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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following papers :—

I

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. H. SHARP, C.I.E., Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education.

To—the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Educational Department.

Dated—Simla, the 16th June 1913.

No.—1056.

In continuation of this department endorsement No. 315, dated the 26th February 1913, I am directed to forward, for information, a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 6, Public (Students), dated the 2nd May 1913, and with reference to paragraph 3 thereof to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the Government of India may be informed what steps the Government of Madras propose to take with a view to strengthening, and developing the work of, the provincial advisory committees for Indian students proceeding to England.

I am to add that the matter is one to which the Government of India attach the greatest importance.

ENCLOSURE.

Despatch—from His Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

To—His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council.

Dated—India Office, London, the 2nd May 1913.

No.—6-Public (Students).

In continuation of my despatch (Students' Department No. 4), dated 24th January last, Provincial Advisory Committees in India.

I have to inform Your Excellency's Government that I have now appointed local representatives, with the concurrence of the Universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh, to give such advice and assistance as may be required to Indian students there. Mr. Harry Bamford, an Engineering Lecturer in Glasgow University, has undertaken to act on behalf of Indian students in Glasgow from the 1st February last, and Dr. James Miller, a Medical Lecturer in the University of Edinburgh, has undertaken from the 1st April similar duties towards Indian students in that University. Each of these officers will receive an inclusive fee of 100l. a year. Now that arrangements of this nature have been completed at Oxford, Cambridge, Manchester, Glasgow and Edinburgh, I do not at present propose to appoint any more Advisers for Indian students at University centres in this country.

2. I wish to consult Your Excellency's Government in regard to the Advisory Committees now established at Allahabad, Bombay, Calcutta, Dacca, Lahore, Madras and Nagpur, and I should be glad to be informed if it is in contemplation to create a new Committee in Bihar, or to re-arrange the areas of the Committees already existing in Bengal. I feel that the success

of our organization for the care of Indian students largely depends on the assistance which can be given by the Advisory Committees in India in making known to students and their parents the conditions and requirements of English life and education. The difficulties sometimes experienced by Indian students in Great Britain are largely due to want of knowledge in regard to the means, the training and preparation, the testimonials and certificates, needed in this country, and, if Indian students are to succeed here, it is very important that accurate information on these points should be brought to their notice before they leave home. Most of the Advisory Committees are now dealing with a certain number of students each year, and the Secretaries, at Madras and Allahabad particularly, are in active correspondence with the Secretary for Indian students. But at present it appears that in certain districts students find a difficulty in securing the information they desire, and many still arrive in this country without having applied to their local committee, and unaware of its existence. The difficulty has perhaps been most felt in the Punjab, where for some time the Advisory Committee seems to have been without the services of a regular Secretary. But there appears to be room for an extension of the work done by the Committees in other Provinces also, and especially in the Central Provinces, in Bombay and in Bengal.

3. I would ask Your Excellency's Government to consider whether any steps can be taken to strengthen the Committees and to develop their work. It is possible that some sustained effort may be needed to make known the fact of the Committees' existence in the very large areas which they cover, and to induce students and their parents to communicate freely with them. The work of answering questions in regard to degrees, examinations, and exemptions from examination in this country, which are often technical and complicated, must fall principally to the Secretaries of the Committees; and it is very desirable that the Secretaries should possess, not only some knowledge of educational matters, but also some personal experience of English institutions and of English life. But it may be a matter for consideration whether the Committees could not take a larger part in assisting the Secretaries' work, either by holding more frequent meetings, or by appointing a small Executive at head-quarters, such as exists already at Allahabad, or by organizing sub-committees at local centres, or by developing further the system of local and corresponding members. The intention of the Government of India, as stated in their resolution of the 1st July 1909 (Home Department, Education, Nos. 556-569), was that the work of the Provincial Committees should, where necessary, be assisted by the appointment of sub-committees at local centres, and that the Provincial Committees should consist in part of Indian gentlemen residing in the Mufassal, who would take a personal interest in making known in their neighbourhood the objects and advantages of the organisation. It may not be found practicable for the Provincial Committees to hold frequent meetings or to establish local branches at present. But it is very difficult for a Secretary at a provincial capital, unaided, to make the Committee's work known through the whole Province; and I think it is desirable that there should be in every district a certain number of well-known men, whether executive or judicial officials, educational authorities or private persons, who would make it their business to familiarise their neighbours with the work done by the Advisory Committee of the Province, and who would encourage students and the parents of students, contemplating a visit to Great Britain, to apply to the Provincial Secretary for advice and information first.

