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APPENDIX I.

I.—AMOUNTS DISBURSED THROUGH THE INDIAN STUDENTS DEPARTMENT.

(A.)—FROM INDIAN REVENUES:—	ACTUALS, 1924-5.			ESTIMATES, 1925-6.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
(1) Scholarships:—							
Allowances of Government Scholars	18,153	10	11			23,680	
Allowances, &c., of Veterinary Scholars	1,355	15	1			1,115	
Passages	601	2	0			1,260	
Travelling Expenses	434	7	0			930	
Premiums, Fees, &c.	1,794	9	5			3,895	
	<u>22,339</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5(a)</u>			<u>30,880(a)</u>	
(2) Special Grants-in-Aid	434	3	4			500	
(3) Grants to Educational and other bodies:—							
Grant to Oxford University for expenses for Delegacy for Oriental Students	400	0	0			400	
Grant to Cambridge University for expenses of Inter-Collegiate Indian Students' Committee... ..	555	9	5			550	
Advance to Distressed Indian Students' Aid Committee	107	0	5			200	
Burma Society	375	0	0			375	
	<u>1,437</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>1,525</u>	
(4) 21, Cromwell Road:—							
Rent, Rates and Taxes	897	8	8			915	
Allowance to Warden	155	16	8			160	
Repairs, Renovations, &c.	162	18	3			300	
Allowance for incidental expenses	30	17	4			35	
Grant towards Law Library... ..	19	13	0			20	
Grant towards House expenses	—	109	0 11(b)			470(c)	
Telephone	10	11	11			20	
	<u>1,168</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>			<u>1,920</u>	
(B.)—FROM PRIVATE SOURCES:—				25,379	2	6	34,825.
Amounts administered on behalf of Students under guardianship	11,294	4	11			11,500	
Amounts administered on behalf of Students under guardianship of Local Advisers	5,016	13	2			5,000	
				<u>16,310</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>16,500</u>

II.—ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF INDIAN STUDENTS DEPARTMENT.

SALARIES:—							
Office Staff	4,170	1	6(d)			4,223(d)	
HONORARIA:—							
Engineering Adviser	250	0	0			250	
Local Advisers at Manchester, Edinburgh and Glasgow... ..	380	0	0			400	
	<u>4,800</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>			<u>4,873</u>	
Travelling Expenses	167	19	1			220	
Postage for Engineering Adviser	2	0	0			5	
Publication, &c., of Handbook	186	11	10			150	
" " of the Report of the Department	—	—	—			50	
Sundries	51	17	0			55	
				<u>5,208</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5(e)</u>	<u>5,353(a)</u>

(a) Divisible among the various Governments as shown below:—	ACTUALS, 1924-5.			ESTIMATES, 1925-6.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Central	3,158	4	5	4,000		
Madras	3,750	2	3	4,130		
Bombay	2,943	6	5	3,000		
Bengal	1,600	7	11	2,800		
United Provinces	1,918	4	6	3,388		
Punjab	1,327	10	4	2,300		
Burma	4,249	17	5	6,050		
Bihar and Orissa	2,635	16	3	3,544		
Central Provinces	384	9	4	1,548		
Assam	371	5	7	120		
	<u>£22,339</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>£30,880</u>		

(b) No grant was necessary this year from Indian Revenues towards House Expenses; on the contrary, the year's operations closed with a balance in hand of £151 16s. As it was necessary to recover this balance before the end of the financial year for credit in the accounts for 1924-5, an estimated balance of £149 13s. was paid in by the Warden and is credited herein, less the sum of £40 12s. 1d. paid from Indian Revenues during 1924-5 on account of March 1924. The difference of £2 3s. will be accounted for in the year 1925-6.

(c) Details as to how the "Grant towards House Expenses" was calculated will be seen from Appendix III.

(d) Details are as follows:—	ACTUALS, 1924-5.			ESTIMATES, 1925-6.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Two Joint Secretaries... ..	1,914	11	3	1,999		
Two Assistants to the Joint Secretaries'	1,277	6	9	1,227		
Clerical Staff	978	3	6	997		
	<u>£4,170</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>£4,223</u>		

(e) This, as in previous years, does not include any proportionate charge for services and staff shared with other Departments of the Office of the High Commissioner.

APPENDIX II.

