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[Despatch Abstract.]

Address.

Recording notes on the ——— presented to His Excellency
the Governor in connection with the laying of the foundation stone
of the Kawaiikudi High School.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S TOUR, 1916.

Extract of an address to be presented on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of the Karaikkudi High School.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.— We, the members of the Sree Meenakshi-sundareswara Vidyasala Association, Karaikkudi, beg most respectfully to offer our heartiest welcome to Your Excellency on this occasion of Your Excellency's first and ever-memorable visit to the Chettinad.

"We cannot adequately express our deep feelings of anxiety and concern about the titanic struggle which has been convulsing about three continents for the past two years and more. We eagerly look forward, almost every hour to the success of the allies, fully trusting in the justice of their cause and in the increasing strength of their arms. We are sure and we pray to God that this war of 'right against might', of 'civilization against barbarism' will soon end in victory for the allies.

"Before requesting Your Excellency to perform the pleasant function of the morning, we beg to acquaint Your Excellency with a few details about our vidyasala which has got on successfully these four years and more. We must confess that education is backward in these parts and as our popular Collector observed 'our school has supplied a long-felt want as there is no similar institution within a considerable radius.' Funds were first raised to the extent of Rupees 55,000 and the present school came into existence in the year 1913. From small beginnings and from the position of a purely vernacular school it has now risen to a popular incomplete secondary school with the third form as its highest under the management of a registered committee of thirteen directors. The school was recognized by the department only in June last and though its strength is 200 at present we are fully confident of a big complete high school here within the next three years, as Karaikkudi is the centre of the Chettinad.

"It is a source of much gratification to think of the initial help rendered to our school by Mr. M. T. T. V. Vellayan Chettiyar Avargal, our Secretary, who subscribed a sum of Rs. 15,000. It is due to Mr. A. V. P. L. Chidambaram Chettiyar Avargal, our Vice-President, who has come forward with a generous gift of over half a

lakh of rupees towards the construction of a building for the school, that we are able to meet here today under such auspices and take part in this grand function. We hope that with similar generous help from the other members of the community the prospect of a residential college here will at no distant date be an accomplished fact.

"We consider Your Excellency's visit as a happy augury for the prosperity of our school and we hope and pray that Your Excellency's Government will guide us and foster this young and rising institution.

"With these few lines we beg Your Excellency may be pleased to lay the foundation stone for this—our vidyasala."

Secretariat note.

HOME DEPARTMENT (EDUCATION).

No specific request is made to Government in the address. The institution having been recognized only last June, there is no information in the office about its status and financial condition. Submitted that the Director of Public Instruction may be requested to furnish any information that he may have about the school for the use of His Excellency the Governor.

E.A.V.—31-8-16.

N.K.—31-8-16.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—31-8-16.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—31-8-16.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The school has not yet been inspected and I have nothing but the papers relating to the recognition. The reasons for granting this were—

(1) The school had financial backing.

(2) It had a prospect of a good building being provided (since realized).

(3) It was a Nattukkottai Chetti venture in a Nattukkottai Chetti centre.

It was managed by a strong registered committee with well drawn-up articles of association.

It was provided with a satisfactory staff and in general there seemed every prospect of its developing into a good school. At the time of application for recognition last April there were only 82 pupils so that the strength has more than doubled.

J. H. STONE—4-9-16.

Home Dept: (Ed.)

Three copies of a printed note on the address to be presented to H. E. the President on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of the Karnataka High School are placed below. Submitted that they may be forwarded w/o to the P. S. G.

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Mr. Subramania Ayyar and Members of the Viayasala Association
of Karaikudi.

Let me first thank you for the loyal references which you have made to the struggle in which the Empire and its Allies are engaged. It is sometimes said that the magnitude of this contest and the importance of the issues involved are insufficiently realised in this country. That I have not found to be the case in the Chettinad. The addresses I have received on my tour fully recognise the gravity of the struggle and have also I am glad to say evinced a quiet assurance which I share that though the struggle may be prolonged the issue is not in doubt and that our cause will triumph and that completely.

I have listened with great interest to the history of this School and sincerely congratulate you on the deserved success which has rewarded your enterprise and the generosity of its benefactors. I understand that the strength of the School has more than doubled since it applied for recognition in April last, a convincing proof that it has met a great want and that in a manner which has commended itself to the inhabitants of this place. We are met here today to put the seal of permanency on the work so successfully accomplished and it is a great pleasure to me to take part in this ceremony and to lay the foundation stone of the buildings in which thanks to the generosity of Mr. Chidambaram Chettiar this School will find a fitting and abiding home. Our grateful recognition is due to him for his enlightened desire to help the cause of education here and I share your hopes that this institution will justify the support it has received and may in due time acquire even higher status and thus meet in still large measure the aspirations of students in this place.

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