4. I should be glad to be informed of any steps that Your Excellency's Government decide to take to promote the efficiency and activity of the Advisory Committees, and I should be ready to consider any proposal for co-operation on our part which would help in that direction.

II

Memorandum No. 1965-1, Educational, dated 2nd July 1913.

With reference to paragraph 3 of the accompanying despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State, No. 6-Public (Students), dated 2nd May 1913, the Director of Public Instruction is requested to report what steps may be taken to strengthen and develop the work of the Madras Students' Advisory Committee on the lines indicated therein.

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction with enclosure
to be returned with reply.

III

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

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—the 19th August 1913.

No.—R.C. 6487.

I have the honour to return with the following remarks the despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State, No. 6-Public (Students), dated 2nd May 1913, forwarded to me with Government Memorandum No. 1965-1, Educational, dated 2nd July 1913. The Madras Advisory Committee has given careful consideration to the points raised by the Secretary of State and points out that there is really no work other than that of answering questions in individual cases and corresponding in regard to them with the authorities at home. This work must obviously be done by an individual Secretary and not by a committee. So that desirable as it is to have a committee *pro dignitate* and in order to familiarise students with the agency to receive the Secretary's reports and to take means for disseminating the information and advice furnished by the Secretary for Indian Students, the committee do not think that they could usefully take any further measures. The appointment of local committee in particular has been discussed, but it is more than probable that such would exist merely on paper: moreover the committee have good reason to believe that few, if any, Madras students now think of going to England without consulting the Secretary.

IV

Memorandum No. 2559-1, Educational, dated 25th September 1913.

The letter read above from the Government of India and the despatch from the Secretary of State enclosed therewith will be communicated to the Madras Students' Advisory Committee.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council concurs in the opinion which the committee has expressed to the Director of Public Instruction that the appointment of local committees would probably serve no useful end, but he is disposed to think that it would be an advantage if in each first and second grade college, the Principal, or his nominee, were definitely appointed as the local correspondent of the Committee.

The Committee will be invited to say whether it sees objection to the adoption of this course.

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Secretary, Madras Students' Advisory Committee
(Government of India letter and despatch in full.
Purport of former memorandum and Director of Public Instruction's letter).
,, Director of Public Instruction (this memorandum only).

V

Letter—from ARTHUR DAVIES, Esq., Secretary, Madras Students' Advisory Committee.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—the 20th October 1913.

Your Memorandum No. 2559-1, Educational, dated 25th September 1913, with its enclosures was considered by my committee at its meeting on the 16th October 1913, and I am directed to say that it sees no objection to the adoption of the course proposed, viz., that in each first and second grade college, the Principal or his nominee should be definitely appointed as the local correspondent of the Committee.

I am also to forward to you, for your information, copy extracts from a confidential letter, dated 22nd October 1912, from the Secretary for Indian Students at the India Office and from our reply thereto, dated 11th December 1912.

My Committee is of opinion that it would be useful to have in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and the local Gazettes of the Presidency a permanent general notice of the existence and purpose on the lines, though perhaps shortened, of the advertisement in the Lawrence Asylum Press Almanac for 1913 at page 949. My Committee is also frequently receiving from England information and advice of a useful character on particular points to students contemplating study in the United Kingdom. I am to ask therefore for permission to send such information in future—and also copies of my Committee's proceedings and of any circulars it may publish—to the *Fort St. George Gazette* and the local Gazettes for publication in one or three issues as may seem appropriate.

