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[Despatch Abstract.]

Miss Buchanan

Recording papers relating to
the application of — for
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Office of the Educational Commissioner
with the Government of India.
Delhi, 8th March, 1916.



My dear Dewan Bahadur,

I am sending you a copy of a letter from the Agent to the Governor-General in Central India, together with the application and certificates of Miss Buchanan. I thought that it was just possible that some Local Government might desire to employ Miss Buchanan, if they knew about her. If there is any idea of employing her, I would suggest that communications on the subject be addressed direct to the Agent of the Governor-General in Central India in the first instance. Of course if the appointment is one requiring special sanction, reference might have to be made afterwards to the Government of India.

I am,

Yours Sincerely,

W. Sharpe

The Hon. Dewan Bahadur P. Rajagopalachariar, C. I. E.,

MADRAS.

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Copy of D. O. No. 477-D, dated the 26th February, 1916,
from the Hon. Mr. O. V. Bosanquet, C. S. I., C. I. E.,
Agent to the Govr.-General, Indore, to the Hon. Mr.
H. Sharp, C. S. I., C. I. E.

I enclose an application from a Miss Buchanan who is anxious to devote herself to female education in India. She is the daughter of a Canadian Missionary in this Agency, whom I have known since 1899 and can vouch for as doing most excellent work among the Bhils, and it was at my suggestion that she is applying to you direct, instead of to one of the Directors of Public Instruction with Local Governments, as hers is rather a special case and I am in hopes that you may be prepared to put her in the way of using her energies to the best advantage, knowing as you do what channels are open to her. It seemed to me that in applying to a Local Government she might get side-tracked when she might be much better employed.

Her letter explains her qualifications and ambitions: and though I cannot speak of her personally, not having seen her since she was a child, I have the authority of one of the ladies of the Mission, on whose judgment I place great reliance, for saying that she is as nice as she is clever. Her parents had always hoped that she would join the Mission, but she feels that their line is not exactly hers.

There must be lots of openings in her field of work, and though I do'nt want to worry you I hope you will be able to do something for her.

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Copy of application from Miss Buchanan.

I have been advised to apply to you for a position in one of the Government schools. I have for some time been interested in the education of Indian girls, and should like to be engaged in it.

My father and mother are missionaries in the Canadian Presbyterian Mission. I was born in Ujjain and brought up in India till I was fourteen years old - with the exception of four years spent in Canada when my parents were on furlough. Mother taught us mostly at home. I can still read and speak simple Hindi.

On reaching Canada in 1908 I entered the second form in the High school. In 1910, I matriculated with a scholarship for general proficiency. In the fall of the same year I entered Queen's University, Kingston, Canada, on a Moderns Course. My course included:- French 4 years, German 3 years, Latin 2 years, English 2 years, History 2 years, Mathematics 1 year, Animal Biology 1 year. During my last year at College I was Vice-President of the Ladies' Residence. In 1914, I graduated from Queen's with a B. A. "Specialist" (in Moderns) degree and the Gold medal in French.

The following year I attended the Normal School at Saskatoon, Canada. Our course there was practical as well as theoretical. I was granted Interim Public School and High School First class certificates. They are made permanent by teaching successfully one year in Western Canada. I am enclosing copies of these certificates.

During the summer vacations of my last two years at College and after graduating I went West and taught in ungraded rural schools. It was on the prairie I found I liked teaching.

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After leaving Normal School I supplied for two months in the Battleford High school. There I taught all the history, some English and one class in Mathematics. My salary was 100 dollars a month, and the School Board asked me to return the next fall.

My brother's sudden illness at Salisbury Plains, however, took me to England immediately, and from there I came on to my parents in India. I had been planning for some time to do this in the hope of entering educational work here. Since my return last September I have refused five positions in mission schools because I preferred to work under the government. I think it was the chapter on 'Education' in Sir Valentine Chirol's "Indian Unrest" that first made me think seriously of teaching in India. I think the work is so worth while and I would like to try what I can.

...the Department of Education of the Province of Saskatchewan for First Class ...
...the thirty-first day of May, 1915.
...this certificate is valid for the purpose of admission to the ...
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(M) Walter Scott
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Copy of Certificates.

Interim High School Certificate.

It is hereby certified that Ruth Colvin Buchanan having complied with the conditions respecting academic qualification and professional training as prescribed in the Regulations of the Department of Education of the Province of Saskatchewan governing High schools and Collegiate Institutes has been awarded an Interim High School Certificate valid until the thirtieth day of June, 1916.

Dated at Regina this eighteenth day of May, 1915.

Registered No. 38-15.

Countersigned

(Sd) R. F. Blacklock

(Registrar)

(Sd) Walter Scott

(Minister of Education)

Interim First Class Certificate.

It is hereby certified that Ruth Colvin Buchanan having complied with the conditions respecting academic qualification and professional training as prescribed by the Department of Education of the Province of Saskatchewan for First Class teachers, has been awarded an Interim First Class Certificate valid until the thirtieth day of June, 1916.

Dated Regina this eighteenth day of ^{May} ~~June~~ 1915.

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(Sd) R. F. Blacklock.

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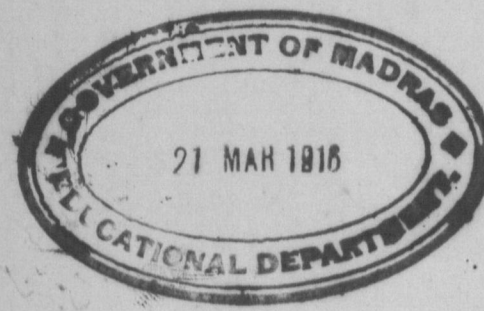
The D.I.D. may be asked w.o. to state if he could employ Miss Buchanan in the Educational Department in this Presidency.

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In the first place I note that Miss Buchanan writes that I must call Canadian and working for. If she were employed in this Presidency she might of course learn English. Her academic qualification would seem to qualify for an assistant professor's post in the Women's College but I have in view a better applicant. I shall be glad to report Miss Buchanan as a second string for this post with of course a pay of Rs 200 however. In writing her letter again I find that the Canadian is wrongly in the last sentence.

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