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READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O. No. 70, Educational, dated 29th January 1913.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the Director of Public Instruction letter from the Government of India forwarding a copy of the discussions and resolutions of the conference on the education of the domiciled community and requesting him to submit a report on the points raised by the Government of India.

II

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

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

Dated—Simla, the 5th October 1914.

No.—1534.

I am directed to invite attention to this department's letter No. 23-31-C.D., dated the 8th January 1913, on the subject of the education of the domiciled community in India and to the resolutions enclosed therewith, No. IV (i) and (ii) and V (i) and (ii).

2. The resolutions deal with a training college for Southern India and Burma constituted somewhat on the lines of the training class at Sanawar in the Punjab. For the reasons stated on page 17 of the report of the Conference on the education of the domiciled community in India, Bangalore was suggested as a suitable place for the institution. Certain initial difficulties however have arisen and it is thought that it might be preferable to establish the college in conjunction with an already existing school which is fully under the control of a Local Government. I am to inquire whether His Excellency the Governor in Council would desire to have framed a scheme for the establishment of such a college in conjunction with the Lawrence Memorial school at Ootacamund. The Government of India would be glad to receive such a scheme. It might in the first place provide for 30 students, each undergoing a course of two years' training with possibilities for expansion of numbers in the future. Eventually should the institution flourish and should a steady demand be continued for an arts college specially designed for this section of the community it might be desirable to develop a general arts college.

3. Should the idea commend itself to His Excellency it is suggested that possibly the Governments of Bombay and of Burma might be asked to send representatives for an initial discussion. It is possible that as the result of such a discussion a more precise estimate may be formed of the number of trained teachers annually required in the provinces most likely to utilise the institution. And it would also be useful to decide whether the training college should provide secondary or primary teachers or both.

III

Memorandum No. 3120-2, Educational, dated 3rd November 1914.

I am directed to forward a copy of a letter from the Government of India, Department of Education, No. 1534 (Education), dated the 5th October 1914, regarding the establishment of a training college in Southern India for the domiciled community. With reference to paragraph 3 thereof, I am to ask whether ^{His Excellency} ^{His Honour} the Governor in Council would be willing to depute a representative of the Government of the Lieut.-Governor of Bombay to attend a Conference to be held in this Presidency for a discussion of the preliminary questions connected with the scheme. The date and place of the Conference will be intimated later by the local Director of Public Instruction direct to the officers selected.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Secretary to the Government
Bombay, Educational Department.
of Burma

IV

Letter—from J. L. RIEU, Esq., I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Educational Department.

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

Dated—Bombay Castle, the 11th December 1914.

No.—3985.

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 3120-2, Educational, dated the 3rd November 1914, forwarding a copy of a letter from the Government of India, Department of Education (Education), No. 1534, dated the 5th October 1914, regarding the establishment of a training college in Southern India for the domiciled European community and inquiring whether the Bombay Government would be willing to depute a representative to attend a conference to be held in that Presidency for a discussion of the preliminary questions connected with the scheme.

In reply, I am to state that His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to depute the Inspector of European Schools in this Presidency as the representative of the Bombay Government at the proposed conference.

V

Letter—from C. M. WEBB, Esq., I.C.S., Offg. Secretary to the Government of Burma, Educational Department.

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

Dated—Rangoon, the 23rd December 1914.

No.—518/6 E-19.

In reply to your letter No. 3120-2, Educational, dated the 3rd November 1914, I am directed to say that the Lieutenant-Governor will depute Mr. W. G. Wedderpoon, Inspector of European and Normal Schools, Burma, as a representative of this Government to attend the conference proposed to be held in the Madras Presidency for an initial discussion regarding the establishment of a Training College in Southern India for the domiciled community.

Order—No. 62, Educational, dated 21st January 1915.

The letter from the Government of India, No. 1534, dated the 5th October 1914, will be communicated to the Director of Public Instruction with the request that he will submit a draft scheme for the establishment of a training college in Southern

India for the domiciled community in conjunction with the Lawrence Memorial School, Ootacamund, in consultation with a conference of representatives from the Madras and Bombay Presidencies and Burma. The Bombay and Burma Governments have agreed to depute the Inspector of European Schools, Bombay, and Mr. W. G. Wedderspoon, Inspector of European and Normal Schools, Burma, respectively to serve on the conference; and the Inspector of European and Training schools, Madras, and the Rev. W. H. G. Padfield, Principal and Secretary of the Lawrence Memorial School, Ootacamund, will represent the Madras Presidency. As it would be advantageous for the representatives of the Bombay and Burma Governments to see the Lawrence Memorial School at Ootacamund in this connection, the conference will meet at Ootacamund in April. The Director of Public Instruction will preside over the conference and communicate direct with the representatives of the Bombay and Burma Governments in regard to the other details connected with its meeting, etc.

