taken away from the current sanitary programme of the
" Government. It is the earnest prayer of the Council
" that the Government may be pleased to direct a
" reconsideration of the decision and make, as soon as it
" may be possible, an adequate grant towards the provi-
" sion of a suitable system of drainage for this town.

" 8. We feel thankful to the benign Government
" for having granted to the rate-payers the right of
" electing two-thirds of the number of municipal coun-
" cillors and for having restored to the Council the
" privilege of electing its own Chairman. The Council
" pray that the Government might be pleased to restore to
" the rate-payers the right that they lost so early as 1891

Dec. 18, " of electing three-fourths of the number of councillors
1915. " and at the same time increase the number to twenty-

NELLORE. " one to ensure the adequate representation of minorities.

Municipal " We have made this request with the belief that the
address. " time for the grant of the full concession has arrived
" regard being had to the way in which the management
" of the affairs of this municipality has, during many
" years, been carried on, and the growing intelligent
" interest that the rate-payers have taken in such
" management generally and in the exercise of their
" franchise.

" We beg to conclude with the fervent prayer
" that Your Excellency and Lady Pentland may be
" blessed with long lives and continued prosperity."

The Collector next introduced to His
Excellency the Hon'ble Mr. A. S. Krishna Rao
Pantulu Garu, Vice-President of the District
Board, who read the following address on behalf
of the Board and presented the other members :—

District " We, the members of the District Board, Nellore,
Board's " beg leave to offer to Your Excellency a most sincere
address. " and hearty welcome to this district.

" 2. We beg to assure Your Excellency of the
" loyalty and devotion of the people of this district to
" His Most Gracious Majesty the King-Emperor and
" of their firm determination to stand by the Empire
" and do their utmost to bring the war to a successful
" termination.

" 3. We gratefully acknowledge the grants made by
" the Government during recent years for the improve-
" ment of education, communications, rural sanitation
" and rural water-supply. We venture to submit that

" this district is, on account of its meagre resources, its
 " urgent needs, its size and its population, entitled to
 " more liberal treatment in the distribution of grants
 " for those objects. We do not, however, wish to press
 " our claims and wants upon Your Excellency's Govern-
 " ment during the continuance of the present war.

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" 4. We are deeply grateful to Your Excellency
 " for the interest that your Government has taken and
 " is taking in the development of the railway lines
 " proposed by the District Board; but we respectfully
 " beg to represent that there is considerable delay in
 " the investigation of those lines. We pray that the
 " Government may be pleased to take such steps as are
 " necessary to expedite the construction and opening of
 " those lines.

" 5. We beg to express our thanks to Your
 " Excellency for the Mopad project and for allotting
 " funds for the due execution thereof notwithstanding
 " the financial strain on Government funds during this
 " present period of stress. Considering the great
 " importance and usefulness of irrigation works in this
 " district which is subject outside the delta to visitations
 " of failure and scarcity, we request that this wise policy
 " of Government will be continued and that several
 " other irrigation projects proposed will be executed at
 " an early date.

" 6. In conclusion, we fervently pray to Almighty
 " God that Your Excellency and Lady Pentland may be
 " spared for several years to continue your noble work
 " of usefulness and benevolence."

After the District Board's address was
 presented, the Collector introduced to His
 Excellency M.R.Ry. S. Venkatesayya Garu, who

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read the following address on behalf of the Nellore District Congress Committee, and presented the other members of the deputation :—

"We, the members of the Nellore District Congress Committee, beg to offer Your Excellency u
"most hearty and Joyal welcome on behalf of the
"people of this district.

"2. We beg to assure Your Excellency of our
"most loyal devotion to His Gracious Majesty the
"King-Emperor and of our firm resolve to place all
"our resources at the disposal of the British Govern-
"ment till the present war is brought to a successful
"termination.

"3. This district is still in a backward condition
"in the matter of education. Though there are five
"secondary schools, there is not even a second-grade
"college in the district and boys are forced to seek
"admission in the colleges at Madras, Masulipatam,
"Guntur and other distant places, at considerable
"trouble, expense and inconvenience. It is essential,
"for a steady development of female education in this
"district, to establish a training school for mistresses
"at Nellore and to open additional girls' schools in
"various centres. We, therefore, pray that Your
"Excellency's Government will be pleased to take
"necessary steps to improve the condition of educa-
"tion in the district.

"4. We feel highly thankful to the Government
"for pushing through the Mopad project, even during
"ther continuance of the present war ; but we venture
"to suggest that there is still abundant scope for
"improving the irrigation in the district. We deem
"it a misfortune that the Tungabhadra project has

" been abandoned on account of the heavy cost of that Dec. 18,
 " scheme and that there has been considerable delay 1915.
 " in the investigation of other irrigation works, includ- NELLORE.
 " ing among others, Boggeru project, Vengalapuram District
 " project and Kanigiri reservoir improvements. We Congress
 " beg to submit that it is necessary and possible to Com-
 " construct storage works as recommended by the Irri- mittee's
 " gation Commission, 1901—03. We beg to point out address.
 " that the water-supply under the Pennar anicut is
 " also in an unsatisfactory condition and that it is
 " necessary to make better arrangements for the storage
 " of water at that anicut. We, therefore, pray that
 " Your Excellency's Government will be pleased to
 " investigate all the irrigation works calculated to
 " improve the irrigation in this district and to have
 " those works executed as early as possible.

" 5. As there is considerable scope for the deve-
 " lopment of agriculture in this district, we appeal to
 " Your Excellency's Government to establish an agri-
 " cultural experimental and demonstration farm in this
 " district for the benefit of the agricultural population.

" 6. We feel grateful that a non-official Presi-
 " dent has been appointed for the Nellore Taluk Board
 " and a non-official Vice-President for the Nellore
 " District Board. We beg to submit that those offices
 " should be thrown open to election" and that a non-
 " official President should also be appointed for the
 " Kavali Taluk Board.

" 7. We are glad to learn that the District
 " Municipalities Act is undergoing substantial revision
 " in pursuance of the recommendations of the Decen-
 " realization Commission. We pray that the Act may

Dec. 18, " be so modified as to invest municipalities with larger
 1915. " powers over their finances, and with the power to
 NELLORE. " make elementary education within their respective
 District " areas free and compulsory. We beg to suggest that
 Congress " it is highly desirable that the anomalous provisions of
 Com- " the Act creating a conflict between the Secretary and
 mittee's " the Chairman of the Municipality should be abrogated
 address. " and that the Revenue Divisional Officer should not
 " be an ex-officio member of the Municipal Council,
 " though he may be nominated by the Government,
 " whenever necessary.

" 8. The last matter that we beg to bring to Your
 " Excellency's notice concerns the Nellore and Gudur
 " Railway stations. The Nellore Railway station is on a
 " much lower level than the railway platform and it does
 " not afford sufficient accommodation for passengers.
 " The absence of covered sheds over the railway
 " platforms at Nellore and Gudur has also been a source
 " of serious trouble and inconvenience to passengers.
 " We pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to
 " address the Railway Administration concerned and
 " have those defects remedied at an early date.

" 9. We pray to Almighty God that Your Excel-
 " lency and Lady Pentland may be spared for several
 " years and may be blessed with health and strength to
 " complete your noble mission of usefulness."

The Collector afterwards introduced J. M. Muhammad Zia-ud-din Sahib Bahadur, Kazi of Nellore, who read the following address on behalf of the Muslim Educational Association, and presented the other members of the deputation :—

"We, the members of the Muslim Educational Association, Nellore, most respectfully beg permission to accord our hearty welcome to Your Excellency on Your Excellency's august visit to this place.

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tional Associa-
tion's
address.**

" 2. Our Association is a branch of the Muhammadan Educational Association of Southern India, Madras. It was established in January 1903, in commemoration of the Coronation of the late King-Emperor Edward VII, and it has had the honour of presenting addresses to Their Excellencies Lord Ampthill and Sir Arthur Lawley during their visits to the Nellore district. His Excellency Lord Ampthill was graciously pleased to announce his intention to be the Patron of the Association.

" 3. It has been the main object of the Association to spread primary, secondary and higher education among the Mussalmans by defraying the educational expenses of the poor but deserving Mussalman boys and we may congratulate ourselves on the success attained in this direction. Most of the Muhammadan poor boys receiving education in Nellore town are assisted by the Association with school fees, examination fees and books.

" This Association has, at its own expense, undertaken the religious instruction of all Muhammadan boys reading in the various schools in this town, under the conditions laid down in G.O. No. 404, Educational, dated 10th May 1912.

" 4. With a view to widen the scope of religious and secular education of the boys of our community, we petitioned the Government through the Collector of Nellore for a grant to our Association of the monthly

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tional
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"allowance of Rs. 30, of the Khina-ath Shah Takiya
"at Nellore, resumed by the Government, for the non-
"fulfilment of the object it was originally intended for.
"The Government were unfortunately not pleased to
"grant our prayer (G.O. No. 276-R., dated 1st March
"1914).

"We therefore take this opportunity to represent to
"Your Excellency, in person, the poor condition of our
"community and to solicit a reconsideration of the
"order already passed in the matter. We appeal to
"Your Excellency's Government to grant us the allow-
"ance in question as it will enable the Association to
"extend its sphere of usefulness in the direction of the
"educational advancement of the Muhammadans.

"5. It is our melancholy duty to refer to the great
"war in Europe, in which Great Britain had to enter
"with much reluctance. We, in this part of the
"Presidency, were the first to send a telegram to His
"Excellency the Viceroy, giving assurances of our
"steadfast loyalty to Government and deploring the
"action of Turkey in going to war against her old
"Ally. His Excellency was graciously pleased to send
"the following telegram, in reply :—

" ' Please convey to the Mussalmans of Nellore
"His Excellency's cordial thanks for their loyal
"assurances. His Excellency has always trusted
"Muslim devotion to the British Empire, and has not
"found his confidence misplaced.'

"Subsequent events have proved the truth of the
"prophetic words conveyed in His Excellency's
"telegram. Muhammadans in all parts of the world-
"wide British Empire have pinned their faith in, and

" attachment to, the British Throne. We pray to God
 " that the war will be brought to a successful termina-
 " tion at an early date with glory to Great Britain and
 " her Allies.

