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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O. No. 714, Educational, dated 16th June 1914.

ABSTRACT.—Recording correspondence received from the Government of India regarding the payment of a non-recurring grant of Rs. 4,000 during the current year towards the salary and expenses of Dr. J. H. Gray, Physical Director for the National Council of Young Men's Christian Associations, India and Ceylon.

II

G.O. No. 759, Educational, dated 30th June 1914.

ABSTRACT.—Stating that the Government will be prepared to sanction the payment to the Young Men's Christian Association, for a period not exceeding five years and a half, of an annual grant of Rs. 2,760 or one-third of the salary, whichever may be less, towards the cost of employment of a Physical Director.

III

Letter—from G. ANDERSON, Esq., M.A., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

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

Dated—Delhi, the 10th November 1915.

No.—1760.

In continuation of this Department letter No. 908, dated the 3rd June 1914, I am

1. Letter from the General Secretary, National Council, Young Men's Christian Associations, India and Ceylon, dated the 18th October 1915.
2. Letter to the General Secretary, National Council, Young Men's Christian Associations, India and Ceylon, No. 1718, dated the 27th October 1915.

directed to forward, for the information of the Governor in Council, a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin regarding the payment of a non-recurring grant of Rs. 4,000 during the current financial year towards the expenses of the Physical Department of the National Council, Young Men's Associations, India and Ceylon.

ENCLOSURES.

(1)

Letter—from E. C. CARTER, Esq., General Secretary, National Council, Young Men's Christian Association, 86, College Street, Calcutta.

To—the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education.

Dated—the 15th October 1915.

In renewing our application for a grant of Rs. 4,000 towards the work of the National Council's Physical Department for the present year, I beg to submit the following outline of some of the things that are being accomplished during the year and plans for the future.

1. Perhaps the most important development has been Dr. J. H. Gray's leave of absence in America, which has made it possible for him already to secure three additional Physical Directors for India. For two years we have been trying to get suitable men by correspondence, but not until Dr. Gray arrived to continue the search in person, has success been realised. The difficulty is that at present we must turn to America for men with the necessary training, and

the demand for such men in the schools, colleges, and municipalities of America is far greater than the supply. One of the new men, Mr. Beall, arrived in Bombay yesterday. Another, Mr. Robson, arrives October 31st, and the third, Mr. Nielsen, arrives November 21st. Nielsen will be stationed in Madras, and Robson and Beall are for Lahore and Hyderabad, though to which station each will be assigned is not yet determined. The Governments of Madras, the Punjab, and of His Highness the Nizam have sanctioned grants towards the budgets of these men. Dr. Gray is hoping to be able to secure Physical Directors also for the Mysore State, Colombo, and an additional Director for Calcutta.

On his way to America Dr. Gray made a very careful study of the beginnings of physical education in China and the system of physical education in vogue in Japan. While in America, he is making a close study of recent developments in physical education there, not only in the Young Men's Christian Association colleges, but also in the Universities and schools. On his way back to India he will spend a brief period in England, though the regular work of physical education is so abnormal on account of the war that his investigations will not be as thorough as would otherwise be the case.

2. Steady progress is being made in increasing the number of well equipped playgrounds for students, schoolboys and other classes of young men. The Mysore Government has sanctioned a grant of land so as to increase the playing space of the Bangalore playground. On September 8th the Director of Public Instruction of the Central Provinces indicated that the Chief Commissioner's sanction had been received for the proposed grant of land for a Student Young Men's Christian Association Playground and Hostel for the colleges at Nagpur. On the 8th of October the new City Young Men's Christian Association Playground on Nana's Path Road, Poona, was opened. In June the Bombay Corporation made available to the Procter Branch Young Men's Christian Association a playground of about two acres, which is used jointly under the direction of the Young Men's Christian Association for the members of the Association and the street children from the neighbouring chawls. On the recommendation of the Lieutenant Governor of the United Provinces, the Allahabad Young Men's Christian Association has been enabled to secure a four-acre plot in the heart of the Indian city to provide a playground for students and educated men. An open air gymnasium is under construction and this, together with the playground, will be ready for use by January 1st. Negotiations for the Student Playground and Hostel in Hyderabad (Deccan) are pending. A four-acre plot of ground was purchased in May in Lahore for a Student Young Men's Christian Association Playground and Hostel. The actual work cannot be taken in hand until a favourable reply is received from the Punjab Government with reference to a grant.

3. Efforts have been made with reference to increasing the circulation in India of books, pamphlets and magazines on physical education. Our National Council Publication Department the Association Press, Calcutta, now stocks literature of this sort, and is planning a few publications of its own, including an Indian Edition of Dr. Exner's "Rational Sex Life for Men."

4. At last our efforts in the direction of recruiting Indian Physical Directors are beginning to meet with success. Two recent graduates and two matriculates have been in training for some months, and are really promising candidates. During the coming cold weather a special six weeks' course of training in physical education will be given to about a dozen more educated Indian young men from different Provinces.

5. The development of all of the sports and physical education activities of our Associations throughout India as a whole has been marked. To-day, for example, a relay race is taking place from Bangalore to Mysore. Each young man runs a half mile, this requiring 174 runners to take a message from Colonel Sir Hugh Daly, the British Resident in Bangalore, to His Highness the Maharaja at Mysore City. Over 500 young men from all over the Mysore State have entered the trials to qualify for the 174 places, all of whom have secured new ideals of physical efficiency and training as a result of the contest. Considerable progress has been made in a few of our Associations in teaching swimming and in preparing young men for the examinations of the Royal Life Saving Institution. Scores of sports, meetings and hundreds of games contests have been organised by our different Army Young Men Christian Association's for the British soldier.

6. With reference to the future, I am to say that with the coming of the new Physical Directors and the return of Dr. Gray, a very large expansion of our work of physical education on the lines already pioneered by Dr. Gray and Dr. Segard will inevitably take place. Larger service can be rendered to schools and colleges than ever before. The gradual training of Indian Assistant Physical Directors will enable us to serve an even wider constituency than the limited European staff could ever hope to serve. The classes for Drill Masters which are now limited to Bengal and Bihar and Orissa will gradually be extended to other Provinces. More stress will be laid on lectures on sanitation and public health and the ever increasing machinery within our Associations for promoting social service will be used for sanitary as well as other ends. The physical efficiency tests already made on hundreds of schoolboys and college students will be carried on systematically so that eventually scientific standards can be set for all schools and Provinces.

Earnestly hoping that it may be possible for the Government of India to renew the grant of Rs. 4,000 towards the expenses of our National Council Physical Department.

No. 1276, EDUCATIONAL, 25TH NOVEMBER 1915.

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. H. SHARP, I.C.S., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education.
To—the General Secretary, National Education Commission.

To—the General Secretary, National Council, Young Men's Christian Associations,
India and Ceylon, Calcutta.

Dated—the 27th October 1915.
No.—1718.

With reference to your letter, dated the 18th October 1915, I am directed to convey the sanction of the Government of India to a non-recurring grant of Rs. 4,000 during the current financial year towards the expenses of the Physical Department of the National Council, Young Men's Christian Associations, India and Ceylon.

No. 1719.

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(True Extract.)

C. G. TODHUNTER,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

Copy to the Director of Public Instruction.

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