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*Extract from an address to be presented to
His Excellency the Governor by the
Musalmans of North Arcot.*

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"3. Knowing, as we do, the deep
"personal interest that Your Excellency
"takes in educational matters, may we
"submit for Your Excellency's consider-
"ation some of our more pressing edu-
"cational requirements. Our Arabic
"schools and colleges are sadly in need
"of assistance to improve their accom-
"modation and equipment and we request
"that in consideration of the educational
"functions that they fulfil by fighting
"ignorance and prejudice and adding to
"the elements of stability in the com-
"monwealth, Your Excellency will be
"pleased to extend to them at least that
"much of aid which is offered to Sanskrit
"schools and colleges. We keenly feel
"the absence of a Muhammadan Training
"school in our district to train our masters
"and until such an institution comes into
"being, our elementary schools cannot
"hope to satisfy the conditions laid down
"in the educational rules as regards the
"teaching staff. Your Excellency is
"doubtless aware that Muhammadan
"schools do not at present profit by
"departmental supervision and guidance
"to the same extent as Hindu schools do
"and we request that Your Excellency
"will be pleased to narrow the extent
"over which the Muhammadan Inspecting
"officers have to exercise jurisdiction,
"and to give our district a separate
"officer of at least the Sub-Assistant Ins-
"pector's grade who may devote himself
"entirely to the supervision and expan-
"sion of Muhammadan elementary
"schools in our midst. The impression
"is gaining ground that that portion of
"the special advantages such as grants
"and subsidies, so graciously offered from
"time to time by Your Excellency's
"Government, to which the Musalmans
"in the district may fairly lay claim does
"not fall to their share; and having
"regard to the imperative needs of the
"community, we most respectfully beg
"Your Excellency to be pleased to issue
"such orders as may be necessary to
"ensure to it a just and equitable allot-
"ment. We may, in this connection, beg
"to urge on Your Excellency's attention
"the suggestion so often put forward by
"the community that, following the

"arrangement now obtaining as regards
 "European education, a special officer
 "may be appointed to look after Muham-
 "madan education throughout the Pro-
 "vince, and that the subordinate inspect-
 "ing agency now employed in connection
 "with Muhammadan schools be placed
 "directly under him. It is our firm
 "conviction that until this is done
 "Muhammadan education will not be able
 "to avail itself to the fullest extent possi-
 "ble of the spirit of self-help and self-
 "reliance which so largely pervades the
 "community in the district, nor get the
 "benefit due to the generosity and assist-
 "ance proceeding from the Government.

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Collector's remarks.

3. There are no Sanskrit schools in this district. The Brahman community numbers about 34,000 and the Musalman community about 118,000.

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The establishment of a Normal school in this district is a step I am personally strongly in favour of, but I have not yet had an opportunity of discussing the scheme with the Inspector of schools. A statement put up by this office shows a total of 55 trained Muhammadan teachers for this district against 90 untrained. I have alluded to this problem in my notes on the District Board address and its enclosures.

I think also that this district has a reasonable claim to the appointment of a sub-assistant inspector for Muhammadan schools. The head-quarters of the sub-assistant inspector is at present at Trichinopoly and he is only able to exercise a very cursory supervision over Muhammadan elementary education in North Arcot. A temporary sub-assistant inspector on Rs. 75 is stationed at Vellore, with jurisdiction over the districts of North Arcot, Chittoor and Cuddapah. His charge is, I think, too large for effective control.

The appointment of a special officer for the Presidency to look after Muhammadan education is not a matter for a district officer to comment on. There is a strong feeling among some Muhammadans that the higher appointments in the Educational Service are a Brahman "preserve" and that Brahmanic influence is detrimental to the development of the Muhammadan community.