21, CROMWELL ROAD.

HOUSE ACCOUNT, 1924-5.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Boarders	2,932	2	0	Wages and Insurance	707	10	10
Meals... ..	380	7	0	Food	1,534	18	0
National Indian Association ...	70	0	0	Heating and Lighting	390	9	3
Library	19	13	0	Laundry	217	13	3
Storage of luggage, &c.	11	7	5	Maintenance and Contingencies ...	391	9	1
				Library	19	13	0
				Excess of Receipts over Expenditure	151	16	0
	<u>£3,413</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>£3,413</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>

APPENDIX III.

21, CROMWELL ROAD.

ESTIMATED HOUSE ACCOUNT, 1925-6.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£				£		
Boarders	2,600			Wages and Insurance	750		
Meals	300			Food... ..	1,600		
Storage of luggage, meter rent, &c. ...	10			Laundry	250		
Rent, National Indian Association ...	70			Heating and Lighting	420		
Law Library	20			Maintenance, &c.	365		
Grant from Indian Revenues to meet deficiencies as between receipts and expenditure	470			Contingencies	65		
	<u>£3,470</u>			Law Library	20		
					<u>£3,470</u>		

APPENDIX IV.

LIST OF GOVERNMENT SCHOLARS UNDER THE CHARGE OF THE INDIAN STUDENTS DEPARTMENT, 1924-5.

Province.	Name.	Subject of Study.	Place of Study.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.	A. C. Agarwala ...	Veterinary Science ...	Royal Veterinary College, London.
	T. G. Banarji ...	Metallurgy ...	Imperial College of Science, London.
	S. K. Bose ...	Coal Mining ...	Royal School of Mines, London.
	S. K. Chatterjee ...	Geology ...	Imperial College of Science, London.
	P. Chandra ...	Flour Milling ...	T. S. Townshend and Sons, Ltd., Worcester.
	S. Datta ...	Veterinary Science ...	Royal Veterinary College, London.
	P. K. Ghosh ...	Geology ...	Imperial College of Science, London.
	P. G. C. Malkani ...	Veterinary Science ...	Royal Veterinary College, London.
	Miss M. M. Mehta ...	Bacteriology ...	Birmingham University.
	A. Mookerji ...	Mining ...	Royal School of Mines, London.
M. M. A. Shah (Gilani) ...	Veterinary Science ...	Royal Veterinary College, London.	
M. N. Mukerji ...	Metallurgy ...	Sheffield University.	
ASSAM ...	Miss P. Chaudhuri ...	Science ...	King's College, London.
	N. N. Kakati ...	Locomotive Engineering	L. & N.E. Railway Workshops, Leyton.
BENGAL ...	Miss N. Biswas ...	Economics ...	London School of Economics.
	E. Britter ...	Commerce ...	London School of Economics.
	N. P. Chakrabarti ...	Sanskrit ...	Fitzwilliam Hall, Cambridge, and Paris.
	Mrs. E. Pateman ...	Medicine ...	Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.
	Miss M. Heynes Wood ...	Science ...	University College, Nottingham.
	H. Dulal ...	Silk Weaving and Dyeing	Leeds University.
BIHAR AND ORISSA	A. Karim ...	Fish Oils ...	Imperial College of Science, London.
	T. D. Karmarkar ...	Cutlery ...	Sheffield University, and H. Robinson & Co., Sheffield.
	M. Z. Siddiqui ...	Arabic ...	King's College, Cambridge.
	M. A. Hasan ...	Mining ...	Birmingham University.
	M. Husain ...	Oils and Fats ...	J. Evershed & Co., Brighton.
	M. M. Ismail ...	Veterinary Science ...	Royal Veterinary College, London.
	P. Panda ...	Coal Mining ...	Birmingham University.
	B. Prosad ...	Electrical Engineering ...	College of Technology, Manchester.
	J. Prasad ...	Moral Science Tripos ...	King's College, Cambridge.
	G. N. Sinha ...	History ...	Jesus College, Cambridge.
BOMBAY ...	J. P. Varma ...	Steel Casting ...	Sheffield University.
	Miss L. V. Benjamin ...	English and Education ...	Society of Home Students, Oxford.
	H. S. K. Bhavnagri ...	Dyeing and Bleaching ...	College of Technology, Manchester.
	U. M. Daudpota ...	Language ...	Emmanuel College, Cambridge.
	Miss A. J. Dodhi ...	Medicine ...	Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.
	S. M. Dhume* ...	Banking ...	Germany.
	Y. R. Gaitonde ...	Leather ...	F. N. Briggs & Co., Ltd., Leicester, and Leicester Technical School.
	S. A. Kamat* ...	Chemical Research ...	School of Technology, Berlin.
	G. S. Mahejane ...	Mathematics ...	St. John's College, Cambridge.
	R. G. Pradhan ...	Sugar Manufacture ...	Audjoon Sugar School, Baton Rouge, La., U.S.A.
C. H. Robertson ...	Medicine ...	London Hospital Medical College.	
P. L. Vaidya ...	Sanskrit ...	Universities of Paris and Brussels.	

