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[Despatch Abstract.]

Committee on school Hygiene

Recording the ~~pat~~ correspondence connected with the proposal to appoint a committee to enquire into the claims of hygiene in connection with schools and pupils

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

CURRENT No.

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Subject.

Submitting a copy of the draft reference drawn up and approved by the small committee on School Hygiene and -- reporting the names of gentlemen suggested to be added to this small committee so as to form the larger one.

ENCLOSURES

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Station Madras, Dated the 28th July 1913.

From (Name) The Hon. Sir Alfred Gibbs Bourne, D.Sc.,
F.R.S., K.C.I.E.
(Designation) Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras
Educational
~~Local and Municipal~~ Department.

Stonehouse Hill, Ootacamund.

Sir,

I addressed under direction the D. O. letter which forms an annexure to this letter to -- --

Mr. J. H. Stone

1 The Hon'ble Dr. T. M. Nair

2 The Hon'ble Mr. V. S. Srinivasa Sastry Avargal

3 Muhammad Yakub Hussain Bahadur

Rao Bahadur A. C. Pranatartihara Aiyar Avargal

Colonel Giffard I. M. S.

All these gentlemen signified their willingness to serve on the small committee and it was accordingly constituted and held two meetings at one or both of which all were present

it was decided to suggest the following names to be added to the small committee to constitute the larger one:--

Dr. K. Ramaswami Aiyangar, Eye Hospital, Bangalore
Dr. P. S. Chandrasekhar, B. A., M. D.
Dr. M. Kumaraswami, M. D.
The Hon'ble Shifa-ul-Mulk Zain-ul-abidin Sahib
Major T. Ross, I. M. S.
Dr. W. R. MacDonald, M.B., Ch.B., B. Hy., D.P.H.,
Health Officer, Madras Corporation.

✓ Capt. W. C. Grey, I. M. S.
✓ Rev. Mr. J. Cooling.
✓ Rev. W. J. Meston.
✓ M. R. Ry. K. B. Ramanathan, M. A., B.L., L. T.
✓ Rev. Mr. Edmonds, S. P. G. High School, Vepery.
✓ Mr. A. I. Mayhew, Principal, The Teachers' College.
✓ Mr. A. P. Symonds.

If all these names were accepted the committee would number 19, which the small committee were aware might seem an excessive number. A similar committee on Religious and Moral Instruction numbered 17.

One reason for proposing so large an addition of names was to ensure the representative character of the committee and in particular that it should enlist the interest of as large a number as possible of important educational institutions in the city. Most of the non-Medical members are connected with one or more of these institutions but they have mostly also other qualifications. Mr. Cooling ---- represents both the Wesleyan Mission and the Wesley College; Mr. Meston the United Free Church Mission and the Christian College, Mr. Edmonds both the S. P. G. and his own High -- School, and is moreover in close touch with the Madras ---- Athletic Association and takes a prominent personal part in school and college games. Mr. Mayhew not only represents the Teachers' College but has made special studies in Pedagogy. M. R. Ry. K. B. Ramanathan was suggested as representing --- Pachaiyappa's College. Mr. A. P. Symonds is greatly interested in elementary education particularly that of the children of mill-hands. The presence on the committee of at least one gentleman of neither the medical nor educational profession seemed also in itself desirable.

The other additional names are of members of the medical profession and they were suggested partly with a view to representing different branches of the profession.

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personal grounds and partly because the work of the committee seems likely to demand the co-operation of a considerable number of both medical and educational experts and that particularly if it is to report at any early date. The small committee was not asked to go into modus operandi but these were to some extent considered and it was of opinion that the collection of the facts and their preliminary digest should be effected by Sub Committees each dealing with a well defined part of the reference.

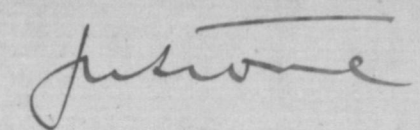
One of these committees would have the duty of medically inspecting selected typical institutions and although the doctors must be assisted in this by subordinate officers of the Medical Department, it was considered that for effective supervision and consolidation of results the number of medical men proposed was not too large, particularly as their help would also be required on the sub committees that will deal with the other subjects of the reference.

Dr. K. Ramaswami Aiyangar's name was placed on the list because he has already conducted investigations into the eyesight of scholars and students. His experience may be helpful to the general committee but it is not likely that he can take part in sub committee work.

On the whole I think that the inconvenience of having a somewhat large committee will prove less than what would result from trying to do the work in a limited time shorthanded.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

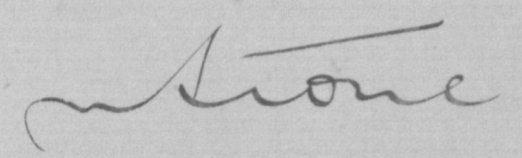


For Director of Public Instruction.

Copy of D. O. No. 60, dated 9th April 1913.

The Government of India in their recent resolution on Educational Policy have referred to the claims of Hygiene in connection with schools and pupils. It is proposed in the first place to make some enquiries into this subject in so far as it concerns the educational institutions and pupils within the municipal limits of the city of Madras.

