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From

The Hon'ble Mr. Aftab Ahmed Khan, B.A. (Cant), Barrister-at-Law,
Honorary Joint Secretary, Central Standing Committee of the All
India Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental Educational Conference.

Dated Aligarh, the 11th May 1911.
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To.

The Secretary to the Government of
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Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith copies of Resolutions No. 21,
25, 38, & 55 passed by the All India Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental Educa-
tional Conference at the annual session held at Nagpur (C.P), during the
last Christmas week.

From the interest the Government has always been pleased to take
in promoting education amongst the Muhammedan, it is earnestly hoped
that it will consider these resolutions favourably.

I have the honor to be ,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Honorary Joint Secretary.

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This Conference requests the Government of all the Provinces to insist upon all the District & Municipal Boards that, keeping in view the educational interests of the Muhamedan population of the areas in their jurisdiction, especially of the places which have large Muhamedan population; they should allot in their Educational Budget a suitable sum, sufficient to meet the required grants-in-aid to the Musalman Schools & Maktabs, & to cover the necessary amounts of Scholarships awarded to the Musalman students in other public schools. The sum, thus allotted, should be expended in consultation with the Musalman Inspecting officers.

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The Government of India, in their Resolution dated 15th July 1885 reviewing Muhamedan Education & declaring policy of Government, laid it down that "for the attraction of Muhammadans to higher education a liberal provision of scholarships is essential, & their wants must not be overlooked in the framing of any general scheme of scholarships for any Province" and that "special Muhammadan Inspecting Officers, to inspect & inquire into Muhammadan Education & generally, may be appointed in places where the Muhammadans are very backward".

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The Director General in his fifth Quinquennial Review (Section 878) points out that "in respect of the proportion receiving higher education they (Muhammadans) are very far below the average. Their backwardness is attributable partly to poverty, partly to indifference and partly to their educational wants not being the same as those of the remainder of the population amongst whom they live". From the above quotation it is evident that the Muhammadans stand in need of special encouragements with regard to their education & that the Govt. is willing to provide for their special requirements. Among the special encouragements provided for Muhammadans, in various Provinces, are included reserved scholarships, exemption from fees, the appointment of Muhammadan teachers & Inspecting officers, grants-in-aids to Muhammadan schools & Maktabs. Obviously these special encouragements, even though intended, cannot be efficiently brought into existence unless suitable provisions are made in the Educational Budgets of

district

to promote education in this community. Experience has proved & the

various Provinces bear testimony

of the different administrative bodies to which is entrusted the

education of the masses. Instance of the failure of the object

view without a separate Budget allotment is furnished by the

Provinces & Berar. The Director of Public Instruction of the

whose remarks are quoted by the Director General of Education

says that the Hindustani schools "suffer badly from lack of

being sometimes left out in the cold in matters of Finance. Appa

in Berar the Hindustani schools got no benefit whatsoever from the

special grant made by the Government of India for the improvement

Primary education. It would, therefore, be a great advantage if a

separate Budget provision were made for Hindustani schools "Nothi

further need be added to the remarks of an experienced Head of the

Educational Department.

Resolution No. 25. (General)

Keeping in view the difficulties experienced by Musalman students in their admission in to the Boarding Houses attached to the Government schools, the Conference requests that, in consideration of their special educational needs, the Government and the Educational Departments will be pleased to reserve a suitable number of seats for Musalman students in every Boarding-house.

Resolution No. 38.

As the number of students in schools, as well as in Colleges, has been limited according to the new University regulations & as the Musalmans are admittedly backward in education and have the further disadvantage in respect of admission into schools & Colleges on account of non-Muslim staff, this Conference requests the Government of all provinces to kindly fix a suitable number of Mohammedan students in all the classes of schools and colleges.

The Government of India as well as all the Government to be pleased to the deplorable

to promote education in this community. Experience has proved & the Annual Educational Reports of the various Provinces bear testimony to the fact that the extended employment of Muhammadan teachers and Muhammadan Inspecting Officers was in every case followed by increase in the number of Muhammadan schools & scholars. One of the Inspectors Education in Bengal has plainly pointed out to the apathy of Hindu officers to the cause of educational advance of the Muhammadan community (Bengal Report for 1908 page 48) The sympathy of Headmasters with students of their own community is only natural, & the strained relations due to extended sectarian differences of views, unfortunately existing in these days the two great communities of the country, has made the competition very difficult for the community is inferior as regards number, education, influence, wealth, in fact in every respect. The request contained in the above resolution is not considered to be prejudicial to the interests of any other community. What is prayed for is a fixed proportion for the local Muhammadan children based upon their average proportion during the past present requirements. When Muhammadan boys are refused admission for years keeping also in mind their want of room, the parents cannot afford to bring to the notice of the authorities that occasionally this is found to be mere plea of not admitting Muhammadan children. comparative statistics of the number of Muhammadan & Hindu boys in a School where a Hindu Headmaster is succeeded by a Muhammadan Headmaster can bear out the statement. Even if the complaint of the Muhammadans be unfounded there is nothing unreasonable in the request, as the Muhammadan population of every locality naturally expects protection of all their interests by the Government, & forming part of the population the Muhammadan expect room in educational institution for their children.

Resolution 55.

Considering the rules & regulations in force in Govt. High Schools restricting the admission of students, the Conference urges the great need of establishing in each district at least one Muhammadan High School &, as under the present circumstances, unaided efforts of the Muhammadan community are not sufficient to achieve the object, this Conference respectfully requests the Government to be pleased to

Muhammedan public in their districts to raise sufficient funds for the establishment of the Muhammedan High Schools. 58.

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No pecuniary aid is prayed for in the above resolution-That is required is the moral support & patronage of local educational movements on the part of District officers. Local Educational Associations, Anjumanes & societies are gradually springing up every where in many places the Muhammedans can afford to largely contribute to the education fund of the Association. But experience shows that the Muhammedans do not yet realise the benefit of education & they are specially ignorant of the consequences which ^{each} of education brings. Mr. H. Wulce, M.V.O., the Collector in Sind, very appropriately remarked in his speech at the Karachi session of this Conference that a Sindhi Muhammedan who could not afford to send his son to get a really good education would willingly pay Rs 500/- for a gun or a mare. Keeping these circumstances in view, District officers only undertake to let local Muhammedan public understand by occasionally attending their educational gatherings or otherwise, that they sympathised with their efforts to promote education in their community, contributions will be forthcoming from Muhammedans themselves sufficient in many cases to maintain a High School or a Middle School. The Agents of this Conference travel from district to district in all provinces to collect subscriptions & wherever the District officers have agreed to kindly preside over the meetings, the good sums have been collected on the spot. The advantage in some cases is mutual. As an instance I quote below a paragraph from the letter of a District officer recently received in my office:-

"Muhammed Khan's (Agent of the Educational Conference)
"lecture has been a valuable aid to me in the administration of the District. Accordingly I am grateful to the Conference for their service to the District in sending Sheikh Muhammed Khan to us. Had he given me more notice than 4 days he could have had a wonderful meeting I am sure, but there were local reasons for his wanting the meeting to be held at once & I agreed with him
"I am so much impressed with the possibilities of his use to Muhammedan Education in this District at this critical moment, that I venture to ask if you could lend him to use for one or two months.

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The Joint Secretary,
All India Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental Educational Conference,
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