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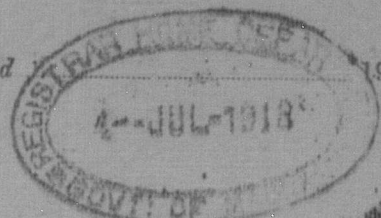
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Home (Education) DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Submitting to Government letter dated 14-6-18 from the
Convener of Kotagiri European Boys' School Committee, Chingleput
applying for a half grant to start a new school in Kotagiri
for European boys.

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From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. J. H. Stone, M.A., F.R.S.,
C.I.E.,
(Designation) Director of Public Instruction

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home (Education) Department.

Sir,

Submitted to Government with the following remarks:-

It is the declared policy of Government to diminish
by amalgamations the number of European schools rather
than to increase it and I could not therefore recommend
any assistance being given to a new European school
on a permanent basis.

2. The present application does not of course contemplate
this but it seems to me that such a school as they wish
for, if once established with the assistance of Govern-
ment, would be very difficult to put an end to. War con-
ditions will obtain for some time after peace is declared

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and it will be difficult to fix a time when they have ceased to exist. Meanwhile a vested interest will be created and fairly well-to-do parents will have acquired the habit of expecting state assistance for the education of their children.

3 There are however schools which are already resorted to by the children of missionaries and civil officers, some even in the higher grades of ^{the} services. I was told by one of the promoters of the present scheme that they do not consider the hostel attached to one of these schools, Breck's, satisfactory and that prevents its being used so much as it might otherwise be. I suggest that a more economical plan than starting a new school would be the establishment of a hostel in Ootacamund for boys attending Breck's whose parents cannot afford better board and lodging than Breck's can give. On the figures one would expect such a hostel to be self-supporting.

4 At any rate I am not able to recommend to Government to give pecuniary aid to the proposed new school except by quite exceptional action outside the rules and budget of the Educational Department. Such action would be tantamount to helping a special class to bear their share of the burden of the war and that class by no means the most necessitous.

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For Director of Public Instruction.

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United Free Church Mission,
Chingleput.

24th June 1918.

From Rev. W.S. Sutherland,

Convener of Kotagiri European Boys' School Committee,

CHINGLEPUT.

To J.H. Stone, Esq.,

Director of Public Instruction,

Rosewood, OOTACAMUND.

Sir.

I have the honour to bring to your notice that it is proposed to open as a special war measure a preparatory school for European boys in Kotagiri, and to request that Government may be pleased to grant such a school recognition and adequate grants towards its equipment and maintenance.

The urgent need for such a school has arisen owing to the present restrictions on travelling to England. There are at present detained in India a number of boys - sons of European missionaries, officials and others - who under ordinary circumstances would be at present undergoing education in the Home lands. The need for making some provision for the education of such boys has for some time been keenly felt by parents and others interested and is becoming daily more urgent owing to the protraction of the war. A meeting of missionaries and others interested was recently convened at Kotagiri and a committee was appointed to devise steps to meet the need and mitigate as far as possible the educational disabilities under which such boys are at the present time labouring and it is as convener of this committee I have been asked to bring the matter to the notice of Government through your Department.

The need for some special arrangement to supply educational facilities for these boys will continue for the period of the war and the period subsequent thereto until transport and leave arrangements return again to the normal. It is proposed that the school, when established, be under the management of a Board representative of the leading Missionary Societies working in South India.

It is not intended that the school should draw pupils from any of the existing European boys' schools in South India or compete with them in any way. Its aim is to supply education on such lines that when conditions return to the normal, the pupils will be able to take a

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place in Home schools with as little educational disadvantage as possible owing to their abnormally long detention in India. The parents of the boys whose needs we hope to meet by establishing such a school feel that the educational conditions they desire are not adequately provided for, in any of the existing European schools in South India.

• With regard to staff it is proposed to enlist the services of missionaries of high qualifications and educational experience who are already engaged in work in this country but who feel that the urgency of the need we desire to meet, justifies their undertaking the work as special war work.

With regard to accommodation the Committee have been fortunate in securing until 1st August the option of renting Beaulieu Manor, Kotagiri, which offers suitable quarters for housing between 40 and 50 boys as well as the necessary staff. Suitable class rooms are also available in the vicinity.

A statement is enclosed herewith showing the estimated expenditure and income on such an undertaking. From this it will be seen that a sum estimated at about Rs12,000 a year will be required to meet the maintenance in addition to the fee income. It is therefore requested that Government may grant its recognition to the undertaking and be pleased to grant sanction a special maintenance grant of at least Rs7,500 a year and at least half grant towards the cost of equipment which it is estimated will cost about Rs3,000. It is expected that the balance of the amount required in addition to these grants may be secured by special donations and grants from the Missionary Societies.

It is proposed that the school should be started at the beginning of 1919, but as our option in the securing of "Beaulieu Manor" expires on August 1st, our committee must be in a position before that date to know whether or not the scheme is possible. As our decision must depend on the securing of adequate grants for the undertaking an early reply- if possible before 15th July- would be a great favour.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Wm. S. Sutherland

Convener of Kotagiri School Committee.

PROPOSED SCHOOL FOR BOYS AT KOTAGIRI.