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tional
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" 6. Lastly, we beg permission to submit that we
 " feel highly proud on the present occasion to have
 " been afforded an opportunity of giving expression, in
 " person, to our heartfelt gratitude to Your Excellency
 " as the representative of our gracious Sovereign,
 " for the manifold acts of benevolence towards the
 " advancement of our community.

" We cannot conclude without tendering our
 " sincere thanks to Your Excellency for according us
 " permission to present this address on behalf of the
 " Association."

His Excellency made a joint reply to all the
 addresses as follows:—

" GENTLEMEN,—I understand from one of your
 " addresses that seven years have passed since my
 " predecessor Sir Arthur Lawley visited this district.
 " That fact, I can well believe, has been mentioned as
 " an additional reason for the cordiality of the welcome
 " which you have here extended to me and for my part
 " I have long looked forward with the pleasures of
 " anticipation to this opportunity of visiting the Nellore
 " district and its ancient capital. I am glad to meet
 " here so many of those who are taking part in the
 " public life of this district and to receive such
 " eloquent testimony to their loyalty and devotion to
 " the King-Emperor, to their admiration for those gal-
 " lant men who are offering their lives in his service

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Dec. 18, " and to their confidence in the ultimate issue of that
1915. " great struggle in which we are engaged.

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"GENTLEMEN OF THE NELLORE MUNICIPAL
"COUNCIL,—You refer to the fact that your town had
"long been an important centre of art and industry.
"I share your regret that weaving and dyeing have here
"fallen upon less prosperous days. The Government
"have, as perhaps you are aware, recently constituted
"two peripatetic weaving parties for instructing the
"weavers of this Presidency in improved methods and
"appliances and one of these parties will in due course
"visit this district. With regard to dyeing, it is the
"intention of Government to provide in the Madura
"Technical Institute a centre where technical instruc-
"tion on modern lines will be given and we trust that
"this project will be of benefit to the Presidency at
"large. In this connexion I may perhaps appropriately
"draw your attention to the Exhibition of the Arts
"and Industries of this Presidency and of Southern
"India generally which is being organized with the
"help and under the direction of the Madras Govern-
"ment, and will open in Madras on the 27th of this
"month. It is hoped that this Exhibition may attract
"visitors from all parts of the Presidency, and thereby
"achieve its purpose of making more widely known the
"natural resources of the Presidency in agriculture,
"fisheries, forestry, commerce and manufacture, better
"methods of cultivation and production, and also the
"production of the local and indigenous industries
"which exist in such variety throughout the Presidency.

"It gives me great satisfaction to hear of the sub-
"stantial benefits which your water-supply has conferred

"upon the town. The extension of the pipe lines and
 "the construction of service-reservoirs are, I under-
 "stand, approaching completion and it is expected that
 "the proposals of the Sanitary Engineer for providing
 "an improved supply will before long be ready for
 "examination.

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"Your needs in respect of drainage have also
 "been recognized, but the scheme originally submitted
 "was found prohibitive in cost. For the present too,
 "I fear financial considerations render the question of
 "cost even more important, but I hope that some
 "simpler and less expensive scheme may yet be devised
 "to meet your requirements.

"You ask for an extension of electoral privileges.
 "Any representations which you may make to Govern-
 "ment on this subject will be attentively considered.

"Much, I know, remains to be done for the
 "sanitation and improvement of your town and your
 "claims for assistance for these purposes will not be
 "overlooked when funds are available.

"GENTLEMEN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD,—I
 "appreciate greatly the motives which have led you
 "to refrain from pressing upon Government at this
 "juncture many of your needs, and I assure you that
 "your considerate and practical attitude now will not be
 "allowed to prejudice your claims to a generous measure
 "of assistance when normal conditions have been
 "restored.

"I comprehend fully your anxiety that your rail-
 "way projects should be expedited. The terms on
 "which the Oollapalem-Kanigiri Railway should be
 "worked are now before the Government and they have

Dec. 18, " also under review your proposals for a line from
1915. " Atmakur to Padugupad which will meet with prompt

NELLORE. " and sympathetic consideration.

His Excel- " I sympathize also with your desire for the ex-
lency's " tension in this district of the great benefits which
reply. " irrigation confers. If progress has been slow, it is
" not due to any remissness on the part of Government.
" I find that numerous and elaborate investigations have
" been conducted and although the results as a whole
" have been disappointing, such projects as seem
" feasible will be carefully considered.

"GENTLEMEN OF THE DISTRICT CONGRESS COM-
" MITTEE,—You ask for a training school for mistresses
" at Nellore and for improved facilities for education
" of your girls. That is a general question which we
" intend to examine on comprehensive lines and your
" local requirements will be considered in that con-
" nexion. I cannot, I regret, hold out any hopes at
" present that a college will be established in this
" town.

" You touch also on agriculture and the need for
" a demonstration farm in the district. It is the Gov-
" ernment's earnest wish to extend the work of the
" Agricultural department, but funds are for the present
" lacking and it is not easy to procure trained men.
" These considerations are I hope merely temporary
" and when they disappear your claims will receive
" careful attention.

" You ask that non-official presidents of taluk
" boards and vice-president of the district board may
" be elected. As I have stated elsewhere, any such
" change may well wait until further experience is

"gamed of the experiment we are at present making in
 "appointing non-officials to these offices. It has not
 "yet received full trial and further experience of its
 "working is clearly desirable.

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 lency's
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"You also raise questions connected with the
 "constitution of municipal bodies. As you are aware,
 "the revision of the District Municipalities Act is
 "under scrutiny and all I can say at present is that
 "your suggestions will in that connexion receive care-
 "ful consideration.

"You urge improvements to the Nellore and
 "Gudur Railway stations. The Railway Administration
 "has the improvement of the Nellore station under
 "consideration but they too are hampered by the pres-
 "ent financial stringency and this may delay the work.
 "Your suggestion regarding the Gudur station will be
 "brought to the notice of the Railway authorities.

"GENTLEMEN OF THE MUSLIM EDUCATIONAL
 "ASSOCIATION,—YOU do not overrate the importance
 "of education to your community and I sincerely hope
 "that that awakening interest therein of the Muhamma-
 "dan community of which I find clear evidence wherever
 "I go may be continued and sustained. If so, it should
 "not be long before your community takes that place
 "in public life and in the service of the State to which
 "it is properly entitled. I congratulate you on the
 "steadfast devotion of the Mussalman community in all
 "parts of this Presidency.

"Your request that the resumed allowance of the
 "Khina-ath Shah Takiya may be assigned for educa-
 "tional purposes to your body raises issues of some
 "importance, but if you see fit again to approach the

Dec. 18, " Government through the district authorities further
1915. " consideration will be given to it.

NELLORE, "Gentlemen, it is to me as to yourselves a source
His Excel- " of great disappointment that financial considerations
lency's " should render it necessary for the present to postpone
reply. " consideration of so many schemes and projects by
" which your district would benefit, but I would not
" have you think that the labour spent in their investiga-
tion will be lost. We fervently hope that we shall
" ere long enjoy once more a lasting peace and the
" wider opportunities which it will afford to the valu-
" able and unostentatious work which local bodies in this
" district are conducting. Again, gentlemen, I thank
" you warmly for your cordial welcome of which I shall
" carry away with me most pleasant mementoes in these
" beautiful caskets which have been give to me and
" wish success and prosperity to you and those great
" interests which you here represent."

Victoria " After replying to the addresses, His
Jubilee Excellency motored to the Victoria Jubilee
Hospital for Women and Children, where he
for was received by Miss F. R. Scott and conducted
Women round the wards. M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib T. Nara-
and yaswami Nayudu Garu, District Medical and
Children. Sanitary Officer, Nellore, was also present.

The building is a gift by the Victoria Diamond Jubilee Committee to the Nellore Municipality. At first it was only a lying-in hospital and took its present place as a general hospital for women and children in 1892. Since then, it has been considerably improved. It is now in charge of Miss F. A. Scott (Edin. L.R.C.P.). The hospital

is said to be popular and attracts patients from the mufassal stations. It has 25 beds. Arrangements are made in it for training midwives.

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At the close of the inspection His Excellency recorded the following remarks" in the visitors' book:—

Victoria
Jubilee
Hospital
for Women
and Child-
ren.

" This hospital seems to be doing excellent work " which is meeting with growing appreciation. I trust " it may continue to prosper."

From the hospital His Excellency proceeded to the Coles-Ackerman Memorial High School, where he was received by the Rev. L. C. Smith, M.A., Principal, and Dr. D. Downie, Senior American Missionary, and taken round the classes at work.

Coles-
Ackerman
Memorial
High
School.

This school was founded by a private gentleman in 1840 and taken over by the Free Church Mission of Scotland in 1841. The Scotch Mission, however, having no other work nearer than Madras, found close supervision difficult and transferred the school to the American Baptist Mission in 1904. The present building is due to the munificence of Dr. J. Ackerman Coles and his sister Miss Emile Coles, both of New York, who contributed \$ 10,000. Dr. Downie, the senior missionary, was instrumental in securing this amount. The school-building is known as the Coles-Ackerman Memorial, in memory of the donors' father Abraham Coles, M.D., and of their uncle Warren Ackerman.

The school has at present a strength of 574 pupils, of whom 224 are in the high school

Dec. 18, 1915. classes, 200 in the lower secondary and the rest in the primary school.

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Coles-Ackerman Memorial High School.

The hostel, which His Excellency opened, was constructed at a cost of Rs. 28,000, out of which Rs. 15,000 was contributed by Dr. J. Ackerman Coles and the balance by the Government. It is called "The George Ackerman Memorial Hostel," in memory of an uncle of Dr. Coles. The hostel is designed to accommodate 64 boys.

After inspecting the classes, His Excellency was conducted to the open ground in front of the new hostel where the teachers and students of the school and a few European and Indian gentlemen were assembled. After His Excellency had taken his seat the Rev. L. C. Smith in a short speech requested His Excellency to open the George Ackerman Memorial Hostel. In doing so he thanked Dr. J. Ackerman Coles of New York for his generous contribution towards the construction of the hostel and also Dr. Downie whose friendship with Dr. Coles made it possible for them to build the hostel. He also thanked His Excellency for his kindness in complying with their request to the hostel.

