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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Recording notes prepared for His Excellency the Governor
on the occasion of his ----- to Mangalore regarding the payment
to the Mahila Sabha, Mangalore, of a grant for building, furniture
and library of the Sabha.

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May it please Your Excellency,

We, the members of the Mahila Sabha, offer our sincere thanks to Your Excellency for having kindly consented to lay the foundation-stone of a local habitation for our association. If Her Excellency was able to be present on this occasion, it would have given us immense pleasure. Mr. Vibert, our esteemed Collector, was good enough to recommend to the Revenue Board that the site, where we have assembled to-day, may be alienated to the Mahila Sabha. We are deeply grateful to Your Excellency's Government for sanctioning the alienation.

2. We are fully aware of and appreciate Your Excellency's solicitude for advancing the cause of women's education in our presidency. The people of this Presidency are under deep obligation to Your Excellency for having established the Women's College in Madras, a hostel for Hindu widows with liberal scholarships to them and for sanctioning classes for married women in the Government Training School, Egmore.

3. Your Excellency will permit us to briefly state about the objects and the working of the Mahila Sabha. The Mahila Sabha was started in May 1911. The present strength of the institution is about 60 members excluding the pupils attending the classes started by the Sabha for teaching such subjects as are conducive to the well-being of women. The association is worked by a Managing Committee which consists of 21 ladies representing the different communities in the town. The institution is open to ladies of all communities. The objects of the Sabha are

(1) To supplement the educational facilities afforded by Government in the cause of Women's education,

(2) to afford opportunities to its members for

improving themselves and their homes, and thus to enable them to be of service to their sisters both in and outside the institution,

(3) to bring ladies of the different communities closer to-gether and thus to promote sisterly feelings among them. In this connection we may be permitted to quote the following extract of a speech made by His Excellency Lord Chelmsford, the Viceroy of India, at the Conference of the Directors of Public Instruction held in Delhi: "I view with apprehension the growing inequality between men and women arising out of difference in education. It cannot be good for any country that its women should lag so far behind men in the matter of education." The Sabha is working with this view and will be ever ready to co-operate with the educational authorities.

The following are the ways and means employed by the Sabha for working out and popularising its objects:

The institution is running classes in English, Sewing, and Knitting, History and Geography. The present total strength of the classes is about 40 and we have five or six honorarium lady workers. These classes are attended by town and country girls and women, widows, and girls who cannot afford to attend school. In addition to this, the Sabha organises a series of lectures on subjects which will help to add to the stock of general knowledge of the members and also on such other subjects as will better fit them to discharge their duties as housewives. Nor is the moral and spiritual side of women's education neglected. The subjects mentioned below are some of the topics that were taken up by the Sabha in the past.

- "Home education of children by mothers",
- "The sphere and duties of women",

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" Bhakti Yoga",

"The necessity of higher education to Indian women,"

The position of women in the light of the past,"

"Physical development of women is a basis for all other progress,"

"The uses of air and water with special reference to their bearing on Domestic Life,"

"Sanitation, and First Aids,"

Magic Lantern exhibitions by the help of slides showing the nature of bacilli of different kinds of fevers like typhoid etc."

These lectures are becoming more and more popular, and ladies other than members of the Sabha are also attending the lectures. Ladies and gentlemen of position and culture, both official and non-official, are approached by the Sabha to deliver these lectures. And we are grateful to them among whom may be mentioned the following names:-

Sir N.G.Chadavarkar, Miss Tara Bai, Miss Janaki Ammal, Lady Apothecary, S.Venkat Subba Rao,B.A.,B.L. late District Munsiff of Mangalore, Dr Shiva Rao, V.S.Kamath, P.Mangesha RaoB.A.L.T., and Ullal Mangesh Rau,B.A.L.T. The institution has also been maintaining classes to teach Marathi whenever pupils were forthcoming to learn that language.

Another feature of the work done by the Mahila Sabha in the past may also be referred to here. This institution has all along been keen about contributing their quota of donations and services towards helping public movements started for the betterment of the condition of women specially, or for the encouragement of education generally, in cases where any educational institution stood in need of funds, or for the relief of suffering and misery caused by war, famine, etc., by holding

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social gatherings, Musical concerts, and Fancy Sales. For instance, the Sabha once contributed Rs 70/- to Prof. Karve's Widows' Home, Poona, Rs 69/- to the South African Relief Fund started by Gophale, Rs 600/- and odd to the War Fete Fund started by Mr Vibert, and Rs 700/- and odd to the Ganapathay Secondary School, a local educational institution. Again, individual members of the Mahila Sabha, in addition to subscribing to the Ladies War Fund, have prepared socks, towels, shirts and etc to be sent to the Ladies War Fund at Madras. We are glad to have been able to co-operate with Mrs Vibert in this noble work and to contribute our mite towards the Ladies depot started by Her Excellency Lady Pentland. We hope to be able to continue to work on similar lines hereafter also.

