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READ—the following paper :—

India Office Question No. 70, dated 20th June 1910, and the answer thereto.

Mr. RAMSAY MACDONALD,—To ask the Under Secretary of State for India, whether the Government of Madras has decided that secondary education should be self-supporting and has in consequence raised fees for secondary schools to such an extent that only the children of well-to-do parents can attend these institutions; and, if so, whether this has met with the approval of the Government of India.

Answer.—The question of raising the standard rates of fees in secondary schools under public management was very fully discussed in the Madras Legislative Council on the 18th April. My Honourable Friend will see from the report of the debate in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of 3rd May that the Madras Government have arrived at no decision in the matter; that they are not committed to the increase of eight pence a month recommended by a Conference of representative educationists; and that they have undertaken to give very careful consideration to the remarks made on the subject in Council.

The matter is within the competence of the Local Government and the sanction of the Government of India is not required.

MR. REES:—May I ask whether the Madras Government has not to consider the pockets of the masses of cultivators who pay taxes in India as well as the wishes of sentimentalists in England?

MR. MONTAGU:—If my Honourable Friend will read the report of the proceedings in the "Gazette" I have mentioned he will see that all these matters have been brought up in debate.

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L. M. WYNCH,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

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