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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council.

Recording notes connected with a resolution proposed to be moved at the meeting of the ----- to be held on the 13th March 1917 by the Honourable Mr. T. Ranga Achari recommending the appointment of instructors in physical training but disallowed by His Excellency the President as inappropriate under the rules to that meeting.

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Notes on resolution regarding
the appointment of instructors
in physical training

The Hon'ble Mr. J. H. Stone, C.P.S.

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23-2-17*Regarding revised Financial Statement.*
Resolutions on matters of General Public Interest.SUBJECT.--No. ~~XX~~ XI-A

for the meeting of the Legislative

Council to be held on the 13th March 1917.

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Resolution may be forwarded to the
Phil. & Home (Education) Department, with reference to Nos. (1) and (4) of the
 rules regulating Secretariat procedure in dealing with these Resolutions in the
 Legislative Council. Orders regarding admission will be communicated in due
 course.

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23-2-1917.

Legis U.O. No. 452-1 dated 23-2-17.

To

The *Home (Education)* Department. *with Res. VII*

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Local and Municipal department.
(Legislative)

Resolutions on the Annual Financial Statement

(for the meeting of 15th March 1917).

The Hon'ble Mr. T. Ranga Achariyar.

Financial
Home (Education) department.

XII A

VII. This Council recommends that His

Excellency the Governor in Council be

pleased to increase the budget provision

for expenditure during 1917-18 under 22 B.

Education by Rs. 10,000 for providing for

the appointment of ^{instructors} ~~inspectors~~ in Physical

training and for making efficient arrange-

ments for the Physical training of boys

in schools and colleges throughout the

Presidency and that the increased cost

be met by a corresponding reduction

under 43 B. Civil works.

Resolution No.VII.

Home (Education) Department.

European schools.

For the improvement of physical training in European schools the Government have sanctioned the appointment of an instructor in physical training on a salary of Rs.200 a month (which has recently been raised to Rs.250 a month) for a period of five years.

- (N) Vide G.O.Nos.43, Educational, dated the 15th January 1913, 706, Educational, dated the 31st July 1913 and (M) 151 Home (Education), dated the 9th February 1917.

Mr. S. J. Hall who was selected for the post assumed charge on the 2nd September 1913. The period of five years for which he was engaged expires on the 2nd September 1918. Para 2 of Director's letter on page 2

- (U) of G.O. No.1141, Home (Education), dated the 31st October 1916. The duties of the instructor are set out in paragraph 2 of letter No.613-3, Educational, dated the 27th May 1913, from which the following is an extract:-

"The instructor should work in Madras, holding "classes for European teachers about 30 in number, "and if possible, going to schools for constructive "inspection work at first in Madras city and later "on in the mufassal if necessary. If these duties "were found not to occupy his time fully he might "be required to supervise the gymnastic instructors "training class in the Teachers' College at "Saidapet".

2. ~~European~~ Schools (in general)

For the improvement of physical training in non-European schools the Government have undertaken to bear a third of the salary, amounting to Rs.230 a month

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month of the Physical Director employed by the Y.M.C.A. for a period of five years and a half- G.O. No. 759, Educational, dated the 30th June 1914 and G.O.No. 327, Home (Education), dated the 24th March 1916. Mr. A. G. Noehren, ^{the} Physical Director, took charge of his duties on the 20th December 1915 and the period of the Government engagement with the Y.M.C.A. therefore expires on the 20th June 1921. In return for the contribution paid by Government, the Director places a third part of his time at the disposal of the Educational department and performs the following duties:-

- (1) Instructing class teachers and gymnastic instructors how to give instruction in drill and physical development during appointed periods,
- (2) Advising the department on all matters connected with physical training and athletic games, and
- (3) Making tours of inspection, when required to do so, at the expense of Government to Educational centres for the purpose of promoting physical instruction generally in the Presidency.

