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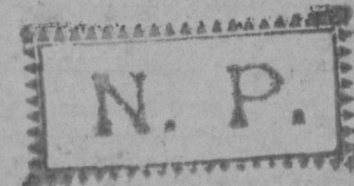
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

I

G.O., No. 709, Educational, dated 31st October 1905.

ABSTRACT.—Leaving it to the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, to decide whether any carriage or pony allowance should be given to the Roman Catholic priest of Ootacamund who visits the asylum to impart religious instruction to the children of his faith.

II

Memorial—from the Rev. L. ROBIN, Parish Priest, St. Mary's Church, Ootacamund.
To—His Excellency the Governor in Council.
Dated—the 1st June 1907.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—I have the honour to call your Excellency's attention to the following facts connected with the position of the Roman Catholic children in the Lawrence Asylum.

The number of the Roman Catholic children in the abovementioned institution is now 62, viz., 50 boys and 12 girls. While they are in need of nothing with regard to their corporal welfare, their spiritual welfare still requires a good deal. The Catholic priest goes to the institution once a week to impart religious instruction to those children; but as no Catholic teacher is in the institution, the Catholic children are left to themselves and have no support whatever. A Catholic teacher for the boys and a Catholic mistress for the girls are much needed. The kind intentions of Government are rendered of no effect, for when there is a vacancy among the teachers no Catholic teacher is available; and when there is a Catholic teacher available, there will then be no vacancy.

This being the case, I ask His Excellency to kindly settle that a Catholic teacher for the boys and a Catholic mistress for the girls should necessarily be appointed. When the abovesaid Catholic teacher or mistress is not available, another teacher or mistress should be appointed till they are found.

ENCLOSURES.

(1)

Resolution of the Lawrence Asylum Committee passed on the 8th of August 1888.

"The Committee are of opinion that Roman Catholics are not ineligible for teacherships, provided they are prepared to accept and act up to rule 42."

(2)

G.O., No. 353, Educational, dated 14th June 1898.

Read—the following paper:—

From the Most Reverend Archbishop J. Colgan, dated 15th March 1898.

Order—No. 353, Educational, dated 14th June 1898.

The Most Reverend Archbishop Colgan will be informed that the state of the finances does not admit of the appointment of a special teacher for Roman Catholic boys at the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund. With regard to the appointment of a Roman Catholic sergeant his attention will be invited to paragraph 6* of the proceedings of the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, dated 13th April 1898. The Committee will be informed that the Government considers that one of the sergeants should, if possible, be a Roman Catholic.

(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Most Reverend Archbishop Colgan, D.D.
" Director of Public Instruction for communication to the
Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.

III

Memorial—from the Rev. L. ROBIN, Catholic Priest, St. Mary's Church, Ootacamund.

To—His Excellency the Governor of Madras.

Dated—the 1st June 1907.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—I have the honour to lay before your Excellency the following considerations:—

(1) At present there are in the Lawrence Asylum 62 Catholic children, viz., 50 boys and 12 girls.

(2) The Catholic priest visits the institution once a week to impart religious instruction to the Catholic children. He receives a monthly allowance of Rs. 20, that is, a travelling allowance.

(3) As the ages of the children vary between 6 and 15 years, it is absolutely necessary to have several divisions or classes. On that account the Catholic priest should go and impart religious instruction at least twice a week. It is also desired that the children should have divine service at least once in the month. Besides the children when sick ought to be visited often by their priest.

(4) A journey from Ootacamund to Lovedale, when often repeated and regular, becomes a hard task; moreover, the priest must prepare his instructions and spend for that purpose a good portion of his time.

In consideration of all this could not Government grant to the priest who visits the Lawrence Asylum an allowance of Rs. 60, which allowance would permit him to defray his travelling expenses and would be a remuneration for the services he renders to the institution.

ENCLOSURES.

(1)

Letter—from the Rev. A. W. ATKINSON, Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.

To—the Roman Catholic Priest, St. Mary's Church, Ootacamund.

Dated—Lovedale, the 26th December 1905.

I have the honour to forward the undernoted extract from the proceedings of the Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum Committee at their meeting on the 15th instant.

(2)

Extract from the Proceedings of the Lawrence Asylum Committee, Ootacamund, dated 15th December 1905.

Laid on the table G.O., No. 709, dated 31st October 1905, intimating that the allowances for travelling expenses to be granted to the Roman Catholic priest for visiting the Asylum is not to exceed Rs. 20 a month.

Resolution No. X.—To be communicated to the Roman Catholic clergyman and then recorded.

IV

Memorial—from the Rev. L. ROBIN, Catholic Priest, St. Mary's Church, Ootacamund.

To—His Excellency the Governor of Madras.

Dated—the 1st June 1907.

EXCELLENCE,—J'ai l'honneur de faire remarquer à votre Excellence que j'ai envoyé il y a environ trois mois à votre Excellence par l'intermédiaire du Comité de Lawrence Asylum, une lettre dans laquelle je demandais un secours de 500 Roupies pour la bâtisse d'une chapelle, près de Lawrence Asylum, pour les enfants Catholiques et les serviteurs qui sont en majorité Catholiques. Ma demande a été recommandée par les membres du Comité, et envoyée au Gouvernement pour son approbation.

Comptant sur la générosité due Gouvernement, et craignant que les pluies ne fassent tort à la bâtisse, bien que n'ayant pas les fonds nécessaires pour cela, je suis allé de l'avant, et ai mis le toit. Pour rentrer dans mes fonds, j'ai confiance que son Excellence voudra bien approuver ma demande, et m'accordera les 500 Roupies demandées.

De plus il me faudra encore à peu près 500 Roupies, pour le crépissage, fenêtres, autel, parquet, etc., etc. Pour cela, je compte sur la générosité du public, et je me propose de faire une souscription. Puis-je demander à votre Excellence de vouloir bien souscrire pour cela. Un secours venant de votre Excellence m'encouragera, et j'en suis sûr, engagera les âmes charitables à venir à mon aide généreusement.

ENCLOSURES.

(1)

Letter—from the Rev. A. W. ATKINSON, Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.

To—the Roman Catholic Priest, St. Mary's Church, Ootacamund.

Dated—Lovedale, the 20th January 1906.

I have the honour to forward the undernoted extract from the proceedings of the Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum Committee at their meeting on the 19th instant.

(2)

Extract from the Proceedings of the Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum Committee, dated 19th January 1907.

Read a letter from Father Robin asking for a grant of Rs. 1,000 towards the building of a chapel at Lovedale.

Resolution No. XI.—The Committee is of opinion that the funds of the Committee do not permit a grant being made.