I am desired to invite you to join a small committee to consider the terms of a reference to be made to a larger committee and to suggest the names of persons who might suitably be added to this small committee so as to form the larger one.



For Director of Public Instruction.

On the whole I think that the inconvenience of having a
committee to do the work in a limited time is not
likely to be more than what would result
from trying to do the work in a limited time.
I have the honour to be,
Your most obedient servant,
T. Stone
For Director of Public Instruction.

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Draft Reference.

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To consider and report upon the desirability of the medical inspection of children attending school within the Municipal limits of Madras City having regard to all the conditions that affect the fitness of scholars for effective attendance at school.

Such inspection to include at least the following points.

Physical condition of the scholars including cleanliness of person and clothing, defects and diseases of the organs of sense, particularly of the eye and the ear: the condition of the nose, throat, skin and hair: all general acute diseases and chronic diseased conditions affecting the capacity for school work: all defects and deformities, whether congenital or acquired, so marked as to necessitate special arrangements in the class room or special modification of mental or physical education.

2. To consider and report upon the influence of existing conditions on the physical well being of the students in colleges and scholars in the city of Madras and in particular upon

(a) The site, surroundings, size and arrangement of rooms, lighting, ventilation, character and arrangement of furniture, water-supply, cleansing and disinfection, sanitary arrangements of colleges and school houses.

(b) Curricula and time tables and home work, including work with private tutors and work in addition to that prescribed by the school authorities.

(c) The provision of gardens, play grounds and playing fields, arrangements for physical training and the organization of games.

(d) The adequacy and efficiency of the provision of hostels for students, student "hostels" and in general, the lodging and boarding of students and scholars.

(e) Instruction in Hygiene in schools and colleges.

For Director of Public Instruction

C.No.2341, from the D.P.I., No.41, dated 28-7-13. 7

Subject.

Appointment of a Committee on School Hygiene.

Attention is invited to paragraph 7 of the recent resolution of the Government of India on their educational policy on page 4 of G.O. No.394, Educational, dated 1st May 1913, wherein that Government, while referring to the claims of Hygiene as of paramount importance, commended to Local Governments a thorough enquiry by a small committee of experts, medical and educational, into school and college hygiene. They also suggested some of the points which might require investigation. With G.O.No.632,Edl., dated 7th July 1913, a further letter on the subject was communicated to the D.P.I.

2. In paragraph 10 of his Memorandum, dated 23rd March 1913 embodying proposals for the utilization of the special Imperial grant of 23 lakhs ~~for the purpose of~~ the D.P.I. referred to this subject and stated that he proposed to take steps as soon as possible to conduct an enquiry with the aid of a small committee. A ~~small~~ committee consisting of six persons - three officials and three non-officials - was accordingly formed and utilized to suggest a larger one and draft a reference indicating the points for investigation.

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16.1.12

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on leave for 2 months
23 days from 12th July.

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3. The D.P.I. proposes 19 gentlemen (including the six above referred to) ^{who} should be constituted into a committee to consider and report —

(1) upon the desirability of the medical inspection of children attending school within the municipal limits of Madras, and

(2) upon the influence of existing conditions on the physical well-being of the students in colleges and scholars in the City of Madras. / The draft reference follows mainly the lines indicated in para. 7 of the Government of India's Resolution on Educational Policy. Apparently the decision in the case of the institutions in the City will subsequently be adapted to mufassal institutions.

4. As regards the Committee the Director apparently intends that it should be constituted by Government, as in the case of the Committee on religious and moral education and the North Madras Technical School. On page 3 of current file the Director ^{has done} ~~gives~~ justification for proposing ^{of 19 and the main reason is} ~~the large number~~ that they have to work in sub-committees.

5. As regards the personnel, the following gentlemen are proposed:—

- 1) Mr. J. H. Stone
- 2) The Hon'ble Dr. T. M. Nair.
- 3) The Hon'ble Mr. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri
- 4) Mahmud Yaqub Husain Bahadur.
- 5) Rao Bahadur A. C. Pranatartihara Ayyar
- 6) Colonel Giffard, I.M.S.
- 7) Dr. K. Ramaswami Ayyangar, Eye Hospital, Bangalore
- 8) Dr. P. S. Chandrasekhar, B.A., M.D.
- 9) Dr. M. Kumaraswami, M.D.
- 10) The Hon'ble Shifa-ul-Mulk Zain-ul-'Aabidin Sahib
- 11) Major T. M. Ross, I.M.S.

- 12) Dr. W.R. Macdonald, M.B., Ch.B., B.Hy., D.P.H.,
Health Officer, Corporation of Madras.
- 13) Captain W.C. Gray, I.M.S.
- 14) The Reverend J. Cooling
- 15) The Reverend W.J. Meston
- 16) M.R.Ry. K.B. Ramanathan, M.A., B.L., L.T.
- 17) The Reverend Mr. Edmonds, S.P.G. High School,
Vepery.
- 18) Mr. A.I. Mayhew, Principal, The Teachers' College
- 19) Mr. A.P. Symonds.