ENCLOSURES.

(1)

Extract from letter—from the Secretary for Indian Students at the India Office.

To—the Secretary, Madras Students' Advisory Committee.

Dated—London, the 22nd October 1912 (Confid.).

IV. *Extension of the Committee's work.*—We feel that it might help the effectiveness of your work and of ours, if the influence of the Advisory Committees could be still more widely exercised in India, and if we could secure that reference should in the first instance always be made to them by students intending to come to England. I would ask you to consider whether it would be possible for your Committee in future—

(1) to make its work better known among official and educational agencies in India among all colleges and schools, and among all local officers, even Tahsildars, perhaps by distributing more widely leaflets explaining what the Committee does, and inviting applications from students and their parents. Every educational and official agency in the Province ought to be familiar with the activities of your Committee and to co-operate readily with them;

(2) to establish local branches in the province, so as to get into closer touch with the people themselves, and to have more agencies through which to make your information known; and

(3) to enlarge your membership, so as to make your Committee still more representative, not only of official and educational institution, but of all persons interested in Indian students. We have no doubt that you would always welcome members, on the one side, familiar with England and with the educational facilities existing here, and members, on the other side, able to speak with authority as to the openings, which exist in India, especially in industrial life, for these students who return from England to make a career in their own country.

I will only add that I shall always be glad to hear from you on any point on which you may care to advise or to consult me.

(2)

Extract from letter—from the Secretary to the Madras Students' Advisory Committee.

To—the Secretary for Indian Students at the India Office.

Dated—11th December 1912.

IV. *Extension of the Committee's work.*—We are of opinion that the work of this Committee is as widely advertised as necessary. To extend the area of advertisement to all local officers as you suggest would entail a very large increase of clerical work and expense without any substantial advantage. The student who proposes to go to England has necessarily had an English training; and this will have brought him almost inevitably into touch (directly or through the friends with whom he will discuss plans) with the colleges. We feel, therefore, that it is sufficient to concentrate our advertisement on these bodies, using also as a secondary means the English written newspapers and periodicals of the Presidency, and maintaining a permanent notice of our existence and purpose in the University calendar and the Lawrence Asylum Press Almanac (our local Whittaker). There may still be students who make their own arrangements independently of this Committee, but we believe that when this is done, it is not through ignorance but through a desire to maintain a liberty of action, which they fear might be imperilled if they sought our aid. Finally we are convinced of the necessity of great caution in this matter of advertisement. Our object is not to tout for students to go to England, but to give advice to those who have already independently set their minds upon going. There is a hidden but very real danger in too wide an advertisement that we should put the idea into minds where it did not exist before.

We do not think there would be any useful work for local branches to do and we fear that they would merely add an unnecessary and cumbersome piece of length to the channel between the student and the educational institutions in England to which he wishes to go. It is always

easy for me to get into touch with the local people, heads of colleges, Government officials or other gentlemen of responsibility who know individual students, and so obtain *ad hoc* in each case the advantages that a local branch might give.

This committee has no power itself to enlarge its membership, but it would welcome the additions by Government of more members of the kind you mention.

Order—No. 1117, Educational, dated 27th November 1913.

The Government approve the proposal to invite the Principals of each of the first and second grade colleges, or their nominees, to act as local correspondents of the Students' Advisory Committee. The Committee is requested to take the necessary further action in the matter.

2. They also approve of the suggestion to publish permanently in the *Fort St. George Gazette* standing information regarding the committee and in one or three issues of the Gazette (as the importance of the matter may demand) the Committee's proceedings, circulars and other information of a generally useful character. The Committee should consider whether it would not be sufficient if the standing notice were published in the first issues of each month of the Gazette. The Government do not consider that any useful end will be served by publishing the Committee's notices and proceedings in the District Gazettes.

3. The Government of India will be addressed.

(True Extract.)