(3)

Letter—from the Rev. A. W. ATKINSON, Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.

To—the Roman Catholic Priest, St. Mary's Church, Ootacamund.

Dated—Lovedale, the 22nd February 1907.

I have the honour to forward the undernoted extract from the proceedings of the Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum Committee at their meeting on the 15th instant.

(4)

Extract from the Proceedings of the Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum Committee, dated 15th February 1907.

Considered Rev. Father Robin's requests—

- (i) For a grant of Rs. 500 towards the erection of a chapel, and
- (ii) For a supply of religious books for the use of the Roman Catholic children.

Resolution No. XV.—(i) Resolved that the Committee forward this application to Government with its recommendation that it be granted. The Rev. Father Robin to be informed accordingly

(ii) Sanctioned.

Order—No. 452, Educational, dated 16th July 1907.

The letters of the Rev. Father Robin will be transferred to the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, for disposal with the remark that it will be left to the discretion of the Committee to increase the travelling allowance now paid to the Roman Catholic priest from Rs. 20 to Rs. 50, if they see fit to do so.

2. Having regard to the proportion of Roman Catholic children in the Asylum, the Committee will be invited to consider the desirability of appointing a Roman Catholic master or mistress, when a vacancy occurs, if a suitable candidate appears. As an alternative, a Roman Catholic sergeant might be engaged when there is a vacancy.

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, with two letters from
Father Robin, Ootacamund (through the Director of
Public Instruction).

„ Rev. Father Robin.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 452, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
16TH JULY 1907.

[SUBJECT.—*Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.*]

Demi-official—from A. Y. G. CAMPBELL, Esq., Private Secretary to His Excellency
the Governor.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Ootacamund, the 4th June 1907.

I am desired to send you the enclosed memorials (three) from Father Robin. His Excellency will be glad to know what orders have been passed on the recommendation of the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum that Government should contribute Rs. 500 towards the construction of a Roman Catholic chapel at Lovedale. I am also to ask for a note regarding the proposal to appoint a Roman Catholic teacher and to increase Father Robin's allowances for visiting the Asylum.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Contribution of Rs. 500 towards the construction of a Roman Catholic Chapel at Lovedale.—The proposal of the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum to make a contribution of 500 in aid of the Roman Catholic Chapel which Father Robin is constructing at Lovedale, has been approved in G.O., No. 304, Educational, dated 20th May 1907. The contribution is to be paid out of the funds of the Asylum.

2. *Appointment of a Roman Catholic teacher at the Asylum.*—In 1898, Archbishop

Vide his letter on pages 8 and 9 of G.O.,
No. 353, Educational, dated 14th June 1898.

Vide his letter on pages 2 to 8 of G.O., No. 353,
Educational, dated 14th June 1898.

Vide G.O., No. 631, Educational, dated 11th
August 1891.

Colgan, forwarded to Government a communication from the Right Reverend Dr. J. Bardon, Catholic Bishop of Coimbatore, requesting that a Roman Catholic teacher might be appointed at Lovedale. The latter represented that under rule 42 of the rules for the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, as then amended, it was provided that the children of the Roman Catholic faith were not to be "compelled to attend divine service of any description conducted according to the rites of the Church of England or to receive religious instruction except from the clergy of their own faith", that he (the Right Reverend Dr. J. Bardon) accordingly appointed the Reverend F. Biolley to the spiritual charge of the children, who periodically visited the Asylum and gave instruction to the children of his faith with the assistance of a Roman Catholic Sergeant whose services were placed at his disposal by the Principal, but that as the services of the Roman Catholic Sergeant were soon afterwards dispensed with, the Reverend F. Biolley could not continue his ministrations to the children. The Right Reverend Dr. J. Bardon therefore requested that some provision might be made by the committee to

Pages 3 to 8 of G.O., No. 353, Educational,
dated 14th June 1898.

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dated 14th June 1898.

appoint a permanent Catholic teacher or at least a Catholic Sergeant whose duty would be to look after the Catholic children between the visits of the Catholic chaplaincy.

3. The Committee of the Lawrence Asylum to whom this representation was referred for remarks stated, among other things—

Vide pages 13 and 14 of G.O., No. 353, Educational, dated 14th June 1898.

(1) that they had no power to apply the funds of the institution to purposes other than those laid down by the rules;

(2) that the Principal who was a clergyman of the Church of England afforded spiritual instruction to the children of that faith; and

(3) that the rules permitted religious instruction to be given by other Christian bodies at their own expense.

The Committee also stated that it had already decided that if a vacancy existed for a Sergeant and if a Roman Catholic was available for the situation, he should be appointed.

4. In G.O., No. 353, Educational, dated 14th June 1898, Archbishop Colgan was informed that the state of the finances of the Asylum did not admit of the appointment of a special teacher for Roman Catholic boys and that as regards the appointment of a Roman Catholic Sergeant, the Committee had already decided to appoint one when an opportunity offered. The Government also told the committee that one of the Sergeants should be a Roman Catholic, if possible.

5. In the memorial received with the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor's letter, the Reverend L. Robin urges that a Roman Catholic teacher for the boys and a Catholic mistress for the girls should be appointed. He points out that there are at present in the Asylum 50 boys and 12 girls of the Roman Catholic faith and that while they are in need of nothing with regard to their corporal welfare, their spiritual welfare still requires a great deal. The Catholic priest goes to the institution once a week to impart religious instruction to these children, but as no Catholic teacher is in the institution, the children are left to themselves and have no support whatever. The Reverend L. Robin therefore requests that two appointments should be reserved, one for a Roman Catholic master and another for a Roman Catholic mistress, to be filled up whenever suitable candidates are found.

On 15th April 1907 the correct numbers were 48 children and 9 menial servants, page 2 K.W. G.O. No. 304, Educational, dated 20th May 1907.

H. D. TAYLOR.

Cf. paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 304, Educational, dated 20th May 1907, under which Father Robin should attend twice a week if required to do so.

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I doubt whether this request can be complied with. Certainly no *special* staff could be employed in addition to the existing staff and if this condition were insisted on it might be difficult to fill vacancies.

H. D. TAYLOR.

7. *Increase of carriage allowance to Father Robin.*—In September 1905, the Director of Public Instruction (Dr. Bourne) at the instance of the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, recommended the grant

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amount should not exceed Rs. 20 a month—*vide* G.O., No. 709, Educational, dated 31st October 1905. An allowance of Rs. 20 per mensem is now paid to the Roman Catholic priest who visits the Asylum.