3. The expenditure on account of the salary of the two instructors amounts to [Rs.250 + Rs.230 or] Rs.480 a month or Rs.5,760 a year. Besides, additional charges are incurred on contingencies and travelling allowances. The Government have thus already made a beginning in the matter of the improvement of physical training and if, at the expiry of the ~~period~~ ^{period}, it is found that the experiments have proved a success, the question of employing

P. 2 of G.O. 327 of 24.3.16

P. 2 of G.O. 759 of 30.6.14.

Mr. Noehren also got Rs 240 honorarium for a course of lectures.

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employing additional instructors may be considered. Besides, so long as the war lasts, it will be difficult to procure the services of qualified instructors. No useful purpose will therefore be served by increasing the budget provision as suggested by the Additional Member.

4. If it is decided to make the provision suggested in the resolution, the Public Works Department will have to be consulted as to whether the proposed reduction is feasible.

5. Orders are solicited whether the resolution should be discussed in Council, whether further particulars should be called for and as to who should be in charge of it.

6. The file maybe sent to D.P.I. u.o. for his remarks.
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D.P.I. u.o. for remarks.

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The file was sent to mention that physical training is of another name for gymnastics drill and games and that every school and college has its physical trainers in the shape of gymnastic instructors. It is however true that their work is not so good as one would like to see it and to improve it in

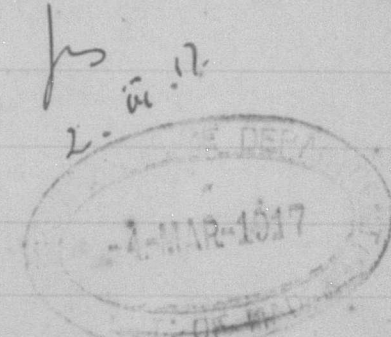
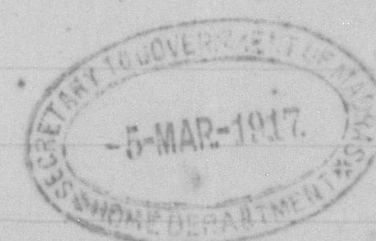
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non-Ind school for have made the present arrangement with whochen.

So far we have every reason to be satisfied with whochen's work so far and I should certainly be glad to see him multiplied so that the work of the instructors in the mission schools ^{might} be more rapidly improved, and I shall certainly ask for more expenditure in this direction when better times come. Still more money will be wanted however to pay instructors in schools at such rates as will induce properly educated and trained men to coming forward take up and remain in instructors' posts.

3. I suppose the obvious objection that he wants to meet recurring ~~out of~~ expenditure out of a provision for non-recurring may be mentioned though I fancy the reference to 45.15. is just or much a convention as the proposal in the House of Commons to reduce ministers' salaries.



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Submitted for orders with reference to para 5 of the note on page 5 ante.

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2. While sympathising generally with the object aimed at by the Resolution, the Govt. may, it is submitted, oppose the Specific proposal therein for the reasons given in para. 3 of the office note on pages 4 & 5 supra + para. 3 of the D. P. I. note on page 6. Further developments should obviously wait for better times.

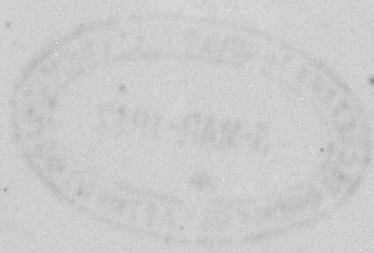
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The D. P. I. may be asked to oppose the resolution on the basis of his note.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Local and Municipal Department.
(Legislative).

No.479-2.

From

R.A.Graham Esquire, I.C.S.,

Ag. Secretary to the Government of Madras,

To

The Honourable Mr. T. Ranga Achariyar.

Dated, Fort St. George, the 6th March 1917.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that your resolution regarding provision for the appointment of instructors in Physical training has been disallowed by His Excellency the President as inappropriate, under the rules, to the ensuing meeting of the Legislative Council. It is however open to you to submit it for admission on another occasion.

