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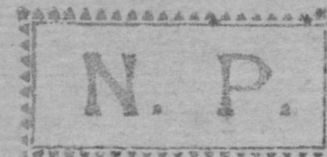
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O., No. 828, Educational, dated 11th December 1907.

II

Memorandum, No. 2446-1, Educational, dated 11th December 1907.

With reference to his letter R.O.C. No. 5390, dated 27th September 1907, the Director of Public Instruction is informed that orders have separately issued declining to sanction a grant in aid towards the purchase of an oil-engine and saw mill for the St. Joseph's Industrial school, Coimbatore.

2. The Government, however, desire to be furnished with the syllabus of the lessons taught in this institution, and would be glad if the Director of Public Instruction will cause the school to be visited by the Inspector of Schools of the Circle. The Inspector should report to Government through the Director of Public Instruction the precise nature of the oral teaching in the school and whether weekly examination papers are set. If papers are set, samples of the questions and answers should also be forwarded.

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

To the Director of Public Instruction.

III

Letter—from M.R.Ry. A. C. PRANATARTIHARA AIYAR Avargal, B.A., Inspector of Schools, Acting in the 5th Circle.

To—the Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—the 28th January 1908.

No.—1-T.C.

I have the honour to submit the report called for in your Official Memorandum, Ref. on Cur. No. 9014-A./07, dated 10th January 1908, on the St. Joseph's Industrial school, Coimbatore. I visited the school yesterday, but as the manager was absent I visited it again this morning when he was present.

2. *The nature of the oral teaching given.*—The school works for four periods every day, viz., 8—9—30 A.M., 9—30 A.M.—12 noon, 2 P.M.—3—30 P.M., and 3—30 P.M.—5—30 P.M., and for $5\frac{1}{2}$ days in the week, no work being done in the forenoon on Saturdays. Out of these twenty-two periods three are devoted to drawing in the carpentry section and two more to Arithmetic, both of which subjects are correlated with their practical work; while during the remaining seventeen periods the pupils are engaged in practical work. In the weaving section three periods are devoted to each of Drawing and Arithmetic while the remaining sixteen periods are spent in weaving.

3. Three teachers are engaged in the carpentry section, one of whom had gone out for timber on the day of inspection and was therefore absent. The single teacher of the weaving section was also absent, having gone to visit the Salem weaving school in connection with his work.

4. The teaching is all oral. In the Drawing and Arithmetic classes the black-board is used, but the boys take no notes. No note-books containing any instructions given were produced for inspection and I was told that none were used. I saw, however, the drawing exercises done by the pupils. At practical work the teachers go round and give their instruction then and there to each pupil.

5. There is no syllabus of instruction drawn up. For drawing the exercises follow closely the lessons in joinery by W. H. Farrar, Esq., and for practical work each pupil is given some article to do which he has to finish. A statement is kept in school of the articles executed by each pupil.

6. No weekly or other regular examinations are held; but the manager told me that every piece of work that each pupil had to do was in itself an examination.

7. The institution was in good working order on both the days I visited it. The carpentry and cabinet-making section in particular was in full swing and there were large orders to execute. The weaving was, however, low. The manager has in view to strengthen it. The attendance was as noted below :—

	Carpentry and cabinet making.			Weaving.			Rattan work.		
	Boarders.	Outsiders.	Total.	Boarders.	Outsiders.	Total.	Boarders.	Outsiders.	Total.
Intermediate	4	4	8	1	..	1	..	..	..
Elementary	1	2	3	1	1	2	..	..	..
Standard D.	2	0	2	3	0	3	..	..	..
" C.	2	1	3	2	0	2	1	..	1
" B.	2	3	5	2	0	2	1	..	1
" A.	15	2	17	3	1	4	2	..	2
Total	26	12	38	12	2	14	4	..	4

Dis. No. 871, dated 6th February 1908.

Submitted to Government, Educational Department, with reference to paragraph 2 of Memorandum No. 2446-1, Educational, dated 11th December 1907.

A. G. BOURNE,
Director of Public Instruction.

Order—No. 141, Educational, dated 25th February 1908.

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(True Extract.)

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

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 141, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 25TH FEBRUARY 1903.

[SUBJECT.—Furniture grant of Rs. 3,534 for the St. Joseph's Industrial School,
Coimbatore.]

Extract from the Hon'ble Mr. Forbes' notes connected with G.O., No. 828, dated
11th December 1907.

These institutions are probably all useful but unless they are giving education
also there is no reason why Educational funds should be given to them.

I should like to see the *syllabus* of lessons in this institution and also should
be glad if the Inspector of Schools of the Circle could visit the institution and let
me have a report in what precisely the oral teaching consists and whether weekly
examination papers are set and if so, samples of the questions and answers.
A This may be asked for by O.M.