8. The Reverend Father Robin now requests that an allowance of Rs. 60 may be granted to the priest who visits the Asylum. He urges—

(1) that the Roman Catholic priest should visit the Asylum at least twice a week to impart religious instruction, as it is absolutely necessary to have several divisions or classes, the ages of the children varying from 6 to 15 years;

(2) that the children should have divine service at least once in the month and when sick ought to be often visited by the priest;

(3) that the priest must prepare his instructions and spend for that purpose a good portion of his time;

(4) that a journey from Ooty to Lovedale when often repeated and regular becomes a hard task; and

(5) that an allowance of Rs. 60 would enable him to defray his travelling expenses and would be a remuneration for the services he renders to the institution.

9. Attention is, in this connection, solicited to the Secretary's remarks dated 24th October 1905, which were concurred in by the Honourable Member, on page 1 of the notes with G.O., No. 709, Educational, dated 31st October 1905. As stated in that Government Order it is for the committee to decide on the question of the carriage allowance.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—14-6-07.

C. A. SOUTER—14-6-07.

(a) A grant of Rs. 500 towards the chapel, which will also serve as a shelter for the priest, has been sanctioned from the funds of the Asylum.

(b) It does not appear possible to increase the staff by the addition of a master and mistress of the Roman Catholic faith, but the committee might be asked to consider the question, when vacancies occur, should duly qualified candidates offer. It would suffice if one of the Sergeants or one of the matrons were Roman Catholics. The children will require some escort when they visit the chapel.

No.

G. S. F[ORBES].

Bishop Bardon seemed to think that a Roman Catholic Sergeant would suffice—see page 1 of note *supra*. I don't think we can promise a teacher because the bulk of the pupils are Protestants; but we might recommend to the consideration of the committee the appointment of a Sergeant.

G. S. F[ORBES].

(c) There appears to be no necessity to increase the conveyance allowance of Rs. 20 at present granted to Father Robin, especially as he will now have a shelter at Lovedale to which a contribution has been made from Asylum funds. The fact that

I don't follow. The faithful who subscribed need not have been parishioners.

G. S. F[ORBES].

Father Robin raised Rs. 2,000 for the chapel from private subscriptions indicates that he has many other converts in the neighbourhood and that his visits to Lovedale will not be solely in the interest of the Asylum children.

H. D. TAYLOR—14-6-07.

See notes on margin above.

I would leave the committee to increase the travelling allowance to Rs. 50 if they saw fit.

G. S. F[ORBES]—15-6-07.

There are five masters and twelve mistresses. Considering the proportion of Roman Catholic children I think that we might invite the committee to appoint either a Roman Catholic master or mistress when a vacancy occurs, if a suitable candidate

offers. As an alternative a Roman Catholic Sergeant may be engaged when there is a vacancy. I think with the Honourable Member that the committee may be authorised to increase the travelling allowance to Rs. 50 if they see fit.

A. L[AWLEY]—17-6-07.

It would be just as well to look up the foundation deed to see if any one but a Protestant can be appointed to the teaching staff. Sir H. Lawrence was so pronounced a Protestant that it may be that those who raised this memorial of him required it to be Protestant, but I don't know.

G. S. F[ORBES]—18-6-07.

Please look up the *original* endowment conditions if available. The *property* is vested, I think, in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments, but schemes may under the Endowment Act be altered, if necessary, so far as they are not inconsistent with the original terms of the endowment.

H. D. TAYLOR—19-6-07.

It does not appear that there was any endowment originally created in favour of the Lawrence Asylum (proper). The following is a brief account of the Asylum from its inception.

2. About the beginning of the year 1856, Sir Henry Lawrence, K.C.B., made an offer of a donation of Rs. 5,000 and of a subscription of Rs. 1,000 annually so long as he might be in India, for the establishment at some hill station in this Presidency of an institution for the benefit of the children of soldiers of the British Army serving, or who had served in Madras, on the lines of the Lawrence Asylums at Sanawar and at Mount Abu. A committee was formed and a meeting was held at Ootacamund on the 13th February 1856, at which it was resolved to meet the wishes of Sir Henry Lawrence. Shortly afterwards, however, the question of religious toleration was raised, and at a meeting of subscribers held in May 1856 it was resolved that the institution should be conducted on purely Protestant principles. The Commander-in-Chief refused to support the scheme on these terms, and the committee resolved to abandon the project altogether and reported accordingly to Government. This determination roused general dissatisfaction, and at a mass meeting at Ootacamund it was resolved that Sir Henry Lawrence's proposals should be adopted in their entirety and that the institution should be established on a basis of more or less complete religious toleration. The Government was accordingly addressed and asked to support the scheme.

Pages 8 and 9 *ibid.*

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Pages 8 and 9 *ibid.*

The Lord Bishop of Madras presiding.

H. D. TAYLOR.

Pages 9 and 10 *ibid.*

The decision of the meeting referred to above being repudiated as unrepresentative.

H. D. TAYLOR.

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Pages 13 and 14 *ibid.*

3. In the meantime, the Government of India forwarded an extract from the will of Sir Henry Lawrence, and desired information about the projected school at Ootacamund. Accordingly, this Government, in its letter, dated 3rd September

Pages 16 and 17 *ibid.*

Page 19 *ibid.*

1858, No. 3150, Military, gave a brief history of what had taken place, and remarked that premises had been selected and arrangements made for starting the institution on the lines adopted in the case of the Mount Abu Asylum. The Government of India then addressed the Secretary of State with a proposal that Government should take the Asylums at Ootacamund and Mount Abu into its own charge, and this suggestion met with the approval of the Secretary of State, the details of the arrangement for management, etc., being left to the Government of India.

Despatch No. 2, from the Secretary of State, dated 16th March 1859, on pages 28 and 29 of Selections.

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4. Before the receipt of the Secretary of State's despatch, however, the committee had established the Lawrence Asylum on the "Stonehouse" property at Ootacamund in August 1858, with the aid of the foundation money and subscriptions from the Army and England, on the same basis as the Mount Abu Asylum, and on receipt of the Secretary of State's letter*, the committee was asked to state its views in regard to the transfer of the Asylum to Government. The Committee expressed its readiness to transfer the management to Government subject to the condition that the fundamental principles on which the Asylum was established, viz., "that the authorised version of the Bible should be read by all in the schools and daily prayer held according to a published form for the whole establishment", were left intact after the transfer had taken place. It appeared, however, to this Government that the above restriction would affect in an undesirable manner the children of the Roman Catholic faith, and the Governor-General in Council concurring, declared that it would be a necessary condition of the change of management that the rules 23—30 of the Sanawar Asylum, or at least the principle underlying them, should be accepted. These rules differed from those in force at the time in the Ootacamund Asylum in that they made provision for the instruction of children of different tenets by the ministers of their own religions, whereas the Ootacamund Asylum rules, though allowing the admission of Roman Catholics and Dissenters, enforced the observance by them of the forms of the Church of England. The prescribed conditions were accepted by the committee in its letter, dated 31st January 1860, No. 1, printed on page 86 of the Selections.

