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[Despatch Abstract.]

Wesleyan Mission High School, Negapatana

Recording a note on the ———
prepared for the use of H.E. the
Governor on the occasion of the
laying of the foundation stone
of an additional building for the
School.

Statement to be read at the Laying of the Foundation Stone for an additional building of the Wesleyan Mission High School, Negapatam. ✓

The Wesleyan Mission High School has been in existence for nearly a century, having been established in 1823 as one of the earliest institutions in this part of the country for giving English education to Indian boys. Negapatam was the scene of the first labours in South India of the Wesleyan Missionaries, who preached here in January 1817 on their way from Jaffna to Madras, and their successors have ever since carried on educational work in the town and in the villages around, thus contributing largely towards the present high standard of education.

2. After the removal of St. Joseph's College from this town to Trichinopoly in 1883, this school was raised to the rank of a Second Grade College with the Rev. W. H. Findlay, M.A., as Principal. As Negapatam however proved an unsuitable centre for the College classes, they were closed in 1895, and two years later removed to Mamargudi, where they have been much more successful and have developed into the present Findlay College, recently raised to the First Grade.

3. The School has educated many who are now occupying leading positions in the town and throughout the Presidency, its most distinguished pupil having been the late Diwan Bahadur M. Subramanyam, formerly Administrator-General to the Government of Madras. Its aim has been to provide a sound English education on Christian lines for boys of the town and neighbourhood. While due attention is given to intellectual development, our chief efforts are devoted to the training of character.

4. For the last seven years the institution has been in charge of a European Principal who has been able to devote his whole time to the work of the School and its Branches. At present the staff consists of 26 well qualified teachers, and there are 420 scholars on the rolls. A new Branch School has this year been opened in Nagore at the earnest request of the leading men there. It already contains 40 boys and is now held in a new building erected on land very generously given by Mr. D. Krishna Pillai, a former pupil of

the High School. This is the first Secondary School established in Nagore and we trust that it will prove a centre of light and learning for the large Muhammadan population.

In the main School there are now 320 boys, but the present building erected about 30 years ago accommodates only the four highest forms, and the lower classes after occupying for several years various rented buildings, not very suitable for educational purposes, are now held in temporary sheds in the School compound. The two storied additional building to be erected on this site will provide six class-rooms, which are very urgently needed. The total cost is estimated at Rs.17,610, towards which Government has sanctioned a half grant of Rs.8,805, and the balance will be met from the Twentieth Century Fund of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society.

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WESLEYAN MISSION HIGH SCHOOL,

NEGAPATAM.

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MANAGEMENT.

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About the year 1820 small schools were established by the Wesleyan Missionary Society and they gradually developed into the present high school. Between 1883 and 1895 the institution was a second grade college, but in the latter year the college classes were transferred to the Mannargudi High School now developed into the Findlay College, Mannargudi, and^{recently} affiliated to the University of Madras in group (v) of the B.A. degree courses.

2. The school is managed by the Reverend R. Smailes, M.A., who devotes his full time to the work of the school and its branches. He is also the Principal of the institution.

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tables for 1914-15.
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STRENGTH.

3. The strength of the school on
the 31st March 1915 was 361 as shown below:

Infant class	57
First ..	30
Second ..	42
Third ..	48
Fourth ..	48
First form	32
Second ..	27
Third ..	29
Fourth ..	18
Fifth ..	14
Sixth ..	16
Total	361

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STAFF.

4. On the date of inspection in
(exclusive of the branch and primary
November 1914, the high school) had on its

staff, besides the European Principal,
five B.As. of whom three had taken the
L.T. degree, two First in Arts men, two
Matriculates and one Pandit in addition to
the drawing, shorthand and drill
instructors. The Inspector of Schools
remarked in his report for 1914-15--

"The high school department is well
"staffed, now, and the middle school
"department is very fair; but the
"primary department is still weak in
"staff."

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FINANCES.

5. The school is aided with Government grants. The following statement gives the receipts and expenditure of the school for the last three years:--

	Receipts				Expendi- ture.
	Provincial funds.	Fees.	Endowments	Other sources	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1912-13	4,890 ✓	4,855 ✓	9 ✓	6,069 ✓	15,823 ✓
1913-14	5,390 ✓	4,807 ✓	9 ✓	5,824 ✓	16,030 ✓
1914-15	4,438 ✓	4,877 ✓	9 ✓	4,048 ✓	13,372 ✓

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Public Instruction
Reports, Vol. II.

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In his last inspection report, the Inspector remarked that the fees were mostly below standard rates in the several classes and that as a Mission school its financial position might be considered satisfactory.

BUILDINGS.

6. The school is now held in three separate buildings--

(1) the present high school building holds the four ~~highest~~ highest forms,

(2) the building about three furlongs

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furlongs away from it accommodates the five classes of the branch school, and

(3) a large ^{thatched} ~~lashed~~ in the high school compound holds the lower classes.

In May 1912, the authorities of the school proposed to erect a two storey building with three rooms on each storey.

The three rooms in the upper storey will be occupied by Forms III, IV and V and of the three lower rooms one will be set apart for one **division** of the

I Form, another for a drawing class and the third for the writer's and Principal's offices. It was also thought that two at least of the primary school classes could be brought into the existing building and ^{that} the remaining primary classes should continue in sheds until the Mission was in a position to purchase the adjoining site and add a wing to the new building.

7. The new building to be constructed was ^{at first} ~~estimated~~ to cost

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LIBRARY.

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Rs. 14,300 and the Government sanctioned a half grant of Rs. 7,150. On a subsequent representation from the school authorities that the estimated cost of the building exceeds the original estimate by Rs. 3,310 in consequence of the increase in prices of materials and labour, the grant was raised to Rs. 8,805. It is this building, the foundation stone of which His Excellency the Governor is invited to lay.

8. Except a few Christian boarders residing in the Mission boarding establishment, all students reside either with their parents, guardians or near relatives.

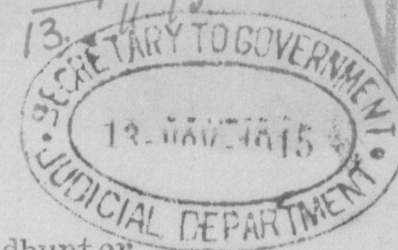
9. The school library contains a little over 1200 volumes and is said to be very fairly used by both the teachers and pupils.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
MADRAS.

13th November 1915.

My dear Todhunter,

I am sending herewith copy of a statement to be read at the laying of the foundation stone of an additional building of the Wesleyan Mission High School, Negapatam. Will you please let me have a short note on the School by the 20th November? The note need not be printed.

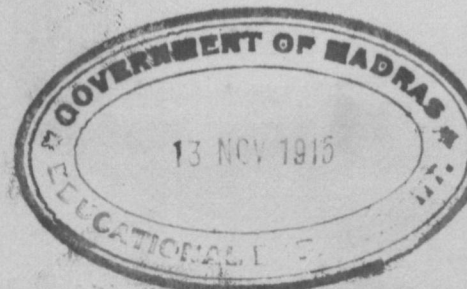
Yours sincerely,

H. H. Stokes

Att sent at once

13.11.15

The Hon'ble Mr.C.G.Todhunter, I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government, Educational Dept.,
Fort St.George.



Educational Department

A note on the Wesleyan Mission high school, Negapatam, is placed below. Submitted that it may be forwarded to the P.S.G. u.o. with reference to his d.o. on the previous page.

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