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From the following papers:
To the Hon. the Mr. W. H. G. Parry, Principal and Secretary,
Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.
To the Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, dated the 26th January 1913.
No. 8097

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READ—the following paper :—

Letter—from the Rev. W. H. G. PADFIELD, M.A., Principal and Secretary,
Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.
To—the Director of Public Instruction.
Dated—Lovedale, the 26th November 1912.
No.—3097.

I am desired by the committee to request that you will be so good as to submit this letter for the favourable consideration of Government.

2. Mr. Closson, second master of this institution, has served here and at the Military Male Orphan Asylum before its amalgamation with the Lawrence Asylum for the long period of 44 years.

3. During this time he has risen from pupil-teacher to second master, and has held the latter post for 31 years without increase of pay or allowances.

4. When Mr. Closson joined this institution, pensions were given to servants of the institution who had completed long and approved service. Mr. Closson is the last of these, and the committee feel that his case is a similar one to that of Mr. Burrows, to whom a pension of Rs. 75 was awarded by Government in correspondence ending G.O. No. 88, Educational, dated 12th February 1909.

5. Mr. Closson's whole life has been bound up with this institution. As far as the records show, he has had no leave whatsoever during his service, and has, both in school and on the play-ground, taken the keenest interest in his work and in the boys.

6. In addition, all his savings have been swept away by the failure of Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co., the Commercial Bank of India and the East Indian Deposit Society.

7. Under these circumstances, the committee beg most earnestly to recommend his case to the sympathetic consideration of Government and trust that he may be granted a pension of Rs. 70 *per mensem* for life.

N. Ref. on Cur. 9574/12, dated 7th December 1912.

Submitted to Government for favourable consideration.

A. G. BOURNE,
Director of Public Instruction.

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ENCLOSURES.

Letter—from the Rev. W. H. G. PADFIELD, M.A., Principal and Secretary,
Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.
To—the Director of Public Instruction.
Dated—Lovedale, the 26th November 1912.

I have the honour to forward the undernoted extract from the proceedings of the Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum Committee at their meeting on the 15th instant.

*Extract from the Proceedings of the Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum Committee,
dated 26th November 1912.*

Laid on the table resignation of Mr. J. Closson, second master, Lawrence Asylum, and request for a pension.

Resolution No. XVIII.—“Resolved to sanction a pension of Rs. 70 *per mensem* during Mr. Closson's life.”

(ii)

Letter—from Mr. J. Closson, Second Master, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.
To—the Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.
Dated—Lovedale, the 14th November 1912.

I most respectfully beg, as I am now compelled through advancing years (I am now over 60 years of age), to tender, though very reluctantly, my resignation as second master in this institution; that you will kindly consider my case and place the same before the members of the committee with the view to securing me a pension.

With the above object in view to my petition, I beg to state that I have been connected with this institution and the late Military Male Orphan Asylum from childhood, and have successively passed through all its stages, viz., pupil, pupil-teacher, junior and first assistant master to second master, which latter position I have held over 31 years. I have also on several occasions acted as headmaster, and on some of these occasions for over six months. My total service with the institution as a teacher extends over a period of 44 years. During this long period of service, I have endeavoured, to the best of my ability, to do my duty, faithfully and conscientiously, to the children entrusted to my care and tuition. The results of training are shown by the hundreds of former pupils now holding responsible and lucrative positions in all parts of India and other countries. Some of these are, at present, drawing a salary of over a thousand rupees, while others over five hundred. If need be, all these can bear testimony to my untiring exertion and care on their education and training, and that they have thus been fitted, both physically and morally, to hold their position in the battle of life. All these, I have not the faintest doubt, are leading virtuous and Christian lives, due to the inculcation of moral and Christian principles while in the asylum.

The many reports by Inspectors of schools on my classes have been entirely satisfactory. At Government and other examinations, viz., the Medical, Telegraph, etc., excellent results have always been obtained. The successes in the majority of these examinations were cent. per cent., and are too numerous to be enumerated. One case, however, deserves mention. One of my pupils headed the list of successful candidates in one of the Middle School examinations and obtained a scholarship from the Asylum to prosecute his studies to the B.A. examination. The lad succeeded in taking his degree. At the same examination referred to, I obtained seven first class passes. Scholarships have also been awarded to others of my pupils. One pupil, the only lad ever sent up from the Asylum, passed the Upper Secondary examination from my class.

The many Principals and headmasters, under whom I served, have all borne excellent testimony to my zeal, to do all within my power to benefit the children, not only in the class room and on the play-ground, but also as cadets attached to the institution. I have been colour-sergeant of the Lovedale Cadet Company from its inception on these hills, viz., 1878, and have had, with the exception of the last couple of years, sole command of the cadets. References in school reports by Principals, and at inspections by Generals of the Division, Inspectors-General of Volunteers, Inspecting officers, Commandants and Adjutants attached to the Corps, all record the high state of efficiency attained by the Lovedale Cadets at drills, manoeuvres and on the range. Some of the trophies won at shooting by our cadets against the whole corps are kept in the asylum as mementoes. Eight cadets competed in the “All-India Cadet Competition” and secured the second prize, viz., bronze medals. One of the lads won the cup awarded to the best individual shot in the combined teams.

