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TELEPHONIC MESSAGE.

From

The P. S. G.

To

The Secy to Govt. Ed Sept 11

Will you please send me a short note by 10 A.M. on Monday next on the working of the Brak's Memorial School at 0075 from the particulars of the grant made for the extension of the building. His Excellency is opening the new session and distributing prizes there on the 15th inst.

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A note is submitted below. It may be forwarded to the P. S. G.

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Educational Department.

The following is a brief history of the Breeks' Memorial School, Ootacamund:--

In or about the year 1872 a fund was raised by public subscriptions to perpetuate the memory of Mr. Breeks, the first Commissioner of the Nilgiris, and it was resolved to found a school. A school building was accordingly constructed with the subscriptions raised and with grants from the Government and the municipality. In 1874 the school was vested in four trustees and the trust deed then executed states that the school was formed "for the purpose of educating the children of the poorer European and East Indian and the more respectable native inhabitants of the place (Ootacamund) to perpetuate the memory of the

late

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opened with prayer to be followed im-
mediately by religious instruction at
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testant Christian parentage should be
required to attend. In 1901 the St.
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4. relating to daily religious instruction

had not been fulfilled. As a result of

this, the income of the Breeks' Memo-

rial school decreased and the trustees

found it impossible with the diminished

income to maintain the school; and they

resolved to close it from the 1st July

1904, unless the Government provided

funds for the payment of arrears due

and for the future working of the

school.

2. The Government were of opinion

that it was undesirable to close the

school and as the trustees had come to

the conclusion that it was impossible

to carry on the school in a satis-

factory manner in ~~XXXXX~~ accordance

with the terms of the trust, they (the

Government) decided that the trustees

should make an application under the

Charitable Endowments Act, for the

purpose of vesting the property in

the

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on page 2 of L.P. no. 388 Edl (B)
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the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments

and for settling a scheme for the

future administration of the trust.

The property subject to the trust

consisted solely of the school build-

ing and the Government came to the

conclusion that the scheme best suited

to remove the difficulties connected

with the maintenance of the Brecks'

Memorial school was to reserve it for

the purposes of a school for Europeans

and Eurasians only and to provide at

Government expense a suitable building

for a lower secondary school for

natives - Vide G.O.No.666 Educational,

dated the ~~21st~~ 22nd November 1904.

3. The trustees having submitted

the required application, a scheme for

the administration of the school was

drafted by the Government Solicitor and

published in the Fort St. George Gazette

of the 11th April 1905, with the inti-

mation that it would be taken into

consideration

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consideration on or after the 15th

May 1905, and that remarks and suggest-

ions on the scheme or for any alter-

ation therein should be submitted to

Government before that date. The

scheme provided for the Breeks' Memo-

rial school being maintained by the

Director of Public Instruction as a

school for the children of Europeans

and Eurasians only and for the esta-

blishment of another school or schools

for the education of the children of

the more respectable native inhabitants

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cational, dated the 8th April 1905.

4. Fakir Muhammad Sait and others

submitted a memorial on the 15th May

1905 objecting to the scheme. Their

(F) objections were briefly as follows:-

(1) That the funds for the

Breeks' Memorial school were provided

out of subscriptions raised from Euro-

peans and natives alike;

(2)

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(2) that the proposed scheme of management for the school introduced a racial question and left the natives out in the cold;

(3) that the natives then studying in the Breeks' school would be driven to mission schools; and

(4) that, had the trustees done their duty, ample funds would have been available for the maintenance of the school.

The Government considered that there~~x~~ was no proposal to drive the natives into the mission schools; that the school which it was proposed to open under the management of the municipality would meet all the reasonable requirements of the natives and that there was no choice between closing the Breeks' Memorial school altogether or so varying the trust as to make it applicable to Europeans only. They accordingly sanctioned the scheme -

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22nd May 1905.

5. The school was maintained as a Government institution till 1911. Meanwhile in 1910 it was observed that the school was not really a success. The D.P.I. was accordingly requested to report on the advisability of continuing the school on the then existing basis. He was of opinion that experience had proved not only the absence of any large demand in the Nilgiris for such a school but that it offered little attraction elsewhere. He did not therefore recommend the continuance of the school on the then lines. The Government concurred in this opinion of the Director and called on him to report the earliest date on which the school could be closed. Subsequently the Government resolved to cease the direct management of the school with effect from the 16th

December

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December 1911. At about that time

Mr. Robert Staines of Coonoor proposed

to form a committee for taking up the

school from the beginning of 1912 on

his being put in possession of the

property and on a grant of Rs.400 a

month being assured to him for such

time as will show whether the arrange-

ment was successful. This arrangement

was approved and a revised scheme was

also sanctioned, transferring the manage-

ment of the school to Mr. Staines's

Committee. This scheme is now in force.

6. In 1912 the Government sanctioned

a half grant of Rs.7,500 for the pur-

chase of a building for a hostel for

the school. ~~xxxx~~ This grant was supple-

mented ^{in 1913} by another of Rs.3,150 being

a moiety of the cost of extension to

the building.

7. The correspondent of the school

applied in July 1913 for a subvention

from Provincial funds for the enlarge-

ment

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enlargement of the school building by the construction of a north wing at an estimated cost of Rs.5,000. The Government agreed to have the extension executed by the P.W.D. from the special grant made by the Government of India for European education.. The reasons which weighed with the Govt. in agreeing to meet the cost of this extension from Provincial funds were as follows:--

- (1) The trust consists merely of the existing school building;
- (2) The Committee can hardly be expected to put money into a building which is not theirs.
- (3) The building for all practical purposes is at the disposal of the Government.
- (4) The Committee which is merely a body put together to work the school have no resources.

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The cost of the extension, however, rose to Rs.12,000 when the detailed plans and estimates were actually prepared. It was decided to find the excess of Rs.7,000 also from the Imperial grant for European education.

6. The average ^{number in the roll of} ~~number in the roll of~~ the school during the three years ending 1913-14 was 53, 75 and 82.

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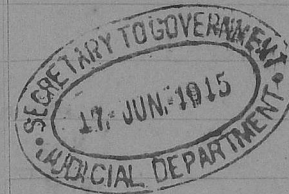
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