His Excellency then made the following speech and formally opened the hostel:—

His Excellency's speech.

"DR. DOWNIE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—One of the most interesting and useful accompaniments of the great development which education has shown in Tcent years in this country has been the extension of the hostel system. It had long been, recognized by

" those interested in secondary education that efforts
 " should be made to extend to students here some of
 " those advantages and those beneficial influences
 " which arise from the recognition of common interests
 " and a corporate life. To some it seemed doubtful
 " whether the hostel system could be adopted here in
 " view of the tendencies which still dominate social life
 " in this country, but these doubts have disappeared
 " and hostels have become a valuable feature of our
 " educational system. I have therefore great pleasure
 " in opening this hostel, and desire to congratulate
 " Dr. Downie on the completion of a scheme which
 " owes so much to him and to express the hope that
 " it will long prosper as a memorial of his enthusiasm
 " and of the enlightened generosity of his friend,
 " Mr. Ackerman Coles. That Government were able
 " to co-operate is to me an added source of satisfaction.
 " I will now proceed to open this fine building and in
 " doing so would ask you all to join me in the hope
 " that many generations of students may profit by the
 " great advantages placed here within their reach."

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 speech.

His Excellency was afterwards conducted round the hostel by the Principal. In the hall the teachers and students sang the National Anthem. His Excellency then addressed a few words of advice to the students, congratulated the Mission authorities on the results of their labours and offered them his good wishes.

His Excellency made the following remarks in the visitors' book :—

" I congratulate the Mission authorities, the
 " Principal and the staff upon the excellent work which

Dec. 18, " is being done here by this large school where there
1915. " are many evidences of wise discipline, good organiza-

NELLORE. " tion and careful management. These qualities should
His Excellency's " go far to secure personal attention to the pupils and
remarks. "to secure a continuance of the support which seems
"to be freely given and thoroughly deserved."

From the Coles-Ackerman Memorial School
His Excellency and party motored to the Collec-
tor's bungalow where they were the guests of
Mr. and Mrs. Ramachandra Rao.

Private At 11 A.M. His Excellency accorded a few
interviews. private interviews.

Garden In the afternoon at 4-30 P.M. His Excellency
party. attended a Garden party at the Town Hall
organized by the members of the Reception
Committee. There was a large gathering of
ladies and gentlemen invited to meet His Excel-
lency. On arrival His Excellency was received
by M.R.Ry. A. Santanarama Ayyangar Avargal
and other members of the Reception Committee.
A welcome song was sung by some girls after
which the local kazi read some verses in Hindu-
stani, welcoming His Excellency. There were
several items of entertainments provided such
as kolatfam (plait-dance), music, jugglery and a
few scenes from an Indian drama given by the
members of the Progressive Union. There was a
display of fireworks at the close of the proceed-
ings. After spending over an hour conversing
with the guests and witnessing the entertainments,
His Excellency returned to the Collector's bunga-
low. During the function His Excellency visited

the Progressive Union Reading Room which is located in the northern wing of the hall and signed the Visitors¹ book.

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The Collector gave a Dinner party the same evening to which several ladies and gentlemen were invited. A few Indian gentlemen also joined the party after dinner.

Dinner party.

On Sunday the 19th December, His Excellency attended Divine Service at the local Church.

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Divine Service.

On the morning of Monday the 20th December, His Excellency left the Collector's bungalow for a round of visits. The first institution visited was the Municipal Hospital, where His Excellency was received by M.R.Ry. A. Santanarama Ayyangar Avargal, Municipal Chairman, M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib T. Narayanaswami Nayudu Garu, L.M. & S., Acting District Medical and Sanitary Officer, and M.R.Ry. V. Venugopal Nayudu, Assistant Surgeon, and conducted round the various wards. There were 49 in-patients at the time of the inspection.

Dec. 20, 1915.

Municipal Hospital

This institution was started in 1850 as a civil dispensary and the first block of buildings was constructed from public subscriptions with the aid of Government grant. It then consisted of a primitive operation theatre (surgery) and two wards, one of which gave accommodation to 20 pauper patients and the other to 12 patients of the Police Department. In course of a few years

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Hospital.

a new hospital for the accommodation of the police was built in a site to the south-east where it stands today. In 1880, the construction of a caste ward was commenced. More wards were built in 1905-06 and many improvements made with the help of funds allotted by the Government in 1904-05. The caste ward originally constructed in 1880 has since been converted into an out-patient dispensary. At present there is accommodation for 46 beds, but with a little arrangement accommodation can be found for 61 patients.

The original civil dispensary was maintained mainly from liberal contributions of Rs. 1,800 per annum by the Raja of Venkata-giri. It was under the direct control of the Government till 1871, when it was made over to the Municipal Council, Nellore. The Raja continued his contribution till 1890-91; but since that year the institution has been maintained entirely from municipal grants supplemented by contributions from the District Board, Nellore.

At the conclusion of the inspection His Excellency recorded the following remarks in the Visitors' book:—

" Visited this hospital today and am glad to find
" that the accommodation is fairly adequate for the present needs of the place. Everything in good order
" and obvious evidence of care and good management.
" I trust that the hospital may continue to receive the
" increasing support which it should deserve,"

From the Municipal Hospital His Excellency Dec. 20,
proceeded to the water-works. 1915.

The Nellore water-works were inaugurated on NELLORK.
8th February 1908 by His Excellency Sir Arthur Water-
Lawley. works.

The scheme was designed to supply 525,000 gallons of filtered water a day, to a population of 35,000, at 15 gallons per head. But the quantity now pumped is only 300,000 at about 8 gallons per head.

The source of supply is the subsoil water in the sandy bed of the river Penneru on the right bank of which Nellore is situated.

The scheme consists of an infiltration gallery 746 feet long in the sandy bed of the river with a collecting well on the bank. From this well the water is conveyed by a 15-inch cast-iron pipe to a suction well below the engine-house situated close by, whence it is pumped by oil-engines and distributed by means of pipes and fountains. The site of the infiltration gallery is considered the best from an engineering standpoint and is free from sanitary objections. The engine-house is designed for the reception of three Hornsby oil-engines of 16 b.h.p. each and three triple, vertical, power well head, treble acting Dean well pumps by the Worthington Pump Company, Limited.

As the pressure maintained by the main engines is insufficient to supply water to Dargamet, which is 34 feet higher than the highest point in the rest of the town, a

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sub-pumping station with two Hornsby oil-engines of 2 b.h.p. each has been installed on the Podalakur road for supplying this isolated and small area.

The distribution system consists of nearly 16 miles of pipes and fittings including the recent extensions.

The cost of the original scheme amounted to Rs. 1,80,000 towards which the Government made a free gift of Rs. 90,000 as a grant from Provincial revenues and a loan of Rs. 90,000 repayable in thirty years with interest at 4 per cent. A water and drainage tax at 6% per cent is levied to provide the amount required annually towards the discharge of the loan and the charges of maintenance of the works which are Rs. 5,200 and Rs. 9,940 respectively.

In 1913, a Venturi meter was provided at a cost of about Rs. 4,095-7-6 for recording the quantity of water pumped every day and the pressure with which the water is pumped.

The construction of two service reservoirs with a capacity of 90,000 gallons each and the extension of pipe lines and fountains were completed in 1913 and handed over to the Municipality in 1914. The total cost of these improvements is Rs. 67,473 towards which the Government made a free grant of Rs. 49,163, the remaining amount Rs. 18,310 being contributed by the Municipality from the accumulation of water and drainage tax.

The reservoirs are of ferro-concrete and are unique in the Presidency. They were formed on teakwood moulds. Each tank is 32 feet in height and 35 feet internal diameter with dome-shaped bottom and top, to hold 90,000 gallons. It consists of a vertical cylinder and two domes as per the sanctioned plan. The lower part of the cylinder forms the tower supporting the reservoir proper and the upper part, the outer wall of the reservoir. The lower dome forms the bottom of the reservoir and upper dome, the roof of the structure. A projecting band encircles the cylinder along the springing line of each dome with special reinforcement to revet the thrust of the dome. The thickness of the cylindrical cell and lower dome is 6 inches except at the springing where it is increased. The reinforcements are so arranged as to stand a stress of $7\frac{1}{2}$ tons per square inch for steel and 450 lb. per square inch for concrete. The lower portion of the cylinder below the bottom dome has a door-way fitted with batten shutters and seven small batten windows, the intention being to use it as a store-room. The upper or the roof dome is 4 inches in thickness, has nine openings, eight of which are provided with wire mesh screws held by a ring of cement plaster. They are 8 inches in diameter each. The ninth is a manhole $2\frac{1}{4}$ feet x 2 feet provided with a light wooden cover. The lower dome and the cylinders are penetrated by one inlet pipe, one outlet pipe, one overflow pipe and a scour, pipe, the former two being 14 inches in diameter and the latter

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9 inches in diameter. The centre of the inlet pipe is about 9 inches above the level of the overflow pipe which is in line with the shoulder for the upper dome or 15 feet over the top of bottom dome. The scour pipe starts from the shoulder level of the bottom dome while the outlet pipe is 2 feet higher. Two steel ladders are fixed to the reservoir, one leading from the ground to the manhole and the other from the manhole to the floor of the reservoir. Estimated cost Rs. 27,970. Expenditure Rs. 27,253.

The extension of the infiltration gallery in order to ensure a steady and constant supply of water to the town and the provision of a workshop in connexion with the water-works are engaging the attention of the Council and the Sanitary Engineer.

On arrival His Excellency was received by the Municipal Chairman and M.R.Ry. Rajam Ayyar Avargal, Sub-Divisional Officer, Public Works Department, who took him round the reservoir and explained its working.

Govern-
ment
Training
School.

The Government Training School was next visited.

This institution began as a district normal school in 1880 and was converted into a Government school in 1892. The building in which the school is now housed was constructed in 1906. The question of constructing a hostel for the students is engaging attention. The training section consists of seven teachers of whom three are B.A., L.T.'s, and one an agriculturist. The

model school has five teachers. The training section which is divided into two classes—a higher and a lower—has 125 stipendiaries, 90 of whom belong to the Nellore district. The rest come from the Cuddapah, Chingleput, Guntur, Chittoor and Kistna districts. The model school has at present 47 pupils. The teachers and the students maintain a reading-room out of subscriptions.