I have the honour to be,

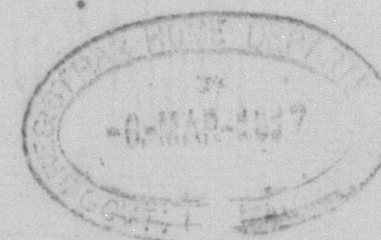
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

R.A.Graham.

Ag. Secretary to Government

Copy to the Financial Department.
" " Home (Educational)
" " Public Works



Home (in) Department.

(Copy of a)
Please see the letter to Mr. Ranga Behanagar
on the previous page since received from the Leg
Dept. As the resolution has been disallowed by the
the Governor, ~~orders are solicited whether the paper~~
may be order No. 318 dt 8.3.17.
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The resolution was since
admitted + discussed in
Council. A copy of the
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Legislative Department.

No. 479-2.

From

R.A. Graham Esq., I.C.S.,

As Secretary to the Government of Madras.

To

The Honorable Mr. T. Ranga Behanagar.

Dated, Fort St. George, the 6th March 1917.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that your resolution
regarding provision for the appointment of inspectors
in physical training has been disallowed by the Council.
The President of the Legislative Council, under the rules, at the
meeting of the Legislative Council, it is
however open to you to submit it for admission on
another occasion.

I have the honor to be,

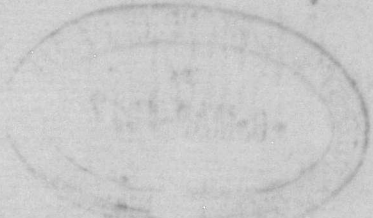
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

R.A. Graham.

As Secretary to Government

Copy to the Financial Department.
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Extract from the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Council of the Governor of Fort St. George assembled for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations under the provisions of the Act of Parliament, 5 & 6 Geo. V, Ch. 61.

The Council assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, the 13th day of March 1917.

RESOLUTION *RE* APPOINTMENT OF INSTRUCTORS IN PHYSICAL TRAINING.

The Hon'ble Mr. T. RANGA ACHARIYAR:—"The resolution which I have the honour to move runs as follows:—

'XII-A. This Council recommends that His Excellency the Governor in Council be pleased to increase the budget provision for expenditure during 1917-1918 under 22-E. EDUCATION by Rs. 10,000 for providing for the appointment of instructors in Physical training and for making efficient arrangements for the physical training of boys in schools and colleges throughout the Presidency and that the increased cost be met by a corresponding reduction under 45-B. CIVIL WORKS.'

"In moving this resolution, your Excellency, I must express my obligation to your Excellency for having kindly reconsidered your decision in the matter of allowing this resolution. I am sure that this Council will join with me in expressing our grateful appreciation of the frank way in which your Excellency has expressed your decision. I have one word of apology to the Hon'ble Mr. Murray for the wording of the resolution. I have treated him as the residuary legatee, because I have stated that the increased cost be met by a corresponding reduction under 45-B. Civil Works. That, of course, is not due to any hostility to his department. I am compelled to do so by the rules governing our procedure. I should have been glad to suggest a reduction in the closing balance which is very large. But that is not permitted for us to do—so I am informed by authorities.

"In dealing with this resolution, I need not emphasize the importance of this subject, because your Excellency has been taking a very great deal of practical interest in the matter of the physical training of school boys throughout the Presidency. We all gratefully appreciate that action on your part. But this subject is very opportune just now. We the educated classes hail with great delight the recent announcement made in the Imperial Legislative Council by His Excellency the Viceroy and the Commander-in-Chief, opening out new fields of activity for our Indian adults. The departure indicates a great move indeed, for hitherto we were labouring under a great sense of shame in that we were not allowed to bear our part as freely as we ought to have been allowed in the matter of the defence of the empire. While we hail with delight this new move, it is not without a feeling of diffidence that we do so; because we are painfully conscious—when I say 'we', I mean the present generation including adults between 15 and 21—we are painfully conscious of our defects. That is not only due to the way in which we have been trained in