General Sir Charles Egerton, when in command of the Southern Division, presented a prize of Rs. 50 to the best shot amongst the cadets. Twelve lads competed.

The General, accompanied by the late General Simpson, the late Principal, and the then Adjutant of the corps, personally witnessed the shooting. At the conclusion the General expressed himself as extremely pleased with the good results he had witnessed and enquired of the Principal who was responsible for the training of the cadets. The Principal replied that the credit was due to me. The General congratulated me, stating the shooting was excellent, and that I must have devoted considerable attention on the cadets to obtain such excellent results. Other instances of remarkable good shooting can be mentioned. All the above results were achieved under my personal training. You, sir, since you assumed the Principalship of this institution, can also bear testimony to the efficient manner I have performed my duties as a master, as acting headmaster, and as an officer connected with the Asylum cadets.

I beg humbly to draw your attention to the fact that, owing to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances, I have lost all the money I had laid aside for old age, or cases of emergency, not only through the failure of Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. so widely known, but also through the failures of the Commercial Bank of India and the East Indian Deposit Society, and that in my declining years I am left without any means of support.

May I here add that many of the old servants of the asylum, after long and faithful service, have been rewarded with a pension by the committee and Government, and I beg further to add that the late Mr. Armstrong, after he had served 21 years as headmaster, received a personal allowance of Rs. 50, and Mr. Burrows, late office Manager, while he served the Asylum, received a similar allowance of Rs. 75, while I have been on the same salary, viz., Rs. 150 for over 30 years.

In G.O. No. 778, dated November 1906, and the Principal's letter state "that consideration is shown for old servants of the institution" and further adds, "Nos. 14 and 15, owing to long service, might be regarded as exceptional and be treated according to their merits."

To enhance my case, I beg to bring to your notice, I am now too old to seek any other employment, age would debar me, and that my whole life has been passed in this institution as a teacher, which life has been devoted entirely to the benefit of the children.

In conclusion, I beg that you, sir, the committee, and Government will favourably regard my exceptional case and treat it with that sympathetic consideration it deserves by granting me a substantial pension of over Rs. 75, to enable me, after my long and faithful service, to pass the remainder of my days in tolerable comfort, for which act of kindness I shall ever be grateful.

Order—No. 19, Educational, dated 6th January 1913.

The Government are pleased, as an exceptional case, to sanction the grant of a pension of Rs. 70 *per mensem* to Mr. Closson, the second master of the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.

(True Extract.)

L. DAVIDSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.
.. Director of Public Instruction.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 19, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 6TH JANUARY 1913.

[SUBJECT.—*Pension application of Mr. Closson, Second Master, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.*]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 7th December 1912, No. 9574/12.

Under G.O. No. 217, Educational, dated 28th May 1900, the practice of paying pensions to the employees of the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, has been discontinued. In G.O. No. 88, Educational, dated 12th February 1909, an exception was made in the case of Mr. Burrows, office manager of the Asylum and he was given a pension of Rs. 75 *per mensem*. In that Government Order, the Committee has been told that Mr. Burrows' case should not be treated as a precedent.

2. The case of Mr. Closson now before Government is exactly similar to that of

	Years.
Mr. Closson's total service ..	44
Mr. Burrows' ..	45
Mr. Burrows was in receipt of a personal allowance: Mr. Closson was not in receipt of any such.	
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Mr. Burrows referred to above. The Committee points out that Mr. Closson is the last of those who entered the service of the Asylum when the practice of paying pensions was in vogue. At present the servants of the Asylum are eligible only to gratuities, in accordance

with the rules issued in G.O. No. 826, Educational, dated 10th December 1907, in proportion to the amount contributed by them, to the Provident fund. In the absence of information as to the amount of pay Mr. Closson was drawing from time to time, no calculation can be made as to the amount of gratuity payable to him under these rules, even supposing that they were in force at the time of his first employment in the Asylum.

3. Submitted that the request of Mr. Closson for a pension of Rs. 70 *per mensem* as fixed by the Committee may be granted. The Director of Public Instruction also recommends it. The finances of the Asylum are in an unsettled state at present; but obligations for past good services should obviously be discharged.

A draft order is submitted for approval.

P.R.—22-12-12

C. RAMANUJACHARI—26-12-12.

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P[ENTLAND]—3-1-13.

[G.O. No. 19, Educational, dated 6th January 1913.]

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 3321, From the SP-9, No. 9574/12, dated 7-12-1912.

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the Govt. are pleased to sanction,
as an ^{Exceptional} ~~important~~ case, the grant of a
pension of Rs 70 p.m. to Mr. Clouston,
the second master of the Lawrence
Asylum, Ootacamund.

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