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READ—the following paper :—

Letter—from A. G. BOURNE, Esq., D.Sc., F.R.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madras, the 20th November 1911.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 6945.

With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O. No. 502, Educational, dated 24th July 1911, I have the honour to submit a copy of a letter from the Inspector of European and Training Schools, Ref. on Cur. No. 772-E, dated 25th September 1911, from which it will be seen that he estimates the amount to be defrayed by the management on account of the boarding establishment alone at about Rs. 3,000 a year.

2. Before the introduction of the Code of Regulations for European Schools the orphanage was in receipt of feeding and clothing grants for 70 pupils under the old Grant-in-Aid Code amounting to about Rs. 3,780 a year, but it now receives under the Code of Regulations for European Schools boarding grants for 75 pupils at Rs. 8 per mensem which amount to Rs. 7,200 a year. The management have asked that the number of pupils for whom boarding grants are given, may be raised from Rs. 75 to 100. If this is done, the increase for 25 additional pupils amounts to Rs. 2,400 a year and this will go a great way to meet the loss estimated by the Inspector. It seems to me, therefore, that, if boarding grants are given for 100 pupils, no special donation is needed. As pointed out by Mr. Stone any further special help will tend to dry up the springs of private charity.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter—from R. LITTLEHAILES, Esq., M.A., Inspector of European Schools.

To—the Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—Madras, the 25th September 1911.

No.—R. C. 772-E.

With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O. No. 502, Educational, dated 24th July 1911, communicated to me in Dia. No. 5293, dated 12th August 1911, I have the honour to report that I visited the Adyar orphanage on 13th September 1911, analysed the accounts of the orphanage and therefrom the management was able to satisfy me that the excess of expenditure over receipts results from the outlay on the maintenance and education of orphans up to, but not beyond, the middle school standard, and is unconnected with the cost of giving higher education or boarding and educating children who are not destitute.

2. I arrived at this conclusion from the following data :—According to their balance sheet on 31st March 1911, that portion of the expenditure that is due to boarding is made up as follows (correct to the nearest rupee) :—

	RS.
Boarding house servants	1,547
Half of repairs to buildings	439
Boarding	8,859
Clothing	1,049
Boarding house contingencies	2,002
Conveyance	402
Total	14,298 per annum.
	= Rs. 1,191 per mensem.

3. The average number on the rolls during the year was 120 and thus the average cost of boarding and clothing was Rs. $\frac{1,191}{120}$ per mensem = Rs. 10 per mensem approximately.

4. On the day of my visit, there were 114 pupils on the rolls, of which 91 were non-paying pupils (orphans and destitute) and 23 were paying pupils.

5. The 23 paying pupils were paying at the following rates :—

	3 paid at the rate of Rs. 16	per mensem	RS.
4 do. do. 11	do.	44	
4 do. do. 10	do.	40	
1 do. do. 9	do.	9	
8 do. do. 8	do.	64	
1 do. do. 10	do.	10	
1 do. do. 5	do.	5	
1 do. do. 10½	do.	10½	
Total	23	Total	230½

Average payment to the orphanage on behalf of paying pupils = Rs. 10 per mensem.

6. The average receipts therefore on behalf of the paying pupils were just a trifle above the actual cost to the orphanage of their boarding and clothing charges.

7. Of the 91 non-paying pupils, 74 were in receipt of Government grants under article 40 of Rs. 8 per mensem and the remaining 17 were in receipt of grants of Rs. 4 per mensem from the Madras Catholic Mission. It seems to be the principle of this mission to pay Rs. 4 per mensem on behalf of each orphan so long as he is not on the Government list of destitutes receiving grants under article 40 of the Code of Regulations for European Schools.

8. The loss to the orphanage then on behalf of the boarding alone is calculated roughly as follows :—

Seventy-four at Rs. (10-8), i.e., Rs. 2 per mensem	...	...	148
Seventeen at Rs. (10-4), i.e., Rs. 6 per mensem	...	...	102
Total	250 per mensem		
			= Rs. 3,000 per annum.

9. I was given to understand that there were only two pupils above standard VII and that these were over-age for boarding grant under the Code of Regulations for European Schools.

10. The receipts of this institution for the year ending 31st March 1911 (apart from boarding fees and Government grants) amounted to Rs. 3,680 and for the previous year to Rs. 1,822. The net cost or deficit to the management has been for the last two years approximately equal to the salaries (nominal in the case of the Brothers) of masters and teachers.

Order—No. 877, Educational, dated 14th December 1911.

The Government approve the proposals of the Director of Public Instruction to raise the number of pupils for whom boarding grants are given in the St. Patrick's Civil and Military Orphanage, Adyar, to a maximum of 100.

(True Extract.)

L. DAVIDSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Accountant-General.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 877, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 14TH DECEMBER 1911.

[SUBJECT.—Boarding grants to the St. Patrick's Orphanage, Adyar.]

Previous paper :

G.O. No. 502, Educational, dated 24th July 1911.

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 20th November 1911, No. 6945.

In February 1911, the Principal and Manager of St. Patrick's Orphanage, Adyar, represented to Government that the receipts of the institution from all sources had been for some years past inadequate to meet the expenses for the upkeep of the orphanage and requested that Government might grant a special annual donation to the orphanage independent of the grants-in-aid given by the Education Department. In passing orders on the case, the G.O. No. 502, Educational, dated 24th July 1911.

Government requested the Director of Public Instruction to accord a liberal treatment to the St. Patrick's Orphanage, Adyar, in distributing boarding grants to European schools and stated that they would be prepared to consider the question of making a special donation to the institution if it satisfied the Inspector of European schools on certain points.

Paragraph 2 of G.O. No. 502, Educational, dated 24th July 1911.

2. With reference to the above Government Order the Director of Public Instruction now recommends that the number of pupils for whom boarding grants are given in St. Patrick's Orphanage may be raised from 75 to 100. The amount of boarding grants paid to the institution will therefore be raised from Rs. 7,200 a year to Rs. 9,600 a year. The Director of Public Instruction considers that if boarding grants are given for 100 pupils no special donation is needed.

3. Attention is solicited to paragraph 3 of the Director of Public Instruction's letter on page 4 of G.O. No. 502, Educational, dated 24th July 1911. The Director of Public Instruction's present proposal seems to be only in accordance with the wishes of the management of the orphanage and would probably meet the case. It is for consideration whether the proposals of the Director of Public Instruction may be approved.

S.R.R.—5-12-11.

Reference is solicited to paragraph 8 of Mr. Littlehailes' letter, dated 25th September 1911, in which he calculates, after a personal examination of the accounts of the orphanage, the loss to the management on account of the boarding alone at about Rs. 3,000 per annum. The Director of Public Instruction's present proposal to increase the boarding grant to the school by increasing the number of orphans for whom grants are sanctioned will give an additional Rs. 2,400 to the orphanage and this will, it is submitted, do for the present. Dr. Bourne states that, if this is done, no special donation will be necessary; nor does he consider that any further special help should be given as that will "dry up the springs of private charity." The Director of Public Instruction's proposal may, it is submitted, be accepted with reference to paragraph 1 of G.O. No. 502, Educational, dated 24th July 1911.

R.S.—5-12-11.

Yes. My only doubt is whether it is sound to pass boarding grants for 100 when only 91 are not paying pupils, but the numbers presumably vary and 91, I take it, was merely the figure on the date of Mr. Littlehales' inspection. The proposal may be approved.

L. DAVIDSON—6-12-11.

A draft order is submitted for approval.

S.R.R.—6-12-11.

R. SUNDARAM AIYAR—6-12-11.

L. DAVIDSON—13-12-11.

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