Page 33 of the Selections.

* No. 2, dated 16th March 1859, on pages 28 and 29 of Selections.

G.O., No. 1873, dated 27th May 1859, pages 29 and 30 of Selections.

Page 32, *ibid.*

Then is it a Government institution and is the Principal a Government servant? This question has however been raised on another file.

G. S. F[ORBES].

Para. 5 on page 31, *ibid.*

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Pages 52 and 53, *ibid.*

Page 53, *ibid.*

5. In 1871 the Madras Military Male Orphan Asylum was amalgamated with the Lawrence Asylum with its funded capital of Rs. 4,89,200 (in the shape of 4 per cent. paper and non-transferable treasury notes) and Rs. 8,849-4-0 in cash.

6. The Madras Military Female Orphan Asylum was also amalgamated with the Lawrence Asylum in 1904, the funded capital of the former institution amounting to Rs. 2,82,318 being vested in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments, the interest to be handed over to the committee of the Lawrence Asylum "upon the condition that out of such interest and dividends and in conjunction with all grants or funds formerly paid to the Madras Military Female Orphan Asylum and which may be in future paid to the said committee, the said committee will, subject to the rules for the time being in force relating to such Asylum, maintain and educate on the premises of such Asylum at Ootacamund in addition to the number of girls usually maintained and educated there as many girls to the maximum number of 100 belonging to the classes eligible for admission to such Asylum as are from time to time available for such maintenance and education."

7. Rule 28 of the original rules for the Lawrence Asylum which were approved in G.O., No. 193, Educational, dated 4th July 1864, stated—

"The Principal of the Asylum shall invariably be a clergyman of the Church of England, his appointment being subject to the approval of the Governor of Madras in Council. The appointments to all other offices in the institution shall be at the disposal of the committee."

Page 243 of the Selections.

8. When the rules were revised in Paragraph 4 (II) of G.O., No. 91, Educational, dated 3rd February 1888—pages 17 and 18. 1888, the above rule regarding the appointment of the Principal and other officers of the Asylum was retained subject to the proviso that:—

"If at any time a duly qualified clergyman is not available, a military officer may be appointed to the post."

9. Rule 12 of the existing rules stands thus :—

10. It will thus be observed that there is nothing in the rules of the Asylum requiring that none but Protestants should be appointed to the teaching staff.

11. A number of old Government orders had to be traced and collected.

K. RANGASWAMI AIIYANGAR—9-7-07.

The rules in force will be found appended to G.O., No. 689, Educational, dated 22nd December 1900. There is only one officer in the Institution who *must* be a member of the Church of England, *i.e.*, the Principal, whether he is a clergyman or a soldier (see rules 11 and 12). Further the Principal is the only officer whose appointment is subject to the sanction of Government. Under rule 11, all other appointments are made by the Principal, subject to confirmation by the committee, only in the case of teachers the approval of the Inspector or Inspectoress is necessary. This seems to mean that the Director of Public Instruction and therefore the Government may have the final voice in the appointment of teachers, but the rules are not very explicit on the point.

There is complete religious tolerance. The office-note gives the history on this point and the principle is carried out in rules 24 to 28.

3. The appointment of a Roman Catholic teacher depends in the first place on the committee. I submit therefore that Father Robin should in the first place petition that body on the subject.

C. A. SOUTER—10-7-07.

Unfortunately the original letters from Sir H. Lawrence are not available, but from the proceedings of the committee on page 12 of the Selections it would seem that Sir H. Lawrence contemplated the freest religious toleration, though the then Lord Bishop of Madras, backed up by a few subscribers, had endeavoured to establish the institution on a purely sectarian basis. This suggestion was opposed by the Commander-in-Chief and repudiated at a general meeting of the subscribers; while the Government of India insisted that, if the institution were to be taken over by Government, the principles of the Sanawar rules which provided for religious toleration should be accepted.

H. D. TAYLOR—10-7-07.

I agree with His Excellency's recommendations in his note of 17th June.

G. S. F[ORBES]—10-7-07.

Draft please.

H. D. TAYLOR—13-7-07.

The draft order placed below is for approval.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—12-7-07.

C. A. SOUTER-12-7-07.

For approval.

H. D. TAYLOR—13-7-07.

G. S. F[ORBES]—13-7-07.

Issue.

H. D. TAYLOR-15-7-07

[G.O., No. 452, Educational, 16th July 1907.]

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From
Rev. L. Robin,
Parish Priest, St. Mary's Church

Resolution passed on the 8th of August 1888.

"The Committee are of opinion that Roman Catholics
are not ineligible for Teacherships, provided they
are prepared to accept and act up to Rule 42."

May it please you (true copy)

I have the honor to call your attention to the following facts connected with the position of the Roman Catholic children in the Roman system of education. The number of Roman Catholics who are now in the Roman system of education is 10,000 and the fact is that they are not being properly educated. The spiritual welfare of these children is a matter of great importance and it is the duty of the Government to see that they are properly educated. The Catholic Board has been formed to look after the interests of the Catholic children and it is the duty of the Government to support this Board. The Government should also see that the Catholic children are not being discriminated against in the Roman system of education.



From
Rev. L. Robin,
Parish Priest, St. Mary's Church,
Ootacamund.

To
His Excellency the Governor in Council,
Government House,
Ootacamund

May it please your Excellency,
I have the honor to call your Excellency's attention
to the following facts connected with the position
of the Roman Catholic Children in the Lawrence Asylum.
The number of ^{the} Roman Catholic Children
in the above-mentioned Institution is now 62, viz:
50 boys and 12 girls. While they are in need
of nothing with regard to their corporal welfare, their
spiritual welfare still requires a good deal.
The Catholic Priest goes to the Institution once
a week to impart Religious Instruction to those
children; but as no Catholic teacher is in
the Institution, the Catholic Children are left to themselves
and have no support whatever.

A Catholic Teacher for the boys and a Catholic
Mistress for the girls are much needed. The kind
intentions of Government are rendered of no effect, for
there is a vacancy among the teachers no Catholic
teacher is available; and when there is a Catholic

teacher available, there will be then no vacancy.

