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[Despatch Abstract.]

Hindu Girls School, Cojebaram

Recording papers relating to an enquiry made about some complaints against the Inspectress which appeared in the "New India" concerning the

Educational Dept.

Extract from the "New India" of the 4-5-11
headed "On the Line - girls' education."

Please send this d.o. to D.P. and enquire
what the facts are so far as the Hindu girls'
school is concerned.

P.R.
9.5.15.

The following d.o. is for approval: -

D.O.

"Dear Mr. Duncan,

"Enclosed is an extract from
"The New India" of the 4th inst. ^{I am directed} ~~to enquire~~ ^{to enquire} what the facts are so far as the
Hindu girls' school, ^(Conjeevaram) is concerned.

Yours sincerely,

CA
10.5.15
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The Hon'ble Mr. H. S. Duncan - m.a.

Ag. D.P. with enclosure.

D.O. No 1681-188
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to be kindly returned into
the reply.

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Noted in C.B.
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CUTTINGS FROM NEWSPAPERS.

1. Name of Paper— *New India*
 2. Published at— *Madras*
 3. Dated— *4-5-15*

On the Line

Girls' Education

ALL our readers will know that there is an admirable Girls' School at Conjiveram, in which the more educated ladies of the Town, who have an admirable Club of their own, take the keenest interest. Education in this School, as in most Girls' Schools, is free; it is hard enough to persuade parents to send their little girls to school at all, and Conjiveram (Kanchi) is a very orthodox town, and the numerous pandits are extremely poor. The education given is Hindu, and is most carefully suited to the needs of the girls, and the school is supported by voluntary contributions, liberally given. There is also a Mission School to which parents who are careless about their daughters' religion send their girls, thus laying the foundation of unhappy homes and of unfit mothers. The Mission School charges fees; popular rumour has it that the fees come out of Mission funds, but on that we have no reliable information. In any case, the Mission School has a right to do as it pleases. We drew attention the other day to the unfair favouring of the Mission Girls' School in grants, reckoned *per capita*. Now we are told that Miss Lynch, the Inspector, threatens to cut down the grant-in-aid yet further, because of the refusal of the Hindu School authorities to drive away the girls by the imposition of fees. Surely the Education Department will not, in this ancient and very orthodox town, strangle an admirable Hindu Girls' School, and thus deprive all the religious Hindus of the education freely offered to their girls? If the Education Department, under missionary pressure, seeks to make the carrying on of a Hindu Girls' School in Conjiveram impossible, will not H. E. the Governor, who takes some interest in girls' education, interfere with so cruel a policy? Nothing will so destroy the promising movement for girls' education as the endeavour to penalise Hindu Schools. The Hindus will not allow missionaries to despiritualise the mothers as they have dispiritualised the fathers; the Home at least, must not be threatened, for if that be profaned, Religion in India will perish.

*Remember this D.O. to
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 Hindu Girls' School
 in Conjiveram.*

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Sra M. Rajalakshmi

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I return the extract from the
"New India" sent with your D.O. No.
1687-1 Rel. Dated 12 May & enclose
copies of a letter received from their
Agent of her last inspection report.

Yours sincerely
H. S. Suman



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Copy of D.O. from Miss C.M. Lynch, dated 26th May 1915 to Mr. Littlehailles.

I waited for the Inspection book of the Conjeevaram school before replying to your letter. Herewith a copy of my remarks, which will show you exactly my attitude to the school. The Secretary-Sarma asked for an increase in grant and I explained to him that the school was already enjoying the maximum grant under the rules, and that no further grant could be given unless the staff was improved. I pointed out to him at the same time that he could increase his income by levying fees from the well-to-do girls and by leaving a margin of 30 or 50 per cent for poor ~~girls~~ scholars. I also reminded him that Conjeevaram being a Municipal town parents were quite willing to pay fees for their children ~~but~~ ^{and that} fees are collected both in the Government girls' school and the Mission schools. No threats whatever were used but the whole statement was twisted and turned by the Secretary evidently to serve as an advertisement and to secure the sympathy of the public. You are aware that it is quite easy to make charges against officials but that it is not so simple to refute them when once made. I may also state that this school was closed and recognition withdrawn from it in 1910 as the Secretary was accused of being seditious.

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The teaching of English has been introduced since my last visit to the school and very marked progress has been made in the time. First Aid teaching has also been attempted but it needs to be made more practical and for this purpose it is advisable that the Headmistress should obtain a certificate in First Aid.

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(Sd) C.M. LYNCH,
Inspectress of Girls' Schools,
Central Circle.

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