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Bombay, 19th November 1912

Dear Sir,

As desired by you when my friend Mr. Wagh himself saw you last time at your place, I am sending herewith a short summary of our last report giving briefly an account of the work undertaken by us. I am glad to inform you that Mr. Sukhadwala has again given us a sum of Rs 1000 for the travelling Free Libraries. Some days back I gave him a report of the work done by us in connection with this movement and he expressed his satisfaction with the progress made upto this time. Hoping to be excused for the trouble

Yours sincerely
N M Joshi

The Social Service League, Bombay.

(Established on 19th March 1912.)

Patrons :- Shet Damodardas G. Sukhadwala, J.P.
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Objects :-

The collection and study of social facts; the discussion of social theories and social problems with a view to forming public opinion and securing improvements in the condition of life, and the pursuit of Social Service. At present the League has undertaken social work including mass education, Sanitation and Hygiene, Social purity work, relief of distress and the propogation of the ideal of social service. Our attempt is also directed towards infusing public spirit into our young men by giving them an opportunity of doing some kind of social work of one kind or another under the guidance of elderly workers and thus gradually train them to be serviceable to their fellowmen in an efficient manner.

Sphere of work :-

I. Promotion of Education especially amongst the masses.

II. Sanitary and Hygiene work.

III. Relief work.

IV. Social Purity Work.

V. Propagandism.

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Actual work done from April 1911 to October 1912.

I. Mass Education.

A Night Class at Mandvi for clerks, gumashtas, petty dealers, office peons etc., students on the rolls about 60.

II. Lantern Lectures.

6 Lantern lectures were delivered at different places on different topics with the object of instructing the illerate classes and removing the unclean and bad habits.

III. Alphabetical cards.

Alphabetical cards are being printed with a view to teaching illerate persons in a very short time by means of playing cards.

IV. Travelling Free Libraries.

50 Centres are formed, 30 Deccani and 20 Gujarathi in different parts of Bombay occupied by backward - and depressed classes of people. 50 boxes of 50 books each are in circulation. Total number of persons taking advantage of these libraries is - about 1200 ~~readers~~ and Librarians are mostly from the Maratha, Chamar, Mahar and Bhangi or Dhed classes.

Help received.

Rs. 3000 from Sheth Damodardas G. Sukhadwala for purchase of books. About 1400 books are received from friends and sympathisers as presents.

V. Text-books for poor students.

About 150 books are collected for the use of poor students in Schools and Colleges.

VI. Continuation and University extension classes.

Classes were opened to help students in English, Sanskrit and Mathematics for two hours a week. 50 students availed themselves of these classes.

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II. Sanitation and Hygiene.

1. Providing hot-water baths at chawls tenanted by depressed class people with a view to inculcate habits of a daily wash and cleanliness amongst them.

2. Hygiene classes are opened for spreading knowledge of the laws of Sanitation amongst illerate classes. One Marathi class and one Gujarathi class opened at Girgaum and Bhuleshwar. About 100 students are on the roll.

3. First Aid Class. Three classes for males were opened in October 1911, March 1912 and August 1912 preparing 110 students for the St. John Ambulence Association Certification Examination. 2 more Classes are opened for ladies. One for Deccani and the other for Gujarati ladies. 75 ladies have been receiving instructions.

4. The Social Service League Hindu Division of the Ambulance Brigade. This division was formed of students who passed out of the first classes. They rendered good service during the visit of Their Imperial Majesties.

Help of Rs.1100 was received from Mr. Motilal Dayabhai Shroff.

III. Relief Work.

1. Salumbra Fire. A few members of the League with the assistance of a number of volunteers rendered great help to the sufferers from the terrible fire.

2. Gujarat Famine Relief Fund. A large number of the members of the League with the help of about 1000 volunteers rendered great assistance to the suffering cattle and humanity by collecting about Rs. 20,000 in small subscriptions.

IV. Social Purity.

1. Holika Sammelan and Social Conference. A large number of the workers in the League took an active part in preaching and taking other measures with a view to check certain indecent and revolting practices

indulged in largely by lower classes during the Holi Holidays and providing useful and instructive amusements instead. The League also supplied a large body of volunteers to help the Provincial Social Conference in April 1912.

2. Janmashatmi Sammelan. Meetings were organised at --- different centres and cartoons published with a view to check the habit of gambling prevailing on this day among certain sections of Gujarathis.

V. Propagandist Work. for educating public opinion and spreading the ideas of universal brotherhood and service of humanity.

1. Library of books. on Social Service, Sociolagy and kindered subjects. A small decent library has already been formed with the help of two kind friends and - - workers.

2. Lectures on Social Topics. Three public lectures on social subjects by distinguished social workers were organised.

3. Publication of Tracts and Pamphlets. The League has published for public information and instruction a -- large number of copies of an essay on 'Social Service' by one of ~~the~~ its members and workers.

4. Register of Educational, Philanthropic, and ~~Charita-~~ ~~ble~~ Charitable Institutions. This book is taken in -- hand. The promoters and organisers of many such - - - Institutions are corresponded with and strenuous - - efforts are being made for the needful information. Such register will be a useful guide to Social Service ~~Workers~~ Workers.

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Our needs.

(1)	Night Classes.	2000
(2)	For purchasing 6 Magic Lanterns and slides for educating the masses.	6000
(3)	For extending the sphere of travelling libraries.	3000
(4)	To provide text-books to poor students.	2000
(5)	For Sanitation and Hygiene Classes.	2000
(6)	For the Social Purity movement.	1000
(7)	For the purchase of books for the Social Service League Library.	1000
(8)	For the publication of literature of Social Service.	2000
(9)	For the publication of a Register of Charitable Institutions.	1000
		Rs.20,000

A large number of members in classes A & B paying Rs.25 and 10 annually respectively are needed to carry on the work of the League.

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