(True Extract.)

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

Endorsement—No. 63, Educational, dated the 21st January 1915.

Copy to the Government of India, Department of Education.
Government of Bombay, Educational Department.
Government of Burma, Education Department.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. Nos. 62-63, EDUCATIONAL, DATED THE 21ST JANUARY 1915.

[SUBJECT.—*Establishment of a training college for the domiciled community in Southern India.*]

Previous papers :

G.O. No.	70, Educational, dated 29th January 1913.
" "	203 " " 4th March "
" "	245 " " 22nd " "
" "	238 " " 26th February 1914.
" "	527 " " 9th May "
D.O. "	2741-2, " " 18th September "

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

To—the Hon'ble Mr. W. FRANCIS, I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Educational Department.

Dated—Simla, the 5th October 1914.

No.—336-Edn.

A short official letter is issuing simultaneously with this communication regarding the possibility of establishing a training college for members of the domiciled community at Ootacamund. I am desired to say that the enclosures to my demi-official letter No. 274, dated the 28th August 1914, may be taken as indicating the lines of the scheme which the Government of India have in mind.

*From the Government of India, Education Department, No. 1534,
dated the 5th October 1914.*

The Government of India suggest that, if their idea to establish a training college for Europeans in conjunction with the Lawrence Memorial school, Ootacamund, commends itself to the Madras Government, the Governments of Bombay and Burma might be asked to send representatives for an initial discussion of the scheme, especially in regard to the number of teachers annually required and the kind of training to be provided. This Government have already accepted the proposal to establish a college as proposed above—please see *Demi-official* No. 2741-2, Educational, dated the 18th September 1914. The questions that have next to be considered are the number of teachers to be trained annually and the nature of training to be provided—secondary or primary. Submitted that the Director of Public Instruction may be consulted on this point in the first instance and asked to report whether it is necessary to ask the Bombay and Burma Governments to send representatives for a discussion, as proposed by India.

S. ANANTANARAYANAN—14-10-14.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—14-10-14.

To the Director of Public Instruction for favour of remarks.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—14-10-14.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

It appears to me that information as to the number of teachers that would be sent by Bombay and Burma could be obtained by correspondence as well as by personal discussion. Any statement of the kind I could make about Madras would be little better than a guess. I do not know whether other Directors of Public Instruction are more favourably situated than I am. If so, so much the better.

As regards the kind of training, I submit that if a thoroughly good man is recruited from an English training college we are likely to get the best results by giving him as free a hand as possible, and that to attempt to lay down a hard and fast system to suit the possibly divergent views of several Directors of Public Instruction would not conduce to the end in view.

The Lawrence Memorial school requires money to be spent on it and the Government of India might well help us with funds to make it a working "model" school. It was not my idea to subordinate it in any way to the training college. They must remain separate entities and give and take arrangements made between them. In making them the experience of Sanawar would be of great use. I mention these matters because any formal scheme of training might include provision for the students in the college having some fixed amount of practice laid down for them in the Lawrence Memorial school which might result in the school being swamped by inexperienced men. The best things we can do for the students are to improve their general education the standard of which even if it is the Matriculation standard is wretchedly low and to familiarise them with the organisation and methods of work of a really good school. They will then be in a position to profit by their teaching experience. Observation and practice have their place in training but in my view they are really subordinate in importance. I regard a trained teacher not as a finished product but as a man who has been started in the right way and of whom it may be hoped that he will steadily improve in the practice of his profession. This may seem irrelevant but I am anxious to have it understood that the Memorial school is not to be sacrificed to the college.

As regards the grade of teachers, I think there should be no upward limit—secondary teachers certainly graduates if any can be got for a year's training only however.

