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Office of the Trichinopoly Teachers' Association

Trichinopoly.

10th July 1917.

From

M.R.Ry. S. ARPUDASAMY UDAYAR AVI., B.A., L.T.,

President,

Trichinopoly Teachers' Association.

To

The Secretary to the Government of
Madras, Educational Department
Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of the
resolutions passed at the Trichinopoly District Educational
Conference held in ~~March 1916~~ ^{April 1917}, under the auspices of the above
Association, and also a copy of the recommendations of Trichi-
nopoly Teachers' Conference of April 1915, in regard to Second-
ary School Leaving Certificate scheme, and request you, on
behalf of the above Association, to be so good as to give your
sympathetic support to the resolutions contained therein, and to
see your way to giving practical effect to the same.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

S. Arpudasingam
President.

DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

TO BE MOVED IN THE

Trichinopoly District Educational Conference,

18th April 1917.

MORNING SESSION.

RESOLUTION I.—That this Conference views with alarm the growing number of students left adrift in this big city in private hotels without proper supervision for lack of sufficient hostel accommodation for them in schools and colleges. It is therefore proposed that

- (1) An appeal be made to schools and colleges for extending their hostel accommodation.
- (2) An appeal be made to the public for the establishment of students' homes of the type of Y. M. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. at Madras.
- (3) The number of students obliged to live at present in private hostels for want of hostel accommodation be formed into groups each group being placed under the supervision of a member of the staff of any school or college in the locality.

RESOLUTION II.—(1) *vide annexed sheet* Having regard to the importance of the subjects like Differential and Integral calculus in any scheme of higher mathematical studies this Conference is of opinion that the syllabus in the mathematics group of the B. A. Pass course be so modified as to include the Elementary principles of Differential Calculus and an introduction to the Integral Calculus.

(2) That with a view to have a practical study of the principles of Astronomy the students of the B. A. Group I of the pass course be taken, at certain times in their course, to any observatory, at the expense of their Colleges or of the University.

RESOLUTION III.—With a view to give a wide scope for the diffusion of the Commercial Education in Southern India this Conference resolves that, while thanking the Government and the framers of the S. S. L. C. scheme of this Presidency for the inclusion of Commercial subjects in the S. S. L. C. syllabus, it prays that the Government and the University should give greater facility for the expansion of Commercial Education by introducing certain Commercial subjects in certain groups of the Intermediate and B. A. Pass courses, thus providing for graduation in Arts with specialisation in Commerce to a limited extent at least.

RESOLUTION IV.—This Conference recommends that a central District Educational Board, consisting of Headmasters and Assistant masters nominated and elected with the District Asst. Inspector of Schools as Ex-officio member thereof, should be formed to institute and conduct a comparative public Examination at the end of the III Form course to keep up a standard of uniformity, to issue certificates with the entry of marks, with a reasonable minimum in each subject, for a pass. *the opinion of the examining Board*

RESOLUTION V.—With a view to secure greater freedom in the internal work of schools in all purely educational matters, to promote greater co-operation and participation in actual school work and to cultivate a spirit of healthy union among masters this Conference recommends the formation of School Councils comprised of elected members from among the staff and the Headmaster as President Ex-officio, that such councils be recognised as adjuncts to every institution and that the functions of these councils be purely deliberative and advisory in character.

EVENING SESSION.

RESOLUTION VI.—Being alive to the fact that culture and knowledge will be spread faster by increasing the number of Universities and that Trichinopoly, next to Madras, has been the largest centre of Educational activities with its two first grade Colleges and three large flourishing High Schools teeming with thousands of students, this Conference requests

(a) that the Government be pleased to establish a University at Trichinopoly which might comprise the civil districts of Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Madura and Tinnevely

(b) and that, for the furtherance of this object, the Government be requested to appoint a select committee consisting of the Principals of all the Colleges, Headmasters of the High Schools in the said districts and veteran Educationists of the Presidency, to frame proposals and collect funds promptly for the establishment of the proposed University.

RESOLUTION VII.—This Conference recommends that the distinction between Elementary and Secondary schools be completely removed that the link from the Primary to the Secondary school be fully restored as before, that incomplete Secondary schools in rural areas be largely started and that rules relating to fees, staff, qualifications and other conditions of recognition, be suitably modified. *the lower classes of higher elementary or middle classes*

RESOLUTION VIII.—Having regard to the fact that Teachers' Associations are useful instruments in the dissemination of knowledge and that, as such, they should be well equipped with magazines, journals and booklets general as well as pedagogic and with a very good library this Conference respectfully requests that (1) the Teachers' Association be helped with grants from Municipal, Local Board and Provincial Funds (2) and copies of printed reports, reviews, and circulars and publications and such other G. O. S. Edl. as are placed on the Editor's Table by Provincial and Imperial Governments, be given gratis to all registered or recognised Teachers' Associations. *and T.A.*

RESOLUTION IX.—Having regard to the present day curriculum and methods of teaching and the need for specialised instruction in the higher forms and to the fact of the teachers in the Primary classes and Secondary and High School Forms being overworked, this Conference recommends that in the interests of real teaching efficiency, the number of periods of work allotted to a teacher out of 30 periods per week be reduced to the maximum of 20 periods in the case of High School teachers and to 22 in the case of Lower Secondary and Primary teachers.