* Special awards.

Province.	Name.	Subject of Study.	Place of Study.
BOMBAY—cont. ...	L. S. Vaidyanathan ...	Actuarial ...	London School of Economics and Actuaries.
	P. M. Nabar ...	Drugs and Medicine ...	College of Technology, Manchester.
	B. Tayaballi ...	Cotton Spinning ...	College of Technology, Manchester.
BURMA ...	Maung Than Aung ...	Mathematics Tripos ...	St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.
	J. Bhattacharjee ...	Veterinary Science ...	Royal Veterinary College, London.
	Maung Maung Gyi ...	Medicine ...	St. Thomas's Hospital, London.
	F. C. Harris ...	Engineering ...	Manchester University.
	Maung Tha Hla ...	Education ...	London Day Training College.
	Miss A. Kamen ...	English ...	University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.
	E. W. Martindell ...	Medicine ...	University College, London.
	Maung Maung... ...	Oil Refining ...	Imperial College of Science and Technology, London.
	Moung Khin Moung ...	Textiles ...	College of Technology, Manchester.
	Maung Ba Nyan ...	Painting ...	Spence School of Art and Chelsea Art School.
	San Nyun ...	Veterinary Science ...	Royal Veterinary College.
	Maung Pu ...	Mining ...	Royal School of Mines, London.
	Miss May Su ...	Medicine ...	Leeds University.
	Maung Ba Shin ...	Veterinary Science ...	Royal Veterinary College, London.
	Maung Tha Tun ...	Architecture ...	Architectural Assn., London.
	Maung Cho ...	Education ...	Edinburgh University.
	M. C. Thong ...	Chemistry ...	Imperial College of Science, London.
M. B. Yan ...	Oil Mining ...	Birmingham University.	
CENTRAL PROVINCES	Miss S. Khan ...	Teaching ...	Maria Grey Training College, London.
	D. C. Niven ...	Coal Mining ...	Glasgow University.
MADRAS ...	V. R. Adige* ...	Indian Arts and Crafts ...	London.
	Miss C. N. N. Ammal... ..	Economics and History ...	London School of Economics.
	B. Dasannacharya* ...	Physics ...	University of Munich.
	P. P. Hayrambha ...	Metal Mining ...	Camborne School of Mines Geovor Tin Mines.
	Miss T. Joseph ...	Economics and Education ...	London School of Economics.
	C. K. Menon ...	Electro Metallurgy ...	Sheffield University.
	Miss A. Pichamuthu ...	Medicine ...	University College Hospital Medical School, London.
	Miss L. H. Philipsz ...	Education ...	London Day Training College.
	K. A. Rao ...	Industrial Alcohol ...	Birmingham University.
	G. Sundaram ...	Hydro-Electric Engineering.	Metropolitan Vickers Co., Ltd., Manchester.
	H. P. Waran ...	Physics ...	University College, London.
	Miss S. Koman ...	English ...	Westfield College, London.
	Mrs. M. Lakshmi ...	English ...	Bedford College for Women, London.
	K. Muhammad ...	Education... ..	London Day Training College.
	D. S. Pillai ...	Ceramics ...	Sampson, Bridgwood and Son, Staffs.
	S. Raja... ..	Leather ...	Leathersellers Company's Technical College, London.
	V. Subramanian ...	Food Products ...	College of Technology, Manchester.
	C. K. Taylor ...	Paints and Varnish ...	R. Ingham, Clark & Co., London.
	K. Venkataraman ...	Dyeing and Weaving ...	College of Technology, Manchester.
	R. Vaidyanathaswami†	Mathematics ...	St. Andrews University.
PUNJAB ...	S. A. Hamid* ...	Psychology ...	University College, London.
	N. C. Hypher ...	Physiology and Medicine ...	University College, London.
	P. K. Kaul ...	Mathematics ...	Queens' College, Cambridge.
	A. M. Matthews ...	History ...	Jesus College, Oxford.
	Miss J. M. Sirajuddin... ..	Education ...	Maria Grey Training College, London.
	Hem Singh Pruthi* ...	Zoology ...	Peterhouse, Cambridge.
N. Ahmad* ...	Physics ...	Peterhouse, Cambridge.	