(Mr. Ranga Achariyar; Mr. Stone.) [13TH MARCH 1917.]

our schools and colleges but due to a long series of generations of our ancestors not having had the same opportunities for training that they ought to have had. There is no use bemoaning the past; we wish to grapple with the new opportunity that has been given to us. It is in that view the resolution will commend itself to the approval of the Council; so that, in time to come the future generation of adults may be more ready than we are to take advantage of the opportunity thrown in their way by a generous and benevolent Government.

"The resolution provides that there should be more instructors in physical training. If you turn to page 131 of the Civil Budget Estimate you will find provision made for one instructor, Rs. 3,000. That I understand is the provision made for Mr. Hall who is giving instruction in European schools for boys. I want provision made for instructors to give instruction to all boys in the Presidency. I am aware that the amount mentioned by me is not sufficient, but we can make a beginning; and I therefore want to make a modest request that more instructors in physical training may be appointed in the north, south and west, so that they may go about and develop the system of giving physical instruction to boys in our schools and colleges. I may say that more attention is now paid to the physical training of boys in our schools and colleges than used to be in my days; but it is not on the lines on which it should be. What we want is that they should be brought under greater discipline, quasi-military discipline, so that boys may know how to behave as gentlemen when they rise to be men. They ought to know that when they reach the age of 21 or 25, they ought to feel as men fit to take part in manly games. It is with that object I beg to move that more instructors be appointed so that they may tell those who are now giving the boys physical instruction how to give that instruction. I find that boys in Australia and Canada are given such training, for two or three hours in a week, a training which so eminently fits for active service in the field. Australians and Canadians have fitted themselves so well for service because they had this training in their earlier days. Obviously the training is the great object in view. They must learn to think, even when they are young, in those ways in which the soldiers think, not in the way of getting pay, but in the way of feeling that they should secure honour. Such association of ideas must be created in the minds of our young men so that the future generations may become qualified to take advantage of the opportunities which the Government have so generously thrown open to us. I do not think that I need trouble the Council at any greater length, because it is a subject in which I expect your Excellency's Government would take a sympathetic interest."

The Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE:—"Your Excellency, I am sure that the Government are in entire sympathy with the objects of this resolution. That is to say, the Government would very gladly see the physical training of students in our schools and colleges much more effectively carried on than it is. The Honourable Member has asked for a number of instructors to be appointed, I rather doubt whether he has taken into account the fact that every college and every secondary school has already an instructor, a gymnastic instructor, whose business undoubtedly is to carry on the physical training of students. As I have said before the Government recognise that the work of these instructors may be more efficiently performed than now. There is no doubt that their number might be multiplied. In order to secure efficiency, if efficiency is to be secured, one instructor for a school of 200 or 300 boys is not enough to do the work properly."

"The Honourable Member seems to be under the impression that there is only one special officer employed on physical training and that is Mr. Hall. His efforts are limited to European schools. Although he is the only full-time officer, we are paying half salary to a very efficient physical instructor Mr. Noehren and there is no doubt at all that even within the short time we have been doing this, Mr. Noehren has done a good deal in improving the physical training given in schools in Madras. I hope time will come when we shall have more than one Mr. Noehren when we shall have a staff of physical instructors or what I call inspectors who in time will organise the physical training in schools and colleges in a better way than it is done at present. As every one is aware, this is hardly the time for incurring a large additional expenditure even on such a good object as this. I am, therefore, instructed to say that the Government do not find themselves in a position to increase the expenditure under this head. Mr. Noehren will go on with his work as usual; he will tour very largely in the mufassal and he will extend to mufassal schools

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Mr. Ranga Achariyar; Rev. Mr. Pittendrigh;
Mr. Yaqub Hasan.)

what he has done to Madras schools by encouraging gymnastic instructors to get a better type of physical work done. What further development may be required is left for the future. I should like to remind the Council of the great step that the Government took just before the war in providing play-grounds. You cannot have physical training without proper play-grounds. The Government spent four lakhs on play grounds for the city of Madras and another lakh for the mufassal schools. I have not the smallest doubt that but for the war even more money would have been devoted to this object and more would have been done. I do not think that the Council need fear that the Government are in the least degree oblivious of the demands of physical education. As the Honourable Member has said, His Excellency has taken a keen personal interest in the matter; and it is nothing but want of funds that prevents more being done."