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Secretariat Note.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Grants to and encouragement of Arabic schools and colleges.—It is not known whether any distinction is made between Sanskrit and Arabic institutions as regards the distribution of the Government grants and subsidies. In this connection attention is invited to the Director of Public Instruction's letter printed with G.O. No. 1092, Educational, dated the 10th December 1912, which gives a classification of the Arabic institutions. Three classes are mentioned therein, the Quran schools, the Arabic colleges, and the intermediate institutions midway between the colleges and the Quran schools. As regards the first, the Director observed that the schools existed for purely religious purposes and that the policy of the department had been to encourage them to add to their course subjects of general education and thus to become eligible for recognition and aid. The application to the Government of India for special grant for Muhammadan education included provision for the improvement of these schools. It has to be considered, on receipt of the Director of Public Instruction's proposals for the utilization of the Imperial grant of Rs. 30,000 sanctioned by India, how far this grant should be used for the purpose of these institutions.

As regards the colleges, the Director's opinion was that they were of the nature of theological colleges, that they should first secure the recognition of the University as places in which candidates might be prepared for oriental titles in Arabic or Persian, and that the question of a grant-in-aid for each such institution should be considered on their merits after recognition by the University.

The intermediate institutions could, in the Director's opinion, be treated in the same way as the Sanskrit schools.

It will thus be seen that the Arabic institutions which are fit for recognition, are being treated in the same way as Sanskrit schools in respect of grant-in-aid. The unfit ones have only to be developed to render them fit for recognition and aid.

2. *Training school in the North Arcot district for Muhammadans.*—There is at present, for the whole of the Presidency, only one permanent Government lower elementary training school for Muhammadans in which Urdu is the medium of

Letter to the Government of India No. 88, dated the 20th January 1914.

Vide G.O. No. 1053, Educational, dated the 10th September 1914.

Vide Director of Public Instruction's letter printed with G.O. No. 1092, Educational, dated the 10th December 1912.

Page 2 of G.O. No. 703, Educational, dated
12th June 1914.

instruction; this is situated in Madras. In view of the great demand for higher elementary teachers, temporary arrangements have been made in this school for training students of the higher elementary grade also. In May last the Director of Public Instruction brought to notice that this school did not adequately meet the requirements of the north, where there were many untrained Muhammadan teachers, and suggested the opening of a temporary training school for Muhammadans at Guntur for 20 months from the 1st September 1914. This was approved in G.O. No. 736, Educational, dated the 23rd June 1914. The Collector states that there are 90 untrained Muhammadan teachers in the North Arcot district. It is not understood why all of them should not be trained in the two schools referred to above. The Director of Public Instruction may be asked to consider and report on the point in due course.

3. *Appointment of a separate sub-assistant inspector for the Muhammadan schools in the North Arcot district.*—There are at present four permanent and two temporary sub-assistant inspectors for Muhammadan schools, besides the three in charge of the Mappilla schools. The two temporary sub-assistantships were created only in 1912 after a careful examination of the whole question of Muhammadan education and of the needs caused by its recent expansion. Separate proposals for the general strengthening of the inspecting agency are now under consideration; these include provision for additions to the inspecting staff of Muhammadan schools, viz., another sub-assistant and another supervisor. In the application submitted to the Government of India for a recurring Imperial grant of Rs. 58,400 for Muhammadan education, an amount of Rs. 3,300 was included for this sub-assistant and supervisor. The Government of India having sanctioned only a grant of Rupees 30,000, it is not known whether it will be possible to utilize therefrom the whole or a portion of the amount needed for the additional inspecting staff. In any case it is likely that this establishment will be sanctioned in the near future. Though it is not possible to say that the North Arcot district will have a separate sub-assistant to itself, as requested in the address, it is likely that, with the redistribution of charges which would take place, the district would benefit by getting more of inspection.

Paragraph 6 of Letter No. 88, Educational,
dated 20th January 1914.

G.O. No. 1053, Educational, dated 10th
September 1914.

Vide Statement No. (108) on page 85 of Volume II of Public Instruction report for 1913-14.

Vide statement No. (112) on page 87 *ibid.*

G.O. No. 1053, Educational, dated the 10th September 1914.

Paragraph 4 of G.O. No. 404, Educational, dated the 10th May 1912.

Paragraph 3 of letter No. 88, Educational, dated the 20th January 1914.

