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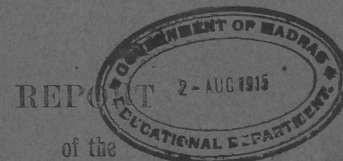
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REPORT

of the

FIRST GANJAM DISTRICT CONFERENCE

15th, 16th, 17th May 1915

BERHAMPORE

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The Honourable Rao Bahadur
Mocherla Ramachandrarau Pantulu Garu B.A. & B.L.

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Mr. Ranganathachari B. A. L. L. B.

1915

Introduction.

Though the public activities in the District can be traced to the early eighties, to a date prior to the birth of the great National Congress and though this District was the first to successfully organise a session of the Provincial Conference under the Convention rules, it had been a long standing reproach that it could not hold a District Conference. Attempts made in 1907 proved infructuous. Parochial public work is always a hard problem to take up. It has neither the glamour nor the detachment of distance to sustain it. We get callous to our immediate sufferings till the good results, achieved by work in higher spheres, filter down and open a wide vista for the dignity of labour in the lower rungs. Discontent, which is a healthy sign of progress, began to get articulate within the last few years, that we had slept too long without a District Conference and the parent institution of the moribund Congress bodies, whipped us into activity when the Congress was held last year at Madras. Misgivings were, however, expressed locally as to whether this year, in view of the horrid war, was opportune to start the Conference. Good movements can never start a day too early and with the maxim, of the sober Britisher "Business as usual" well in mind, it was resolved that no more appropriate time can be selected for the initiation of long differed organisations, than the period when the birth of a new life is presaged for the whole world, sure as the throes that have been convulsing it deep & wide.

The District Association, that has been the sponsor of the Conference, resolved on 15/3/15 to hold the 1st session of the Conference at Berhampore and the response to the circular letters for co-operation was encouraging.

Among the landed aristocracy of the District, the Maharajah of Bobbili and the Hon'ble Raja of Dharakote expressed hearty sympathy, the public of Sompot responded freely and the Chicacole Divisional association besides communicating its support suggested the President elect of the Conference, under whose guidance, the Conference achieved the success which it is pronounced to be.

Delegates

Profession	Race	Place
464 Vaitils	106 Telugus	83 Berhampore Town
40 Landholders	20 Oriyas	6 " Taluk
34 merchants	5 Mahamadans	10 Aska & Ghumsur
4 Doctors	1 Bengali	7 Chicacole taluk
3 Educationists		7 Tekkali
3 Zamindary officials		8 Sompot & Ichhapore
2 Journalists		7 Chatrapore & Ganjam
		2 Parakimidi
		2 Ganjam residents of
		Madras & Coimbatore

The provisional committee appointed by the District Association organised the Reception Committee of the Conference and fixed a fee of Rs. 5 for Reception Committee membership and of Rs. 2 for delegates.

The Reception Committee was composed of 54 members who paid in their subscriptions. No extra fee was charged from them as delegates and it is a matter for congratulation that the humble beginner in life paid as much as any veteran in public life towards the funds of the Conference.

The delegates were nominated either by the public in the mofussil or by divisional associations and the District Association, that has the charge of locally maintaining the constitution of the congress, took the further precaution, in accordance with precedent, of adopting them as its own delegates.

At a meeting of the Reception committee held on 4/4/15 under the auspicious presidency of Mr. N. Ramamurti Pantulu (the 1st Honorary Secretary of the Berhampore Association,) it was resolved that the chairmanship of the Reception Committee should be offered to Mr. N. Ramannjswamy Pantulu whose unostentatious merits & fervour of political vision mark him out as no mean leader. Not a little of the success of the Conference was due to the hearty co-operation of all classes of men in the District and the Reception Committee, to facilitate work, resolved early that the Conference should eschew all inter-racial questions which affect the Telugus or the Oriyas. Four Secretaries were selected for the Conference and six Committees—1 Accommodation 2 Resolution 3 Correspondence 4 Finance 5 Mofussil 6 Registration—were constituted to carry on its work. All the committees except the Mofussil Committee strove hard to organise the Conference at short notice.

