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STELLA MARIS COLLEGE

NEW HOSTEL OPENED

MADRAS, June 6.

Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor, of the Madras University, in a speech here last evening, paid a tribute to the efforts of the missionaries in promoting the cause of women's education, particularly the notable contribution made by the Stella Maris College. He was laying the foundation-stone of the new building for the Stella Maris College at "The Cloister" in the Cathedral Road, and also declaring open the newly constructed hostel.

Dr. Mudaliar expressed the hope that the ideals which had always made women in India a subject of noteworthy study by other nations would be preserved and propagated, particularly by those passing through the portals of great educational institutions like the Stella Maris College.

The hostel has got accommodation for 116 students and it has been constructed at a cost of Rs. 2¼ lakhs. The estimated cost of the main building for the college is Rs. 6¼ lakhs.

On behalf of the management, Miss Rita Lovett welcomed Dr. Mudaliar and referred to the encouragement and assistance that the College had been receiving from the Vice-Chancellor since it was started twelve years ago.

Dr. Mudaliar praised the efficient working of the Stella Maris College and said that it had made a notable contribution in the sphere of women's education and its name was widely known far beyond the confines of the university.

Reviewing the educational progress in our country, more particularly in Madras University, Dr. Mudaliar said that he could not sufficiently express the gratitude of parents to the missionary enterprise in promoting the cause of women's education. The result of that enterprise was that at the moment there were in the arts and science colleges nearly 7,000 women students. And because of that factor, women students were able to pursue their studies in all the faculties—law, medicine, nursing, engineering, technology, teaching, etc.

Mr. A. Dorairaj proposed a vote of thanks.