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of ----- a professor of the Madras Christian College.

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CUTTINGS FROM NEWSPAPERS.

1. Name of Paper - *The Hindu*
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Saturday's Meeting.

IT is significant of the strength of feeling of the non-Brahmin communities in the cause of Home Rule, that the small minority who are the followers of Dr. Nair should have thought it necessary to attempt to break up the meeting on Saturday by an organised act of rowdyism. It is evident that except in this sense there has been no split in the non-Brahmin camp as our morning contemporary would like to make out. The non-Brahmins are as solidly in favor of Home Rule as any other community, despite the efforts of a small but exceedingly vocal clique which has been magnified by the forces of reaction as representing the forty odd millions of this Presidency. That that clique represents nobody except themselves and not always even that if what we hear is true, was made abundantly clear on Saturday when their representative had to descend to open rowdyism to prevent the proceedings being conducted. We publish a so-called "statement" signed by Mr. Kandasami Chetti and others which we can only characterise as a tissue of misrepresentation and special pleading, from which it is manifest that the signatories knew that Mr. Arunagiri Naidu was the Chairman-designate, that the meeting though technically open to all non-Brahmins was one intended for the purpose of passing certain Resolutions aimed at the policy which Mr. Chetti's clique has been pursuing and that consequently it was not open to Mr. Kandasami Chetti to bring his own Chairman along and force him on the meeting, unless it was his purpose to create a disturbance and thus break up the meeting. Mr. Kandasami Chetti is, a preacher of Social ethics as Secretary to the Social Reform Association and

editor of the "Social Reform Advocate" and he is we believe, a Professor in the Madras Christian College and as such charged with the responsible task of forming the mind and character of the students. The authorities of the College may have their own opinion on the point but in this connection we should like to point out that the rule forbidding teachers to take active part in politics has been set in operation in more than one instance against Home Rulers and presumably applies in theory at least to teachers of Mr. Kandasami Chetti's political persuasion. The public however can have only one opinion about a teacher who is never tired of denouncing the participation of students in politics and who yet sets such a shining example to his pupils in the art of rowdyism. Regarding his "statement" we shall content ourselves with correcting one misstatement so flagrant as to border upon an untruth. It is stated that the meeting was dissolved because the conveners felt that their Resolutions could not be passed. As a matter of fact, some 500 of those who attended signed the creed at the doors and had the arrangements been better, that number could have been doubled. That disposes of the statement that there was any opposition to the purpose of the meeting beyond the small if organised body who were there with a view to wreck the meeting.

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Mr. Kandaswamy Chetty's Feat.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HINDU."
SIR,—Kindly allow me to say that Mr. Kandaswamy Chetty is not a Professor in the Madras Christian College, as was stated in your leaderette of last Monday but only a lecturer, taking only the Intermediate classes in English. So, it may be some consolation to you that the College authorities have restricted his scope of activities, to a very small section. As you rightly observe in your able comments on Saturday's incident, there is flagrant inconsistency between his precept and practice. It is high time that the College authorities open their eyes and take some steps in the matter so that the popularity of the College may not be affected, as a result of his indiscreet activities. Mr. Chetty is evidently one of those men with stunted vision, who are not wise enough to see that petty prejudices should be completely subordinated to the interests of the country. Mr. Chetty's part in the Non-Brahmana movement headed by Dr. Nair & Co. is singularly unenviable. We cannot understand, how he as a teacher, could take part in Saturday's meeting which was purely political in character. If the Government pass this unnoted, we fear it would become a precedent for others to follow in his footsteps, though not necessarily to base and mischievous tends.

MADRAS, September 19.

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I have been in correspondence with Skinner and I have sent two letters from him which please return have back

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(Copy of D.O's)

Demi Official letter from the Reverend William Skinner,
Madras Christian College, Madras, dated the 15th

October 1917, to the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. Stone, M.A.,

F.R.H.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction, Madras;
Ref. your D.O. No. 6164/-1917 dated Oct 11, 1917.

The Senatus at its last meeting on Friday the 12th instant had an application before it from Mr. O. Kandaswami Chetti asking that the leave previously granted to him should be extended to the end of this year. His application was granted in the interests of the internal discipline of the college; and it was understood that Mr. Kandaswami Chetti would in future exercise greater care to see that his political activities did not interfere with his usefulness as a teacher.

Demo official letter from the Reverend William Skinner,
Madras Christian College, Madras, to the Honourable Mr. J. H. Stone, M.A. F.R.H.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction, Madras, No. 1, dated the 9th October 1917.

Your confidential D.O. No.C.152/1917 dated 6th October 1917.

I am afraid it would be a little difficult to bring Mr. O. Kandaswami Chetti under the Madras Educational Rules. But of course I regard his recent activities as very reprehensible on the part of a teacher and suitable notice is being taken of them by the college. We cannot be very hard on him in view of his long connection with the college and his very valuable services to it. But we recognize that his recent work in the field of politics is inconsistent with the duty he owes to the college as a lecturer and we have placed this view before him. In the meantime we have given him leave and the matter is still under consideration. If ^{desired} ~~desired~~, I shall be happy to report later what is ultimately done regarding him.

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Please see the correspondence from Dr. Skinner placed below. They may be returned to the D.P.S. as desired by him. He may perhaps be requested to report the ultimate decision of the Christian College authorities in the matter.

2. The following d.o. is submitted for approval: Do No 1082 B-28262

Dear Mr. Stone,

Your un-official note of the 22nd October 1917, regarding Mr. O. Kandaswami Chetti of the Madras Christian College. The two letters from Dr. Skinner are returned as desired by you. Will you kindly inform ^{the} Govt. of the ultimate decision of the college authorities in the matter in due course?

Yours sincerely

26/10/17

23.10.17

25/10/17

The Hon'ble Mr. J. H. Stone M.A., F.R.S.; C.S.

28/10/17

The College authorities might have come to some decision about Mr. Kandaswami Chetti by this time. It is for consideration whether the D.P.S. may be reminded. If so, the ^(following) draft d.o.

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Dear Mr. Stone,

Please refer

to my d.o No 1082 B

2 of the 26. 10. 17, Will you kindly let me know

whether ~~any of the authorities of the Madras Christian College~~

~~have come to any decision~~ regarding Mr. O. Kandaswami Chetti?

Yours sincerely

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The Hon. ble Mr. J. H. Stone, M. A.; F.R.H.S.; CIE
SPD, Madras.

Scarcely necessary to press
Mr. Stone. The matter may be
revived if he replies. Meanwhile
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