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
,, Secretary, Madras Students' Advisory Committee.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 1118.

From

THE HON'BLE MR. W. FRANCIS, I.C.S.,
Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Dated Fort St. George, the 27th November 1913.

SIR,

I am directed to reply to your letter No. 1056, Education, dated the 16th June 1913, regarding the development of the work of the Madras Students' Advisory Committee.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council has consulted the Committee on the subject. That body is of opinion that its existence and usefulness are already widely known and that few, if any, Madras students now think of going to England without first consulting its Secretary. As a further and more certain means of disseminating this knowledge, His Excellency in Council has however decided, in consultation with the Committee, to invite the Principals of each first and second grade college (or their nominees) to act as local correspondents of the Committee and orders have been issued to give effect to this decision. These officers are usually aware of any intention of any of their pupils to proceed to England and the Governor in Council accordingly prefers their agency to that of the local sub-committees suggested in the Government of India's letter, which would be liable to exist merely on paper. The Government have also approved a proposal of the Committee to publish in the *Fort St. George Gazette* a standing notice regarding the existence of the Committee and also copies of its proceedings and circulars and such information and advice useful to students as it may receive from England from time to time.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. Nos. 1117-18, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 27TH NOVEMBER 1913.

[SUBJECT.—*Strengthening the Students' Advisory Committee, Madras.*]

From the Government of India, No. 1056, dated the 16th June 1913.

1. *His Excellency the Governor—*
2. *The Hon'ble Sir John Atkinson, K.C.S.I.—*
3. „ „ *Mr. P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar, C.S.I., C.I.E.—*
4. „ „ *Sir Harold Stuart, K.C.V.O., C.S.I.—*

Circulate in advance.

W. FRANCIS—23-6-13.

Returned (By order).

C. B. COTTERELL—24-6-13.

J. N. A[TKINSON]—25-6-13.

Note.

W. FRANCIS—30-6-13.

I should like to see the reply.

P. S. S[IVASWAMI AYYAR]—26-6-13.

H. A. S[TUART]—27-6-13.

Attention is solicited to paragraph 2 of the Director of Public Instruction's letter on page 5 of G.O. Nos. 542-42 A, dated 29th September 1909, in which he stated that the formation of local sub-committees was unnecessary, at any rate, then. The experience gained since then might lead the Director of Public Instruction to hold a different view. The despatch from the Secretary of State may be forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction and he may be requested to report with reference to paragraph 3 thereof what steps should now be taken with a view to strengthening and developing the work of the Madras Students' Advisory Committee.

2. A draft memorandum is submitted for approval.

P.R.—30-6-13.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—30-6-13.

Approved.

W. FRANCIS—1-7-13.

[Memorandum No. 1965-1, Educational, dated 2nd July 1913.]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 19th August 1913, R.C. No. 6487/13.

The Director of Public Instruction has consulted the Madras Students' Advisory Committee and that body is of opinion that none of the measures suggested by the Secretary of State in paragraph 3 of his despatch under reference need be taken to develop its work. It is for consideration whether the Committee's views may be accepted.

2. A draft letter to India on the lines of the Director's reply is submitted for approval.

3. The Secretary of State, while conceding that the work of corresponding and answering questions should be done chiefly by the secretaries, desires to establish local committees in every district mainly with the object of making known the fact of the Committee's existence and of its work. Local committees are not obviously intended to do any very active work; but only to act as intermediate referees. The present committee (G.O. No. 863, Educational, dated 27th September 1912) cannot, it

But the Committee doesn't do any real work—see page 5, current file.

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residents on the committee. Even should the local committees exist only on

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Committee occasionally by conversation or otherwise. Further, they may keep with them such papers, as the Committee may have published about various branches of study in England, for easy reference by intending students. It is for consideration whether any action should be taken in this direction. From the Director's last sentence in his letter, it would however be gathered that the existence of the Committee is sufficiently well known.

T.K.—29-8-13.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—1-9-13.

