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[Despatch Abstract.]

Home for the Blind

Recording notes with regard to ~~assistance~~
the grant by Government towards the —
at Palamcottah.

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TINNEVELLY.

A HOME FOR THE BLIND.

TINNEVELLY BRIDGE, 20th Aug.—A very pleasing function took place this evening at the Palamcottah high ground, the occasion being the laying of the foundation stone for a Home for the Blind by Mrs. Williams, the wife of the Bishop in Tinnevelly. There was a large attendance. The blind children, both boys and girls, sang some hymns and a prayer in English was offered by the Rev. L. L. S. Price. The School for the Blind was started in Palamcottah in the year 1889 with one pupil under the management of the Principal of the Sarah Tucker College. That the need for such an institution was much felt is apparent from the fact that at present there are three Schools for the Blind at Palamcottah with a total strength of 100 pupils. The boys have been taught and have become proficient in weaving, rope-making, etc. In the Girls' School there were twenty-four pupils of varying ages who come from the different parts of the Presidency. They are taught from the embossed type of Dr. Moons, and Arithmetic by means of slate frames with pegs. Thirteen blind young men who received their education here are working as teachers in different elementary Schools. A branch school for the blind has been opened at Pannivelei with a blind teacher as its head.

Prior to the laying of the foundation stone by Mrs. Williams, the Rev. T. Kimber, who was in the Chair, offered a few remarks. He said that the occasion was of supremest interest and called forth their strong and deep sympathy. They had met together to take part in the extension of the work amongst the blind. Commencing from very small beginnings, the work had prospered under the skillful and sympathetic guidance of Miss Askwith till the need of a wider sphere and extended appliances had rendered increased accommodation imperative. Heartly congratulations were due to Miss Askwith for obtaining the means to meet the urgent cry for expansion, and it was most gratifying to think that a much larger number of these afflicted one would find an asylum in the new Home for the Blind.

Prisons papers

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was pt. asked for any assistance for this Home for the Blind.

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No application appears to have been received by Government for a ^{special} grant for this Home for the Blind at Palamcottah. The Home is aided from public funds.

2. In G.O. 58 Sedl dt 24th January 1891, the Govt. on the recommendation of the D.P.I. sanctioned the following Concessions in the matter of payment of results grants to the School for blind children opened in connection with the Sarah Tucker Institution, Palamcottah:—

(1) that the pupils be allowed a grant for passing in two subjects, namely, Reading and Arithmetic, should they fail to pass in writing which would be more difficult.

(2) that the Arithmetic might be mental.
3. General power was also granted to the Director to make Concessions in minor matters should the manager find it difficult to bring the school within the rules of the Code owing to the special nature of the institution.

4. There were four schools for the Blind during the year 1906-1907, the details of whose work are given in para. 154 of Vol I of the Public Instruction Report for 1906-1907.

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The Local and Municipal Department may be asked to state whether they have any papers on the subject.

cf. para 154 of the Pub. Instruction Report for 1906-7 Vol. I.

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1 at Pannulai
1 at Madras.

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No papers on the subject of aid to the Home for the blind can be traced in the local section.

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On the municipal side it does not appear that any assistance has been applied for, on behalf of the Home for the blind. The school for the blind ^{boys} however, has been receiving grants from the municipal council of Palamcottah from 1891-92; A school for the blind girls has been brought on the list of aided schools of the Palamcottah

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