The Conference held its sittings in the Town Hall, the 15th, 16th & 17th of May & 78 were the delegates registered besides the 54 reception committee members who were also enrolled as delegates. The representative character of the assembly will be evident from the tabular statement of the delegates hereto appended. It is a matter for satisfaction that the Hon'ble Raja of Dharakote enlisted himself as a delegate. The noteworthy feature of the Conference was the presence of distinguished visitors among whom may be mentioned, the Hon'ble Mr. Ramarayaningar of the Imperial Council, the Hon'ble Rao Bahadur B. N. Sarma, the Hon'ble Zamindar of Pelavaram,

Rao Bahadur C. V. Subrahmanyam Pantulu of Tenali, Messrs Konda Venkatappaiah Pantulu, (Guntur) Sidambi Hanamantharai Pantulu (Masula) Public Prosecutor and Govt. Pleader Mittadoddi Venkatasubbarao Pantulu (Ongole) and Babu Gopabandhudas [Puri]. The Editors of Desa Mata, Kristna Patrika, the Andhra Advocate and the Asha were also present while all the Madras Dailes sent their representatives to report the proceedings.

The weather during the Conference days was trying but the deliberations were carried on with a tenacity which speaks no little of the devotion to the cause. Mr. R.W. Davies, the Sub-Collector of Berhampore was present throughout the 2nd day of the Conference and was honoured as the representative of the King-Emperor.

The subjects discussed cover a wide range and their practical character will be apparent from the resolutions attached hereto. Speeches were delivered in three languages—English, Telugu and Oriya and it may be claimed that the tone of the speeches was maintained on a high level. A marked feature of the resolutions was that they were framed on information specially elicited from the taluks. A healthy departure was made on the suggestion of the President in the selection of the subjects committee. No delegates were shut out from the subjects committee and all of them worked, as it were, in committee.

Accommodation for the visitors and delegates was provided in the College Hostel and in the bungalows of the Raja of Shergada and the Proprietor of the Aska Sugar works. No fee was levied from delegates and visitors for boarding or accommodation and the accounts of the Conference hereto appended show with what small finance great results can be achieved in the field of public work.

The Conference has been invited to hold its sittings next year at Chicacole the former capital of the District and at present the 2nd important town. It is earnestly hoped that as long as there is a spark of genuine public spirit in the District, this noble organisation, whose aim is to focus public opinion and fearlessly voice it forth for the benefit not merely of the masses but of those who are entrusted with their charge, will carry on the light of public work to remote corners of the district and keep it on a par with the rest of the country.

The First Ganjam District Conference

Berhampore

SUNDAY 16-5-1915.

Resolution

- I. This conference humbly conveys to His Imperial Majesty, the King Emperor, the unswerving loyalty and deep devotion, to the British Throne and to the person of the King Emperor, of the people of this district, and prays for the speedy and successful termination of the war.

PUT FROM THE CHAIR

- II. This conference places on record its profound sorrow and its sense of irrepayable loss, the country has sustained, in the untimely death of the Honorable Mr. G. K. Gokhale C. I. E. and conveys to his bereaved family, and the servants of India society, its most sincere condolences.

PUT FROM THE CHAIR

- III. This conference earnestly prays that His Imperial Majesty may be graciously pleased to extend the term of the Viceroyalty of Lord Hardinge, at least till after the war.

PUT FROM THE CHAIR

- IV. This conference strongly urges the creation of village panchayet for—
1. Construction, repairs, maintenance of sources of irrigation, upkeep of drinking water-tanks and wells, and regulation of water supply.
 2. Improvement of rural sanitation and communications.
 3. Management of unreserved forest areas.

- (4.) Expansion of elementary education, and control of elementary schools.

5. Trial of petty civil and criminal cases.

Proposed by Mr. K. Narayanaswamy Sastry

B. A. B.L.

Seconded by Pandit Sri Sadasiva Vidyabhushan.

Supported by Mr. K. V. Janardanrao (Golla—
valasa.)

- V. This conference records its hearty support to the Principle of the Madras Irrigation Panchayet Bill, proposed to be introduced in the Legislative Council, by the Hon'ble Rao Bahadur M. Ramachandrarao Pantulu Garu

Proposed by Mr. S. Satyanarayana.

Seconded by Sri Padbanabbadoss of Ganjam.

- VI. a. In view of the precarious supply of water from the RushiKulya system for seed-beds and transplantation this conference suggests the necessity of supplementing the existing reservoirs by constructing one or more reservoirs at suitable places.

- b. That the reservoir 'Korokori' which was proposed for execution by the Public Works Department may be constructed at an early date.

Proposed by Mr. M. Gangaraju pantulu garu.

Seconded by Mr. P. Venkateswarlu pantulu garu.