With the one exception all the gentlemen selected by the D.P.I. to serve on the committee are residents of Madras. The only exception is Dr. Ramaswami Ayyangar, Oculist in charge of the Eye Hospital, Bangalore, and he has been selected because he has already conducted investigations into the eye sight of scholars and students. The reasons for the selection of the remaining members are given in the Director's letter.

6. There appear to be ^{some} ~~some~~ inaccuracies in the names of the gentlemen as given in the Director's letter -

(i) The initials of Dr. Ramaswami Ayyangar 7th in the list are "S.V." and not "K".

(ii) The 9th name in the list is "Dr. M. Kumaraswami, M.D." This is apparently a mistake for "Dr. M. Krishnaswami, M.D.", a medical practitioner resident in Madras. There is no medical practitioner by the name of Kumaraswami in Madras, nor is there a Madras M.D. bearing that name.

(iii) "Major T. Ross, I.M.S.", the 11th in the list, is apparently "Major T.S. Ross, I.M.S.", who is on special duty in connection with the investigation of a scheme for anti-malarial measures.

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Please see page xxix of the list of Bangalore residents given in the guide to Bangalore. also verified from University Catalogue.

(iv) "Captain W.C. Grey", the 13th in the list, is likewise "Captain W.C. Gray", acting Superintendent of Ophthalmic Hospital and Professor of Ophthalmology, Medical College.

7. If the proposals are accepted ~~under the~~ ~~proposed~~ ~~Resident Department~~, it is for consideration whether the non-official gentlemen may, as on the previous occasion, be asked to state whether they are willing to serve on the Committee and the Resident in Mysore may also be asked to obtain the consent of the Durbar for Dr. Ramaswami Aiyangar serving on it.

T.K.

2-8-13. CR
5/8/13

H.E. the Governor.

The suggested terms of reference include the points raised by the Govt. of India.

I have no suggestions to make as to the constitution of the Committee, as I have not been in Madras for many years & am out of touch with people here.

Orders are solicited on the above two points.

*Please see notes page 357-
with go. 4823
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(Public Deptt will have
to accept the order)

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Kind. for the Committee more
weight & soothe susceptibilities if foot.
we to invite the members to serve
& appoint them by G.O. & this may
be done.

Mf 6/8

I am conferring with the D.P.I. - This can
await further communication from him.

P.

15.8.13.

Note

Mf 8/8

For the Secretary

On page 4 of the notes
connected with G.O. no. 1107 EdL dated 25-11-13
the Secretary noted that the Committee
proposed in this file would presumably not
be wanted, but ~~no final decision was made~~
at on the point. It is for consideration
whether this file may still lie over, or
may be recorded. This however submitted
that the ~~at~~ committee above
3-12-13 referred to has to deal with only
play grounds and playing fields
while from the draft referen



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& return.

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15/8/13

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indicating the points for consideration
 of the Committee proposed in this file it
 will be seen that ~~consider~~ there are still
 several ^{other} points needing investigation.

CA
 24/12/13

The file must be recorded

As draft order is sub? below

CA
 5/12

6/12/13

After the meeting

On page 4 of the notes

conferred with S.O. no. 1107 dated 25-11-13

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proposed in this file would presumably not
 be required, but the Committee

is for consideration. It is for consideration

whether the file may still be over

may be recorded. The Committee

that the Committee

is referred to in the notes

and the Committee

is for consideration

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C.No.2341, from the D.P.I., No.41/13, dated 28th July 1913.

ORDER:-
P.S.,

The Government resolve to appoint
a committee consisting of the following
gentlemen to consider and report upon

(1) the desirability of the medical
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of Madras, and

(2) the influence of existing con-
ditions on the physical well being of
the students in colleges and scholars
in the City of Madras:--

Mr. J.H. Stone, C.I.E.

The Hon'ble Dr. T.M.Nair.

The Hon'ble Mr.V.S.Srinivasa Sastri

Muhammad Yakub Hussain Bahadur.

Rao Bahadur A.C. Pranatartihara Aiyar Avl.,
I.S.O.

Colonel Gifford, I.M.S.

Dr. S.V.Ramaswami Aiyangar, the State Eye
Hospital, Bangalore.

Dr. P.S. Chandrasekhar, Medical College,
Madras.

Dr. M.Krishnaswami, Medical Practitioner, Madras

The Hon'ble Shifa-ul-mulk Zain-ul-abidin

Major T. S. Ross, I.M.S.

Dr. W.R.MacDonald, Health Officer, Madras
Corporation.

Capt. W.C. Gray, I.M.S.

The Rev. J. Cooling,

W. Weston,

*Not to
issue*

May be placed on E.T.

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M.R.Ry. K.B.Ramanathan, M.A., B.L., L.T.

The Rev, Mr. Edmonds.

Mr.A.I.Mayhew, Ag.Principal, Teacher's
College, Saidapet.

Mr. A.P.Symonds, Messrs. Binny & Co.

2. The report of the Committee ~~sh~~
should be submitted to Government
through the Director of Public In-
struction.

7H.
2-8-13

To the Members of the Committee.

„ D.P.I.
„ Accountant-General
„ Public Department.
„ L & M. Department.

E. T.

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