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Training
School.**

On arrival His Excellency was received by M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur V. R. Venkatarama Ayyar Avargal, Inspector of Schools, and M.R.Ry. M. Subrahmanyam Pantulu, Headmaster, and conducted into the main hall, where one of the teachers under training sang a song of welcome in Sanskrit. His Excellency afterwards went round the classes. At the close of the inspection the Headmaster thanked His Excellency for his kind visit and expressed their heartfelt loyalty to the Crown. His Excellency in acknowledging the thanks said that he was glad to have the opportunity of visiting the school. Before leaving His Excellency signed the Visitors' book and desired the Headmaster to grant a holiday to the school in memory of his visit.

From the Training School His Excellency motored to the American Baptist Mission Women's Hospital.

**American
Baptist
Mission
Women's
Hospital.**

This hospital was started in 1897, but the original building has been considerably enlarged. A maternity ward for which the Government has contributed Rs. 5,000 is under construction,

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**American
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Women's
Hospital.**

The hospital is maintained by the Women's Baptist Mission Board of Boston. It is now in charge of Dr. Degenring and she is assisted by Miss Magilton. The number of in-patients treated last year was 883 and of out-patients 2,451. The operations performed were : major; 117, minor 48. The hospital is popular and is conveniently situated.

**His Excel
lency's
remarks.**

At the hospital His Excellency was received by Dr. Degenring, Lady Doctor, and Miss Magilton, Superintendent of Nurses. Dr. D. Downie was also present. Before leaving His Excellency signed the Visitors' book in which he expressed—
" His hearty good wishes."

**American
Baptist
Mission
House
Com-
pound.**

His Excellency then motored to the American Baptist Mission House compound.

On his way His Excellency stopped for a few minutes to see the children of St. Joseph's School for Depressed Classes who were mustered on the roadside by the Rev. Father J. Aelen and the Nuns of the St. Joseph's Convent.

At the Mission House His Excellency was received by Dr. and Mrs. D. Downie.

After a few minutes' conversation His Excellency proceeded to inspect the two Mission Schools which are situated in the same compound. He was first conducted to the Training School for Mistresses.

**Training
School
for Mis-
tresses**

The training section has 37 pupils arranged in two classes of the elementary grade. Thirty-three are Indian Christians and the remaining

four are Hindus. The practising or model school with classes from the infant up to the fourth standard, has eighty pupils. The school is in charge of the Principal Miss Francis Tencate. She also maintains a higher elementary school which is attended by 45 girls. There is also a small school for the blind. The pupils, all women, number eight.

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School
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tresses.**

At the Training School His Excellency was received by Miss F. Tencate, and taken round the classes. His Excellency remarked in the Visitors' book as follows:—

"With all good wishes."

His Excellency next proceeded to the Girls' High School where he was met by Miss E. J. Draper, Principal, and shown round the institution. His Excellency signed the Visitors' book with the remark—

**High
School
for
Women.**

"With hearty good wishes."

This school, when started in 1904, had but one class. It is now a complete high school with 75 pupils on its rolls. Instruction is given in seven classes from the fourth standard upwards. There are but 4 pupils in the highest form (sixth). The pupils are mainly drawn from the Indian Christian community. The staff consists mostly of women.

From the High School His Excellency was conducted into a large hall a few yards from the Mission House where the students who had assembled sang the National Anthem. His

Dec. 20, 1915. Excellency at the request of Dr. Downie addressed the students as follows :—

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lency's
speech.

" Mrs. Downie was telling me the other night of a place called Santoshpet I believe this is the place, and she has now brought me to see it, and I am very happy to have the privilege of seeing the very large family here and to have the pleasure of seeing all the work which is going on under Dr. and Mrs. Downie and all the ladies and gentlemen who have been helping for so many years. They have just been telling me how one building after another had been put up, as the years have gone on, and that ought, I think, to remind us that all this happiness and the good work which is going on here at the present time is the fruit of many years' endeavour and just as a seed is put in the ground and becomes a tree, so the weeks, months and years and the lives of many men and women have been put into this compound and the work that has been done here and in the neighbourhood has produced this beautiful and marvellous fruit. I am sure we should all be very thankful to those who brought this about under God's providence. I am sure when you go out into the world you will always remember with loving hearts the care and attention which you have received* here. I warmly congratulate all those who have the privilege of taking part in this good work, and offer my heartiest good wishes, not only to those who preside over it but also to those who benefit by it. I feel sure those who across the seas in a far distant land support the work going on here have reason to rejoice and to be proud of the blessing which they confer on this part of India. I thank you, Dr. Downie, for the privilege of this visit."

The last institution visited was the Venkatagiri Raja's High School, where His Excellency was received by M.R.Ry. A. Santanarama Ayyangar Avargal, Headmaster, and shown round the classes at work. The members of the Managing Committee were also present.

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Venkaja-
tjiri Raja's
High
School.**

The Venkatagiri Raja's High School, Nellore, is an indigenous institution. It was started in 1875 by the late Mr. S. Narayanaswami Chetti, B.A., under the name of "The Hindu High School, Nellore." It was handed over to a committee in 1879 in which year it was also recognized by the Government.

The school owes its continued development largely to the generosity and benefactions of a number of Indian well-wishers. In 1879 a Muhammadan gentleman, named Haji Muhammad Rahmat-ul-lah Sahib, presented it with a large site and the building that then stood on it. In 1887, the school was fortunate in securing the patronage of the Raja of Venkatagiri who instituted an endowment of Rs. 15,000 and gave a donation of Rs. 5,000 for the erection of a school-house, besides a loan of Rs. 5,000 for the same purpose. In grateful recognition of this liberality the name of the school was changed into "The Venkatagiri Raja's High School, Nellore." The substantial terraced building undertaken with his help at a cost of Rs. 10,000 was completed in 1888 and was formally opened by His Excellency Lord Connemara in November of that year. Many further improvements to the building were carried out in subsequent years at a total cost of

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Rs. 20,000 by means of public subscriptions and donations and Government grants. In 1902, a big hall with a verandah in front was constructed at a cost of Rs. 6,000 and was opened by Mr. (now the Hon'ble Mr.) A. Butterworth, the Collector of the district. In 1903, a contractor, named Muhammad Abdul Karim Khan Sahib, gave a building for the primary school in honour of the Coronation in India of His Majesty the King-Emperor and it was opened by His Excellency Lord Amthill on 26th November 1903. At the same time he laid the foundation stone of another big hall and three large rooms with a substantial verandah in front which were completed in 1906 at a cost of Rs. 12,000. Raja V. Kishen Bahadur gave a donation of Rs. 3,000 towards these improvements, and, in acknowledgment of this gift, one of the new rooms with the open structure in front of it has been named after him and, in deference to his wishes, is used as a library and reading-room. Further extensions to the building at a cost of Rs. 14,000 have recently been completed. It has now an endowment of Rs. 50,000 invested in the Madras Central-'Urban Bank.

The school teaches up to the sixth form and has now 23 classes including sections and has 783 pupils. Two hundred and forty-two are in the *high* school classes, 297 in the secondary and the rest in the elementary school.

Before leaving His Excellency made the following remarks in the Visitors' book.

" I am glad to have had an opportunity of seeing
 "this school which with the powerful initial help of
 "the Maharaja of Venkatagiri and under energetic
 "guidance of its committee, the Headmaster and staff
 " is discharging such important duties to the people of
 "this town and district and with their evident appre-
 " ciation. I trust that it may long continue to deserve
 "and to receive their support by the excellence of
 " its work."

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 giri Raja's
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From the Venkatagiri Raja's High School His Excellency returned to the Collector's bungalow.

After breakfast, His Excellency held an informal conference with the Revenue Officers of the Nellore district and afterwards with the Educational Officers of Guntur and Nellore districts.

**Revenue
 and Edu-
 cational
 Officers'
 Confer-
 ences.**

Nellore was finally left at 3-30 P.M. by special train for Madras.

**Depar-
 ture.**

Mr. R. Ramachandra Rao, Collector and Mr. W. Foster, District Superintendent of Police, took leave of His Excellency at the Railway station. M.R.Ry. A. Santanarama Ayyangar Avargal, Municipal Chairman, was also present on the platform to see His Excellency off.

Mr. H. R. G. Hasted, Superintendent, Railway Police, travelled in the same train. Mr. O. S. E. Sarkies, Assistant Traffic Superintendent, was in charge of the train.

The special train arrived at the Central Station, Madras, at 6-45 P.M. where His Excellency's arrival was private. There were present on the platform to receive His Excellency

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MADRAS.
Private
arrival.

Mr. S. D. Pears, Mr. P. S. P. Rice, Collector of Madras, Mr. J. C. Molony, President, Corporation of Madras, Mr. F. Armitage, Commissioner of Police, Captain W. S. E. Money, Commandant, His Excellency's Body Guard, and a few others. After shaking hands with those present His Excellency motored to Government House, Madras.

APPENDIX(NELLORE).

LIST OF PERSONS PRESENTED TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

NELLORE RAILWAY STATION.

M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao Avargal, Collector of Nellore.	SATUR- DAY. Dec. 18, 1915.
Mr. W. Foster, District Superintendent of Police, Nellore.	7 A.M.

PUBLIC HALL.

7-50 A.M.

Nellore Municipal Council.

M.R.Ry. A. Santanarama Ayyangar Avargal, Chair-
man.
„ V. S. L. Narasimha Rao Pantulu Garu, Head-
quarters Deputy Collector, Nellore.
„ Rao Sahib T. Narayanaswami Nayudu Garu,
L.M. & s., District Medical and Sanitary
Officer, Nellore.
The Hon'ble Mr. A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu, B.A.,
H.L.
Janab S. Abdul Rahiman Sahib Bahadur.
M.R.Ry. R. Paranjoti Avargal, B.A., L.T.
Muhammad Zia-ud-din Sahib Ansari Bahadur.
M.R.Ry. M. Balaram Reddi Garu, B.A., B.L.
„ A. Govinda Reddi Garu.
„ V. Narasinga Rao Pantulu Garu, B.A.
G. Panchelu Chetti Garu.