It looks rather like as if this institution were used as a mode of getting orphaned
Christian children of the Roman Catholic Mission supported at the public expense.

G. S. F[ORBES]—7-12-07.

Please draft as at A.

H. D. TAYLOR—8-12-07.

A draft memorandum is placed below for approval.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—9-12-07.

C. A. SOUTER—10-12-07.

Issue.

H. D. TAYLOR—11-12-07.

[Memorandum No. 2446-1, dated 11th December 1907.]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 6th February 1908, No. 871.

In G.O., No. 828, Educational, dated 11th December 1907, the Government
declined to sanction a grant-in-aid towards the purchase of an oil-engine and
saw-mill for the St. Joseph's Industrial
School, Coimbatore. The Hon'ble Mr.
Forbes observed as follows :—
Vide page 10 of G.O., No. 828, Educational,
dated 11th December 1907.

“I should like to see the *syllabus* of lessons in this institution and also
“should be glad if the Inspector of Schools of the Circle could visit the institution
“and let me have a report on what precisely the oral teaching consists and whether
“weekly examination papers are set and if so, samples of the questions and
“answers. This may be asked for by official memorandum.”

The Director of Public Instruction was accordingly called upon in Memorandum No. 2446-1, dated 11th December 1907, to furnish the information.

2. M.R.Ry. A. C. Pranarthihara Aiyar, Acting Inspector of Schools, V Circle, visited the school on 27th and 28th January last, and the Director of Public Instruction forwards a copy of his report for the information of Government. The report deals with the following points.

3. *Syllabus*.—There is no syllabus of instruction drawn up. For drawing the exercises follow closely the lessons in joinery by W. H. Farrar, Esq., and for practical work each pupil is given some article to do, which he has to finish. A statement is kept in the school of articles executed by each pupil.

4. *Nature of the oral teaching given*.—The school works for four periods every day, viz, 8 A.M., 9-30 A.M., 9-30 A.M.—12 noon, 2 P.M.—3-30 P.M., and 3-30 P.M.—5-30 P.M., and for 5½ days in the week, no work being done in the forenoon on Saturdays. Out of these 22 periods three are devoted to drawing in the carpentry section and two more to Arithmetic, both of which subjects are correlated with their practical work, while during the remaining 17 periods the pupils are engaged in practical work. In the weaving section three periods are devoted to each of Drawing and Arithmetic while the remaining 15 periods are spent in weaving. The black board is made use of only in the Drawing and Arithmetic classes. The boys take no notes. At practical work teachers go round and give their instruction then and there to each pupil.

Weekly examinations.—No weekly or other regular examinations are held.

The Inspector reports that on both the days of his visit the institution was in good working order. He adds that the carpentry and cabinet-making section in particular was in full swing and that there were large orders to execute. A statement is kept in the school of the articles executed by each pupil. The strength of the school is 56 of which 42 are boarders and 14 are outsiders.

The Hon'ble Mr. Forbes observed in his note on page 10 of the notes with G.O., No. 828, Educational, dated 11th December 1907:—

“These institutions are probably all useful but unless they are giving education also there is no reason why Educational funds should be given to them.” The Assistant Secretary has noted on the current that “this looks as if the school were to some extent commercial in character.”

It is submitted that the papers may be “recorded”.

P.R.—18-2-08.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—18-2-08.

It is hard to say whether the school is of real use educationally or not. There seems a great want of systematic instruction and as far as one can see, mere practice is taught and not the general principles of the arts. That no notes are taken is evidence of this. Further, it is unusual in a school to execute large orders. It is all very well to sell what has been made during the course of instruction, but to receive orders for work is to turn the place into an ordinary commercial workshop. No action is needed and the papers may be recorded.

H. D. TAYLOR.

C. A. SOUTER—20-2-08.

Honourable member—for information.

The institution does not appear to be educational in character and the order in G.O., No. 828, dated 11th December 1907, seems to be fully justified.

There is no syllabus or fixed curriculum, but work is turned out to order.

H. D. TAYLOR—21-2-08.

H. B[RADLEY]—22-2-08.

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H. D. TAYLOR—24-2-08.

Please see the draft placed below. May this Government order and G.O., No. 828, Educational, dated 11th December 1907, be printed please?

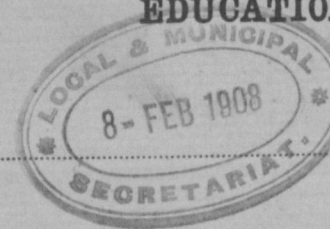
K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—24-2-08.

C. A. SOUTER—24-2-08.

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Subject.

Submitting report called for in Government Memorandum No. 2446-1
Educational dated 11th December 1907 on the state and progress
of the St. Joseph's Industrial School, Coimbatore.

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Station Madras , Dated the 6th February 190 8.

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. A.C. Bourne, D.Sc., F.R.S.,

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department.

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