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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recommends note on the address
presented to H. E. the Governor by the
North West District Association
regarding the establishment of
a technical school in the District

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*Extract from an address to be presented to
His Excellency the Governor by the
North Arcot District Association.*

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"9. We are thankful to Government
"for the support given and the measures
"taken for the extension of primary
"education. We regret its progress in
"this district is slow but hope it will be
"accelerated. We would, in this connec-
"tion, suggest the establishment on a
"small scale of a technical school at
"some suitable centre in the district.
"We feel thankful to Your Excellency's
"Government for having enabled the
"Tirupati Devasthanam Schools' Bill to
"become law."

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Collector's remarks.

The Muhammadans run a technical school for carpentry and smithwork in Vellore, attached to the Bakhiat-us-Salehat, which His Excellency will see. The American Arcot Mission maintain a similar school at Katpadi. The Madrasa-e-Islamiah at Vaniyambadi is contemplating a scheme for technical education on a large scale. The need for a fourth institution is not apparent.

Secretariat Note.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Primary education.—The percentage of male pupils in public elementary schools to the male population of school-age in the North Arcot district was 25.2 and 27.4 for the years 1912-13 and 1913-14, respectively, against the Presidency averages of 29.1 and 31.1 for those years. Again, it is also observed that, in 1913-14, 64 per cent. of the villages with a population between 2,000 and 1,000, and 40 per cent. of those with a population between 1,000 and 500 were provided with elementary schools, against 79 and

Statement No. 55 on page 65 of Public
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Pages 7 and 15 of G.O. No. 942, Educational,
dated 11th August 1914.

Please see note on the deputation of Mappillas
of South Canara.
Page 24 of G.O. No. 1030, Educational,
dated 1st September 1914.

Paragraph 4, pages 2 and 3 of G.O. No. 894,
Educational, dated 28th July 1914.

56, respectively, the averages for the whole Presidency for the two classes of villages. From these it will appear that the district is not as well off as some other districts in the matter of elementary education. During the current year the Government have sanctioned subsidies to the North Arcot District Board and to the Tiruvannāmalai Municipal Council to enable them to open sixteen additional elementary schools for boys. More funds are not at present available for this purpose.

Technical school.—The policy of the Government in regard to the opening of technical and industrial schools is to rely on *aided* agency. In the North Arcot district there are at present two industrial schools, viz, the Katpadi Arcot Mission institution and the Vellore Anjuman-i-Isha-Athl-Hasnath. In the year 1913-14 these schools received grants of Rs. 2,201 and Rs. 821, respectively, from Provincial funds. If another technical school is to be opened, the initiative should be taken by the District Association itself or any other private body and then the Government may consider the question of helping it from Provincial revenues. It may be noted here that the Government have already undertaken to establish industrial and technical schools at Madras and Cocanada and to develop the schools at Madura, Coimbatore, Tanjore and Vizagapatam. It may not be possible for the Government to establish more schools for the present. In this connection attention is solicited to the reply given by His Excellency the Governor to the suggestion made to him that industrial schools might be started at certain places in the Anantapur district, viz, that it would be necessary for some time to concentrate industrial teaching in large centres for the sake of efficiency.

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