Page 13 of papers in G.O. No. 699, Educational, dated the 12th June 1914.
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4. *Grants and subsidies.*—It does not seem to be correct to say that the grants and subsidies distributed by the Government on account of education did not fully benefit the Muhammadan community. The subsidies granted to local bodies for opening new schools were utilized for starting new Muhammadan schools also. One Government and thirty-nine board schools were opened in 1913-14 specially for Muhammadans; the total expenditure from public funds on Muhammadan schools rose in 1913-14 by nearly 22 per cent. Besides participating in the increasing general expenditure on education, the Muhammadan community have been granted recently the further advantage of a special Imperial recurring grant of Rs. 30,000 solely intended for the improvement of the Muhammadan education.

5. *Employment of a special Presidency officer to look after Muhammadan education.*—The memorialists apparently want that an inspector of schools should be appointed solely for Muhammadan schools. This question was considered in 1912 and negative on the grounds that each circle inspector should exercise general control over educational progress in all directions in his circle and that the number of Muhammadan secondary schools was too small to justify the appointment of a separate inspector. The case of European schools is different, as education in them is on different lines and is of a different nature. A reply as above was also given to the Government of India in 1913 in respect of the invitation for the opinion of this Government on certain suggestions for the improvement of Muhammadan education, one of which was the provision of a completely separate inspecting agency for them. A resolution on this subject was also moved by the Hon'ble Mr. Zain-ul-abidin at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 13th March 1914 and the Government opposed it for the reasons given above with the result that the resolution was eventually withdrawn.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—26-1-15.

Educational Department.

Three copies of the printed note on paragraph 3 of the address were presented to H.E. the Governor by the Mussalmans of North Arcot are placed below. They may be forwarded to the P.S. &.

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Returned with the following extract from His Excellency's reply:

"In respect of aid to Mussalman schools the policy of the Educational Department has been to give to these the parity of treatment with Sanskrit schools for which you ask. The Government have received from the Government of India a recurring grant of Rs.30,000 for Muhammadan education which is to be devoted among other objects to the improvement of such schools, and your request in this regard will not be lost sight of when

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proposals for the utilization of the grant have been submitted in G.O. 7295/15 (W)
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the distribution of the grant comes before them. *d*

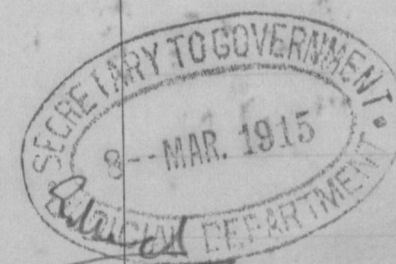
The question of providing additional training schools for Muhammadans has recently claimed the attention of Government. It has not yet been proposed so far as I am aware to locate such a school in this district, but I shall cause further enquiry to be made with reference to your representations upon this subject.

The proposal to appoint a special officer with a subordinate staff for the inspection of Muhammadan schools throughout the Presidency is open to more than one objection on administrative grounds. In the first place, the number of such schools is too small to justify the creation of a whole-time official for their inspection; in the second place it is to be remembered that a considerable number of Muhammadan pupils are undergoing instruction in non-Muhammadan schools, and if the inspection of these were also entrusted to this official, the sphere of his duties would overlap that of the circle

A The opening of a lower elementary training school for Muhammadans at Vallur has been sanctioned - G.O.

inspector and the danger of a conflict of views would be very great. On general grounds moreover the Government are of opinion that the circle inspector should as far as possible control all branches of education within his charge and the arrangement suggested is scarcely compatible with this principle. I am glad to say however that we hope from the Government of India grant already mentioned to be able to strengthen the subordinate inspectorate, and North Arcot I trust will benefit by the increased supervision which will thus be rendered possible, even though it may not secure a separate Sub-Assistant Inspector for itself."

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Educational Dept.

In respect of the further enquiry promised by H. E. the Government on the question of opening a training school for Muham-
mudan in the North Arcot dist. it is submitted that the Govt. have
on 2.10.14 No. 1430 Adl. d/ the 16th Dec.

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1915 sanctioned the opening of a Lower elementary training school for Muhammadans at Vellore for a period of three years from 1st April next, so that no further action is called for on these papers. They may therefore be

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