Supported by [1] Sri Raghunatha Panda

[2] Mr. A. Ramamurty Pantulu garu,

- VII This conference strongly urges on the Government the speedy execution of the following schemes:—

- 1 Molada Tampara project; Ghodabado project.
- 2 Extension of irrigation under Koratoli, and repairs of Dolabillo Tampara, Hiradhara batti.
- 3 The repairs of Narappa batti; Jaimangala Nala, and Dusi batti.
- 4 Drainage of a series of Tamparas from Gounzu up to Ekosingi.

Proposed by Mr. G. Raghavarao pantulu,

Seconded by Sri Padbhanabha Das

Supported by 1 Sri Raghunath panda

2 T. Viswanatha Sastry

3 Mr. S. Ramamurty pantulu

4 Mr. S. Satyanarayana.

VIII a. In view of the damage resulting from the frequent floods of Nagavali, Vamsadhara, Bahuda, Rushi Kulya and Mahanadi, and the consequent danger to the person and property of the inhabitants, this conference urges the construction of strong embankments and in the case of Vamsadhara, the changing of the nose of the Bhyri Main channel from below the railway bridge at Ponnam to above it.

b. This conference further urges the desirability of constructing at different places, masonry groins or other protection works in the river Rushi Kulya from the Sunnambo Tope to the Local fund Bridge at twenty-fifth mile [Aska].

Proposed by Mr. Tumbanadham pantulu garu

B. A.

Seconded by Sri Madhusudan Panigrahi B. A.

Supported by Mr. T. Viswanadha sastry.

X In view of the large number of irrigation tanks which are out of repairs, this conference appeals to Government for adequate grants to Minor Irrigation works in this district and for the sanction of a tank restoration party.

Proposed by Mr. A. P. Patro.

Seconded by Mr. M. Kamaraju pantulu.

Supported by Mr. K. Jagannadham pantulu

X This conference urges on the attention of the Government the greatest necessity of establishing two Agricultural Demonstration farms in the district at suitable centres.

Proposed by Sri Madhusudan Narendra Mahapatra.

Seconded by Sri Chapadhar Sahu.

XI a This conference urges the necessity of opening dispensaries at the following among other centres;

1. Palasa 2. Kolala 3. Boirani 4. Bugada 5. Pattapur 6. Kukudakhundi 7. Hiramandalam, and appeals to the Zamindars, and land holders for their co-operation.

b. This conference strongly presses that the cost of the maintenance of the hospitals in Municipalities, and district head quarters be paid by the Government from provincial funds, and that a lady Apothe-

cary be attached to the hospitals at Chicacole, Aska and Russelkonda.

Proposed by Mr. C. T. Naidu garu.

Seconded by Mr. K. Baburao Naidu garu

Supported by Mr. N. Narasimhaswamy of

Paralakemidi. and Mr. Ganesh Mahapatra. B. L.

XII a In view of the imperative necessity for the spread of education, this conference suggests the establishment of elementary Schools in all important villages whose population is over 500, and incomplete secondary Schools in all Unions and Taluk head quarters and other important centres.

b This conference earnestly appeals to all Zamindars & patriotic public to encourage free elementary education by establishing primary schools in all villages and to lend their hearty support to the cause of National education.

c This conference considers that the present rules for the admission into the Inter-mediate class are unduly severe and prays for their relaxation.

d This conference urges on the government the necessity of raising the incomplete training schools in the district into secondary training schools at Berhampore and Chicacole.

Proposed by Mr. V. V. Jogiah pantulu garu.

Seconded by Mr. M. Ranganadha Chari.

Supported by Mr. Ganesh Mahapatro.

XIII a This conference requests the Government to introduce the teaching of English as an optional subject in Government Girls schools from the first form and raise the Government Girls schools at Berhampore, Chicacole, Chatrapur and Aska to the status of Lower Secondary schools, and increase the number of lady teachers.

b This conference further urges the necessity of establishment of Government Uriya Girls schools at Aska and Russelkonda,

Proposed by Mr. T. S Rama sastry.

Seconded by Mr. Madhusudan Panigrahi.

Supported by Mr. K. Baburao.

XIV a This conference urges on the Government that the cost of maintenance of trunk roads be borne from

provincial funds and that additional grant be made to local boards in the district for extension and improvement of village roads.

- b This conference protests against the abandonment of the maintenance of the trunk road from Kota Bommalu to Bendi and the opening of a toll gate at Bendi.

Proposed by Mr. V. Kameswarao Naidu garu.

Seconded by Mr. K. Baburao Naidu.

- XV This conference accords its cordial support to the Swadeshi movement, and calls upon the people to labour for its success.

Proposed by Sri Sadasiva Vidyabhushan.

Seconded by Mr. P. Pattabhiramayya.