1. It is proposed to establish a school in Kotagiri for European boys between the ages of 7 and 14, who are at present unable to go home for their education.
2. It will probably be under the control of several of the leading British Missionary Societies.
3. Enquiries have been made and it is almost certain that there are at least 40 boys (probably more) sons of Missionaries and civilians whose parents would be glad to send them to the school.
4. Some parents who are contemplating sending their sons to a proposed school in Ceylon would be glad to send them to Kotagiri if a suitable school were established.
5. A committee has been formed in Kotagiri to consult with Government and the Missionary Societies to see if such a school can be formed, financed.
6. The names of the Revs. H. Ashcroft, Gordon Mathews, G.K. Williams and R. Smailes have been mentioned as possible Principals, in case one of them can be released from his present work.
7. The school is contemplated at present only as a war measure.
8. The proprietor of Beaulieu Manor is willing to lease the house and grounds for a period of not less than 3 years at Rs 350 per mensem.
9. The following is an approximate estimate of expenditure.

STAFF		per mensem	per annum.
Headmaster		Rs 375	
1st Assistant (Master)		250	
2nd " (Lady)		150	
3rd " (Lady)		150	
Housemother		125	
Housekeeper		125	
Servants		200	
		<u>1375</u>	
			Rs 16,500
RENT		350	4,200
FOOD 40 boys at Rs 45 each	1800	(10 months)	18,000
SCHOOL Contingencies	100	(10 months)	1,000
FURNITURE			
Interest on an initial outlay of Rs 3000 at 6%	15		180
			<u>Rs. 39,880</u>

INCOME		
Say 15 sons of civilians at Rs 100 per mensem for 10 months	Rs -	Rs 15,000
Say 25 sons of missionaries at Rs 50 per mensem for 10 months	=	12,500
		<u>Rs. 27,500</u>

- Deducting the Income from the Fees from the total expenditure a balance of Rs. 12,380 remains to be met.
10. The other possible sources of income are
1. A Government grant.
 2. Public subscriptions.
 3. Grants from Missionary Societies.
11. If instead of 40 boys the school had 50 (say 25 civilians' and 25 missionaries' sons) the income would be increased to Rs. 37,500 leaving a balance of Rs. 2380 to be met.
12. The present building cannot accommodate more than 50 boys. (boarded)
13. Another possible source of income would be the fees of day boys, say Rs 30 per mensem. This might be used as a sinking fund to clear off the initial expenditure (Rs 3000) on furniture. If Government were to give a half grant, it might be possible to clear off the balance in two or three years.

Wm. S. Sutherland
Convener of Committee

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EDUCATION IN INDIA DURING THE WAR OF SONS OF OFFICERS.

Owing to war conditions it has not been possible during the last two years or more for so many European officers to send home their boys of six years and upwards who would otherwise have been sent to England, that there is, it is believed, now in India a large number of sons of Government officers between the ages of say 7 and 12, who would in ordinary circumstances be attending a boys' preparatory school in England and for whom there is no corresponding institution in India. It has been suggested that to meet this want it might be possible to open a first class preparatory school at some station in the Himalayas where the boys could—except for their usual vacations—remain in residence throughout the year. As such school would only provide for a special class, Government could not be expected to give any direct help, and as it is unlikely that private enterprise would care to embark on so uncertain a venture, it follows that the institution must be self-supporting. It is believed that a really suitable locality for such a school and a staff of masters with experience can be obtained, but the fees charged would, as is the case in England for similar education, be comparatively high, probably from about Rs. 100 to Rs. 120 per mensem inclusive of board, tuition and incidental charges.

Before taking further steps it is necessary to ascertain whether there is any likelihood of securing a sufficient number of pupils to justify the experiment. Unless say 100 names are forthcoming it is unlikely that it will be possible to proceed with the idea. Parents or guardians who are prepared to consider sending boys to such a school are requested to communicate with "The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarter, Simla," giving the names, ages and addresses of the boys they would be prepared to send as pupils. It should be understood that any such communication would be regarded as non-committal.

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Submitting letter from Convener of Kotagiri Boys' School Committee making some corrections ⁱⁿ to the statement that he had last sent.

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From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. J. H. Stone, M.A., F.R.H.S.,
C.I.E.,
(Designation) Director of Public Instruction.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home (Education) Department.

Sir,

United Free Church Mission,

Chingleput.

29th June 1913.

From Rev. W.S. Sutherland,

Convener of Kotagiri Boys' School Committee,

Chingleput.

To J.H. Stone, Esq.,

Director of Public Instruction,

Rosewood, OOTACAMUND.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of 24th June in regard to the securing of recognition and grants for a European Boys' School at Kotagiri.

I regret to state that in paragraph 11 of the statement accompanying the letter an inaccuracy has occurred through the statement failing to take account of the cost of feeding 10 additional boys which would increase the expenditure by a sum of Rs. 4500 a year. Please therefore substitute the following for paragraph 11 of the statement -

11. If instead of 40 boys, the school had 50 (say 25 civilians' and 25 missionaries' sons) the income would be increased to Rs 37500 and the expenditure to Rs. 44380, leaving a balance of Rs. 6880 to be met.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W^m S. Sutherland

Convener of Kotagiri School Committee.

The Director of Public Insts.

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the thing is for private
enterprise to develop.

The Govt. regret their inability to give any pecuniary aid to the preparatory School for Europeans boys proposed to be opened in Kolagiri as a war measure.

9-7-18

Note
Please see a similar scheme for
school in the North and in which the
impropriety of Govt's giving any grants is
admitted. This scheme is being separately
circulated to heads of depts. Those who propose
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