RESOLUTION X.—This Conference recommends the alteration of the old rules relating to holidays and vacations in Board Municipal and Government Institutions, in consonance with the changes brought about by the new scheme and in conformity with other recognised aided institutions. *that is the maximum of 180 working days be fixed as in aided schools and the rigidity of 18 sanctioned holidays be modified.*

RESOLUTION XI.—This Conference recommends that a trained and certificated Teacher of one grade need not be required to undergo a further period of training in the higher grade after passing the higher general Education Test, but that it may be deemed sufficient for purposes of professional qualifications under the Educational rules, if he passes in the higher Teachers' theoretical Examinations in private.

RESOLUTION XII.—This Conference recommends that the District Educational Conference be held annually under the auspices of the Trichinopoly Teachers' Association, on the first Friday and Saturday of the month of March and that Managers of all institutions be requested to observe these days as holidays on their school calendars so as to enable all teachers to take part in the proceedings.

RESOLUTION XIII.—That this Conference recommends that the District Teachers' Association, Trichinopoly be requested to start an Arts and Industrial Museum at Trichinopoly.

RESOLUTION XIV.—That this Conference recommends that the District Teachers' Association Trichinopoly be requested to organize a series of popular lectures in Tamil at Trichinopoly and other Teachers' Association, centres in the District on hygienic scientific and other useful subjects for the benefit of the masses including the Elementary school teachers.

and a committee of the following gentlemen be appointed to make an appeal and submit a report to the Assn. as early as possible.

- (1) Messrs S. Arpudabamy (Madurai)
- (2) " T. V. Swaminatha Aiyar
- (3) " P. E. Subramania Aiyar
- (4) " S. S. Vyasa Rao
- (5) " G. Sesha Aiyangar

deserving pupils from class 10 of elementary schools be freely admitted into the 1st form and deserving pupils from class 7 of elementary schools be admitted into the 4th form of secondary schools.

Recommendations of the Trichinopoly Teachers' Conference of April 1915

in regard to the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Scheme.

At the Educational Conference held on the 24th April, 1915, in Trichinopoly under the auspices of the Trichinopoly Teachers' Association, a paper on the "School Final Scheme in Secondary Schools" was read by Mr. M. M. Balakrishna Aiyar of the Board High School, Kulitalai, and in the discussion which followed the reading of the paper, it was generally agreed that the School Final Scheme, as worked at present, was not quite satisfactory for the following reasons:—

1. The subjects of the B Group were neglected.
2. Sufficient importance was not attached to the study of Vernacular.
3. The grouping of subjects required a rearrangement.
4. Specialisation began too early.
5. Marking took up much of the teachers' time, which was, after all, neither uniform nor quite reliable.
6. The season at which the examination was held, was unsuitable for intellectual work, the weather being very hot at that part of the year.

The Conference, therefore, felt that some recommendations should be sent to the Government as well as to the S. S. L. C. Board, and passed the following resolution:—

Resolved that the following gentlemen do form themselves into a Committee to consider the working of the S. S. L. C. Scheme and submit proposals to Government and the Department re the rearrangement of subjects in the three groups, the adequate representation of experienced Headmasters and Assistant Masters in the controlling and examining boards, the relaxations of the rules of admissions to Colleges for average students by alternative percentages and total number of marks, the desirability of maintaining the supplementary course as it is and the change of the dates of examination:—

Messrs. S. K. Devasikhamani, B.A., L.T., (Convener), G. Sesha Aiyangar, M. C. Rajagopala Naidu, B.A., L.T., G. Vaidyanatha Aiyer, B.A., L.T., T. V. Swaminatha Aiyer, B.A., L.T., S. S. Vyasa Rao, B.A., L.T., M. M. Balakrishniar.

The Sub-Committee met in the afternoon of the following day in the National High School, Trichinopoly with Mr. S. K. Devasikhamani in the chair and resolved unanimously on the following recommendations:—

Resolution II (A)
I. (a) That, in the IV and V Forms, the following five subjects be taught according to the outlines of a syllabus drawn up by the S. S. L. C. Board to be worked in detail by the Headmasters of High Schools to suit local conditions and requirements:—

1. English.
2. A Second Language—Vernacular or Classical.
3. Elementary Mathematics.
4. History (England and India) and Geography.
5. Elementary Science.