SATUR-	M.R.Ry. N. M. Kalyanarama Ayyar Avargal, B.A., L.T,
DAY.	„ B. Annaswami Ayyar Avargal, B.A.
Dec. 18,	„ K. V. Raghava Achariyar Avargal, B.A., B.L.
1915.	„ P. Sriramulu Chetti Garu.
7-50 A.M.	„ C. Venkatakrishnama Chetti Garu, B.A., B.L.
	„ S. Krishnaswami Chetti Garu, B.A., B.L.
	„ M. Narasimha Achariyar Avargal, B.A., B.L.

Nellore District Board.

The Hon'ble Mr. A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu, Vice-President.

M.R.Ry. J. Narayana Reddi Garu, B.A., Deputy Collector, Kandukur.

„ K. Rangaswami Ayyangar Avargal, B.A., Deputy Collector, Kavali.

„ M. Ramanuja Achariyar Avargal, B.A., Deputy Collector, Atmakur.

„ V. S. L. Narasimha Rao Pantulu Garu, Headquarters Deputy Collector, Nellore.

„ N. Ranganatha Achari Avargal, B.A., B.L., Deputy Collector, Gudur.

„ Rao Sahib T. Narayanaswami Nayudu Garu, L.M. & s., Acting District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Nellore.

„ P. Ramanuja Achariyar Avargal, Assistant Inspector of Schools, Nellore.

Mr. A. R. deChazel, Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Nellore.

Mulla Muhammad Sheriff Sahib Bahadur.

Saiyid Ibrahim Imami Sahib Bahadur.

Rev. George Henri Brock.

M.R.Ry. V. Subbaraya Chetti Garu.

Muhammad Sahib Bahadur.

- M.R.Ry. G. Rosayya Chetti Garu.
 „ B. Venkambhotlu Garu.
 „ Ravi Appa Nayudu Garu.
 „ K. Viraswami Reddi Garu.
 „ P. V. Krishnama Achariyar Avargal.
 „ V. Krishnaswami Rao Garu.
 „ V. Narasinga Rao Garu, B.A.
 „ B. Pattabhirami Reddi Garu.
 „ Zupalli Gurappa Nayudu Garu.
 „ K. Linga Reddi Garu.
 „ P. Ramachandra Reddi Garu.
 „ M. Anki Reddi Garu.
 „ P. Venkatarama Nayudu Garu.
 „ P. Penchelu Reddi Garu.

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Abdul Rahman Sahib Bahadur.

Saiyid Mustafa Sahib Bahadur.

M.R.Ry. A. Suryarama Ayyar Avargal, B.A.

„ M. Raman Nayudu Garu.

District Congress Committee.

- M.R.Ry. S. Venkatasayya Garu.
 „ T. V. Sivaramayya Garu.
 „ M. V. Subba Rao Garu.
 „ T. V. Ramaswami Ayyar Avargal.
 „ D. Venkatasubba Reddi Garu.
 „ K. Narasinga Rao Garu.
 „ V. Ranga Reddi Garu.
 „ P. Raghava Reddi Garu.
 „ O. Venkatarangayya Garu.
 „ R. Subbarayudu Garu.
 „ Y. Venkatachalam Pantulu Garu.
 „ D. Venkatrami Reddi Garu.

SATUR-
DAY.

Muslim Educational Association.

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7-50 A.M.

Moulvi Muhammad Zia-ud-din ahil Ansari Bahadur,
Kazi of Nellore.
Muhammad Fazi-ud-din Sahib Ahmad Ansari Bahadur.
Saiyid Mustafa Sahib Bahadur.
Saiyid Shah Niamat-ul-lah Sahib Bahadur.
Muhammad Khaja Sahib Faroki Bahadur.
Haji Muhammad Habib-ul-lah Sahib Bahadur,
Muhammad Abdul Sathar Sahib Bahadur.
Muhammad Ghaus Muhi-ud-din Sahib Bahadur.
Saiyid Abbas Ali Khan Sahib Bahadur.

8-35 A.M.

VICTORIA JUBILEE HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN
AND CHILDREN.

Miss F. A. Scott, L.R.C.P. & S.E. & L.M. (Rotunda),
Lady Doctor in charge of the Hospital.
„ J. R. Cornelius, Assistant.
M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib T. Narayanaswami Nayudu Garu,
L.M. & s., District Medical and Sanitary Officer,
Nellore.

8-55 A.M.

COLES-ACKERMAN MEMORIAL HIGH
SCHOOL.

Rev. L. C. Smith, M.A., Principal of the School.
Mrs. L. C. .Smith.
Rev. D. Downie, D.D., Senior American Missionary.
Mrs. D. Downie.

OPENING OF THE HOSTEL.

Rev. L. C. Smith, M.A.
„ D. Downie, D.D.
Mrs. D. Downie.
Rev. C. Rutherford.

Mrs. C. Rutherford.

Miss Anna Degenring, M.D.

„ A. S. Magilton, Trained Nurse.

„ E. J. Draper, B.A.

„ F. Carman, B.A.

„ Francis Tencate.

Mrs. L. C. Smith.

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INTERVIEWS.

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The Hon'ble Mr. A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu Garu,
Vice-President, District Board.

Saiyid Mustafa Sahib Bahadur, President of Nellore
Taluk Board.

M.R.Ry. R. Lakshminarasa Reddi Garu, Landholder.

„ A. Santanarama Ayyangar Avargal, Chairman,
Nellore Municipal Council.

The Rev. Dr. Downie.

DINNER.

8-30 P.M.

Mr. A. R. deChazel, Executive Engineer.

„ H. F. Arbuthnot, District Forest Officer.

Mrs. Arbuthnot.

Mr. W. Foster, District Superintendent of Police.

Mrs. Foster.

Mr. W. F. Bateman, Deputy Director of Survey,

„ F. Hodding, Inspector of Salt, Iskapalle Circle.

Mrs. Hodding.

Mr. A. A. Deighton, Inspector of Salt, Kavali Circle.

Mrs. Deighton.

Rev. Dr. Downie.

Mrs. Downie.

Rev. L. C. Smith, Principal, American Baptist
Mission High School.

Mrs. Smith.

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DAY.
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8-30 P.M.

Dr. Degenring, American Lady Doctor.
The Kumara Raja of Venkatagiri.
Mr. Sparks.
Mrs. Sparks.
Rev. G. H. Brock, American Mission, Kanigiri.
Mr. Srinivasamurti Purnayya.

AFTER DINNER.

M.R.Ry. Rai Sahib M. Venkatarama Ayyar Avargal,
Assistant Commissioner, Salt and Abkari.
„ G. Narasimhulu Nayudu Garu, Superintendent
of Post Offices.
„ Rao Sahib T. Narayanaswami Nayudu Garu,
Acting District Medical and Sanitary Officer.
The Hon'ble Mr. A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu Garu.
M.R.Ry. A. Santanarama Ayyangar Avargal, Chairman,
Municipal Council.
Saiyid Mustafa Sahib Bahadur, President, Taluk Board.
M.R.Ry. R. Lakshminarasa Reddi Garu.
The Maharaja of Venkatagiri, G.C.I.E.
The Zamindar of Mutyalpad.
M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur Y. Narayana Rao Avargal,
Trichinopoly.
„ Rao Bahadur V. R. Venkatarama Ayyar
Avargal, Inspector of Schools, Guntur.
M.R.Ry. M. Chengayya Garu, Government Pleader.
Father Allen, Roman Catholic Missionary.

MONDAY.

MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL.

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M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib T. Narayanaswami Nayudu Garu,
L.M. & s., Acting District Medical and
Sanitary Officer.
„ V. Venugopal Nayudu Garu, B.A., M.B. & C.M.,
Assistant Surgeon.

- M.R.Ry. K. Annappa Nayak Avargal, Sub-Assistant Surgeon, Branch Dispensary. MOKDAV, Dec, 20, 1915.
- „ G. Srinivasa Rao Garu, Sub-Assistant Surgeon, Municipal and Police Hospital. 7-50 A.M.
- „ P. Narayana Ayyar Avargal, Sub-Assistant Surgeon, Municipal Hospital.
- „ A. Santanarama Ayyangar Avargal, B.A., L.T., Chairman, Municipal Council, Nellore.

NELLORE WATER-WORKS.

8-10 A.M.

- M.R.Ry. A. Santanarama Ayyangar Avargal, B.A., L.T., Municipal Chairman.
- „ Rajam Ayyar Avargal, Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department, Nellore.

GOVERNMENT TRAINING SCHOOL.

8-20 A.M.

- M.R.Ry. M. Subrahmanyam Pantulu Garu, B.A., L.T., Headmaster.
- „ Rao Bahadur V. R. Venkatarama Ayyar Avargal, B.A., L.T., Inspector of Boys' Schools, II Circle, Guntur.

THE A.B.M. HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

8-45 A.M.

- Dr. Degenring, Lady Doctor in charge of the Hospital.
- Miss A. S. Magilton, Superintendent of Nurses.
- Dr. D. Downie.

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSION HOUSE.

- Dr. Downie
- Mrs. Downie.
- Rev. C. Rutherford.
- Mrs. Rutherford.

MONDAY. A.B.M. TRAINING SCHOOL FOR MISTRESSES.

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Miss F. Tencate, Principal.

9-10 A.M.

A.B.M. HIGH SCHOOL FOR WOMEN.

Miss E. J. Draper, B.A., Principal.

Mr. Nathan, Headmaster.

Miss F. Carman, B.A.

10 A.M.

VENKATAGIRI RAJA'S HIGH SCHOOL.

M.R.Ry. A. Santanarama Ayyangar Avargal, B.A., L.T.,
Headmaster.

(Members of the Managing Committee.)

The Maharaja of Venkatagiri (Patron). [Not present.]

M.R.Ry. M. Chengayya Pantulu Garu, B.A., B.L., High
Court Vakil (President).

„ M. Narasimha Achariyar Avargal, B.A., B.L.,
First-grade Pleader (Secretary).

„ S. Venkatesayya Garu, B.A., First-grade Pleader
(Treasurer).

The Hon'ble Mr. A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu, B.A.,
B.L., High Court Vakil.

M.R.Ry. T. V. Sivaramayya Garu, B.A., B.L., First-
grade Pleader.

„ O. Venkatarangayya Garu, B.A., B.L., First-
grade Pleader.