This being the case I ask His Excellency to kindly settle that necessarily a Catholic teacher for the boys, and a Catholic Mission^{for the girls} should necessarily be appointed. When the above said Catholic teacher or mission is not available, an acting other teacher or mission should be appointed till they are found.

I have the honor to be
Your Excellency's,
Most obedient servant

L. Robin
Parish Priest

S. Mary's Church
Ootacamund
26 May 1907
15 June 1907

C. Cathedral
Madras 22 March 99

My Lord
I am directed by
His Grace to forward to you
the annexed copy of the
Proceedings of Government
regarding the Ootacamund
Lawrence Anglum, which
was addressed to His Grace
in June last, by some
accident never reached
him. We procured a copy
from the Chief Secretary's
office - I enclose, my Lord,
writing in this order.

With best respects

Yours Obedtly
Ed. Washburn



PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—

From the Most Reverend Archbishop Colgan, dated 15th March 1898.

O. R. D. E. R.:—No. 353, dated 14th June 1898.

The Most Reverend Archbishop Colgan will be informed that the state of the finances does not admit of the appointment of a special teacher for Roman Catholic boys at the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund. With regard to the appointment of a Roman Catholic Sergeant his attention will be invited to paragraph 6 of the Proceedings of the Committee of

"6. It has already been resolved by the Committee the Lawrence that, if a vacancy exists for a Sergeant, and if Asylum dated "a Roman Catholic is available for the situation, 13th April 1898. "he shall be appointed!"

The Committee will be informed that the Government considers that one of the Sergeants, should, if possible, be a Roman Catholic.

(True Extract)

(Signed) G. S. Forbes
Secretary to Government.

To

The Most Reverend Archbishop Colgan D.D.

,, Director of Public Instruction for communication to the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.

His Excellency the Governor,
Ootacamund

May it please your Excellency,

I have the honor to lay before your Excellency the following considerations:

- 1:—At present there are in the Lawrence Asylum 62 Catholic children viz: 50 boys and 12 girls.
- 2:—The Catholic Priest visits the Institution once a week, to impart Religious Instruction to the Catholic Children. He receives a monthly allowance of Rupees 20, that's a travelling allowance.
- 3:—As the ages of the Children vary between 6 and 15 years, it is absolutely necessary to have several divisions or classes. On that account the C. Priest should go and impart Religious Instruction at least twice a week. — It is also desired that the Children should ^{have} Divine Service at least once ~~a~~ in the month. Besides the Children when sick ought to be visited often by their Priest.
- 4:—A journey from Ootacamund to Lovedale when often repeated and regular, becomes a hard ^{task} ~~thing~~; moreover, the Priest must prepare his instructions and spend for that purpose a good portion of his time.

In consideration of all this could not Government grant to the Priest who visits the Lawrence Asylum an allowance of Rupees 60, which allowance would permit him



to defray his travelling expenses and would be a remuneration
for the services he renders to the Institution.

I have the honor to be
Your Excellency's
most obedient servant,

L. Robey
Catholic Priest

S^t Mary's Church
Potacamund
1st June 1907

Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum.

LOVEDALE P. O.,
Nilgiri District, 26th Dec: 1905.

From

The Principal and Secretary,

To

The Rev. Father Robin

R. C. Priest. Ootacamund.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the undernoted Extract from the
Proceedings of the Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum Committee at their meeting
on the 15th instant,

And to be, Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

Principal and Secretary.

EXTRACT.

Item No. X. Laid on the table G.O. dated 31st Oct 1905,
No 709, intimating that the allowance for travelling
expenses to be granted to the R. C. Priest for visiting the
Asylum is not to exceed Rs 20— a month.
Resolution No. X of 15th Decr 1905—

"To be communicated to the R. C. Clergyman
and then recorded."

[TRUE COPY.]

J. W. P. Kinson

Principal and Secretary.

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Son Excellence the Gouverneur
Ootacamund,

Excellence,

J'ai l'honneur de faire remarquer à votre
excellence que j'ai envoyé il ya environ trois mois
à votre Excellence par l'intermédiaire du Comité
de Lawrence Asylum, une lettre dans laquelle j'ai demandé
un secours de 500 Roupies pour la batise d'une Chapelle,
près de Lawrence Asylum, pour les enfants Catholiques et les
serviteurs qui sont en majorité Catholiques. Ma demande a
Constant été recommandée par les membres du Comité,
et envoyée au Gouvernement pour son approbation.

Comptant sur la générosité du Gouvernement,
et craignant que les pluies ne fassent tort à la batise,
bien que n'ayant pas les fonds nécessaires pour cela, je suis allé
de l'avant, et ai mis le tout. Pour rentrer dans mes fonds,
j'ai confiance que ^{votre} Excellence voudra bien approuver
ma demande, et m'acorder les 500 Roupies demandées.

De plus il me faudra encore à peu près 500
Ruppes, pour le creusement, fenêtrage, autel, parquet etc. etc.
Pour cela, je compte sur la générosité du public, et je me
propose de faire une souscription. Puis-je demander
à votre Excellence de vouloir bien souscrire pour cela.

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Un secours venant de votre Excellence m'encouragera,
et j'en suis sûr, engagera les âmes charitables à venir
à mon aide généreusement.

Je vous remercie pour votre bonté,
Faites j'ai l'honneur de me dire,
de votre Excellence,
le très-humble serviteur.

L. Robit.

Je vous remercie pour votre bonté,
Faites j'ai l'honneur de me dire,
de votre Excellence,
le très-humble serviteur.

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Faites j'ai l'honneur de me dire,
de votre Excellence,
le très-humble serviteur.

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et j'en suis sûr, engagera les âmes charitables à venir
à mon aide généreusement.

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Je vous remercie pour votre bonté,
Faites j'ai l'honneur de me dire,
de votre Excellence,
le très-humble serviteur.

L. Robit.

S. Marie Church
Orléans
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1^{re} June 1907

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LOVEDALE P. O.,
Nilgiri District, 20th Jan'y 1906.

From

The Principal and Secretary,

To

Father Robin

R. C. Priest. Ootacamund

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the undernoted Extract from the
Proceedings of the Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum Committee at their meeting
on the 19th instant,

And to be, Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

Principal and Secretary.

EXTRACT.

Item No. XI... Read a letter from Father Robin asking
for a grant of Rs 1000 towards the building
of a Chapel at Lovedale.

Resolution No. XI of 19th Jan'y 1906:-

"The Committee is of opinion that the
Funds of the Committee do not permit
a grant being made."

J. W. P. Kinson
[TRUE COPY.]

Principal and Secretary.

Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum.

LOVEDALE P. O.,
Nilgiri District, 22nd Feb'y 1907.