The Hon'ble Mr. B. V. NARASIMHA AYYAR:—"I wish to make a single observation, as to the attitude of the Government. When the Hon'ble Mr. Ranga Achariyar sent up his resolution he was not ignorant that there were gymnastic teachers. A change has come over the situation and I believe there are a large number of people who are aware of it. For instance, at a meeting held to consider the Defence of India Force Act, at which I was present at Salem, the other day, 30 young men from the school offered for enlistment and were ready to place their services at the disposal of their country. One great fact which oppressed us was the dense ignorance which prevailed as to what preliminary training was required. Practically no training has been given. There are two instructors in the Salem College; and yet even the preliminary squad training is seldom given. I believe that the Hon'ble Mr. Ranga Achariyar's idea is that the Government should show some anxiety to meet the situation. There is a desire that physical training should be given freely to all adults in schools so that at any time they might be prepared to vie with their compeers in other countries in offering their services to the Empire and that they might find it easier to take the field. I am therefore surprised at the reception given to this resolution."

His Excellency the PRESIDENT:—"I think this is hardly doing justice to the Government. The Government have recognized this necessity for physical training long before the Honourable gentleman recognized it. On general grounds the necessity for doing everything we can for developing Indian manhood has been recognized by the Government years ago when they set on foot an establishment and this net-work of physical instructors, which the Hon'ble Mr. Stone has just described. It is not, therefore, a new necessity. The Honourable gentleman must be very far wrong if he thinks that the convictions of Government in this matter are of recent date. Every effort has been made for many years past for extending physical education. I can assure the Honourable gentleman that we are in hearty sympathy with every effort to carry on this physical instruction. I do not think that the Council would be well advised in letting it appear that there is the least difference of opinion because nowhere there is any difference of opinion whatever. We are all anxious to do our utmost for the health of the young boys and men of this country. I am not sure that my Honourable friend over there, Mr. Ranga Achariyar, will share the disappointment felt by the Hon'ble Mr. Narasimha Ayyar."

The Hon'ble Mr. T. RANGA ACHARIYAR:—"Not after the assurance given."

The Hon'ble the Rev. G. PITTENDRIGH:—"I do not think that one of the Hon'ble Mr. Ranga Achariyar's remarks should be allowed to pass without a protest. He seemed to say regarding the work of instructors in physical training that the development of the military spirit is what is required. That has absolutely nothing whatever to do with the work of instructors in physical training in schools. If that were allowed to pass in India, it may lead to a great misapprehension."

The Hon'ble Mr. YAQUB HASAN:—"The Hon'ble Mr. Stone has said that this subject has the sympathy of the Government. It is rarely that non-official members receive the Government sympathy for their resolutions; but when they do receive that sympathy, the next thing that is naturally expected is that that sympathy will be translated into action."

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the President.)

"The action that is expected to be taken about this resolution is within the range of practical politics ; because the amount involved is like a drop in the ocean. Here we are passing a budget consisting of several lakhs for education alone and a sum of Rs. 10,000 is a mere drop in the ocean. I appeal to your Excellency to reconsider their attitude about this question and show that in this respect your Excellency's Government will do something to promote the physical training of our youngsters. There is very great need in this direction which cannot be gainsaid. Specially just now, our attention has been markedly drawn to the physical deficiency of our student-population. Though it may not be the legitimate object of physical training to create in the boys a military spirit, it cannot be denied that by improving the physical training of our boys and by making it more effective they will become more manly and more able to perform their duties in life efficiently. At present our mental development is attained at a very large sacrifice of physical development. As I said before, the amount of Rs. 10,000 that is asked for for this purpose is not a large one, and if the Government are willing to accept this resolution, they can find this amount in some way or other.

