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READ—the following papers:—

I

Resolutions passed at a meeting of the Muhammadans of North Arcot district, held on 16th June 1907.

In the interest of Muhammadan education in general and of this district in particular, the Muhammadans assembled from different parts of the district on the occasion of the 5th Anniversary of their Educational Association, resolve:—

(1) That in view of the fact that the new Grant-in-Aid Code and the revised Educational rules, especially the rules contained therein as regards the admission of pupils from Elementary to Secondary schools, are detrimental to Muhammadan education and in view also of the disabilities which Muhammadan lads have already been under, by reason of the medium of instruction being the vernaculars of the district, this assembly is of opinion that the establishment of a Secondary school for Muhammadans in the town of Vellore is imperatively necessary.

(2) (a) That the bifurcation of the administration of Muhammadan schools between the Muhammadan and Hindu Sub-Assistant Inspectors is sure to retard rather than advance Muhammadan education besides complicating the official machinery and causing needless irritation; the Director of Public Instruction be therefore asked to revert to the old system.

(b) That while gratefully acknowledging the small increase in the number of Muhammadan Sub-Assistants, this assembly begs to emphasise the need for a still further increase to ensure the efficiency of Muhammadan schools.

(3) That considering the large number of Muhammadan children of school-going age in the undermentioned places and the paucity of facilities provided for their education, this assembly requests the Local Boards to open Elementary schools for Muhammadans in those localities—

Kalavai.	Renigunta.
Valattur.	Kaveripauk.
Veppempet.	Alliyabad.
Chedum.	Wandiwash.
Pakala.	Tiruvattoor.
Arkonam.	Virinjipuram.
Koonanattoor.	Palmaner.
Shamiamangalam.	Damalcheruvu.
Timiri.	Kallur.
Koonanattam.	Sholinghur.
Venkatagiri.	Vinnamangalam.
Ramasamudram.	Settupattu.

(4) That this assembly requests the Government to permit Muhammadans to make their own arrangements to impart religious instruction in Government or Board schools out of school hours.

(5) That in the opinion of this assembly it is desirable that there should be at least one Muhammadan on the teaching staff of every Secondary school in the district and that the managing authorities of such schools be requested to make provision therefor whenever feasible.

Speakers:—(1) Nawab Goolam Ahmed Khan Sahib.
(2) Hakim Mir Aurif Ali Sahib.
(3) Khazi Nasiruddin Ahmed Sahib Chida.
(4) Muhammad Badiuddin Sahib Delvi.
(5) Yakub Husan Sait Sahib.

SHAMSUL-ULAMA MOULVI HAJEE ABDUL WAHAB SAHIB,
(Principal, Arabic College, Vellore),
President.

II

Edorsement No. 1758-1, dated 15th August 1907.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

(By Order.)

C. A. SOUTER,
Asst. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

III

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. A. G. BOURNE, D.Sc., F.R.S., Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—the 29th October 1907.

No.—Ref. on C. No. 6108.

In returning the paper referred for remarks with Memorandum No. 1758-1, Educational, dated 15th August 1907, I have the honour to submit the following remarks on the resolutions passed at the meeting of the Muhammadans of the North Arcot district held at Vellore in June last.

Resolution No. 1.—It is not stated why the new rules are considered to be detrimental to Muhammadan education so that there is no argument to meet. It is of course hoped that so far from being detrimental they will do much to improve real education.

The Inspector of Schools, III Circle, considers that a school if established will do much towards promoting higher education among Muhammadans and Vellore will be the most suitable place for it. But the resolution does not say whether the school should be established by Government or will be opened by the Muhammadans themselves as was recently done at Vaniyambadi, Salem district. In the latter case, the Inspector says he will give all the help necessary.

Resolution No. 2 (a).—The bifurcation of administration referred to was introduced solely with the object of relieving the Muhammadan Sub-Assistant Inspectors of what seemed to be mere office work so as to leave them as free as possible to promote the spread of Muhammadan education.