From

The Principal and Secretary,

To

The Rev: Father Robin.

Ootacamund

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the undernoted Extract from the
Proceedings of the Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum Committee at their meeting
on the 15th instant,

And to be, Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

Aug. W. B. Kinson
Principal and Secretary.

EXTRACT.

- Item No. XV. Considered Rev: Father Robin's requests—
(i) For a grant of Rs 500 towards the erection of a chapel.
(ii) For a supply of religious books for the use of the Roman Catholic Children.

Resolution No. XV of 15th Feb'y 1907:—

(i) ... Resolved that the Committee forward
this application to Government with
its recommendation that it be granted.

The Revd Father Robin to be informed
accordingly.

(ii). Sanctioned.

[TRUE COPY.]

Aug. W. B. Kinson
Principal and Secretary.

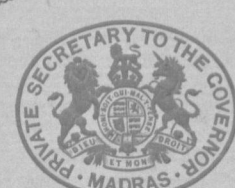
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
 OOTACAMUND.
 4th June 1907

V/ C/ H/ 07
 My dear Taylor

I am desirous to send you
 the enclosed memorials (3) from
 Father Robin. His Excellency will
 be glad to know what orders have
 been passed on the recommendation
 of the Committee of the Lawrence
 Asylum that Government should



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It has been sanctioned

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please send

for
copy

Contribute Rs. 500 towards
the construction of R. C.
Chapel at Lovedale. I am also
task for a note regarding the
proposal to appoint a R. C.
teacher & to increase Father
Robin's allowances for visiting
the Anglican.

Yours sincerely
W. Campbell

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Contribution of Rs.500 towards the construction of a Roman Catholic Chapel at Lovedale.---The ^{proposal}~~recommendation~~ of the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum to make a contribution of Rs.500 in aid of the Roman Catholic Chapel which Father Robin is constructing at Lovedale, has been approved in G.O. No.304, Educational, dated 20th May 1907. The contribution is to be paid out of the funds of the Asylum.

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2. Appointment of a Roman Catholic teacher at the Asylum.---In 1898, the Most Reverend J. Colgan, Archbishop of Madras, forwarded to Government a communication from the Right Reverend Dr. J. Bardon, Catholic Bishop of Coimbatore, requesting that a Roman Catholic teacher might be appointed at Lovedale. The latter ~~then~~ represented that under Rule 42 of the Rules for the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, as then amended, it was provided that the children of the Roman Catholic faith were ^{to be} not "compelled to attend divine service" of any description conducted according "to the rites of the Church of England or "to receive religious instruction except "from the clergy of their own faith", that he (the Right Reverend Dr. J. Bardon) accordingly appointed the Reverend F. Biolley to the spiritual charge of the children, who periodically visited the Asylum and gave instruction to the children of his faith with the assistance of a Roman Catholic Sergeant whose services

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were placed at his disposal by the Principal, but that as the services of the Roman Catholic Sergeant were soon afterwards dispensed with, the Reverend F. Biolley could not continue his ministrations to the children. The Right Reverend Dr. J. Bardon therefore requested that some provision might be made by the Committee to appoint a permanent Catholic teacher or at least a Catholic Sergeant whose duty would be to look after the Catholic children between the visits of the Catholic chaplaincy.

3. The Committee of the Lawrence Asylum to whom this representation was referred for remarks stated, among other things,

- (1) that they had no power to apply the funds of the institution to purposes other than those laid down by the rules;
- (2) that the Principal who was a clergyman of the Church of England afforded spiritual instruction to the children of that faith; and
- (3) that the rules permitted religious instruction to be given by other Christian bodies at ~~the~~ their own expense.

The Committee also stated that it had already decided that if a vacancy existed for a Sergeant and if a Roman Catholic was available for the situation, he should be appointed.

no need of all
these in a note
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On 15th April 07 the correct number
were 48 children and 9 female servants
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Cf. paragraph 3 of 80 no 304 vol 5 res. 07.
under which Father Robin should attend
twice a week if required to do so.

4. In G.O. No. 353, Educational,
dated 14th June 1898, the Most Reverend
Archbishop Colgan was informed that the
state of the finances of the Asylum did
not admit of the appointment of a special
teacher for Roman Catholic boys and that
as regards the appointment of ^a Roman
Catholic Sergeant, the Committee had al-
ready decided to appoint one when an
opportunity offered. The Government also
told the Committee that one of the
Sergeants should be a Roman Catholic if
possible.

5. In the memorial received with the
P.S.G.'s letter, the Reverend L. Robin
urges that a Roman Catholic teacher for
the boys and a Catholic mistress for the
girls should be appointed. He points
out that there are at present in the
Asylum 50 boys and 12 girls of the Roman
Catholic faith and that while they are in
need of nothing with regard to their cor-
poral welfare, their spiritual welfare
still requires a great deal. The Catholic
priest goes to the institution once a week
to impart religious instruction to these
children, but as no Catholic teacher is
in the institution, the children are left
to themselves and have no support what-
ever. The Reverend L. Robin therefore
requests that two ^{appointments} ~~places~~ should be reserved
one for a Roman Catholic master and
another for a Roman Catholic mistress, to
be filled up whenever suitable candidates
are found.

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I doubt whether the request can be
complied with. Certainly no special
staff could be employed in addition to
the existing staff. If the conditions
were written on it might be
difficult to fill vacancies

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6. Attention is solicited to the
Proceedings of the Lawrence Asylum Committee
dated 13th April 1898, in which the Committee
objected to the appointment of a Roman
Catholic teacher for the institution.
The present suggestion may perhaps be
referred to the Committee for remarks.

7. Increase of carriage allowance
to Father Robin.--In September 1905, the
D.P.G. (Dr Bourne) at the instance of the
Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, recom-
mended the grant of a carriage allowance
of Rs.50 per mensem to the Roman Catholic
Priest who visited the Asylum to impart
religious instruction to the children of
his faith and to hold divine service. The
priest referred to was probably Father
Robin. The Government left it to the
Committee to decide whether any carriage
or pony allowance should be given to the
priest, but observed that if it was decided
to grant an allowance, the amount should
not exceed Rs.20 a month - vide G.O. No.
709, Educational, dated 21st October
1905. An allowance of Rs.20 per mensem
is now paid to the Roman Catholic priest
who visits the Asylum.

