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READ—the following papers:—

I

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE, M.A., F.R.E.S., Acting Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—the 12th May 1911.

No.—R.C. 2868.

I have the honour to submit the enclosed plans with estimate, amounting to Rs. 7,825, for extending the building occupied by the S.P.G. High school, Nandyal, and to recommend that a third grant of Rs. 2,608 may be sanctioned to be paid when funds are available. Duplicate copies of the plans and the abstract estimate will be submitted soon after they are received from the correspondent of the school.

2. The proposed extension appears to be necessary as will be seen from the Manager's remarks under "necessity for the proposed extension" in the history of the institution, of which a copy is enclosed.

3. The management is very anxious to begin the work immediately. It is therefore recommended that the necessary permission may be granted as was done in the case of the C.E.Z.M. Girls' Boarding school, Ootacamund (Memorandum No. 1729-1, Educational, dated 3rd September 1910).

ENCLOSURE.

Short history of the S.P.G. High school, Nandyal, and other matters prepared in accordance with the instructions contained in the Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, O. No. 3971, dated 29th May 1907.

This institution was founded with a two-fold object. The S.P.G. Mission has about twenty thousand Christians, mostly Panchamas, in the districts of Cuddapah and Kurnool, and Nandyal being its head-quarters, it was resolved to open a high school here with a view to elevate the depressed classes and to secure properly qualified teachers for manning the large number of elementary schools which the mission maintains throughout the field of its operations. The other object was to place within reach of the Hindu population of Nandyal and its surrounding parts the benefits of higher education. Accordingly this school was started here in 1884. It was originally situated on the north side of the town, but as the class rooms did not satisfy the requirements of the Educational Department and as the school building from its nearness to the river *Kundu* was in periodical danger of being swept away by floods, it was found necessary to remove to a better locality and hence the present site was chosen and on it was erected the present building to which the school was transferred in 1891. The upper secondary classes were opened in 1886 and candidates were for the first time sent up for the Matriculation in 1889. Since that time its pupils continued to be presented for the University examination till last year, when a change was made for the Secondary School-leaving certificates.

Strength during the last five years.

Year.									Number of pupils on the rolls.
December—									
1907	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	230
1908	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	272
1909	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	293
1910	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	335
March—									
1911	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	326

In form II and class IV many boys were refused admission this year as the strength of these classes had reached the maximum permitted by the Educational Rules.

Present condition.

This may be best described in the words of inspecting officers who, as a rule, have been favourably impressed with the tone and efficiency of the school. Mr. G. V. Subbarayudu, B.A., stated as follows in his report (1908): "The strength of the institution has considerably increased and with the appointment of a history graduate, the efficiency of the institution will be further improved and the school may hope to take rank with some of the well-conducted institutions in the Presidency. The tone and discipline leave nothing to be desired". A history graduate has since been appointed. Mr. Herbert Champion says in his latest report (1910): "The school has made satisfactory progress throughout the year which reflects credit upon the management and the headmaster It is gratifying to note that attention is paid to the moral education of the pupils.

The boys of the higher classes were well-behaved and respectful in manners. With reference to out-door games which form part of the school curriculum he remarks: "A prominent and pleasing feature of the organization of the school is that facilities are afforded for games in all classes, and every Christian pupil is made to play daily foot-ball or cricket". There are also two debating societies working in connection with the school.

Adjuncts to the school.

Attached to the high school are a hostel for the Christian pupils who are clothed and fed mainly at the cost of the mission, a dispensary where the sick boys are treated by qualified medical men and a church—a pukka stone edifice—where the Christian boys and girls and masters meet daily for Divine worship.

Financial position.

The average total cost of maintaining the school is in round figures Rs. 8,200 per annum of which one-fourth is met from school fees which are now levied at the enhanced standard rates. One fourth from Government grant, and the rest by the mission. The majority of the pupils attending the school are drawn from the backward classes and as they are exceedingly poor no fees are collected from them. The fee income is mainly derived from those belonging to the richer communities.

Necessity for the proposed extension.

The following are the reasons which have rendered extension necessary:—

(1) The proposal to establish a higher grade elementary school for training teachers, and the consequent re-arrangement of the primary classes. Classes, infant to third, will be handed over to the normal school and class IV, which, at present owing to its distance from the high school lacks the effective supervision of the headmaster, will be brought over to the new building. The Normal school will form its own fourth class.

(2) The sub-division of the upper secondary forms into groups for the study of optional subjects necessitated by the introduction of the scheme for the award of Secondary School-leaving certificates. The urgency there is for increased accommodation on this score may be seen from the fact that the English History class of form VI is at present held in the Principal's bungalow and the optional mathematics class is taught in a small room 12' by 12' which was formerly used as water shed and for the erection of which no building grant was received.

(3) The increase in the strength of the lower secondary and primary classes and the consequent need for the bifurcation of some of them into sections. As has already been mentioned several applications for admission into form II and class IV were refused as the classes had reached the maximum strength allowed by the Educational rules.

(4) The demand made by both masters and pupils for restoring to them the rest house where two of the classes are now located and by the diversion of which from its original object, the former are unable to secure any rest or privacy when the classes are not at work, and the latter have been deprived of their tiffin room.

(5) The inadequacy of the present accommodation for the teaching of science: The science class is, at present, held in a portion of the rest house which is 27' 0" by 12' 0" and which besides being incommensurate does not fulfil the conditions necessary for efficient instruction being imparted in them, much less for carrying out scientific experiments either by masters or pupils.

Distribution of accommodation in the extension.