„ P. Desika Achariyar Avargal, B.A., B.C.E.,
District Board Engineer.

„ V. Narasinga Rao Garu, B.A., First-grade
Pleader.

„ C. Venkatakrishnayya Garu, B.A., B.L., High
Court Vakil.

REVENUE OFFICERS' CONFERENCE.

MONDAY.

M.R.Ry. J. Narayana Reddi Garu, B.A., Deputy Collector, Kandukur.

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11-30A.M.,

„ K. Rangaswami Ayyangar Avargal. B.A., Deputy Collector, Kavali.

„ M. Ramanuja Achariyar Avargal, B.A., Deputy Collector, Atmakur.

„ V. S.L. Narasimha Rao Pantulu Garu, Headquarters Deputy Collector, Nellore.

„ N. Ranganatha Achariyar Avargal, B.A., B.L., Deputy Collector, Gudur.

„ M. Purushottam Rao Garu, B.A., Tahsildar, Nellore.

„ D. Venkatachalayya Garu, B.A., Tahsildar, Kovvur.

„ T. J. Abboy Nayudu Garu, Tahsildar, Atmakur.

„ R. Subbayya Nayudu Garu, B.A., Land Records Tahsildar.

„ N. Seshagiri Rao Nayudu Garu, B.A., Tahsildar, Rapur.

„ R. Subbaramayya Garu, B.A., B.L., Acting Tahsildar, Kanigiri.

„ A. R. deChazel, Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Nellore.

Mr. H. F. Arbuthnot, District Forest Officer.

EDUCATIONAL OFFICERS' CONFERENCE.

12-15 P.M

M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur V. R. Venkatarama Ayyar Avargal, B.A., L.T., Inspector of Boys' Schools, II Circle, Guntur.

- MONDAY. Miss C. M. Lynch, B.A., Inspectress of Girls' Schools,
 Dec. 20, Central Circle, Madras.
1915. M.R.Ry. P. Ramanuja Achariyar Avargal, Assistant
 12-15P.M. Inspector of Schools, Nellore.
- „ C. Suryaprakasa Rao Pantulu Garu, B.A., L.T.,
 Assistant Inspector of Schools, Guntur.
- „ M. Subrahmanyam Pantulu Garu, B.A., L.T.,
 Headmaster, Government Training School,
 Nellore.
- Saiyid Salar Ali Sahib, Sub-Assistant Inspector of
 Muhammadan Schools, Guntur Muhammadan Range,
 Guntur.
- M.R.Ry. Y. S. Hanumanta Rao Garu, B.A., L.T., Sub-
 Assistant Inspector of Schools, Nellore.
- „ S. Bhuvараha Rao Garu, B.A., L.T., Sub-Assist-
 ant Inspector of Schools, Kavali Range.
- „ M. Sundaram Ayyar Avargal, B.A., L.T., Sub-
 Assistant Inspector of Schools, Atmakur
 Range.
- „ P. Virrazu Pantulu Garu, B.A., L.T., Sub-
 Assistant Inspector of Schools, Guntur
 Range.
- „ S. Krishnama Achariyar Avargal, B.A., L.T.,
 Sub-Assistant Inspector of Schools, Ongole
 Range.
- „ K'. Venkataramanayya Pantulu Garu, B.A., L.T.
 Sub-Assistant Inspector of Schools, Nara-
 saraopet Range.
- „ A. Santanarama Ayyangar Avargal, B.A.,
 , L.T., Headmaster, Venkatagiri Raja's High
 School.
- The Rev. L. C. Smith, Principal, Coles-Ackerman,
 Memorial School.

PART II

TENALI AND ONGOLE

18th March 1916

P A R T Y

The party accompanying His Excellency consisted of

- (1) Mr. T. E. MOIR, I.C.S., *Private Secretary*,
- (2) Mr. L. B. GASSON, *Aide-de-Camp*.

Date.	Day of week,	Town or village.	Place.	Arr. or Dep.	Time.	
					A.M.	P.M.
1916. Mar, 17.	Fri.	Guindy ... Madras ...	Government House. Central Station ...	Dep. Arr. Dep.	...	9-30 9-55 10-0
Mar. 18.	Sat.	Tenali ... Ongole ...	Railway Station ... Railway Station Cattle Show Ground. Railway Station	Arr. Dep. Arr. Dep. Arr. Dep. Arr. Dep.	7-0 7-35 8-30 9-0 11-0	3-30 4-30 4-35 6-30 6-35 7-30
Mar. 19.	Sun.	Madras .. Guindy...	Central Station Government House,	Arr. Dep. Arr.	7-25 7-30 7-55	...

Distance in miles,	Remarks.
...	By motor. By special train. Departure private.
...	Arrival public. Upened the Guntur-Tenali-Repalle Railway. By train to Zampani and back. Breakfast. Departure private. By special train. Lunch in train. Arrival private. By motor. Arrival public. Received and replied to an address from the Ongole Municipal Council. Inspection of the Show. Presentation of an address by the Cattle Show Association and distribution of prizes. By motor. Departure private. By special train. Dinner in train.
	-Arrival private. By motor.

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HIS Excellency the Right Honourable the Lord Pentland, P.C, G.C.I.E., accompanied by Mr. T. E. Moir, I.C.S., Private Secretary, and Mr. L. B. Gasson, Aide-de-Camp, left Madras by special train at 10 P.M. on Friday, the 17th March, on a visit to Tenali and Ongole. Mr. H. R. G. Hasted, Superintendent of Railway Police, and Mr. R. Greenall, Traffic Manager, were in charge of the special train.

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His Excellency and party arrived at Tenali railway station at 7 A.M. the following day, the arrival being public. On alighting from the train His Excellency was received by Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks, I.C.S., Collector of Guntur, and Mr. R. Todd, Agent, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company, Limited. Mr. Marjoribanks introduced to His Excellency some of the leading local gentlemen present and Mr. Todd introduced the principal Railway officials. After His Excellency had taken his seat in the reception pandal, M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib C. Bhaktavatsaludu Nayudu Garu, Chairman of the Tenali Municipal Council, read the following address on behalf of the Council and introduced to His Excellency the other Councillors :—

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" We, the members of the Municipal Council of
"Tenali, rejoice at the unique honour done to our
" town by this Your Excellency's gracious visit for

Mar. 18, 1916. "opening the Tenali-Repalle Railway and beg respect-

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" fully to accord to Your Excellency our most cordial
" welcome.

" 2. We are happy to contemplate that the
" Tenali-Repalle Railway line has opened up new
" facilities of communication, and has added to the
" importance of our town in no small measure.

" 3. Your Excellency may be graciously pleased
" to know that the people of this town had for long
" looked eagerly for the construction of this line, and
" feel grateful to Your Excellency's Government for
" the facilities afforded to make the Guntur-Tenali-
" Repalle Railway line an accomplished fact.

" 4. In conclusion, we once more beg to tender
" our hearty greetings to Your Excellency, and pray
" that Heaven's blessing may ever be on Your Excel-
" lency and Lady Pentland, and that Your Excellency's
" Government may long be a continued blessing to the
" people of this Presidency."

M.R.Ry. P. V. Srinivasa Rao Pantulu Garu,
Vice-President of the District Board, next read
the following address requesting His Excellency
to open the Tenali-Repalle line :—

District
Board's
address.

" We, the members of the District Board, Guntur,
" sincerely rejoice to approach Your Excellency and
" offer our most respectful and cordial greetings of wel-
" come on this happy occasion of the opening of the
" Tenali-Repalle Railway, which sees the fruition of the-
" labours of several years and sets the crown of success
" on the first undertaking of the Board.

" In Your Excellency's august presence here
" today, we gratefully recognize the keen interest

"evinced, and sympathetic support given by Your
"Excellency, in the matter of construction of railways
"by the District Boards in this Presidency, and appreciate the signal honour done to us by Your Excellency
"in so graciously consenting to open the railway.

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"In the address which we had the privilege of
"presenting to Your Excellency at the time of your
"visit to the capital of our district in December last
"which we cherish with most happy recollections, we
"referred to the genuine gratification we felt at the
"prospect of the completion of the construction of the
"Tenali-Repalle line as it was to us the realization of a
"long cherished object, and availed ourselves of the
"opportunity to express our ardent wish that we may
"have the singular fortune of the first railway of the
"Board being opened by Your Excellency. Though
"Your Excellency was not able to give any definite
"assurance then, we are sincerely glad that it has
"pleased your Excellency to graciously remember, and
"accede to, our request. It affords us great rejoicing
"to have our wish realized and we beg leave to convey
"our most grateful thanks to Your Excellency.

"Now that the first railway of the Board is to be
"opened under such happy auspices, we hope that the
"Tenali-Repalle Railway would supply a long-felt
"want, and prove a boon to the people. We further
"venture to hope that the success attending on the
"working of this line would stimulate and hasten the
"construction of the other railways formulated by the
"Board, and that, with the kind co-operation of
"Government, which has always extended its helping
"hand, it would be possible for this Board to secure to

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" the district the full measure of the blessings of wealth
" and prosperity which they are calculated to bring."

After the other members of the District Board
had been presented, His Excellency replied to
the addresses as follows :--

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lency's
reply.

" GENTLEMEN OF THE TENALI MUNICIPAL COUN-
CIL,—I thank you heartily for the welcome you have
" given me and I am glad to hear that the citizens of
" the town which you represent feel that the under-
" taking, of which we have here met to celebrate the
" completion, will bring additional prosperity to it, and
" I sincerely hope that your expectations will be fully
" realized."