The arrangement was however found to lead to friction and was largely modified by orders which as they issued only after the Muhammadan meeting at Vellore were not known to those present. The only work which does not now fall upon the Muhammadan Sub-Assistant Inspectors is the preparation of monthly and annual returns and of pay bills and the disposal of applications for casual leave from teachers of Board and Municipal schools. There is no evidence as yet that this modified

arrangement is anything but satisfactory. Should such evidence be forthcoming, I am prepared to make even further modifications. The whole arrangement was made in the interests of the community and should, I still think, have served that purpose.

(b) The need for additional Muhammadan Sub-Assistant Inspectors was discussed in Mr. Logan's letter R. Cl. No. 71/06, dated 31st October 1906. I agree with him upon the whole that it does not exist to any special extent, one or even two more could however find work to do and all would have more time to spend in the schools.

Resolution No. 3.—Muhammadan Board schools are suggested in various places. These places will be borne in mind by the Inspector when making proposals to Local Boards for starting new schools.

Resolution No. 4.—This is a request to permit Muhammadans to make their own arrangements to impart religious instruction in Government or Board schools out of school hours. Permission was given under certain restrictions to impart such instruction in the Madrasa-i-Azam. I have heard nothing to indicate that the experiment has been other than a success. In this case however the permission was given to a definite association. If it is thought desirable to accede to the present request it would be well to have detailed proposals from some association such as the Muhammadan Educational Association as to the agency to be employed and the control to be exercised.

It must, moreover, be remembered that greater difficulties might arise in connection with any grant of similar permission in Hindu schools under public management.

Resolution No. 5.—Little more can be done than bear this in mind. It would be easier to give effect to it if a larger supply of qualified Muhammadan teachers was forthcoming.

Order—No. 791, Educational, dated 27th November 1907.

With regard to the opinion of the Conference as to the necessity for the establishment of a Secondary school for Muhammadans at Vellore, it is not clear whether the memorialists desire that such a school should be established by Government in that town or whether the Muhammadans propose to open a school there themselves. In the latter case, the Educational authorities will afford all the necessary help.

2. In its second resolution, the Conference expresses the view that the inspection of Muhammadan schools should not be divided between the Muhammadan and the Hindu Sub-Assistant Inspectors and is calculated to retard rather than advance Muhammadan education. The Government would, however, observe that this division was introduced solely in the interests of Muhammadan education with the object of relieving the Muhammadan Sub-Assistant Inspectors of mere office-work, so as to give them more time to promote the spread of Muhammadan education. This arrangement has, however, since been largely modified, and if evidence is forthcoming that this modified arrangement is unsatisfactory, the Director of Public Instruction will be prepared to consider further modifications of it.

3. As to the request for a further increase in the number of Muhammadan Sub-Assistants so as to ensure the efficiency of Muhammadan schools, the Government considered this matter only a year ago, and are not satisfied that there is any special need at present for additional Muhammadan Sub-Assistant Inspectors.

4. The request of the memorialists in regard to the opening by the Local Boards of elementary schools for Muhammadans in various places, twenty-four in number, will be borne in mind by the department in suggesting to those bodies the establishment of new schools.

5. With regard to the question of permitting Muhammadans to make their own arrangements for imparting religious instruction in Government and Board schools, out of school hours, the memorialists should submit definite proposals to the Director of Public Instruction as to the agency to be employed and the control to be exercised.

6. Finally, it is suggested by the memorialists that there should be at least one Muhammadan teacher on the teaching staff of every Secondary school in the North Arcot district. As to this, the Government regret that they are unable to do anything in the matter at present owing to the paucity of qualified Muhammadan teachers.

(True Extract.)

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

To the President of the meeting of Muhammadans of North Arcot held at Vellore.
,, Director of Public Instruction.
Editors' Table.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 791, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
27TH NOVEMBER 1907.