* Grant-in-aid.

† Special award.

Province.	Name.	Subject of Study.	Place of Study.
PUNJAB—cont.	R. L. Chopra*	Entomology	University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.
	B. Das Laroia	Chemistry	Merton College, Oxford.
	S. Varma	Sanskrit	School of Oriental Studies, London.
UNITED PROVINCES	N. G. Chatterjee	Oils	Imperial College of Science, London.
	Ram Charan	Glass Technology	Sheffield University.
	Miss T. J. Gandhi	Education	Maria Grey Training College, London.
	M. Mangalik	Education	London Day Training College.
	R. D. Pant	Dyeing and Textile Printing.	College of Technology, Manchester.
	S. K. Pramanik	Mathematics	Imperial College of Science, London.
	K. G. Saiyidain	Education	Leeds University.
	B. K. Das	Zoology	Imperial College of Science.
R. P. Tripathi	Indian History (Research)	London School of Economics.	
SUSSEX TRUST	C. V. Callaghan	Engineering	Ruston and Hornsby, Lincoln.
	E. Clapp	Engineering	Campbell Gas Engine Company.
	Miss H. Cooke	Arts (B.A.)	University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.
	C. H. D'Souza	Engineering	Ruston and Hornsby, Lincoln.
	M. Hannagan	History	Peterhouse College, Cambridge.
	R. C. Jewell	Mining	Royal School of Mines, London.
	B. H. Barker	Engineering	City and Guilds Engineering College, London.
	Miss D. M. Ellis	Medicine	Edinburgh University.
	Miss K. M. Halloran	Medicine	London.
	Miss D. Rance	Commercial Course	Kensington College, London.

* Grant-in-aid.

SCHOLARS FROM INDIAN STATES.

MYSORE	M. H. Krishniengar	Archæology	University College, London.
	V. L. Mudaliar	Accountancy	London School of Economics.
	A. V. Raghavachar	Mechanical Engineering	College of Technology, Manchester.
	A. Subba Rao	Natural Science	University College, London.
	T. Seshachallam	Medicine	London Hospital Medical School.
	T. Sivasankaraiya	Textiles	College of Technology, Manchester.
	Miss M. Chandy (Mrs. Matthai)	—	Somerville College, Oxford.
	N. G. Pavanje	Lithographic Study	Germany.
KASHMIR	C. Urs	Railway Training	L. & N.E. Ry.
	L. Zutshi	Mining and Geology	Royal School of Mines, London.
BAHAWALPUR	R. Narain	Engineering	Crystal Palace School of Engineering.
	Moh. Yar	Engineering	Crystal Palace School of Engineering.
	Moh. Din	Medicine	Edinburgh University.
	B. M. Khan	Engineering	Edinburgh University.
LUNAWADA	B. A. Jani	Mining	Camborne School of Mines Cornwall.

APPENDIX V.

**Report of the House Management Committee of 21, Cromwell Road,
for the year 1st April 1924-31st March 1925.**

Submitted to the High Commissioner for India.

1. Two facts are significant in a survey of progress at 21, Cromwell Road, during the year 1924-25. In the first place, the average daily number of Indian students in residence increased from 25 in 1923-24 to 29 during the year under review. In the second place, the finances of the house have been placed on a sound footing, with the result that the Committee have been able to dispense with the usual grant from Indian revenues towards running expenses, and have indeed been able to carry over a credit balance of 152*l.* to 1925-26. Both facts require a few words of explanation.