"GENTLEMEN OF THE GUNTUR DISTRICT BOARD,—
" I have been able to redeem the promise which I
" gave in December last, that, if circumstances permit-
" ted, I would be present at the opening of the
" Tenali-Repalle Railway. I can assure you that it is
"equally gratifying to myself, and that I feel it a
" great privilege to be associated in this way with
" the completion of an undertaking which, as you
" observe, represents the triumphant overcoming of
" many difficulties and vicissitudes. The present
" Guntur district is now settling down to a staid and
" respectable maturity, but this project took shape
" before the reconstitution of the district had been
" contemplated. It was in November 1899, that the
" old Kistna District Board suggested the construction
" of a line, on the metre gauge between Guntur and
" Repalle. A private firm applied for and was granted
" the concession, but it failed to raise the necessary
" capital, and the District Board then entered the

" field and proposed to construct it by means of a
 " loan. The re-distribution of the Godavari, Kistna
 " and Nellore districts, however, which was then
 " under contemplation, necessitated further delay, and
 " when the Guntur district was formed the District
 " Board found itself in possession of over Rs. i^ lakhs
 " in the shape of proportionate cess accumulations.
 " Further difficulties arose as regards the gauge which
 " should be adopted. The dissolution of the old
 " Madras Railway Company also intervened, and it was
 " not till February 1908 that the Railway Board was
 " in a position to ask the amalgamated Company, now
 " known as the Madras and Southern Mahratta Rail-
 " way Company, to submit proposals as to the gauge
 " and the terms of construction and working of the
 " line. A decision as to the gauge did not present
 " much difficulty; but the amalgamation under the
 " same interest, of the line from Guntakal, and the line
 " from Madras to Bezwada, raised fresh issues, which
 " were finally settled by the decision that the Tenali-
 " Guntur section should be constructed and worked as
 " part of the Company's undertaking, while the Tenali-
 " Repalle section was to be constructed on behalf of
 " the District Board, both sections being put in hand
 " simultaneously. The final sanction of the Railway
 " Board to their construction was accorded in
 " April 1913 and work commenced in January
 " 1914, or a little over two years ago. The delays
 " were to a considerable extent unavoidable, and in
 " two respects, at any rate, they were, I think, not
 " devoid of advantage. They enabled the question of
 " the gauge to be reconsidered and settled on what

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"I believe is generally regarded as a sound basis,
"while the District Board itself by enterprise in
"continuing its railway cess during all this period, has
"been able to finance the construction of the line,
"without having to raise a loan. It will therefore,
"possess in its railway, which we all hope will prove a
"sound investment, an asset freed from those deduc-
"tions which undertakings financed from borrowed
"capital have to undergo.

"The need for the railway has grown since it
"was first contemplated. The lack of adequate
"communications, to enable the produce of the rich
"Taluks of Tenali and Repalle to be transported, and
"to meet the requirements of their dense popula-
"tion, has long been felt, and we may well congratulate
"the District Board on the fact that its patience and
"determination have at last found a successful issue.
"We hope sincerely that this line will materially
"increase its resources and add substantially to the
"prosperity and the convenience of the residence of
"this neighbourhood. I would also congratulate the
"Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company
"on the completion of its loop line from Guntur to
"this town. It will, I trust, facilitate the handling
"of the traffic of this part of the country, and be a
"great benefit to those who have occasion to visit the
"headquarters of the district, whether on business or
"on pleasure bent.

"Before I proceed to the ceremonial part of
"today's function, I have another pleasant duty to
"perform. If deliberation marked the discussion which
"led to this undertaking, its execution has been

" marked by an energy, promptitude and capacity
" which deserves a special meed of praise. I would
" heartily congratulate Mr. McLeod, the construction
" Engineer, on the successful completion of months of
" hard and anxious work. I am informed that those
" who are competent to speak have a high opinion of
" Mr. McLeods' work, and of the manner in which he
" has overcome the difficulties he has had to face.
" Mr. McLeod has, I believe, in the past two years
" increased his knowledge of the depravity and lack of
" consideration which Indian streams and waterways
" are apt to show and of the unsatisfactory character of
" paddy swamps from the engineering point of view.
" Perseverance and skill have, however, brought him
" through. It is not given to every man to leave
" visible evidence of his work behind him, and in that
" respect there are many who envy those who belong
" to the great profession of engineering. I hope that
" hereafter, when Mr. McLeod recalls the long days he
" has spent on this line, and the anxieties and diffi-
" culties which he has had to overcome, he will feel it
" full compensation to be able to point out on the map
" the Guntur-Tenali-Repalle line, and be able to say
" ' I built that.'

" I feel sure that he would like us to include in
" our congratulations the staff who have worked under
" him. I would specially mention Mr. Roche-Kelly
" and Mr. Farin. They and all the other members of
" the staff may well feel a legitimate pride in the share
" they have taken in the construction of this railway.
" I would also pay a tribute to those important persons
" the contractors, and specially mention Mr. Samuel,
" whose work I believe has given the Railway autho-

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TENALT. "open the railway, and ask you to join with me in
 "expressing the hope that it may justify the expecta-
 tions of its prompters in advancing the prosperity of
 "this district."

His Excellency then extracted the train key from the Tenali station block instrument and handed it to the stationmaster to start the train. The Agent, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway, presented His Excellency with a silver replica of the key on behalf of the Railway Company. His Excellency then travelled by train to Zampani on the new line and returned to Tenali by about 8-30 A.M.

Breakfast. At 9 A.M. Mr. Marjoribanks gave a breakfast party which His Excellency attended.

ONGOLE. His Excellency left Tenali at 11 A.M. for Ongole, arriving at the latter station at 3-30 P.M.
Public arrival. At 4-30 P.M. His Excellency left for the Cattle Show ground, where his arrival was public. After His Excellency had taken his seat, Mr. Marjoribanks introduced to him M.R.Ry. C. V. Krishna Rao Pantulu Garu, Chairman of the Ongole Municipal Council, who read the following address on behalf of the Council:—

Municipal address. "We, the Chairman, and members of the
 "Municipal Council, Ongole, beg to offer Your Excel-
 "lency a hearty welcome to this town, and to express
 "our deep devotion and unfailing loyalty to the British
 "Crown. 'We feel a keen sense of grief over the
 "Empire's unavoidable participation in the terrible
 "war, and it is our fervent prayer that it may come
 "to a speedy and successful termination.

" This town has been a Municipality for nearly 40 years. The Council enjoys the privilege of electing the Chairman, and five of the Councillors out of 16 are elected. We pray that it may please Your Excellency to grant the rate-payers a larger representation on the Council by permitting them to elect at least half the number of members on the Council.

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" One of the long felt needs of this town is a protected system of wafer-supply. While we are very thankful for all that the Government has done and has promised to do in this direction, we pray that Your Excellency's Government will be pleased to expedite the scheme which is now under investigation.

" Some portions of our town are too crowded to be sanitary. It is therefore necessary that the congestion be removed. The Government has been pleased to promise favourable consideration on receipt of necessary plans. We fear that the cost of even the preliminary investigation will be found to be beyond the resources of the Municipality. We earnestly pray that Your Excellency may be pleased to have the work undertaken at Government expense. We further beg to request that the proposed survey of the town be taken up as early as possible. These are some of the more urgent needs of the town, and we request that Your Excellency's Government will be pleased to consider them favourably when the present financial stress is somewhat relieved."

His Excellency made the following reply :—

" GENTLEMEN OF THE ONGOLE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,—It is a great pleasure to me to have been

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"able to avail myself of this opportunity of paying a
" visit to this town. I thank you heartily for the cordial
" welcome which you have accorded me, for your
" expressions of loyalty and for the manner in which
" you have expressed on behalf of the citizens their
" regrets at the struggle in which the empire has been
" forced to engage in defence of its honour and obliga-
" tions, and their hopes for an early and successful
" conclusion.

" You point out with pride that your town has been
" a municipality for nearly 40 years, and you request
" that the elected element on your body may now be
" increased. I am glad to be in a position to assure
" you that if the Council will address Government
" formally in the matter, your representations will be
" favourably considered.

" A sufficient and safe water-supply is, as you
" state, one of your principal requirements. Unfortu-
" nately it has been difficult to find a Supply in which
" these essentials are combined. After a prolonged
" search it has been decided that the temple well is the
" only source of supply which can be considered suitable
" from the financial point of view. The yield is satis-
" factory but its purity is far below any reasonable
" standard. The possibility of remedying this defect
" is being carefully investigated, and we can only hope
" that when the final report of the Sanitary Engineer is
" received it will show that the difficulty has at least
" been overcome.

" You also refer to the necessity for removing
" congestion and you ask that the proposed survey of
" the town be carried out at an early date. As you are
" perhaps aware, special town survey sections have been

"attached to some survey parties with a view to
 " expedite town surveys. One of these parties will, it is
 " expected, commence work in this district during the
 "course of the present year and although no definite
 " guarantee can at present be given, it is hoped that
 " its town survey section will also ere long be available
 " for work here, in which case the municipal surveys
 " which are required including that of Ongole will be
 " taken in hand. The Municipal Council has itself
 " suggested that the preparation of plans in connection
 " with town improvement should await the completion
 " of the survey. I am unable to say whether the
 " examination of your more urgent requirements may
 " be undertaken in advance and without more detailed
 " information than has yet been afforded. It will not
 " be possible for Government to decide whether there
 " is any case for the somewhat unusual grant of a
 " subsidy for preliminary investigation.

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 lency's
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" Gentlemen, your address has been commendably
 " brief and businesslike and in view of the special
 " attractions which this town offers to visitors today, I
 " will not trespass longer on your patience but will
 " conclude by once again thanking you for your kind
 " welcome."

His Excellency then proceeded to inspect the
 Cattle show. After the inspection His Excel-
 lency adjourned to a pavilion facing the judging
 ring and M.R.Ry. C. V. Krishna Rao Pantulu
 Garu, President of the Ongole Cattle Show
 Committee, read the following address :—

" We the members of the Ongole Cattle Show
 " Association, beg to tender to Your Excellency our
 " heartiest welcome to this the ancient town of Ongole

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" whose chief reputation has been from the remote past
" its wealth of cattle of the finest breed. We are parti-
" cularly grateful to Your Excellency for your kind visit
" at a time when the Empire's interests are momentarily
" engaging Your Excellency's anxious attention. We,
" in common with the rest of our countrymen, feel
" assured of ultimate victory to the British arms and
" wish here to give expression to that intense feeling of
" loyalty which has so thoroughly made us realize our
" union with the inviolate Empire of the Free.

" While we are deeply grateful for the help we have
" received at the hands of Your Excellency's Govern-
" ment, we strongly feel that without a well-equipped
" breeding farm it is impossible to maintain the
" famous Ongole breed of cattle at the highest standard
" of growth and development. We therefore appeal to
" Your Excellency that steps may be taken¹ as early as
" convenient to establish a breeding farm in this
" locality.