His Excellency the Governor—

Hon'ble Mr. Sivaswami Ayyar (his note of 26th June 1913 on page 1 above)—

The despatch admits that Madras and Allahabad, at least, are working properly, and refers to Punjab and (in a less degree) Central Provinces, Bombay and Bengal as needing more go.

To establish local committees would mean more writing work for the Central Committee and its Secretary.

I imagine that the real disseminators of knowledge of the existence and use of the Central Committee and its Secretary will always be the headmasters of the schools and colleges. No boy, probably, would propose going to England without their knowing of it and they all know that such boys should apply to the Central Committee. The draft for India is for approval.

W. FRANCIS—2-9-13.

His Excellency the Governor considers that a little further experimental activity would be specially welcomed by the Secretary of State and that public opinion at Home might perhaps be influenced by example here, and that therefore it would be well to have a local correspondent of the Central Committee—the Principal or his nominee—in all first and second grade colleges, which would not give the Central Committee any extra work.

Draft accordingly is below. Issue.

W. FRANCIS—23-9-13.

[Memorandum No. 2559-1, Educational, dated 25th September 1913.]

From the Secretary, Madras Students' Advisory Committee, dated 20th October 1913.

The Committee reports that there is no objection to the Principal or his nominee in each first and second grade college being definitely appointed as the local correspondent of the Committee.

2. The Committee also thinks it desirable to utilize the agency of the Fort St. George and the District Gazettes by having in them a short general * notice of the existence of, and the purpose served by, the Committee and also by publishing in one or three issues of the gazette its proceedings and circulars as well as any information that it may receive from England.

3. It seems doubtful whether any useful purpose would be served by publication in the District Gazettes as educational institutions and the class of persons who are generally in need of such information do not generally subscribe for them. At present, the *Fort St. George Gazette*—either the whole or Part I-B. thereof—is being supplied to all Government * institutions and the Government have under consideration the question of securing a more extended distribution of it to educational institutions (both Government and other). It is therefore for consideration whether permission may be accorded to the publication of the general notice (referred to in paragraph 2 above) in all issues of the *Fort St. George Gazette* or in the first issues of the gazette of every month, as in the case of public holidays and to the publication in one or three issues of the gazette, as the importance of the matter demands it, of Committee's proceedings, circulars and other useful matter.

A draft order and letter to India are submitted for approval.

E.A.V.—15-11-13.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—18-11-13.

His Excellency the Governor—

Hon'ble Mr. Sivaswami Ayyar (his note on page 1 above)—

For approval of the draft.

W. FRANCIS—20-11-13.

P[ENTLAND]—21-11-13.

P. S. S[IVASWAMI AYYAR]—26-11-13.

Issue.

W. FRANCIS—27-11-13.

[G.O. Nos. 1117-18, Educational, dated 27th November 1913.]

C.No.1965, from the Govt. of India, No.1056, dated 16-6-1913.
C.No.2559, from the D.P.I. No.6487, dated 19-8-1913.
C.No.3202, from the Secy., Madras Students' Advisory Committee, dated 20-10-1913.

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The Government approve the proposal to invite the principals of each of the first and -- second grade colleges, or their nominees, to act as local correspondents of the Students' Advisory Committee. The Committee is ~~accord-~~ingly requested to take the necessary further action in the matter.

2. They also approve of the suggestion to publish in the Fort St. George Gazette permanently ~~some~~ standing information regarding -- the Committee and in one or three issues of the Gazette (as the importance of the matter may demand) the Committee's proceedings, circulars and other information of ^{a generally} useful character. The Committee ^{should} ~~may~~ consider --- whether it will not be sufficient if the standing notice were published in the first issues of each month of the Gazette. The Government do not consider that any useful end will be served by publishing the Committee's notices and proceedings in the district gazettes.

3. The Government of India will be addressed.

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To The D.P.I.

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LETTER:

No 1118 Sol

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The Secy. to the Govt. of India,
Department of Education.

Sir,

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