2. The average daily number of 29 in residence constitutes, so far as is known, a record. The normal capacity of the house is 32, but by putting extra beds into some of the larger rooms, as many as 35 have been accommodated at one time, and, it may be mentioned in passing, the demand for single rooms far exceeds the number available. It is true that the popularity of the house reflects to some extent the popularity of the Wembley Exhibition; for many students who might otherwise have spent their vacations at seaside resorts or on the Continent were encouraged by the attractions of the Exhibition to remain in London. At the same time, the fact that they elected to stay at 21, Cromwell Road, is in itself eloquent testimony to the home life and congenial atmosphere of the hostel. The number of new arrivals from India was 140—by no means a record; and the number of individuals accommodated (at 332) was actually less than the total accommodated during the previous year. The number of refusals was unfortunately high, but it should not be forgotten that for these the Warden is usually able to arrange suitable lodgings in the neighbourhood, and that the social amenities of the house are open to all Indian students wherever they may reside. The following statement shows the details:—

	1921-22.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.
New arrivals from India	138	127	176	140
Arrivals from London and neighbourhood	39	49	36	46
Arrivals from other parts of the United Kingdom	299	327	274	308
	476	503	486	494
Number of individual students accommodated	294	306	341	332
Daily average of residents	21	19	25	29
Number of refusals for the year	185*	110	61	111

* For period 20th August 1921 to 31st March 1922, prior to which no record of refusals was kept.

3. If we take into consideration the number of visits and the refusals for the two years it will be seen that the figures work out as follows:—

1923-24—visits, 486; plus refusals, 61. Total, 547.

1924-25— „ 494; „ „ 111. „ 605.

These figures will at a glance prove that the demand for accommodation is increasing.

4. Analysing the residential figures for the year under review in terms of provinces and religions, the following tables show the popularity of 21, Cromwell Road, with students of every province and every creed in India:—

(a) 1. Bengal	99	(b) Hindus	326
2. Bombay	80	Mahomedans	118
3. United Provinces	75	Christians	27
4. Madras	73	Parsees	20
5. Punjab	67	Sikhs	2
6. Sind	33	Jews	1
7. Native States	32		
8. Bihar and Orissa	14	Total	494
9. Central Provinces	9		
10. Delhi	7		
11. Assam	5		
Total	494		

The above tables may also be taken as a fair index to the proportions in which students from the different provinces in India are coming over to this country for purposes of education. Analysing further, we find that 44 Government scholars, 15 Indian Civil Service and Indian Forest Service probationers, 10 scholars from Indian Native States and 3 students "under guardianship" availed themselves of the amenities offered by the house.

5. The following statement compares receipts and expenditure during each of the past five years:—

RECEIPTS.

	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.
	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.
Boarders	1,473 0	2,042 0	1,934 0	2,476 10	2,932 0
Extra meals	784 10	678 10	454 0	435 10	380 10
Gas	—	2 0	6 0	7 10	4 10
Luggage	0 10	6 0	10 0	11 10	7 0
Refund from Ministry of Labour	—	—	4 10	—	—
Northbrook rent	270 0	270 0	135 0*	70 0*	—
National Indian Association rent	70 0	70 0	70 0	70 0	70 0
Law Library	9 10	14 0	9 10	14 10	19 10
Grant from Indian revenues ...	1,499 10	938 0	892 10	507 10	—
	4,107 0	4,020 10	3,515 10	3,593 0	3,413 10

* Northbrook Society removed from 1st January 1923.

EXPENDITURE.

	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.
	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.
Wages and Insurance	788 10	793 0	776 10	733 0	707 10
Food	2,269 0	1,964 10	1,628 0	1,568 10	1,535 0
Laundry	161 0	159 0	202 0	214 10	217 10
Coal and coke	160 10	118 0	138 0	138 10	146 0
Gas	147 0	240 10	163 0	117 0	126 10
Electric light	111 0	170 10	114 0	132 0	118 0
Windows and chimneys	77 10	48 0	80 0	55 0	65 0
Maintenance	330 0	473 0	336 0	550 0	270 10
Contingencies	53 0	40 0	68 10	70 0	56 0
Law Library	9 10	14 0	9 10	14 10	19 10
Refund to Indian revenues ...	—	—	—	—	149 10
	4,107 0	4,020 10	3,515 10	3,593 10	3,411 0†

† Difference of 2l. 10s. carried forward to April 1925.