The accommodation in the proposed extension will be distributed as follows:—

The two rooms, one at each end of the new building, will be devoted to the teaching of science and mathematics, respectively, and will be equipped with the necessary appliances for experimental and laboratory work. Of the three other rooms, one will provide accommodation

for the English History class which is, at present, taught in the Principal's bungalow, another will receive the fourth class which is now housed in a thatched building far removed from the premises of the high school, and the remaining one will be occupied by one of the sections of the second form which will have to be divided at the beginning of next term. Each room provides accommodation for a maximum of 40 pupils.

II

Memorandum No. 1100-1, Educational, dated 30th May 1911.

The authorities of the S.P.G. High school, Nandyal, will be permitted to begin the work of extending the building occupied by the school without prejudice to their application for a grant for the purpose, which is now under the consideration of Government, on the distinct understanding that no guarantee is given that any grant will be sanctioned towards its cost.

(By Order.)

M. S. MASCARENHAS,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

III

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 23rd June 1911.

The Director of Public Instruction submits for sanction an estimate, amounting to Rs. 7,825, for providing a new block of class rooms for the S.P.G. High school at Nandyal, Kurnool district.

The plans and estimates have been scrutinized in the Chief Engineer's office and the Chief Engineer accepts the treatment of gables of the class rooms, suggested by the Consulting Architect in his sketch No. C.A. 105/1911.

Some scantlings of roof timbers necessitated standardization as per Circular Memorandum No. 234-C., dated 9th January 1908.

By these alterations the amount of estimate has been increased from Rs. 7,825 to Rs. 7,900.

Any one of following approved country woods may be used for roof timbers, viz., Ainee, Iumbogum, Karamarudu, Irul, Pillaimarudu or Jarrah.

With these remarks, the estimate, as altered in the Chief Engineer's office, amounting to Rs. 7,900, is recommended for sanction.

C. A. SMITH,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

IV

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE, M.A., F.R.H.S., Acting Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—the 26th June 1911.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 2868.

With reference to the concluding portion of paragraph 1 of this office letter, Ref. on Cur. No. 2868, dated 12th May 1911, submitting an application for aid towards the cost of extending the building occupied by the S.P.G. High school, Nandyal, I have the honour to submit the enclosed duplicate copies of the plans and the abstract estimate.

Order—No. 425, Educational, dated 1st July 1911.

The Government are pleased to sanction a grant not exceeding one-third of the actual expenditure, nor exceeding Rs. 2,630 towards the cost of extending the building occupied by the S.P.G. High school, Nandyal, subject to the following conditions :—

(1) That in carrying out the work the suggestions of the Chief Engineer in his note read above are adopted ;

(2) that the work is completed before the 30th April 1912 ;

(3) that a certificate of the actual expenditure incurred on the work is submitted before the 31st May 1912 ;

(4) that all other conditions prescribed in the Grant-in-Aid Code have been duly complied with.

2. On the above conditions being fulfilled, the grant will be paid as funds become available.

(True Extract.)

L. DAVIDSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction, with plans and estimates
and Chief Engineer's note.

„ Accountant-General.

„ Public Works Department, with duplicate
copies of plans and the abstract estimate.

Editors' Table (order only).

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 425, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
1ST JULY 1911.

[SUBJECT.—*Application of the S.P.G. High school, Nandyal, for a building grant of Rs. 2,608.*]

Previous papers :

G.O., No. 209,	Edl., dated 19th	March	1908.
" " 258	" " 14th	May	1910.
" " 575	" " 5th	October	"
" " 48	" " 26th	January	1911.

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 12th May 1911, No. 2863/11.

With reference to the recommendation contained in paragraph 3 of the Director's letter, namely, that the management may be permitted to begin the work in advance of approval of the plans and estimates by the Public Works department, it is submitted that the Government are not in favour of granting such permission except in very exceptional cases—*vide* Memorandum No. 262-1, dated 20th February 1908 on page 2 of G.O., No. 209, Educational, dated 19th March 1908, and G.O., No. 66, Educational, dated 28th January 1908. In this case, except that the management is very anxious to begin the work immediately there appears to be no

Cf. article 53 of the Code. special reasons which justify a deviation from the ordinary course. If this view

is concurred in, the file may, in the first instance, be forwarded to the Public Works department u.o. for approval of the plans and estimates. That department may be requested to state also the probable time required for the completion of the work.

P.R.—19-5-11.

In the case of the Church of England Zenana Mission Girls' Boarding school, Ootacamund (G.O., No. 575, Educational, dated 5th October 1910), and the American Arcot Mission High school, Madanapalle (G.O., No. 48, Educational, dated 26th January 1911), permission was granted to begin the work in advance of approval of the plans and estimates by the Public Works department; but in those cases special urgency was pleaded—*vide* the correspondents' letters on page 2 of the Government Orders quoted above. No such special reasons are put forward in this case, and it is submitted that the usual procedure may be followed—*cf.* the notes with G.O., No. 258, Educational, dated 14th May 1910.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—24-5-11.

M. S. MASCARENHAS—25-5-11.

The papers contain clear evidence of the urgency of this extension and I do not see that any evil consequence would ensue from permitting the applicants to commence the work at once "on the distinct understanding that no guarantee is given that any grant will be sanctioned towards its cost." If they like to take the risk of the Public Works department scrutiny's resulting in orders for radical change in design, that is their affair.

L. DAVIDSON—26-5-11.

I agree. Give the order. The matter is I know from Mr. Bird, the manager, very urgent.

M. H[AMMICK]—27-5-11.

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