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Read—the following paper :—

Letter—from the Hon'ble Sir ALFRED BOURNE, D.Sc., F.R.S., K.C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madras, the 12th July 1913.

No.—Ref. on Cor. 4310.

I have the honour to submit herewith the memorial from the members of the Sub-Committee, Victoria Club, Chodavaram, and the letter, dated 26th April 1913, from the Secretary of the Committee regarding the provision of a prize endowment for the encouragement of female education, and to recommend that a grant equal to the amount of the money which has been collected by public subscription, viz, Rs. 500, may be sanctioned as a special case. I am aware that this recommendation involves stretching the provisions of chapter X of the Grant in Aid Code, but I may say that I am considering the desirability of submitting to Government a revision of the provisions of the chapter referred to.

ENCLOSURES.

(i)

Memorial—from the Members of the Sub-Committee, Victoria Club, Chodavaram.

To—the Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Northern Circle.

Dated—the 22nd March 1913

Respectfully submits as follows :—

The question of the necessity of female education has passed the stage of a mere opinion in its favour and has attained the stage of settled convictions in respect of it. The leading townsmen have therefore watched with keen interest the progress of the local girls' school for the last seven or eight years. They have observed that the attitude of the local uneducated parents towards the education of their girls is one of passive indifference which, though a decided improvement over their original attitude of apathetic opposition, is yet a far way off from the much desired for attitude of enthusiastic yearning for it. They further believe that the device of annual prize distributions, organized by means of annual subscriptions, raised from among the public, has been the cause of the change and it is hoped that the device will continue and be effective in bringing about the further change in the popular attitude.

The leading townsmen, therefore, desiring the fruitful system of prize distribution to be placed on a firmer basis, requested the general public, including the sympathetic officials, to contribute their liberal donations towards a permanent fund to be known as "The Mrs. Hannay Prizes Fund" on account of the very kind interest she has always evinced in the progress of the local girls' education—which fund they resolved to invest in Government promissory-notes or otherwise and out of the proceeds of which they propose to meet the costs of the annual prizes. The sub-committee is glad to announce that the response has been so far very encouraging. The amount collected up to date is Rs. 400. Some Rs. 500 more is required for the complete success of the movement.

Now that His Majesty announced his pleasure to be to improve education in the land and allotted Rs. 50 lakhs to be spent for the purpose, the committee ventures to think that an equal portion, if not more, should be allotted to women's education, in view of the specially adverse circumstances in the face of which the women's cause in general and the women's education in particular should progress in this land. The Committee does not know in what proportion or for the benefit of what institutions and of which places and in which manner the grant will be distributed. It does not know either whether the Government have any other funds now available to aid an institution of the kind on whose behalf it now approaches you. But still it may prefer its request to you that you might be pleased to recommend to the necessary authorities to make from some fund or other a grant, not less than what the public of the place have subscribed, for maintaining the useful device referred to and thus render invaluable help to the cause of local female education.

The sub-committee, to whose management and control "The Mrs. Hannay Prizes Fund" was transferred in a public meeting held on 7th March 1913, trusts that, in making this appeal to you as the friend and Director of Female Education in this part of the country, it has made its appeal to the right Personage, who not only could but also most kindly would do all that the cause best deserves.

In this connection, the committee may be permitted to add that teaching of music here is a long-felt desideratum. It hopes that this want will cease to exist in your sympathetic regime. If the appointment of a music-teacher at the sole expense of the Government be not feasible, it ventures to suggest that a teacher may be appointed by Government and some reasonable fee may be fixed to be paid by each girl who undergoes the instruction. The committee trusts that the two objects will receive the most favourable consideration at your hands for which act of kindness and charity the sub-committee, on behalf of the public of Chodavaram, will, as in duty bound, ever pray for your long life and prosperity and for the long continuance of British rule in India, as the most loyal subjects of His Imperial Majesty.

(ii)

Letter—from the Secretary of the Sub-Committee, Victoria Club, Chodavaram.

To—the Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Northern Circle.

Dated—the 26th April 1913.

With reference to your reply (Ref No. 899/13) to our memorial, dated 22nd March 1913, I have the honour to inform you that the subscriptions collected up to date for "The Mrs. Hannay Prizes Fund" amount to Rs. 440 and that Rs. 60 are promised and can soon be realized; so Rs. 500 can be counted for the purpose and there is no prospect of envisaging further subscriptions.

On behalf of the sub-committee, I express its sense of gratitude to you for your kind promise to recommend the additional grant, prayed for in our previous memorial and also for your kind assurance that music-teachers shall be appointed in case your proposals for the appointment of additional teachers be sanctioned.

We think it desirable that "The Mrs. Hannay Prizes Fund" be handed over to the management of the Government for the purpose of annually distributing prizes to the girls of the local school. We request you will be kind enough to let us know the conditions under which the Government will accept the trust—whether the Government will undertake to purchase the annual prizes from the annually accruing interest and send them for distribution, or whether it will send the annual interest to some committee that may be formed here to purchase and distribute prizes at its discretion.

We request that you would kindly recommend as early as possible for the additional grant and that you might be pleased to send us a reply at your earliest possible convenience.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Order—No. 698, Educational, dated 29th July 1913.

The Government sanction, as a special case, a grant not exceeding Rs. 500 towards the prize endowment formed by the Sub-Committee, Victoria Club, Chodavaram, for the encouragement of female education in the locality.

(True Extract.)

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

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

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 698, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 29TH JULY 1913.

[SUBJECT.—*Application for a grant of Rs. 500 in aid of a prize endowment
for the encouragement of female education at Chodavaram.*]

From the Director of Public Instruction, No. 4310, dated 12th July 1913.

Submitted that the grant of Rs. 500 towards the institution of a prize endowment for the encouragement of female education in Chodavaram, may be approved. From article 64 of the Grant-in-Aid Code, it will be seen that a grant for the purpose is permissible. But under article 61, it should not exceed half the amount endowed, and under article 64, it should not be granted towards any prize endowment of the value of under Rs. 1,000. In the present case an equal grant is asked for and the value of the endowment is only Rs. 500.

Yes: he admits that the rules which at present are against it need to be revised.

W. FRANCIS.

The Director of Public Instruction's recommendation may be accepted as a special case. The system of granting prizes has been generally accepted as an essential inducement for the development of education, provided funds are available. Please see pages 4 and 8 of notes with G.O. No. 1012, Educational, dated 16th November 1912, and paragraph 8 of Director of Public Instruction's Memorandum on page 3 of G.O. No. 264, Educational, dated 27th March 1913. The draft is for approval. For a precedent please see G.O. No. 364, Educational, dated 23rd June 1910.

E. A. VENKATESWARA AYYAR—21-7-13.

C. RAMANUJA CHARU—25-7-13.

Approved.

W. FRANCIS—28-7-13.

[G.O. No. 698, Educational, dated 29th July 1913.]

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No. 698507, dated 28.7.1913

The Government sanction as a special case ~~the~~ a grant not exceeding Rs 500 towards the prize endowment formed by the (Victoria Club) Sub-committee, Belwadahawan for the encouragement of female education in the locality.

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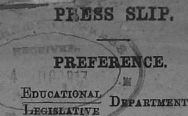
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