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[Despatch Abstract.]

Elementary Education Bill.

Forwarding to the Secy of  
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to the Council of Native Education containing  
the Council's observations on the Honble  
Mr. Gokhale's —

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Madras,  
1st October  
20th September 1911.

From

Mr. S. Rajagopala Chari B.A.,

Joint Secretary to

The Council of Native Education,

M A D R A S.

To

The Secretary to

The Government of Madras

Educational Department

Ootacamund.

Sir,

I am directed by the Council of Native Education to submit the following observations on the Elementary Education Bill referred to them for opinion under G.O. No. 188 dated 1st April 1911.

2. The Council greatly regret their inability to forward their  $\pm$  opinion within the time allowed by the Government as most of the members had gone up-country during the recess of the Courts, Colleges and Schools.

3. The Council are of opinion that the Bill of the Hon'ble Mr. Gokhale has been conceived on correct lines though they venture to think that some of the provisions are not altogether adequate to meet the necessities of the case, so far at any rate, as this Presidency is concerned.

4. The provisions of the Bill are based more largely on the Irish Education Acts of 1872 and 1876. The Council of Native Education at Madras which was established in 1900 have been endeavouring for the last seven years, following the general principles of the English Act of 1872, to create public opinion in this Presidency for the establishment of school Boards in villages or groups of villages for the

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the spread of education. In these circumstances the Council while approving of the formation of the school attendance committees for working the provisions of the Bill are of opinion that the formation of the School Boards having control over particular villages or groups of villages, one of whose functions will be to work the provisions of the Bill is desirable so as to better provide for the satisfactory spread of education in rural areas. This will have the merit of getting local gentlemen interested in education to take a legitimate interest in school work and thus promote the cause of the spread of education.

5. In the Council's view the imposition of an educational cess is called for with the limitations provided for in the Bill, namely, that only that a certain portion of the total cost shall have to be met by the local bodies concerned where the general revenue of the local body is not enough to defray the additional cost entailed and the Council are of opinion that the imposition of an educational cess in the circumstances contemplated by the Bill will not be felt as a hardship by the people concerned as the people have the assurance that the cess thus collected is to be devoted entirely to Elementary education in the local area.

6. The Council are of opinion that the principle of compulsion is necessary to be enforced where the people have already become familiar with the value of education and if, as the Council are distinctly of opinion, education should become Universal, it is necessary that the Education should be made compulsory in at least some portions of the country. The Council therefore believe that it is not a day too soon that efforts should be made for legislation in this direction

7. The Council however, think that the Bill proceeds on far too cautious lines (a) in when the education is made

compulsory for boys only from 6 to 10 years of age. (b) where exemption from payment of fees is provided by statute only for children of parents whose income does not in exceed Rs10/-. In the Council's view a pupil may be compelled to stop in school until he is of 11 years of age without any hardship to his parents and that 20 rupees may be the maximum income of the parent which will procure exemption from payment of fees.

8. The Council agree that it is expedient that the provisions of the Bill should in first instance apply to boys though it is desirable that certain specific directions may be given to bodies like the municipalities as to the circumstances in which compulsory provision might be extended to girls as well.

9. Section 19 of the Bill does not clearly indicate on what lines the education of the children of the country should be shaped. In all these matters it is wise to have some ideals. The Council would wish that the Government place before each local body the German ideal in the shaping of the education of the children of the country. A boy born under certain conditions, it is only reasonable to suppose, will live and die under somewhat similar conditions in after life. This being so the educational system should be so designed that it would make him as happy, prosperous, and valuable as possible in his particular walk of life. The education must be planned to make each student the most efficient, economic unit so that whatever walks of life he is destined to follow he shall contribute his utmost to the strength, riches, the power and the fame of his fatherland. It is not a matter of detail and the Council would welcome different types of schools to suit different localities and different classes of people. The Council would welcome a syllabus to be definitely laid down so as to include Elementary Agriculture, Elementary Sanitation, and lessons in morals.

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10. The Council are of opinion that village schools should be secular and that religious education in them should be looked after by voluntary agencies. Such instruction should be given in the school building out of school hours by teachers selected by parents and approved by proper authorities. Religious teachers should be paid honoraria out of the educational cess.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

*S. Rajappalackan*

Joint secretary to  
The Council of Native Education,  
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Subject.



The Hon'ble Mr. Gokhale's Elementary Education Bill.

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No. 423 P.

Station Ootacamund, Dated the 5th October 1901.

From (Name) A.Y.C. Campbell Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,  
Legislative Department.

Sir,

I am desired to transfer to you for disposal  
by the Government the enclosed letter dated 2nd October  
1911 from the Secretary, Madura District People's  
Association, Madura.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

*A.Y.C. Campbell*

Private Secretary.

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MADURA DISTRICT PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION.

Madura 2/10 - 1911

PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY.



To

H. E. The Governor in Council

Fort St George, Madras.

Being it please your Excellency,

I have the honour to communicate to your Excellency the following resolution adopted at a public meeting of the above association held on 30/9-11.

Resolved:

That the Madura District People's Association approves of the principle of the Elementary Education Bill introduced by the Hon. Mr. Gokhale in the Imperial Legislative Council.

I have the honour to be,

your Excellency,

your Excellency's most obedient  
and loyal servant,

R. S. S. S. S. S.

Secretary.

# NOTES.

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to the Bureau in general

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I have the Bureau to communicate to you

concerning the following resolution adopted at a meeting

of the Bureau Association held in 1909-10.

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C. No. 2429 From the Council of Native Education No. ...., dated 1-10-1911. 9  
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## SUBJECT.

## Elementary Education Bill.

The Council of Native Education now submit their remarks on the Elementary Education Bill which was referred to them for opinion with G.O. no. 188 EdL dated 1st April 1911. The Madura District People's Association also submit a resolution of their approving the principle of the Bill. It is for consideration whether these may be forwarded to the Govt. of India in continuation of letter no. 613 EdL dated 2nd Sept - 1911 or may be merely recorded.

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The remarks of the Council on Native Education may perhaps be forwarded to India in continuation of letter No. 613 EdL, dated 2nd September 1911

Yes. It is unnecessary to send the resolution of the Madura District People's Association.

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A draft letter to the Govt. of India is submitted for approval.

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Letter to, No 7228/14-10-11.

The Secretary to the Govt of India,

Legislative Department.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter no 613 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1911, I am directed to forward a copy of a letter from the Joint Secretary to the Council of Native Education, Madras, of 1<sup>st</sup> October

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