[SUBJECT.—*Muhammadan education.*]

*From the President of a meeting of the Muhammadans of North Arcot,
dated 24th July 1907.*

The Muhammadans of the North Arcot district held a meeting on the 16th June last at Vellore on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of their Educational Association and passed certain resolutions on the subject of Muhammadan education. A copy of the resolutions is submitted to Government by the President of the meeting.

2. There are in all five resolutions. The first resolution says that "the establishment of a secondary school for Muhammadans in the town of Vellore is imperatively necessary."

It is not stated by whom the secondary school shall be established. It appears to be only a local want and perhaps the resolution is intended for consideration by the Muhammadan community of Vellore. It is doubtful whether there will be sufficient material for the formation of a secondary school for Muhammadans at Vellore, seeing Statement No. 116 on page 130 of volume II of Public Instruction Report for 1905-1906. that in the Presidency as a whole there were only 613 Muhammadan boys in the upper secondary stage on the 31st March 1906. The resolution may perhaps be referred to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

3. The second resolution is on the subject of the inspection of Muhammadan schools and of an increase in the number of the Muhammadan Sub-Assistant Inspectors of schools. It runs thus:—

"(2) (a) That the bifurcation of the administration of Muhammadan schools between the Muhammadan and Hindu Sub-Assistant Inspectors is sure to retard rather than advance Muhammadan education besides complicating the official machinery and causing needless irritation; the Director of Public Instruction be therefore asked to revert to the old system.

"(b) That while gratefully acknowledging the small increase in the number of Muhammadan Sub-Assistants, this assembly begs to emphasise the need for a still further increase to ensure the efficiency of Muhammadan schools."

4. No information is available in the office as to the alleged division of the administration of Muhammadan schools between the Hindu and the Muhammadan Sub-Assistants. The Director of Public Instruction may perhaps be asked to report on the subject. A copy of the resolution has probably been forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction by the President of the meeting.

As to the second part of the resolution which states that there is need for a still further increase in the number of Muhammadan Sub-Assistants to ensure the efficiency of Muhammadan schools, it is noted that in 1905-1906 there were six Muhammadan Sub-Assistant Inspectors who examined in all 916 schools with 36,078 pupils as shown in detail below:—

Vide appendix A on pages 6 and 7 of volume II of Public Instruction Report for 1905-1906.

			Number of schools.	Number of pupils.
Sub-Assistant,	Northern Circle	..	181	4,864
Do.	Central "	..	174	6,516
Do.	Southern "	..	192	8,014
Do.	North Mappilla Range	..	149	4,585
Do.	Central "	..	122	7,050
Do.	Southern "	..	98	5,049
	Total	..	916	36,078

The number of Muhammadan Sub-Assistants at present is not known, but it may be more than six as in paragraph 34 of the Public Instruction Report for 1905-1906 the Director stated that since the close of the year steps were taken to provide the full complement of Sub-Assistants according to the sanctioned scale.

This resolution may perhaps be also referred to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

5. In their third resolution the meeting requests that the Local Boards should be requested to open elementary schools for Muhammadans in 24 stated localities where there is a large number of Muhammadan children of school-going age and where there are not sufficient facilities for their education.

This resolution may be remitted to the Local and Municipal Department for consideration.

6. In the fourth resolution the Government are requested to permit Muhammadans to make their own arrangements to impart religious instruction in Government or Board schools out of school hours.

On the subject of religious instruction in Muhammadan schools, attention is invited to G.O., No. 358, Educational, dated 25th May 1905, and the notes therewith. In that order the Government permitted the Muhammadan Educational Association of Southern India to arrange, at their own expense, for the giving of religious instruction to the boys of the Madrasa-i-Azam in a room in the school building on the following conditions:—

(1) that the instruction is given out of school hours and does not interfere in any way with the school curriculum;

(2) that no boys are admitted to the religious instruction classes without the written consent of their parents or guardians;

(3) that if at any time a room in the school building cannot be spared the Association will be required to make other arrangements; and

(4) that at any time the Government may withdraw the permission to use the room.