The Sabha having now got the site, it intends to raise a suitable building for holding its classes and its lectures, and to lay out a garden and a recreation ground. It is also intended to locate a library and a reading room in the newly raised buildings. We have every hope that the Hon. Mr. Stone, the Director of Public Instruction, will, in his usual sympathy for Women's education, sanction a grant for the building, for furniture and for library in accordance with educational rules.

We now approach Your Excellency with a request to lay the foundation-stone of our building and bless the Mahila Sabha and its work.

"The necessity of higher education to Indian women,"
"The position of women in the light of the past,"
"Physical development of women as a basis for all other progress,"
"The uses of air and water with special reference to their bearing on domestic life,"
"Ventilation, and what it is,"
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
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6th October 1917

My dear Ramachandra Rao,

I am to send you a copy of the address to be read at the laying of the foundation stone of the Mahila Sabha at Mangalore and to ask you kindly to obtain the views of the D.P.I. on the penultimate para of the address. Will you please send me the file together with papers about the grant of the site, not later than the 10th inst. The note need not be printed.

Yours sincerely,

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The Hon'ble

Diwan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao Avl.,

Secretary to Govt., Home Dept.,

Stonehouse Hill.

may be requested to put up the paper
to the attention of the Govt. and if possible
has no objection to forward the same
P.S.G. as before

NOTES.

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Home (2nd) Dept.

The Board's reference regarding the alienation of a piece of land in favour of the Mahila Sabha, Mangalore has just been received in the Revenue Department and is being dealt with there urgently. The papers will be available in a day or two.

2. In the meanwhile the file may be forwarded to the S.P.S. no. for remarks on para. F of the order as desired by the P.S.L. in his d.o. on the previous page.

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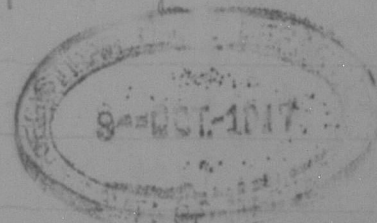
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They have not yet applied for a grant against known. If they do so of course the application will receive due consideration.

I think it could be brought under para. F of the order as desired.



7.10.17

Home (2nd) Department

Submitted that the Revenue Department may be requested to put up the papers relating to the alienation of land and, if that dept. has no objection, to forward the file to the P.S.L. as desired in his d.o. on page 1. auto.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure to me to take part in a ceremony which demonstrates convincingly the measure of success which the Mahila Sabha has attained during the six years of its existence and the confidence of the committee that the excellent work which was inaugurated in 1911 has become a permanent feature of the social and intellectual life of this town and that given a proper centre and facilities it will continue to expand and prosper. One of the most encouraging of recent developments in this Presidency is the more generous recognition among thoughtful men that if advance is to be fostered and secured it must not be one-sided and imperfect, but that they must work to 'mould the woman also to the fuller day'. Among women themselves too that need is increasingly realised and to this fact is due the remarkable success which has attended the institution of separate Colleges for women to which appreciative reference has been made in the address to which we have just listened. We are already constructing additional buildings for the Queen Mary's College and I sincerely hope that in spite of distances the West Coast will be fully represented on the rapidly increasing roll of students. It is only natural that in these districts with their traditions of a culture scholarship and literary attainments in which women are privileged to share the desire that they too should participate in wider knowledge and opportunities should be manifested. The citizens of this town will I feel sure not fall behind but will accord generous support to the Mahila Sabha and to a movement which aims at giving their women-folk wider opportunities of proving themselves capable housewives, wise mothers and true and inspiring companions. I commend it to their sympathy and encouragement.

I would lastly thank you ladies for your kind reference to Her Excellency and express her great regret that she could not be present today and to convey to you her sincere congratulations and good wishes. I am especially to thank

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you on behalf of Her Excellency and of the Ladies Depot for the generous and welcome manner in which you have co-operated in the splendid work which the ladies of the Presidency have so generously made their peculiar care.

I shall now with your permission lay the foundation stone of the new building and in doing so ask you all to wish success and prosperity to the Mahila Sabha.

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His Excellency's speech does not contain any promises or other points calling for further action. The papers may be

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