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His Excellency the Governor's tour.

Recording notes Connected with
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at the opening of the Madanapalle Col
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OOTACAMUND.

29th June 1915.

Dear Mr. Rajagopalachari,

I am sending herewith a copy of the statement which Mrs. Annie Besant will read at the opening of the Madampalle College building. Will you please let me have a note, for His Excellency's perusal, as to why the building grant applied for was refused, together with any further particulars about the institution which might be useful?

Yours sincerely,

The Hon'ble

Diwan Bahadur P. Rajagopalachariar Avl., C.I.E.,
Secretary to Government, Educational Dept.,
Stonehouse Hill, Ootacamund.

May it please Your Excellency,

This School was founded in 1833 by Mr.O.T. Sarma, a Theosophist, and has been carried on since 1888 by Mr.Giri Rao, the present Headmaster and correspondent, who for more than 20 years, at great self-sacrifice, managed to support it. Mr.Ernest Wood was sent by me in 1911 as Superintendent, and he built the Laboratory, Hall, Dormitory, etc., and since he became the Secretary of our Educational Trust, he has managed to collect the money for the whole of the building, which Your Excellency is good enough to open to-day. Our request to the Education Department for a building grant for the College was not fortunate enough to meet with success, so the whole work has been done by voluntary gifts from the public.

While seeking to give full intellectual instruction to our students, we lay even more stress on the building of character, and of strong and healthy bodies. Hence we give religious and moral training to our boys, believing that morality needs a religious basis for its compelling power. We teach the boys the religion of their parents, for we consider that a boy should be instructed in his family faith, leaving to his maturity all controversial questions. We find that the training given enables us to dispense with punishments, while maintaining discipline.

Much time is given to games and athletics, in which the teachers and students take part.

We hope thus to train up boys in piety and morality, with strong bodies and cultured minds, to be useful servants of the Motherland and loyal citizens of the Empire.

I request Your Excellency to declare these buildings open.

Annie Besant.

Educational Department.

No papers are traceable in the Secretariat on the subject of giving a building grant to the Manchester high school. Perhaps the application was dispatched by the D.S. himself without submitting it to Govt. He may, if it is submitted, be requested ^{by the school} to state why the building grant applied for was refused.

2. The Director may also be requested to forward for the perusal of Govt. and return, the ^{inspecting} reports for the past ^{three} years.

3. He may be requested to treat this reference as especially urgent.

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The Managing Committee was informed by the Director that their application for building grant would not be considered at present on account of lack of funds. In this connection reference is directed to the Director's letter to Government No. 4352/14 dated 26 May 1915.

Inspection reports for the years 1911-12, 1913-14, 1914-15 are herewith submitted. The report for 1912-13 has not been traced in the office.

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Educational Department.

There is no information available in regard to the early history of the institution beyond what is stated in the address.

Strength of the school.--The institution has forms I to VI and also the fourth class. The number of pupils on the rolls *during* the last three years was as follows:--

Year	Strength.
1912-13	170
1913-14	188
1914-15	255

Finance.--The total expenditure of the school during the years 1912-13 and 1913-14 and the sources from which it was met are shown below:--

<u>Total</u> <u>expenditure.</u>	<u>Government</u> <u>grants.</u>	<u>Income from</u> <u>fees, endowments &c.</u>	<u>Contribution by</u> <u>the management.</u>
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
10,098	2,987	4,659	2,452
14,597	3,451	4,797	6,349

Accommodation.--In his note above the Director of Public Instruction explains the reason why the application for a building grant for the college was not considered. In his letter disposed of in G.O.No.165 Educational, dated the 15th 12

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February 1915, the Director of Public Instruction brought to notice that the total amount ^{involved} ~~exceeded~~ in the building grant applications already sanctioned far exceeded the total grant available in the current year and ^{that} the liability would be carried forward ^{to} the next year also. He therefore recommended that sanction might be held in abeyance in respect of applications pending with the Government. With a slight modification this proposal was accepted by the Government. The chief object in taking this step was not to raise expectations in ~~the~~ managers by sanctioning grants which the Government ^{would} ~~was~~ ^{be} not able to meet. As regards subsequent applications, the Director himself, in view of the above state of affairs, has apparently been rejecting them. The application on behalf of the Madanapalle school shared a similar fate.

