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HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S TOUR, 1915.

*Extracts from an address to be presented to
His Excellency the Governor by the
Guntūr Anjuman Islamiā :—*

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" 2. The Muhammadan population of
" this town was close upon 10,000 in the
" last census and yet to our deep regret
" we have to submit that not even 5 per
" cent. of the members are able to keep
" their heads above water and most of them
" eke out a hand to mouth livelihood by
" manual labour and journeyman's hard
" toil from day to day. It is now more
" than 25 years since the local A.E.L.M.
" College was opened and the Hindu
" High school has been in existence
" longer. With sorrow and shame we
" have to admit that not more than half a
" dozen boys have passed the old Matri-
" culation Examination. With a view to
" ameliorate our condition, the leading
" men among us formed themselves into
" this association with the object of (1)
" helping the needy Muslim students of
" Guntūr and (2) of improving the intel-
" lectual and moral and social status of
" our community."

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" 8. Besides poverty, the language
" difficulty thwarts the progress of our
" boys in the schools. In secondary
" classes all the subjects are taught in
" vernaculars. Our boys coming up from
" the elementary schools with Urdu as
" their vernacular are at a disadvantage
" to understand their subjects when a
" sudden change takes place in the
" medium of instruction. This accounts
" for the comparatively small number in
" higher classes.

" 9. In spite of this the number of boys
" in the local college and high school is
" 140. We are confident that this num-
" ber would be more than doubled if the
" vernacular difficulty is overcome.

" 10. We therefore crave that as this
" town stands first in the Circars in
" respect of the Muhammadan population
" and as our boys have commenced to
" show their aptitude for learning, a
" Government Muhammadan Secondary
" school be opened here."

Collector's note.

*Paragraphs 8 and 9.—These para-
graphs deal with causes that lie in the
way of Muhammadan boys attaining
higher education and require no special
comment.*

Paragraph 10.—The Anjuman prays that a Government Muhammadan Secondary school may be opened in Guntūr. There is no correspondence on the subject available in this office. But it is understood that such a proposal is under the consideration of the Educational Department.

Secretariat note.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Pages 3 and 9 of Subsidiary Tables—Volume II of the report for 1913-14. *(note puting)*

On the 31st March 1914 out of a total strength of 127 and 915 in the college and secondary departments, respectively, of the A.E.L.M. College, Guntūr, Muhammadan pupils numbered 4 and 69, while in the Hindu High school in the town there were nine Muhammadan students out of a total strength of 658 on the same date. The total number of Muhammadan pupils in these two institutions is however stated in the address to have since risen to 140. No doubt the number attending these schools does not represent a fair proportion of the total Muhammadan population of the town. The reasons adduced for this paucity are *first* the general poverty of the community and *secondly* the difficulties connected with language.

Para 9- p. 1. ante.

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Cf. paragraph 3 of Government of India's letter on page 3 of G.O. 557, Educational, 12th June 1913, and paragraphs 3 and 4 of letter 88, Educational, 20th January 1914. *W*

Cf. paragraph 5 of Director of Public Instruction's letter on page 3 of G.O. 87-88, Educational, 20th January 1914. *W*

Scholarship notification for 1913-14. *R*

Scholarship notification for 1915-16. *L*

Cf. paragraph 1 of office-note on page 1 of Notes to G.O. 701, Educational, 30th July 1913. *2*

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✓ G.O. 729, Educational, 3rd July 1915.

Paragraph 3 (7) of Director of Public Instruction's letter on page 6 and paragraph 3 on page 10 of G.O. 729, Educational, 3rd July 1915. ✓

2. The above factors have already been recognised by this Government and the Government of India. To get over the first difficulty scholarships have been provided. Recently when the question of Muhammadan education was reviewed at the instance of the Government of India, the Director of Public Instruction stated that the existing facilities for the award of scholarships to Muhammadans were amply sufficient. At that time there were only 234 scholarships available in the different stages of instruction. This number has since been added to and now stands at 316, and is expected eventually to rise to a maximum number of 484 * in 1917-18. These scholarships are open to all classes, but in awarding them the claims of those sections of the community who are most in need of aid are, other conditions being equal, first considered. Besides these, in the proposals generally approved for the utilisation of the Imperial recurring grant of Rs. 30,000 for the improvement of Muhammadan education, provision has been made for thirteen special scholarships tenable only by the Muhammadan community, eight for the secondary course and five for the collegiate. Of the former, four will be

Verified from the Census report.

Item 10 in paragraph 4 of Director of Public Instruction's letter on page 6 of G.O. 729, Educational, 3rd July 1915. V.

awarded to the four particularly backward sub-sections of the community, one of whom is the Dudekulas who constitute a fourth of the Muhammadan population of Guntūr.

3. As regards the second difficulty, viz., that connected with language, it is submitted that this is a point which has already been engaging the attention of the Government and on which the necessary orders have already been issued—*vide* paragraph 5 of G.O. No. 404, Educational, dated the 10th May 1912. Inspecting officers have been instructed to impress on local bodies and other agencies maintaining secondary schools in areas with a large Muhammadan population, the need for making special arrangements to teach Hindustani and form Muhammadan sections in the lower classes with a view to the use of Hindustani as the medium of instruction. Special grants towards the extra expenditure involved in these arrangements are also admissible under the Grant-in-aid Code. It is not known how far these suggestions have been found feasible at Guntūr. In G.O. No. 729, Educational, dated the 3rd July 1915, the Director's proposal to allot a sum of Rs. 1,700 out of the Imperial grant of Rs. 30,000 for subsidizing institutions having a considerable number of Muhammadan pupils with a view to the employment therein of a capable Hindustani teacher, has been approved.

4. The next request of the Anjuman is that a Government Secondary school for Muhammadans may be opened in the Guntūr town. At present there are only two such schools in the Presidency, viz., the Government Madrasa-i-Azam and the recently opened secondary school at Georgetown. In connection with the utilization of the Imperial grant, it has been decided to open two additional incomplete secondary schools at Vellore and Trichinopoly. Proposals in regard to the Vellore school have just been received and those in regard to the other are awaited. It is doubtful whether in the present conditions of its finances the Government will be able to do more in this direction.

In this connection, it may be observed that the *general* policy of Government in regard to secondary education is to rely on private enterprise.

C.R.—18-11-15.

C. G. TODHUNTER—18-11-15.

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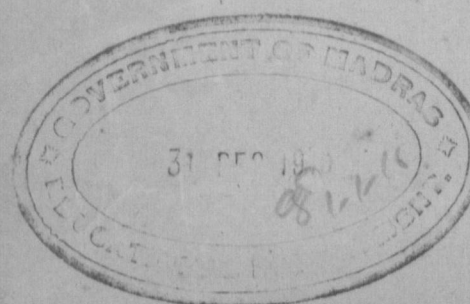
His Excellency's reply:-

"You lay stress on the difficulties of poverty and language which stand in the way of higher education of your boys. The Government have, as you are aware, recognised the former difficulty and are according to their means making special provision for scholarships to Muhammadans. The calls upon the public purse are so heavy however that I would suggest to you that provision of this kind might well appeal to the generosity of the well-to-do among you. Subject to the same limitation, the Government are also making provision for the use of Hindustani as a medium of instruction in secondary schools. I cannot however at present, in view of the financial position, hold out any hope that Government will be able to open a Muhammadan secondary school here."

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