Supported by Mr. M. Ranganadha chari.

- XVI This conference urges on the District Board the necessity of financing and constructing railways in the important parts of the district, and further supports the recent resolution of the District Board regarding the Russelkonda Gopalpur line, and the Chicacole Kalingapatnam line.

Proposed by Mr. T. Venkatakrishniah.

Seconded by Mr. Nalam Padbhanabam chetti.

Supported by 1. Mr. G. Gopalaswamy,

2. Mr. T. Viswanadhasastry.

3. Mr. A. P. Patro.

4. Mr. V. V. Jogiah.

Opposed by Sri Sasibhushan Rath, Mr. J. V.

Naryanah. Carried by 34 against 3.

- XVII This conference views with dis-appointment the recent resolution of the Government of India of local self Government, and earnestly urges on the Government

- a That it is desirable to appoint non-official presidents for the Taluk Boards in the district, and to establish a Taluk Board at Parlakemidi

- b That in view of the supreme necessity of municipal bodies undertaking town improvement schemes, all vacant sites, road and Government Porambokes within municipal limits, be vested in Municipalities and that the incomes derived from their disposal be allowed to be appropriated to municipal funds

- c That in view of the fact that the present income of municipalities and local boards is hardly sufficient to meet their ordinary charges, this conference earnestly prays that the Government may be pleased to supplement municipal and local boards' resources by transferring Abkari revenues within municipal and local board limits to local bodies.

- d That the proposed qualifications for voters' and candidates in municipalities and Taluk Boards are unnecessarily high.

Proposed by Mr. P. Venkateswarlu pantulu.

Seconded by Mr. B. Jagannadha das pantulu.

Supported by Mr. A. Thummanadham pantulu.

- XVIII This conference urges on the trustees of temples, mutts, and temple-committees, the necessity of devoting a portion of their income to the institution and upkeep of sanskrit schools.

Proposed by Mr. Viswanadha Brahma of

Kallikota

Seconded by Babu Gopabandhu das B.L. Puri.

- XIX This conference urges on the Government the absolute necessity of publishing in the district gazette district administration reports in all branches and important orders and appeals strongly that Government officials should arrange regular conferences to ascertain the grievances of the people.

Proposed by Mr. M. S. Panigrahi.

Seconded by Mr. V. V. Jogiah.

- XX This conference presses on the attention of the Government the formation of village pasture lands especially in villages where they were otherwise appropriated by the Government.

Proposed by Mr. A. P. Patro.

Seconded by Mr. K. Jagannadham pantulu of
Sompetta.

- XXI This conference urges on the Government the necessity for opening of well equipped weaving and dyeing schools at Beihampore and Chicacole.

PUT FROM THE CHAIR,

- XII This conference prays that a veterinary assistant

be appointed for the Chicacole division.

PUT FROM THE CHAIR.

- XXIII This conference is strongly of opinion that irrigation canal system be extended to Sompeta and Tekkali Taluks.

Proposed by Mr. K. Jagannadham.

Seconded by Mr. P. pattabhiramayya.

- XXIV This conference prays that, in view of the inconvenience caused by the grouping of the villages in the present constitution of the Chatrapur Taluk, the following villages may be excluded from it.—
Konchuru, Kontiakolli, Bhodakhondi, Gopinathapur, Samarjolu, Saru, Koitikondi. Hingilli, etc and the Kudala magistrate's head-quarters be at Purushottapur as before.

Proposed by Mr. Gonesh Mahapatro.

Seconded by Mr. S. Satyanaraina pantulu.

- XXV This conference resolves to hold its second sitting at Chicacole.

Mr. T. Viswanadhasastry on behalf of Chicacole invites the conference to Chicacole.

- XXVI Vote of thanks to the president and to the guests.

Proposed by Mr. A. V. Subbarau pantulu.

Seconded by Mr. Gonesh Mahapatro



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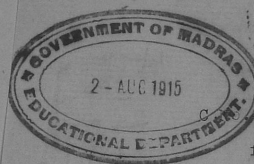
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For the U.S.

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2. The resolutions relate principally to the Revenue, P.W.D.(I), Local and Municipal, and Educational Departments. A copy of the Report may therefore be sent u.o. to each of these Departments. An extract of Resolution XI may also be sent to Public (Medical).

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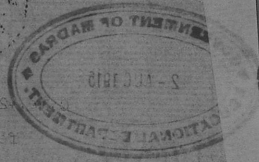
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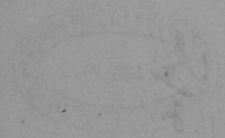
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