8. The Reverend Father Robin now
requests that an allowance of Rs.60 may
be granted to the priest who visits the
Asylum. He urges

(1) that the Roman Catholic priest
should visit the Asylum at least
twice a week to impart reli-
gious instruction, as it is
absolutely

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absolutely necessary to have ~~any~~
several divisions or classes, the
ages of the children varying from
6 to 15 years;

- (2) that the children should have
divine service at least once
in the month and ~~they should~~
when sick ought to be often
visited by the priest;
- (3) that the priest must prepare
his instructions and spend for
that purpose a good portion of
his time;
- (4) that a journey from Ooty to
Lovedale when often repeated
and regular becomes a hard
task; and
- (5) that an allowance of Rs. 60 would
enable him to defray his travelling
~~xxx~~ expenses and would be a re-
muneration for the services he
rendered to the institution.

9. Attention is, in this connection,
solicited to the Secretary's remarks
dated 24th October 1905, which were con-
curred in by the Hon'ble Member, on page 1
of the notes with G.O. No. 709, Educational
dated 31st October 1905. As stated in
that G.O., it is for the committee to
decide ^{on the question} ~~as to the grant~~ of the carriage
allowance.

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Bishop Bardon seemed to
 think that a R.C. Sergeant
 would suffice - see para p.3 of
 note supra. I don't think
 we can promise a teacher
 because the bulk of the
 pupils are Protestants; but
 we might recommend to the
 Concord of the Comtee the
 appt. of a Sergeant
 S.F.

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 (a) a grant of £500 towards the
 Chapel - which will also serve
 as a shelter for the Priest, has
 been sanctioned from the funds
 of the Asylum

(b). It does not appear possible to
 increase the staff by the
 addition of a master & mistress
 of the R.C. faith, but the
 Committee might be asked to
 consider the question when
 vacancies occur, should duly
 qualified candidates offer.
 It would suffice if one of the
 Sergeant or one of the nuns
 were Roman Catholics. The
 children will require some
 escort when they visit the
 Chapel.

(c). There appears to be no necessity
 to increase the conveyance
 allowance of £20 at present
 granted to F. Robin, &
 especially as he will now have
 a shelter at Lovedale to
 which a contribution has
 been made from Asylum
 funds. I do feel that
 F. Robin raises £2000 for

but

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-ful who subscribed need
not have been parishioners
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the Chapel from private subscriptions
invidious that he has many other
converts in the neighbourhood &
that his visit to Love Dale will
not be solely in the interest
of the Asylum children

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At the Governor

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I thought HM

See notes in margin
above.

I would leave the
Committee to increase
the t.a. to £50 if they
saw fit.

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There are 5 Masters & 2 Mistresses
Considering the proportion of R.C.
Children I think that we might
wish the Com. to appoint either
a R.C. Master or Mistress
when a vacancy occurs if a
suitable candidate offers.
As an alternative a R.C. Surg.

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May be engaged when there is a vacancy.
I think with the H. M. that the C. U.
may be authorized to increase the T. a.
to \$50 if they see fit

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To the Hon. Dr. Foster 1871
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It wd. be just as well to look up the
foundation deed to see if any one
but a protestant can be ap-
-pointed to the teaching staff. Law-
rence was so pronounced
a protestant that it may be that
those who raised this Memorial
of him required it to be protestant
but I don't know.

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Please look up the original endorsement conditions
if available. The property is vested, I think, in
the Treasurer of Charlotte Endowment, but whatever
may under the Endow. Act be altered, if necessary,
so far as they are not inconsistent with the original
terms of the endowment

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It does not appear that there was any endowment originally created in favour of the Lawrence Asylum (proper). The following is a brief account of the ~~William Ootacamund~~ Asylum from its inception:-

2. About the beginning of the year 1856, Sir Henry Lawrence, K.C.B., made an offer of a donation of Rs.5,000 and of a subscription of Rs.1,000 annually so long as he might be in India, for the establishment at some hill station in this Presidency of an institution for the benefit of the children of soldiers of the British Army serving, or who had served, in Madras, on the lines of the Lawrence Asylums at Sanawar and at Mount Abu. A committee was formed and a meeting was held at Ootacamund on the 15th February 1856, at which it was resolved to meet the wishes of Sir Henry Lawrence. Shortly afterwards, however, the question of religious toleration was raised, and at a meeting of subscribers held in May 1856 it was resolved that the institution should be conducted on purely Protestant principles. The Commander-in-Chief refused to support the scheme on these terms, and the Committee resolved to abandon the project altogether and reported accordingly to Government. This determination roused general dissatisfaction, and at a mass meeting at Ootacamund it was resolved that Sir Henry Lawrence's proposals should be adopted in their entirety and that the institution should be established on a basis of more or less complete religious toleration. The Government was accordingly addressed and asked to support the scheme.

3. In the meantime, the Government of India forwarded an extract from the will of Sir Henry Lawrence

vide pages 7 & 8 of the Selection of papers concerning the Lawrence Asylum Ootacamund - No. 2xxx III.

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The decision of the meeting referred to above being repudiated as unrepresentative - p-13. H.D.

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Despatch no. 2 from the
Secretary of State dt 16-3-59
on pages 28 & 29 of Selections

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* no. 2 dt 16-3-1859 on
pages 28 & 29 of Selections.

Geno. 1873 dt 27-5-1859
pages 29 & 30 of Selections.

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Para 5 on page 31 of the
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has however raised another
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Lawrence, and desired information about the projected school at Ootacamund. Accordingly, this Government, in its letter dated 3rd September 1858, No. 3150, Military, gave a brief history of what had taken place, and remarked that premises had been selected and arrangements made for starting the institution on the lines adopted in the case of the Mount Abu Asylum. The Government of India then addressed the Secretary of State with a proposal that Government should take the asylums at Ootacamund and Mount Abu into its own charge, and this suggestion met with the approval of the Secretary of State the details of the arrangement for management &c. being left to the Government of India.

4. Before the receipt of the Secretary of State's despatch, however, the committee had established the Lawrence Asylum on the "Stonehouse" property at Ootacamund in August 1858, with the aid of the foundation money and subscriptions from the Army and England, on the same basis as the Mount Abu Asylum, and on receipt of the Secretary of State's letter, the committee was asked to state its views in regard to the transfer of the Asylum to Government. The committee expressed its readiness to transfer the management to Government subject to the condition that the fundamental principles on which the Asylum was established, viz., "that the authorised version of the Bible should be read by all in the schools and daily prayer held according to a published form for the whole establishment", were left intact after the transfer had taken place. It appeared, however, to this Government that the above restriction would affect in an undesirable manner the children of the Roman Catholic faith, and the Governor General in

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Council, concurring, declared that it would be a necessary condition of the change of management that the rules 23--30 of the Sanawar Asylum, or at least the principle underlying them, should be accepted. These rules differed from those in force at the time in the Ootacamund Asylum in that they made provision for the instruction of children of different tenets by the ministers of their own religions, whereas the Ootacamund Asylum rules, though allowing the admission of Roman Catholics and Dissenters, enforced the observance by them of the forms of the Church of England. The prescribed conditions were accepted by the committee in its letter, dated 31st January 1860, No.1, printed on page 86 of the selections.