It is for consideration whether the Muhammadans of North Arcot may also be allowed to make their own arrangements for imparting religious instruction in Government or Board schools on similar conditions.

6. The fifth resolution says that it is desirable that there should be at least one Muhammadan on the teaching staff of every secondary school in the district (North Arcot) and that the Managers of such schools should be requested to make provision therefor wherever feasible.

This requires no action on the part of Government.

T.K.—13-8-07.

It is submitted that the paper may in the first instance be forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

2. A draft endorsement is placed below for approval.

K. RANGASWAMI AYYANGAR—14-8-07.

Issue.

C. A. SOUTER—15-8-07.

[Memorandum No. 1758-1, dated 15th August 1907.]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 29th October 1907, No. 6108.

In his current letter, the Director of Public Instruction submits his remarks on the resolutions of the Muhammadans of North Arcot passed at a meeting held at Vellore in June last.

2. The resolutions passed at the meeting and the Director of Public Instruction's remarks are typed side by side for facility of reference.

Resolution.

(1) "That in view of the fact that the new Grant-in-Aid Code and the revised Educational rules, especially the rules contained therein as regards the admission of pupils from Elementary to Secondary schools, are detrimental to Muhammadan Education and in view also of the disabilities which Muhammadan lads have already been under, by reason of the medium of instruction being the vernaculars of the district, this assembly is of opinion that the establishment of a secondary school for Muhammadans in the town of Vellore is imperatively necessary."

"(2) (a) That the bifurcation of the administration of Muhammadan schools between the Muhammadan and Hindu Sub-Assistant Inspectors is sure to retard rather than advance Muhammadan education, besides complicating the official machinery and causing needless irritation, the Director of Public Instruction be therefore asked to revert to the old system."

Director's remarks.

(1) It is not stated why the new rules are considered to be detrimental to Muhammadan education, so that there is no argument to meet. It is of course hoped that so far from being detrimental they will do much to improve real education.

The Inspector of Schools, III Circle, considers that a school, if established, will do much towards promoting higher education among Muhammadans and Vellore will be the most suitable place for it. But the resolution does not say whether the school should be established by Government or will be opened by the Muhammadans themselves as was recently done at Vaniyambadi, Salem district. In the latter case, the Inspector says he will give all the help necessary.

(2) (a) The bifurcation of administration referred to was introduced solely with the object of relieving the Muhammadan Sub-Assistant Inspectors of what seemed to be mere office work, so as to leave them as free as possible to promote the spread of Muhammadan education.

The arrangement was, however, found to lead to friction and was largely modified by orders which, as they issued only after the Muhammadan meeting at Vellore, were not known to those present. The only work which does not now fall upon the Muhammadan Sub-Assistant Inspectors is the preparation of monthly and annual returns and of pay bills and the disposal of applications for casual leave from teachers of Board and Municipal schools. There is no evidence as yet that this modified arrangement is anything but satisfactory. Should such evidence be forthcoming I am prepared to make even further modifications. The whole arrangement was made in the interests of the community and should, I still think, have served that purpose.

Resolution.

Director's remarks.

"(b) That while gratefully acknowledging the small increase in the number of Muhammadan Sub-Assistants, this assembly begs to emphasise the need for a still further increase to ensure the efficiency of Muhammadan schools."

(b) The need for additional Muhammadan Sub-Assistant Inspectors was discussed in Mr. Logan's letter G.O., No. 741, Educational, dated 15th November 1906. R. Cl. No. 71, dated 31st October 1906. I agree with him upon the whole that it does not exist to any special extent. One or even two more could, however, find work to do and all would have more time to spend in the schools.

"(3) That considering the large number of Muhammadan children of school-going age in the undermentioned places and the paucity of facilities provided for their education, this assembly requests the local boards to open elementary schools for Muhammadans in the 24 stated localities."

(3) Muhammadan Board schools are suggested in various places. These places will be borne in mind by the Inspector when making proposals to local boards for starting new schools.