(b) That, in the VI Form, subjects 3, 4 and 5 be dropped and in their place any one of the following groups of optional subjects be studied along with English and a Second Language:—

1. (a) Algebra and Geometry. (b) Physics and Chemistry.
2. (a) Botany. (b) Physics and Chemistry.
3. (a) History of England. (b) History of India.

4. Any two of the following groups of Commercial subjects, i.e., a & b or a & c, and so on.

(a) Book-keeping and Commercial Arithmetic.

(b) Commercial Practice and Geography.

(c) Typewriting and Shorthand.

(d) Indexing and Precis-writing.

N.B.—1. The above arrangement of optional groups is intended to suit the grouping of subjects in the Intermediate and it is expected that there should be a considerable reduction in the extent and intensity of the present syllabus so that students in the Intermediate course may begin where they had stopped in the Sixth Form.

2. It also provides for a student who wants to enter life after the school course is over.

3. It also allows specialisation to begin in the VI Form which may in a way be regarded as a preparatory class for the Junior Intermediate.

4. It of course implies that satisfactory progress in subjects 3, 4 and 5 in the IV and V Forms is insisted on before granting promotions to boys.

II. That a public examination be held only in the following subjects once a year at the end of the VI Form course:—

1. English.

2. Second Language (Text, Translation and Composition).

3. Subjects in any one of the Groups mentioned in I (b).

III. (a) That the strength of the S. S. L. C. Board be increased to twelve and

(b) that not less than a third of the strength of the Board be chosen from among experienced Headmasters of the High Schools in the Presidency.

(c) That the selection of Assistant Examiners be confined only to those that are actually engaged in teaching High School Classes.

VI. That the Public Examination be held, not in March as at present, which is most unsuitable by reason of its heat, but in the month of November beginning on the last Monday of that month.

T. V. SWAMINATHA IYER.

G. SETHA IYENGAR.

G. VAIDYANATHA IYER.

M. C. RAJAGOPALA NAIDU.

M. N. BALAKRISHNA IYER.

S. S. VYASA RAO.

S. K. DEVASIKHAMANI, (Chairman).

26th April 1915.



Resolutions passed at the Trichinopoly District Educational Conference held in March 1916.

(B) **Resolution I.**—This conference respectfully recommends that, with a view to make education really efficient in this country, provision be made for raising the status of the teaching profession by adopting the following recommendations among other means:—(a) provision for a Pension Provident and Insurance Funds managed or controlled by Government for the benefit of teachers in all recognised institutions (b) increase of the teachers' pay on fixed and ear-marked salary grant systems and by the introduction of a fixed scale of salary in all recognised schools; (c) special privileges be conferred on teachers such as exemption from profession tax, formation of electorates composed of teachers within the respective areas to return a member to a Municipal council, to the District and Taluk Boards; (d) conferring by government of titles of honour and distinctions on teachers or grant of jagirs to the same for long and meritorious services. (e) granting by managers, of free education to the sons of the teachers employed by them.

Resolution II.—This conference is of opinion that the use of English as the medium of imparting instruction in Indian schools is a great disadvantage in the matter of the acquisition of real and useful knowledge and retards the diffusion of the same among the people at large; and that therefore the vernaculars should be gradually made the media of instruction in non-language subjects in Secondary Schools, English continuing to be taught as a compulsory subject. That this resolution be communicated to the Director of Public Instruction and also to the Headmasters and Managers of all Secondary Schools.

(D) **Resolution III.**—That in the opinion of this conference it is high time for government to appoint Medical Inspectors who will periodically visit schools with a view to examine the sanitary and hygienic conditions of school and to advise as to how the children receiving instruction be made physically fit to do so.

(E) **Resolution IV.**—That in the opinion of this conference, the results of the Ootacamund conference convened by government to fix the maximum of salary for clerks in the different branches of Public Service should be extended to the Urban and Rural Primary Teachers.

(F) **Resolution V.**—This conference requests the Director of Public Instruction and the University of Madras to allow bonafide teachers to apply in private for all the University Examinations as in Bengal, The United Provinces, The Punjab and other provinces and thus gradually to increase their general educational qualifications.

Home Education DEPARTMENT.

Letter No. 2432 A-1878-27

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Home Education DEPARTMENT.

TO

The President ✓

Trichinopoly Teachers' Association,
Trichinopoly

FORT ST. GEORGE
DATED OOTACAMUND,

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SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 9th July 1907, forwarding a copy of the resolutions passed at the Trichinopoly Dr. Educational Conference held in April 1907, which will receive due attention.

I have the honour to be,

Sir.

Your most obedient Servant,

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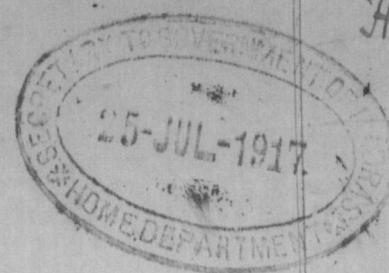
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