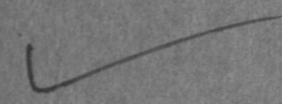


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HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S TOUR, 1915.

Laying of the foundation stone of the Danish Mission High School, Tiruvannāmalai.

Statement to be read by the Mission.

I regard it a great honour and privilege to approach Your Excellency today on behalf of the management of the Danish Mission High School of this place asking Your Excellency graciously to lay the foundation stone of the new premises for the institution.

Before doing so I feel that it is my duty to put Your Excellency in possession of some facts regarding the institution.

The history of the school shows a rather rapid development. It was started in the year 1900 with 23 pupils through the efforts of the late Rev. H. Jensen, whose name is well known in this Presidency through his collection of Tamil proverbs.

The I Form was opened in 1903 and the present small two-storied building erected in 1906.

It has since ever added to its strength and has this year received the recognition of the V Form, and an application for permission to open the VI Form in July this year has been forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction just a month ago.

The total strength of the school today is 320, representing all classes of the community in the town and the surrounding places in a distance of 20 to 40 miles, where any parents are now really thankful to Government for having made it possible for the Danish Mission to provide higher education for their children.

There are 17 teachers in the school, amongst whom 3 are graduates and 6 undergraduates.

It is easily understood that somewhat spacious accommodation is necessary in order to furnish suitable rooms for the education of so many pupils on modern principles of teaching.

Government was consequently approached to assist the management in procuring a new building and I shall make

use of this splendid opportunity to bring Your Excellency the most sincere thanks of the management and thus the thanks of the Danish Missionary Society for the benign and liberal grant of Rs. 19,225 towards the cost of the site and the erection of the new building, or one-half of the actual cost.

The aims of the institution are manifold.

Sound education along modern principles of teaching combined with reliable moral and effective religious instruction is the first.

I can assure Your Excellency that no efforts are spared that can promote the building up of noble and manly characters in the pupils, as this is in the opinion of the management the only satisfactory basis for the creation of trustworthy, useful and loyal citizens in this country, which is the second aim of the school.

It is for this reason that the school has selected the following words for its motto :
For God and India :—

The plan of the proposed new building, which is placed before Your Excellency here today shows six rooms, with accommodation for 40 pupils each, downstairs, and four rooms of the same size, upstairs. Besides, rooms are provided for the Headmaster and laboratory and library, while two halls, one upstairs and one downstairs, will afford facilities for public and institutional meetings.

The total cost of the site and the building is estimated to be about Rs. 38,500.

As the absence of suitable accommodation is hampering the work in the school, the management are desirous to have the new building erected as soon as possible and I am happy to be able to inform Your Excellency that I have received information from Denmark that the present crisis in Europe is not likely to interfere with the carrying out of the work.

The management could think of no better opportunity than the visit of Your Excellency for the laying of the foundation stone.

It is, therefore, with the feeling of great satisfaction and pleasure that I now venture to ask Your Excellency graciously to lay the foundation stone of the new premises for the Danish Mission High School, Tiruvannāmalai.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

There is no information available in regard to the origin, management, strength and staff of the school beyond what is given in the Mission's statement.

2. *Finance*.—The total expenditure of the school for 1912-13 amounted to Rs. 4,492, of which the Government grant was Rs. 200 (for furniture), fees Rs. 1,502, and the sum provided by the management Rs. 2,790.

3. *Buildings*.—In his inspection report for 1913-14, the Inspector of Schools remarked as follows in regard to accommodation: "A shed with two rooms has been erected for the fourth and the third classes and a house opposite to the school rented for the first and infant classes. The accommodation is neither sufficient nor good. As a fourth form has been opened and a fifth form also will be opened next July, the accommodation needs to be greatly extended and improved. The management is, I understand, taking steps to improve conditions in this respect." The grant of Rupees 19,225 referred to by the Mission was sanctioned in G.O. No. 1345, Educational, dated the 30th November 1914, towards the cost of acquiring a site and constructing a building thereon.

4. There is at present a Mission hostel for Christian pupils only and 39 of the students reside in it.

5. The school has a small library of its own with 480 books.

6. In the inspection report for 1913-14 received from the Director's office, the general impression of the Inspector is recorded in the following words:—

"Good work has been done since the previous inspection. The correspondent and the headmaster exercise efficient supervision and the teachers work harmoniously and cheerfully."

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—27-1-15.

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Page 17 of the Inspection report for 1913-14.

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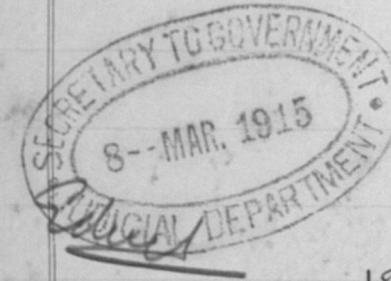
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