"(4) That this assembly requests the Government to permit Muhammadans to make their own arrangements to impart religious instruction in Government or Board schools out of school hours."

(4) This is a request to permit Muhammadans to make their own arrangements to impart religious instruction in Government or Board schools out of school hours. Permission was given under certain restrictions to impart such instruction in the Madrasa-i-Azam. I have heard nothing to indicate that the experiment has been other than a success. In this case, however, permission was given to a definite association. If it is thought desirable to accede to the present request, it would be well to have detailed proposals from some association such as the Muhammadan Educational Association as to the agency to be employed and the control to be exercised.

It must, moreover, be remembered that greater difficulties might arise in connection with any grant of similar permission in Hindu schools under public management.

"(5) That it is desirable that there should be at least one Muhammadan on the teaching staff of every secondary school in the district (North Arcot) and that the managers of such schools should be requested to make provision therefor wherever feasible."

(5) Little more can be done than bear this in mind. It would be easier to give effect to it if a larger supply of qualified Muhammadan teachers was forthcoming.

3. A draft order on the lines of the Director of Public Instruction's remarks is placed below for approval.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—21-11-07.

C. A. SOUTER—22-11-07.

H. D. TAYLOR—23-11-07.

No one could clearly understand the draft Government Order as it stands. As a copy should be put on Editors' Table, I have made a few additions.

G. S. F[ORBES]—24-11-07.

Issue.

H. D. TAYLOR—26-11-07.

[G.O., No. 791, Educational, dated 27th November 1907.]

C.No.1758, from the President, Muhammadan Edl. No. Conference, Vellore

dated

C.No.2635, from the Director of Public Instruction, No.6108 d/29-10-1907.

O R D E R :—
P.S.

It is not clear whether the Memorialists desire that a secondary school for Muhammadans should be established by Government in the town of Vellore or whether ^{the Muhammadans} propose to open a school themselves. In the latter case, the Educational authorities will afford all the necessary help.

2. The ^{division of the duties regarding} bifurcation of administrative Muhammadan schools between the Muhammadan and the Hindu Sub Assistant Inspectors was introduced solely in the interests

of Muhammadan education with the object of relieving the Muhammadan Sub Assistant Inspectors of mere ^{office-}work, so as to give them more time to promote the spread of Muhammadan education. This arrangement has, however, since been largely modified, and if any evidence is forthcoming that the modified arrangement is unsatisfactory, the Director of Public Instruction will be prepared to alter it.

3. The Government do ^{not} see that there is need at present for additional Muhammadan Sub Assistant Inspectors.

4. The request of the Memorialists in regard to the opening by the local boards of elementary schools for Muhammadans in the various places suggested by them ^{should} ~~will~~ be borne in mind by the ^{D.P.I.} ~~Inspector of Schools~~ in suggesting to those bodies the establishment of new schools.

5. With regard to the question of religious instruction in Muhammadan schools, the Memorialists should submit definite proposals to the Director of Public Instruction as to the agency to be employed for the purpose and the control to be exercised over it.

6. ^{As} ~~With reference~~ to the suggestion of the Memorialists that there should be at least one Muhammadan teacher on the teaching staff of every secondary school in the North Arcot District, the Government regret that ^{they} ~~are~~ unable to do anything in the matter ^{at present} ~~owing~~ to the paucity of qualified Muhammadan teachers.

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To

The President, Muhammadan
Educational Conference, Vellore.

The D.P.I.

C.No.1758, from the President, ^{of a meeting of Muhammadans of North Arcot held at} ~~Mohammedan Edl. Conference~~, Vellore.

C.No.2635, from the Director of Public Instruction, No.6108, d/29-10-1907.

ORDER:-
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23-11-07.

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Note
Not in Muh Schools only!
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To

of the meeting of
The Pt. Muhammadans of North Arcot
held at Conference, Vellore.

" D. E. I.

sent 18/12/07

sent 14/12/07