The satisfactory results of the year's working are apparent from this statement. It should be explained that the rent of the institution and the annual and quinquennial repairs, details of which are given in para. 10, constitute a recurring and scarcely varying charge on Indian revenues. In addition to these two items, it has in the past been a recognised practice that any deficiency in the running expenses during the year was also debitable to the Government of India. This practice accounts for the expenditure under the head "Grant from Indian revenues." Partly as a result of better administration, partly as a result of the increase in the daily quota of residents, the house accounts have this year been satisfactorily balanced and a credit of 152l. has been carried over to 1925-26. The Committee do not wish to comment upon this further than to express the hope that Indian students visiting London will continue to give their cordial support to 21, Cromwell Road, the success of which depends as much on the popularity as on the efficiency of its administration.

House Management Committee.

6. The House Management Committee at 21, Cromwell Road is constituted as follows:—

Mr. H. A. F. Lindsay, C.B.E., I.C.S. (Indian Trade Commissioner), Chair- man	} Nominated by the High Commissioner.
Mr. N. C. Sen, O.B.E. (Joint Secretary, Indian Students Department) ...	
Miss E. J. Beck	Representative of the National Indian Asso- ciation and Secretary to the Committee.
Mr. A. D. Bonarjee (the Warden) ...	Co-opted by the Committee.
Mr. C. D. Rajeswaran	Co-opted by the Committee as Students' representative.

7. Mr. N. N. Sen, the Student representative during the previous year, having left for Middlesbrough, his place was taken by Mr. K. F. Antia, who in turn resigned on leaving the house, and Mr. C. D. Rajeswaran was elected in his place; the Committee desire to place on record the valuable help and assistance which Mr. Rajeswaran, as also his two predecessors, have rendered in their deliberations.

8. Mr. A. D. Bonarjee continued as Warden during the year, and the Committee take this opportunity of expressing their obligations to him for the sympathetic manner in which he has discharged his duties and for the care with which he has administered the finances of the house. He has been ably supported by Miss Hall as housekeeper, to whom the thanks of the Committee are due for her untiring zeal and devotion. It is pleasing to note that, with a few minor exceptions, there has been no change in the personnel of the subordinate staff during the last three years. Indeed, two members, W. Chapman and R. G. Mepstead, have served the house for eight and nine years respectively. While placing on record their appreciation of the loyal help rendered by all members of the staff, the Committee desire specially to thank these two for their long and faithful service.

Wireless Installation.

9. An up-to-date Marconi 3-valve set of the latest type was installed in the house for the recreation of the residents by special permission of the High Commissioner, and this addition to the amenities of the house has been much appreciated.

Repairs and up-keep of Building.

10. Essential repairs to the building were carried out at a cost of about 120*l.*, specially sanctioned by the High Commissioner from the amount of 300*l.* allowed for repairs and renovations. Rent, rates and taxes declined to 897*l.*, as compared with 925*l.* and 951*l.* in the two preceding years. The following table compares the total expenditure incurred on the house from Indian revenues during the past five years:—

	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.
	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.
Rent, rates and taxes	866 0	1,016 0	951 0	925 0	897 0
Repairs and renovations	1,406 0	640 0	440 0	*807 0	163 0
Special grant for furniture	—	282 0	—	—	—
Miscellaneous expenditure	35 0	81 10	45 0	101 0	217 0
	2,307 0	2,019 10	1,436 0	1,833 0	1,277 0
Grant towards internal expenses of the house.	1,411 10	928 10	898 0	†596 0	—
	3,718 10	2,948 0	2,334 0	2,429 0	1,277 0
Amount refunded to High Commissioner.	—	—	—	—	152 0
Total expenditure	3,718 10	2,948 0	2,334 0	2,429 0	1,125 0

* Including a sum of 550*l.* spent on the quinquennial repairs to the building and extensive alterations and repairs to the roof.

† Out of this amount 250*l.* was spent from house revenues towards the renovation of the furniture throughout the house, most of which was re-upholstered and re-decorated.

It will thus be seen that there has been a steady and progressive decrease in the total expenditure incurred on the house.

Maintenance.

