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TO THE EDITOR OF THE "MADRAS TIMES."

Teachers' Earnings.

SIR,—In your report to-day of His Excellency's visit to the Hindu High School, Triplicane, Rao Bahadur Prannatharathara Iyer, Inspector of Schools, is stated to have remarked that Primary School teachers who are paid 10 Rupees and 12 Rupees a month are earning 20 Rupees per mensem by private tuition, when His Excellency was pleased to express his opinion that the salary was very poor. The statement of Mr. Prannatharathara Iyer is wholly incorrect and it is a matter for regret that such a responsible officer as Mr. Prannatharathara Iyer should have ventured to volunteer such a statement to the head of the Government when the latter was so kindly taking the trouble of visiting the school to gather information personally. This event should certainly induce His Excellency not to rely over much on official versions generally whenever any correct information is needed for guidance and action.

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Teachers' Earnings

During the Governor's visit on Thursday morning to the Hindu High School at Triplicane, His Excellency expressed his opinion that the salaries drawn by the teachers "was very poor." That is one of the circumstances that have prevented the proper kind of men becoming schoolmasters, and in the absence of good teachers the taught are the first to suffer, mentally and morally. In extenuation of the attenuated scale of salaries, Rao Bahadur A. C. Pranatharthihara Aiyar informed His Excellency that the Primary School teachers, in addition to the pay, earned about Rs. 20 a month by private tuition, which sum two other gentlemen reduced to Rs. 10 a month. The private tuition is done after, or previous to, a hard day's teaching, and no teacher should be compelled to supplement his salary by such means. It is because the salaries paid are insufficient that teachers feel it necessary to supplement their incomes by tuition fees. We rather think institutions should strive to discourage teachers frittering away their energies by doing work outside school hours. In former days in India, the teacher of youth was an honoured member of society, and took no thought for the morrow, for he was usually above help. He fed the boys and taught them, and they proved verily his disciples. Nowadays teaching is the most exhausting of professions physically, and the most exiguous in regard to the pecuniary return for such service. Some months ago, an Assistant Teachers' Association was established at a mofussil centre to protest against the existing scale of salaries and to represent the many disabilities teachers of aided

schools suffer from in regard to Provident Funds, regular promotion, and prospects; and such Associations are, we think, desirable in other places. A teacher in an aided school has no certainty of being always employed, has to keep himself up to date, to keep step with the curriculum which is constantly being raised, has no pension to look forward to, has no Provident Fund to tide over a rainy day or make provision for his family and, withal, is paid a miserable stipend wherewith to eke out existence. These are some of the reasons that drive him to spend himself on private tuition and wear out rapidly, mentally and physically. It is well-known that no one takes a school teacher's place if he can get any other opening in life. It is all very well to say that the teacher's is one of the noblest of professions, but it may be taken as certain that until the profession is better appreciated, and its position ameliorated in several respects, the best men will keep away from it. In this country nothing can be done without Government initiative, and now that His Excellency has become aware of the poor teacher and his meagre emoluments, there is every likelihood of his bearing the matter in mind, and in the usual course of his work in the department of Education of sympathetically considering the disabilities under which the teacher labours.

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