" Thanking Your Excellency for the interest so
" keenly evinced on behalf of our association."

Prize
distribu-
tion.

Before distributing the prizes, His Excellency
made the following speech :—

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" MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—For
" several reasons, I accepted with great pleasure and
" lively anticipations an invitation to be present at the
" Ongole Cattle Show. In the first place, I have often
" had occasion to admire in Madras and elsewhere fine
" cattle which I have been told belonged to the Nellore
" or Ongole breed, and the opportunity of visiting a
" show held in that tract of country which they
" have rendered famous, and seeing picked specimens

" of the breed was a temptation which I could not
" resist. Nor have my expectations been disappointed.
" No one could see the fine cattle assembled here today
" without arriving at some understanding of the affec-
" tion and reverential regard with which the cow is
" regarded in this country, a feeling which surely is not
" based on utilitarian grounds alone. The impression
" of reserved force, of dignity and gentleness, and of
" endurance combined with docility, which these hand-
" some animals convey may well appeal to our aesthetic
" sense, and if that alone were its object, this show
" might without further question be said to justify its
" existence. It is a pleasure to see such line cattle,
" and I can fully sympathize with the pride of their
" owners. In the second place, the Ongole Cattle
" Show has shown a vitality which has not as a rule
" been characteristic of such institutions in this Presi-
" dency. This is possibly due mainly to the large
" measure of support which it has received from
" Government and local bodies, but if so there is the
" more reason why we should carefully consider whether
" it is fulfilling the beneficial purposes for which it is
" intended and if so how the activities of which it is
" the annual result can best be extended or supple-
" mented. That, as you are aware, is a problem which
" has been subjected to close examination by the
" Government and by various experts, and opinion is
" not altogether unanimous. It seemed to me there-
" fore that a visit to this show might add to my own
" knowledge of the subject. Here again I have been
" exceptionally fortunate. It was not possible for me
" to be here except upon the closing day, and I am
" thus able personally to congratulate the prize-winners,,

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" The happy result is that you have had the privilege
" of securing the Hon'ble Mr. Buckley to open the
" show and of hearing from his lips an admirable
" exposition of the facts connected with cattle-breeding
" in this Presidency, an assurance which I am glad to
" corroborate personally of the sincere desire on the
" part of the Government to assist in the improvement
" and development of an important branch of agricul-
" ture, and a review of the tentative lines on which the
" Government think they can most helpfully intervene.
" You have also heard most excellent advice which I
" cannot too strongly commend to the careful considera-
" tion of the members of this Association and of all
" who sincerely desire that the show should be of the
" maximum practical benefit. The danger is obvious,
" the reputation of the Ongole cattle both for draft and
" for dairy purposes has created a demand not only in
" this neighbourhood and in the black cotton tracts of
" the Ceded Districts where, as far as we know, it has
" been used for centuries, but also in big centres such
" as Madras and even beyond the confines of India in
" Ceylon, Java and elsewhere. Cattle-breeding is not
" here a scientifically organised industry as it is in
" Great Britain ; the breeding of cattle is largely in the
" hands of small ryots and is to a considerable extent
" entirely divorced from the kindred occupation of
" rearing cattle. There is thus considerable risk that
" the pure strain may be depleted without our being
" aware of the fact and its subsequent restoration
" might prove a difficult and costly business. The
" report presented by Mr. Sampson, as the result of
" his cattle census, contained much useful information
" and with a view to securing expert examination of the

" lines of investigation which it indicated, the Govern-
 " ment decided to add to the cadre of the Agricultural
 " Department a Deputy Director with special knowledge
 " of cattle-breeding. The war has unfortunately rend-
 " ered it very difficult to secure such an expert, but as
 " soon as one can be found he will be appointed, and
 " I am glad to be able to inform you that the Govern-
 " ment have decided to take steps in advance towards
 " the establishment of a breeding farm in the Ongole
 " country which shall be the home of a representative
 " herd of Ongole cattle. I think you will agree with
 " me that whatever else is done, it is essential to preserve
 " and maintain to the best of our power the character-
 " istic qualities and excellences of the breed and thus
 " help cattle-breeders and others to maintain its high
 " reputation and its market value unimpaired. I pro-
 " ceed now to the pleasant duty of distributing the
 " prizes. The number of cattle exhibited is I under-
 " stand up to the average of the last six years, and I am
 " glad to be able to say on good authority that the
 " standard shows no falling off. We may thus hope
 " that the great demand has not as yet resulted in any
 " serious deterioration, and I sincerely trust that now
 " the danger has been pointed out, we shall secure the
 " hearty co-operation of landowners, ryots, breeders and
 " others in our future efforts to maintain and improve
 " it."

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His Excellency left Ongole at 7-30 P.M. for
 Madras, the arrival at 7-25 A.M. the next day
 being private. From the Central Station His
 Excellency motored to Government House,
 Guindy.

Departure

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MADRAS.

**Private
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APPENDIX

LIST OF PERSONS WHO MET HIS EXCELLENCY.

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Mar, 18,
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„ H. Dawson, Superintendent of Police.
J Husain Khan Sahib Bahadur, Deputy Collector,
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Mr. J. Beckett, Assistant Superintendent of Police.
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ern Mahratta Railway.
„ G. Vibart, Chief Engineer, Madras and Southern
Mahratta Railway.
„ Wilson, Electrical Engineer, Madras and Southern
Mahratta Railway.
„ H. T. McLeod, Executive Engineer on Construc-
tion.
„ J. W. Roche-Kelly, Assistant Engineer on Con-
struction.
„ S. T. Farm, Assistant Engineer on Construction,

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SATUR-
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Chairman.

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„ Rao Bahadur C. V. Subrahmanya Sastri
Garu.

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Bahadur.**

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„ **Narasinga Rao Pantulu Garu.**

„ **G. Vasudeva Sastri Garu,**

„ **K. Kotilingam Pantulu Garu.**

„ **M. Subba Rao Pantulu Garu.**

„ **R. M. V. Gopal Rao Pantulu Garu.**

„ **M. Hanumayya Garu.**

„ **K. Punayya Pantulu Garu.**

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Mr. W. B. MacBain, Bank of Madras.

„ **W. Murphy, Bank of Madras.**

„ **W. R. T. Mackay, Bank of Madras.**

„ **Tylor, Indian Tobacco Leaf Development Syndi-
cate, Limited. .**

„ **H. Dawson, District Superintendent of Police.**

„ **E. Granger, Agent, Messrs. Volkart Brothers.**

„ **J. B. Lutman, Superintending Engineer.**

„ **W. J. Davis, Executive Engineer, Kistna Western
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„ **J. Beckett, Assistant Superintendent of Police.**

Miss Kugler, M.D., American Lutheran Mission.

Rev. Father J. Van der Westerlaken.

**Mr. R. Todd, Agent, Madras and Southern Mahratta
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„ **R. Greenall, Traffic Manager, Madras and South-
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„ **G. Vibart, Chief Engineer, Madras and Southern
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Mrs. Vibart.

**Mr. Wilson, Electrical Engineer, Madras and Southern
Mahratta Railway.**

- Mr. H. T. McLeod, Executive Engineer in charge of the construction of the Guntur-Tenali-Repalli Railway. SATUR. DAY.
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 Mr. R. Bourne, District Engineer, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway. 9 A.M.
 Mrs. Bourne.
 Mr. H. Tavernor, District Traffic Superintendent, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway.
 „ S. T. Farin, Assistant Engineer on construction.
 „ J. W. Roche-Kelly, Assistant Engineer on construction.

ONGOLE CATTLE SHOW GROUND.

4-35 P.M.

- The Hon'ble Mr. L. E. Buckley, I.C.S., Commissioner of Agriculture, etc.
 M.R.Ry. P. Kamarazu Pantulu Garu, Divisional Officer.
 „ C. V. Krishna Rao Pantulu Garu, Chairman of the Municipal Council and President of the Cattle Show Committee.
 Mr. F. Ware, Superintendent, Civil Veterinary Department.
 „ D. T. Chadwick, Director of Agriculture.
 „ G. R. Hilson, Deputy Director of Agriculture.
 M.R.Ry. K. Ramasastrulu Nayudu Garu, Assistant Director of Agriculture.
 „ J. Chelvaranga Raju Garu, Assistant Director of Agriculture.
 „ P. Venkat&rangayya Pantulu Garu, Landholder and Donor of Public Choultry.

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M.R.Ry. C. V. Krishna Rao Pantulu Gam, Chairman.

„ P. Kamarazu Pantulu Garu, Divisional
Officer.

„ P. S. Natesa Sastfiyar Avargal.

„ N. Samuel Garu.

„ T. Nayana Sastri Garu.

„ N. Venkatarangam Sresty Garu.

„ B. L. Narayana Rao Garu.

Muhammad Ghouse Sahib Bahadur.

M.R.Ry. Vellanki Subrahmanya Ayya Garu.

„ U. Sanjiva Rao Avargal.

Professor L. E. Martin.

M.R.Ry. Dhara Venkataramayya Garu.

„ Desu Subba Rao Chetti Garu.

Mr. S. Wood.

M.R.Ry. S. Radhakrishnayya Garu.

„ S. Koteswara Gupta Garu.

„ K. Ramakrishna Rao Garu.

ONGOLE CATTLE SHOW COMMITTEE.

M.R.Ry. C. V. Krishna Rao Pantulu Garu, President;
Chairman, Municipal Council.

„ P. V. Srinivasa Rao Pantulu Garu, Vice-
President, District Board.

„ N. Samuel Garu, Tahsildar, Ongole.

„ B. Venkatarama Ayyar Avargal, Tahsildar,
Bapatla,

„ M. Subba Rao Garu, Vice-President, Ongole
Taluk Board.

Rao Sahib K. M. Krishna Rao Pantulu
Garu, Public Prosecutor, Guntu

- M.R.Ry. K. Ramakrishna Rao Pantulu Garu, Pleader, Ongole. SATUR-
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Muhammad Shumshuddin Sahib, Yeomadur, Ongole.
M.R.Ry. B. Nagayya Garu, Merchant, Ongole.
„ T. Ramabhotlu Garu, Landholder.
„ D. Venkataramayya Garu, Landholder.
„ S. Koteswara Gupta Garu, B.A., B.L., Secre-
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