11. The amount spent on Maintenance during the year was 270*l.*, appropriated *inter alia* as follows:—

<i>Bedrooms</i> Mattresses remade; new bedsheets and pillow slips; new towels; small bedroom tables in three rooms.
<i>Dining room</i> New damask table cloths; new damask serviettes; new knives and crockery.
<i>Other rooms</i> New carpets; new rugs; new felts.
<i>Miscellaneous items</i> New sewing machine; three writing tables for lecture hall; men's uniforms cleaned and repaired; new dresses were provided for the women servants on the staff; in addition, the ordinary requirements of the house were replenished.
<i>Basement</i> New furniture provided in the kitchen and staff sitting room.

Billiards.

12. The billiard room has been well patronised and the table kept in excellent condition.

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13. By the new arrangement made with the London Telephone Service the nett cost of upkeep of the public telephone installed in the house has been reduced from 9*l.* 10*s.* to 2*l.* 10*s.* during the year.

Lecture Hall.

14. In order to provide study and reading accommodation for the benefit of the residents the Lecture Hall has been reserved as a "silence room" during certain specified hours, and many residents and other students have taken advantage of the facilities offered and expressed their appreciation of the convenience thus afforded them.

Law Library.

15. The innovation made last year in the purchase of new and modern books on subjects of more general interest to our modern-day students has been of much benefit to them, and the library continues its sphere of usefulness; the provision of newspapers and magazines—both Indian and English—has also proved a move in the right direction. As the library is housed in the Lecture Hall which, as already stated, is reserved as a "silence room" during specified hours and is furnished with comfortable lounge chairs and reading and writing tables, the facilities and conveniences provided for the benefit of the students have increased, to a very great extent, the amenities of the house.

Social Activities.

16. The National Indian Association have maintained their weekly Wednesday afternoon and Friday evening entertainments, which have been much appreciated. The Committee wish to express their indebtedness to Miss Beck, the Association Secretary, for all that she has done, and continues to do, to organise social functions, lectures and other entertainments. As examples may be quoted the most successful "at home" to meet the Indian and Provincial Exhibition Commissioners, and the other to meet Diwan Bahadur T. Ranghachariar, Vice-President of the Indian Legislative Assembly.

A Reception was also given by the Association to meet the Right Hon. Lord Olivier—then Secretary of State for India—and Lady Olivier.

17. Lectures on subjects of current interest and importance were also organised by the National Indian Association, by the students themselves, and by the India Society. Among others, Mrs. Mirza of Hyderabad spoke on "The Education of Indian Girls"; Mr. H. A. F. Lindsay on "Indian Trade"; Captain W. E. G. Solomon on "Bombay and the Indian Art Revival"; Major-General Sir Neil Malcolm, K.C.B., D.S.O., on "Civic Responsibilities"; the Rev. J. Hay Colligan on "England, Mediæval and Modern," with a series of beautiful lantern slides; and the Earl Beauchamp on "Free Trade."

18. The final of the ping-pong tournament was played off on the 12th November in the National Indian Association reception room, and the cup, kindly presented by Lady Kensington, was won by Mr. B. B. Das Gupta.

19. A very successful "Mock Parliamentary Debate," with Mr. Yusuf Ali, C.B.E., in the chair as "Speaker," was held in the Lecture Hall on the 12th December, in which many students, both resident and non-resident, took part, and the motion that "The capitalistic system of industry has failed to develop the resources of the country" was carried by a small majority.

20. On Divalee Day, the 26th October, and Christmas Day House Dinners were held, followed by games and music. The dinners were attended and much appreciated by about 60 students, and it was pleasant to note the spirit of unity and cordiality which prevailed. It is hoped to make the Eed, Divali and Christmas dinners annual functions. The annual New Year's Day Party given by the National Indian Association was attended by a large and representative gathering.

21. A most enjoyable and largely attended dinner was organised by the House Management Committee to welcome Sir Atul Chatterjee, K.C.I.E., the High Commissioner for India, and Lady Chatterjee. This proved a great success and was followed by a reception organised by the National Indian Association.

22. The social activities of the House were brought to a very successful close by the brilliant recital given specially for the benefit of Indian students by Mr. Frederic Lamond, the well-known pianist; and the thanks of the Committee are due to him for the public spirit which inspired the entertainment.

(Sd.) H. A. F. LINDSAY, *Chairman*,
House Management Committee.
