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READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O., No. 853, Educational, dated 26th December 1907.

Communicating to the Registrar of Books certain observations by the Librarian of the India Office on certain points connected with the form in which the quarterly Catalogue of Books issued in India are compiled.

II

G.O., No. 582, Educational, dated 8th August 1908.

Requesting the Superintendent, Government Press, to follow the typography of the Bengal Catalogue in printing the quarterly Catalogue of Books for the future.

III

Letter—from E. D. Ross, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Books).

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

Dated—Calcutta, the 20th August 1908.

No.—1684.

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 485, dated the 27th June 1908, and to point out that the catalogue therewith forwarded of books registered in the Madras Presidency under Act XXV of 1867, during the first quarter of 1908, deviates from the instructions contained in the Home Department letter No. 2275, dated the 29th November 1907, in the following respects :—

(i) the suggested improvements have not been effected with regard to typography and the spacing of the columns, *e.g.* ;

(a) the catchwords and “ prices ” have not been shown in sufficiently bold type and

(b) although the width of columns 2 and 3 has been altered in accordance with the instructions referred to above, it still does not accord with the width of these columns as shown in the revised specimen ;

(ii) the titles of publications which are printed in oriental languages and which have no real authors, have not been entered in the original scripts at the beginning of their respective descriptions in column 2 ; and

(iii) the publications have been divided into two classes—“ Books ” and “ Periodicals ”—and then numbered according to the languages in which they are written.

* *Vide* Copy of Bombay catalogue for quarter ending 31st March 1908 enclosed. But the numbering should be according to the subjects * under which they are classified, as explained in paragraph 4 (a)

of the Home Department letter of the 29th November last, and illustrated in the specimen form attached thereto.

2. As the India Office attach particular importance to spacing and typography and as it is very desirable that the various provincial catalogues should be uniform in all respects, I am to request that, with the permission of the Governor in Council, steps may be taken to ensure entire conformity in future catalogues with the instructions of the Government of India. Should it be difficult, however, to correct the numbering in the catalogues of the current year, I am to ask that effect may be given to the instructions on that point from the next year.

Order—No. 633, Educational, dated 4th September 1908.

The Government of India point out that the catalogue of books registered in the Madras Presidency during the first quarter of 1908 has not been prepared in accordance with their instructions, which were communicated with G.O., No. 853, Educational, dated 26th December 1907, in the following respects :—

(i) The suggested improvements have not been effected with regard to typography and the spacing of the columns, *e.g.* ;

(a) the catchwords and “ prices ” have not been shown in sufficiently bold type and

(b) although the width of columns 2 and 3 has been altered in accordance with the instructions referred to above, it still does not accord with the width of these columns as shown in the revised specimen ;

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form forwarded with G.O., No. 853, Educational, dated 26th December 1907.

2. The Registrar of Books will be requested to state why the instructions contained in G.O., No. 853, Educational, dated 26th December 1907, were not followed in the preparation of the catalogue referred to. He will also be requested to take immediate steps to ensure entire conformity with the instructions of the Government of India in the catalogue now under preparation and in future catalogues. Should it be difficult, however, to correct the numbering in the catalogues of the current year, effect may be given to the instructions on that point from the next year.

3. The India Office attach particular importance to spacing and typography and it is very desirable that the catalogues of the various provinces should be uniform in all respects.

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Registrar of Books, through the Director of Public Instruction
(with a copy of the Bombay catalogue).

“ Director of Public Instruction.
“ Superintendent, Government Press.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 633, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
4TH SEPTEMBER 1908.

[SUBJECT.—*Catalogue of books registered in the Madras Presidency.*]

From the Government of India, dated 20th August 1908, No. 1684.

Previous papers.

G.O., No. 853, Edl., dated 26th December 1907.

„ „ 582 „ „ 8th August 1908.

The Government of India point out that the catalogue of books registered in the Madras Presidency during the first quarter of 1908 has not been prepared in accordance with the instructions contained in the Home Department letter No. 2275, dated 29th November 1907 (*vide* G.O., No. 853, Educational, dated 26th December 1907) and they request that, as the India Office attach particular importance to spacing and typography and as it is very desirable that the various provincial catalogues should be uniform in all respects, steps may be taken to ensure entire conformity in future catalogues with the instructions given in their letter referred to above.

2. About spacing and typography, orders have already issued in G.O., No. 582, Educational, dated 8th August 1908, to the effect that the Madras catalogue should follow the Bengal catalogue. As regards the other points noticed by the Government of India, the Registrar of Books may be requested to state why the catalogue of the first quarter was not prepared in conformity with the instructions given in G.O., No. 853, Educational, dated 26th December 1907. He may also be requested to see that the future catalogues are prepared in entire conformity with the instructions of the Government of India.

A draft order is placed below for approval.

T.K.—2-9-08.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—2-9-08.

Issue.

C. A. SOUTER—3-9-08.

[G.O., No. 633, Educational, dated 4th September 1908.]

Read again--

G.O.No.853, Edl., dated 26-12-1907.
" " 582- " " 8-8-08.

Also C.No.1869, from the Govt. of India, No.1684, dated 20-8-08.

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The Government of India point out that the Catalogue of Books registered in the Madras Presidency during the first quarter of 1908 has not been prepared in accordance with their instructions, which were ~~con-~~ ~~Communicated with~~ ~~revised in~~ G.O.No.853, Edl., dated 26th December 1907, in the following respects:--

(i) The suggested improvements have not been effected with regard to typography and the spacing of the columns, e.g.,
(a) the catchwords and 'prices' have not been shown in sufficiently bold type, and
(b) although the width of columns 2 and 3 has been altered in accordance with the instructions referred to above, it still does not accord with the width of these columns as shown in the revised specimen;

(ii) the titles of publications ~~xxx~~ which are printed in oriental languages and which have no real authors, have not been entered in the original scripts at the beginning of their respective descriptions in column 2; and

(iii) the publications have been divided into two classes - 'Books' and 'Periodicals' - and then numbered according to the languages in which they are written. ~~But~~ The numbering should be according to the subjects* under which they are classified as illustrated in the specimen form forwarded with G.O.No.853, Edl., dated 26th December 1907.

2. The Registrar of Books will be requested to ~~explain~~ ^{state} why the instructions

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instructions contained in G.O.No.853, Edl., dated 26th December 1907, were not followed in the preparation of the catalogue referred to. He will also be requested to take immediate steps to ensure entire conformity with the instructions of the Government of India in the catalogue now under preparation and in future catalogues. Should it be difficult, however, to correct the numbering in the catalogues of the current year, effect ~~may~~ ^{may} be given to the instructions on that point from the next year.

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Bombay catalogue).
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the Supt., Govt. Press.