"It has been pointed out that there is already one physical instructor in the service of the Government : but considering the large number of schools and scholars one person is not at all enough. There is one instructor specially for European schools and colleges. Indian schools and colleges are several times the number of European schools and colleges ; and while you have one instructor for European schools and colleges surely you must have ten times that number for Indian schools and colleges. The amount that the Hon'ble Mr. Ranga Achariyar has asked for will only provide for the employment of three or four instructors. That is surely a very modest request and I appeal to your Excellency to be good enough to accept the suggestion."

The Hon'ble Mr. T. RANGA ACHARIYAR :—"After listening to what your Excellency has stated, it is hardly necessary for me to press the resolution although the tone adopted by the Hon'ble Mr. Stone was not quite encouraging. He was perfectly aware that what we wanted was not an increase in gymnastic instructors whom we have already got, but instructors to provide instruction of the kind in which Mr. Hall is now engaged. That is the sort of instruction we should give to Indian boys. I will not, however, press this resolution."

The Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE :—"Our present difficulty is not only that of finding the money but that of finding the men. I wanted the other day a particularly good gymnastic instructor out of the present gymnastic instructors for the aided schools. I asked Mr. Noehren and he said that he could not find anybody. People upon whom we had to rely so far are, I am afraid, not very useful. We should really have to go to people in the army. But I do not suppose that the army can spare many people at present.

"It has been remarked that, in Salem, students were not fit to become soldiers at once. If any of them should become soldiers the first thing they should submit to is the physical training. I should like to remark, in regard to the general aspect of the question, that if the boys in the Salem College are not physically well trained it is entirely their own fault. I do not suppose that more than 10 per cent of the boys have taken the smallest interest in the development of their bodies or taken any steps at all about it. They refuse to go to the drill classes and they refuse to play any game. It is only just the minority that play foot-ball or badminton ; but the vast majority do not take the smallest interest in the matter. What is true of Salem is true also of the rest of the Presidency. It is only the small minority that takes an interest in physical games. What has been done so far for physical training in schools has been done at the instance of the Government, the Department of Education, because we want to encourage it, not because people themselves have shown any disposition towards it."

His Excellency the PRESIDENT :—"As Education Member I am grateful to the Honourable Member for not wishing to press this resolution to a division. I am obliged to him for that. I rejoice that we had this discussion. It has been a thoroughly good thing to draw public attention to the importance of this subject. As I said before in this Council, I always welcome public interest in any branch of

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education. It will, I hope, strengthen the efforts which the department is making and make us feel that the moneys spent in this direction will give more valuable and fruitful results.

"The Hon'ble Mr. Stone speaks with great experience and I think we must weigh very carefully everything that he says. He speaks from the most sympathetic point of view, and with very long experience of the educational system in this Presidency. I hope that now we may take a somewhat more optimistic view of the future in this matter. With the support of public opinion and of parents especially, as the medical and sanitary work spreads abroad in the country, and there is a better idea of the requirements of health and better living, we will have, side by side, the value of physical exercise and healthy gymnastics, all kinds of games included. I should like to say also—I may say that in this the Hon'ble Mr. Stone will agree—we are exceedingly satisfied with the work done under Mr. Hall and Mr. Noehren. It is making excellent progress and we believe that interest is being stimulated among Indian boys in this form of improvement, in individual improvement. I can give the Honourable Member the assurance that he asks, that we will not allow any consideration of money to stand in the way of the development of this kind of training. With that observation, I accept his withdrawal of his resolution."

With the permission of His Excellency the President the resolution was withdrawn.

R. A. GRAHAM,
Acting Secretary to Govt., L. & M. (Legislative) Dept.

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