^{School}
The building is stated to be excellent and well situated with a large play ground. In the Inspection report of 1913-14 it was observed that rooms for special objects, a teacher's retiring room and a room for drawing, were wanted and that

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Sanskrit and Hindustani classes, which had been held in sheds, had to be housed in more substantial buildings. The report for the subsequent year (1914-1915) showed that steps had been taken for the construction of a block of buildings parallel to the existing school buildings and applications for grant had been made in respect of it. Apparently it is this block of buildings which His Excellency is now to open.

From the papers connected with the affiliation of the Madanapalle College it appears that it was originally intended to utilize a portion of the existing buildings for college purposes and to build a new block for the dislodged classes as also for other objects the need for which had been felt. This decision seems to have been since altered and the proposal to take over the school rooms for college classes has been abandoned. The ~~new~~ block which consists of three large lecture rooms (for Mathematics, for English, and for History and Logic) two class rooms, a large library and reading room, together with smaller buildings such as a common room, is now mainly intended for the proposed college

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college. The construction of large physical and chemical laboratories has also been started with the object of affiliating the proposed college in science branches of the Intermediate examination; but as the syndicate demanded that a fully equipped building and laboratory should be ready before the application was made, the proposal to apply for affiliation in the science branches has been deferred for the present. It is not known whether the new block which is to be opened by His Excellency includes the laboratories also and whether these buildings are ready now.

The total cost of these new buildings was estimated at Rs.17,500.

It may be noted that a Government building has been leased to the school. The Director of Public Instruction has recently recommended that the lease should be extended for another twenty years and the question is separately under consideration in the Public Works Department. It is not clear for what purpose this building is being used.

Hostel.- It is observed that there is a boarding house attached to the school. In his last

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(This has been sent to P.W.D.)

Let this be obtained and sent to P.W.D.

As the file is in the office of P.W.D. it is being sent to the P.W.D. and the file will be forwarded to P.W.D. on receipt.

last inspection report (for 1914-15) the Inspector (Mr. Hobday) remarked as follows:---

"A large room has been built ~~xxx~~ on the second storey. When the walls are plastered this room together with the old dormitory will afford accommodation for fifty students. The arrangements for supervision and cooking are satisfactory".

Library and teachers' and pupils' associations.-

The Inspector remarked that a very large number of books had been added to the library, that the various associations connected with the school were doing useful work and that a good room 18' x 18' had been set apart as library and reading room.

General.- The remarks by the Inspector on the supervision of the school do not seem to be very complimentary. The following have been recorded by the Inspector during 1913-14 and 1914-15:--

"The organization and supervision of the work by the Headmaster and his chief assistants need to be greatly improved".

"There is still room for improvement in the supervision. The chief science teacher is the only one who seems to be doing something useful in this direction".

There is a proposal to open college classes in the institution - place see note on the address to be presented to His Excellency the Governor by the

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I am respectfully
submitting the file sheet
the application of
the Madanapalle College.

P. S. G. Leo

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Returned with a copy of His Excellency's
speech on the occasion of opening the Theosophical
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Mrs.Besant and Gentlemen,

It has given me great pleasure to have had this opportunity of inspecting the School and College premises this morning and to have seen by personal inspection what good work is being done here by the Management, the teaching staff and the pupils. It must be a matter for satisfaction to all concerned that the School should have been developed so rapidly and so successfully, and I congratulate Mr.Ernest Wood and Mr.Giri Rao upon the success which has attended their efforts of recent years in this connection.

I was able this morning to announce the decision of the Government to accord the desired affiliation to the Madras University, and I am glad to think that my visit to this district has occurred so opportunely and that I find myself among the first to salute the institution by its new title of College. Mrs.Besant has emphasised, in the remarks which she has just made, the importance of developing not merely the Intellect but the character and the physique of the boys, and I think that now-a-days few will be found to dissent from her view. With a training based

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upon these lines and an institution so thoroughly equipped as this will be for imparting instruction, we may well anticipate the best results. I desire to associate myself most heartily with Mrs. Besant's hope that there may be trained up useful servants of India and loyal citizens of the Empire.

I have now much pleasure in declaring the new buildings open, and will only add my very best wishes for the future development and prosperity of the Madanapalle Theosophical College.

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