Gene 184 Eod 21-6-1872.

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5. In 1871 the Madras Military Male Orphan Asylum was amalgamated with the Lawrence Asylum with its funded capital of Rs.4,39,200 (in the shape of 4 per cent. paper and non-transferable treasury notes) and Rs.8,849-4-0 in cash.

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6. The Madras Military Female Orphan Asylum was also amalgamated with the ^{Lawrence} Asylum in 1904, the funded capital of the former institution amounting to Rs.2,32,318 being vested in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments, the interest to be handed over to the committee of the Lawrence Asylum upon the condition that out of such interest and dividends and in conjunction with all grants or funds formerly paid to the Madras Military Female Orphan Asylum and which may be in future paid to the said Committee, the said committee will, subject to the rules for the time being in force relating to such Asylum, maintain and educate on the premises of such Asylum at Ootacamund in addition

"addition to the number of girls usually maintained
 "and educated there as many girls to the maximum
 "number of 100 belonging to the classes eligible
 "for admission to such Asylum as are from time to
 "time available for such maintenance and education."

7. Rule 28 of the original rules for the
 Lawrence Asylum which were approved in G.O. No.
 193, Edl., dated 4th July 1864, stated,

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also page 243 of the selection.

"The Principal of the Asylum shall invariably
 "be a clergyman of the Church of England, his
 "appointment being subject to the approval of the
 "Governor of Madras in Council. The appointments
 "to all other offices in the institution shall be
 "at the disposal of the Committee."

Para. 4 II of G.O. no. 91 Edl
 dated 3rd Feb. 1888 - pages 17+18

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8. When the rules were revised in 1888, the
 above rule regarding the appointment of the
 Principal and other officers of the Asylum was
 retained subject to the proviso that "if at any
 "time a duly qualified clergyman is not available
 "a military officer may be appointed to the post."

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9. Rule 12 of the existing rules stands thus--
 "The Principal x x x shall be a member of the
 "the Church of England and a clergyman. If however
 "at any time a duly qualified clergyman is not
 "available, a military officer who is a member of
 "the Church of England may be appointed."

10. It will thus be observed that there is
 nothing in the rules of the Asylum requiring that
 none but Protestants should be appointed to the
 teaching staff.

11. A number of old G.Os. had to be traced and collected.

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The rules in force will be found appended to G.O. 689 E.L.D. 22.12.00. There is only one officer in the Institution who must be a member of the Church of England i.e. the Principal, whether he is a clergyman or a soldier (See rules 11 & 12). Further the Principal is the only officer whose appointment is subject to the sanction of Govt.

Under rule 11 all other appointments are made by the Principal, subject to the ~~sanction~~ confirmation by the Committee, only in the case of teachers the approval of the Inspector or Inspectoress is necessary. This seems to mean that the D.P.D. & therefore the Govt. & may have the final voice in the appointment of teachers, but the rules are not very explicit on the point.

2. There is complete religious tolerances: ~~the~~ The office note gives the history on this point & the principle is carried out in

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rules 24 to 28.

3. The appointment of a Roman Catholic teacher depends in the first place on the Committee. I submit therefore that Dr. Robin Phons in the first place petition that body on the Subject.

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Unfortunately the original letters from Sir H. Lawrence are not available - but from the proceedings of the Committee on p. 12 of the selection it would seem that Sir H. Lawrence contemplated the free religious toleration, though the then Lord Bishop of Madras backed up by a few subscribers had endeavored to establish the Institution on a purely secular basis. His suggestion was opposed by the Comma. in Chief and repudiated at a general meeting of the subscribers - while the Govt. of India insisted that, if the Institution were to be taken over by Govt., the ^{principles of the} Tanawan rules which provided for religious toleration should be accepted.

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I agree with H.R.'s recommendations in his note of 7/6 8/70/3
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READ AGAIN G.O., No. 709 Col. dated 31st October 1905

READ ALSO:-
C. No. 1333, From the 259, No. , dated 4. 6. 1907

No. 452, dated 16.7.1907

The letter of the Rev. Felt & Robin
will be transferred to the Committee
of the Lawrence & Mrs. Maria and for
disposal until the remark that it
will be left to the discretion of the
Committee —

The Govt will leave it to
the Committee of the Javarna Program
to increase the travelling allowance
now paid to the Roman Catholic
priest from Rs 20 to Rs 50, if
they see fit to do so.

2. Having regard to the proportion of Roman Catholic children in the Asylum, ~~the~~ ~~Govt. Council~~ ~~that~~ the Committee should appoint a Roman Catholic Master or mistress, when a vacancy occurs, if a suitable candidate ~~is~~ ~~available~~ ~~offers~~. As an alternative a Roman

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The first of the series of lectures on the history of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States was given by Rev. Father Robert R. Reilly, S.J., on the 15th of October, 1883. The lecture was held in the hall of the Educational Department, and was attended by a large number of students and faculty members. The lecture was very interesting and informative, and was well received by the audience. The lecture was given in the hall of the Educational Department, and was attended by a large number of students and faculty members. The lecture was very interesting and informative, and was well received by the audience.

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Rev Father Robert R. Reilly, S.J.
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Note for the Deputy Registrar

Please see printed copy of No 452 Est put up below. The D.O. from the Private Secretary ^{16.7.07} ought not to have been printed, & if printed at all of. i. e. heading alone, may, if necessary, be retained now. D.O. are seldom & ~~as a~~ rule ought to be retained in proceedings. The substance of the D.O. also seems to be not quite a proper one for inclusion in the proceedings.

2. Submitted respectfully that order of A.S. may be taken as to the inclusion of the D.O. from the proceedings & for restricting revised copies. Copies have not been sent out of the Secretariat.

CRV
20.8.07

Please transfer the D.O. from the G.O. to the notes - It is unnecessary to read even the heading of the D.O. in the G.O. - The memorials which are now printed as enclosures may be printed as the main portions of the Communication. Have the G.O. & the notes (if they have already been finally struck off) reprinted before copies of the G.O. are sent out of the Secy. The proof somehow seems to have gone to the A.S. without being looked into by me - This was perhaps during my absence.

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- A = Print in full.
- B = Not to be printed.
- P = Print abstract only.
- Q = Print heading only.