J. H. STONE—20-10-14.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The Director of Public Instruction was consulted on the question whether it is necessary to send for representatives from Bombay and Burma for an initial discussion of the scheme. He merely states that information as to the number of students, that would be sent by Bombay and Burma for training, could be obtained by correspondence as well as by personal discussion. It is, however, submitted that this is not the only point to be settled in connection with the proposed college. Mr. Stone's note shows that there are several questions to be decided, especially in regard to the relation of the proposed college with the Memorial school, the course of instruction to be given to the students undergoing training. In respect of the question of the *grade* of training, Mr. Stone is not also clear. Though he is of opinion that there should be no upward limit, he does not specifically say whether *primary* students should also be trained. In these circumstances, it seems that a personal discussion would perhaps be useful in formulating definite proposals. If so, it is for consideration whether a copy of India's letter may be communicated **A** to the Bombay and Burma Governments with the request that they will say whether they will be able to send any representatives. The date of the meeting of the committee so formed may be fixed later on in consultation with the Director of Public Instruction on receipt of replies. Subject to approval, a draft is submitted.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—24-10-14.

The Bombay and Burma Governments may, I think, be addressed as at **A**.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—26-10-14.

P[ENTLAND]—28-10-14.

Let me have draft soon.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—30-10-14.

Submitted that the draft which has already been approved of by the Secretary may now issue.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—2-11-14.

Thanks. Issue.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—3-11-14.

[Letter No. 3120-2, Educational, dated the 3rd November 1914.]

From the Government of Bombay, dated the 11th December 1914, No. 3985.

From the Government of Burma, dated the 23rd December 1914, No. 518.

The Governments of Bombay and Burma have expressed their willingness to depute the Inspector of Schools and the Inspector of European and Normal Schools, respectively, to attend the conference. The Director of Public Instruction may now be asked to state whom he would be willing to depute from this Presidency for this conference. On receipt of his reply he may be asked formally to arrange for the conference and submit a report to the Government.

S. ANANTANARAYANAN—6-1-15.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—6-1-15.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—8-1-15.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

I should depute the Inspector of European and Training Schools. Mr. Padfield's presence would be essential and I should like to be present myself. Perhaps the conference is to be under my presidency? As it would be very advantageous for the Bombay and Burma Inspectors to see the Lawrence Memorial school, I should suggest Ootacamund as the place and April as the time for the conference.

J. H. STONE—10-1-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that both the Inspector of European and Training Schools and Mr. Padfield may be appointed representatives of this presidency and that the Director of Public Instruction may be the president of the conference. His suggestion that the conference may meet at Ootacamund in April may also be accepted.

2. A draft order is submitted for approval.

S. ANANTANARAYANAN—15-1-15.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—16-1-15.

Submitted to His Excellency for approval.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—18-1-14.

His Excellency has approved of the draft Government order. Issue.
P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—20-1-15.

The Government order has issued.

2. In his demi-official on page 1 *supra*, Mr. Sharp states that the enclosures to his demi-official letter In demi-official No. 2741-2, Educational, No. 274, dated the 28th August 1914, dated the 18th September 1914, may be taken as indicating the lines of the scheme which the Government of India have in mind. It is for consideration whether these enclosures may be sent demi-officially to Mr. Stone *for reference and return*. If so, the following draft demi-official is for approval :—

Demi-official—from the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
C.I.E., Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
To—the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE, M.A., Director of Public Instruction.

In continuation of G.O. No. 62, Educational, dated the 21st January 1915, I am to forward herewith, for reference and return papers received from the Government of India which may be roughly taken as indicating the lines of the scheme which that Government have in mind.

S. ANANTANARAYANAN—20-1-15.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—22-1-15.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—23-1-15.

READ AGAIN G.O. No., dated 191

READ ALSO:—

C. No. 3120 Edh, From the Govt. of India, No. 1534, dated 5-10-1914

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No. 62, dated 21-1- 1918

The letter from the Govt. of India, no. 1534, dated the 5th October 1914, will be communicated to the D.P.I. with the request that he will submit ^{a draft scheme} ~~proposals~~ for the establishment of a training college in Southern India for the domiciled ^(in connection with the Government Normal School, or community) in consultation with a conference of representatives from the Madras and Bombay Presidencies and Burma. The Bombay and Burma Govts. have agreed to depute the Inspector of European Schools ^{Bombay} and Mr. W. G. Wedderburn, Inspector of European ^{Burma} and Normal Schools respectively to ^{serve} ~~attend~~

on this conference; and the Inspectors of European and Training Schools, Madras, and the Rev. W. H. L. Radfield, Principal and Secretary of the Lawrence Memorial School, will represent the Madras Presidency. As it would be very advantageous for the representatives of the Bombay and the Burma Govts. to see the Lawrence Memorial School at Cochinamund in connection with which it is proposed to establish the training college, the conference will meet at Cochinamund in April. The D.P.I. will preside over this conference and communicate direct with the representatives of the Bombay and Burma Govts. in regard to the other details connected with the meeting of the conference etc.

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