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[Despatch Abstract.]

Address.-

Recording notes on the----- proposed to be presented to Her Excellency Lady Willingdon by the Mahila Sabha of Mangalore on the occasion of Her Excellency's opening of the sabha building.

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For the Registrar

Please see the Madras Mail of the 9th Oct. 1919 placed below. There is no reference in it of Her Excellency having opened the Mahila Sabha building.

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MADRAS GOVERNOR'S CAMP,
18th September 1919.

My dear Ramachandra

During His Excellency's tour to South Kanara next month Her Excellency will open the building of the Mahila Sabha (Ladies Association) at Mangalore. I have sent a copy of the address to be presented on that occasion to the Revenue Department as regards the question of exemption from paying assessment. Will you kindly let me have a note not later than the 26th instant from an educational point of view?

Yours sincerely,

Alfred

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Diwan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao Avl.,

To

Her Excellency Lady Willingdon.

Your Excellencies Lord and Lady Willingdon,

On this auspicious occasion we, the members of the Sabha offer our sincere thanks to Your Excellencies for having graciously consented to take part in the opening function of the Mahila Sabha building and to bless the institution. It gives immense pleasure that both His Excellency Lord Willingdon and Your Excellency have taken the trouble to be present on this occasion which is positive proof of the fact that you always reserve a warm corner in your hearts for the advancement of Indian womanhood. And we firmly believe that a fresh impetus will be given to the progress of the humble work that the Mahila Sabha has been striving to do hitherto. Your Excellencies thus having practically identified yourselves with the well being of this institution.

Your Excellencies will permit us to take ~~part~~ this opportunity of briefly stating here something about the working of the Mahila Sabha. This Association has been in existence since May 1911 and is worked by a Managing Committee consisting of 21 ladies representing the different communities in the town and is opened to ladies of all communities.

The objects of the Mahila Sabha are:-

- (1) To supplement the educational facilities afforded by 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 together and thus to promote sisterly feelings among them.

The above aims of the Sabha are attempted to be worked out and popularised by the employment of the following ways and means.

(ii) Arranging ^{arranging these} ^{wherein Indian ladies} different communities are invited to participate.

(iii) Organising 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 topics as will better fit them to discharge their duties as capable house-wives, wise mothers and true and inspiring companies, and

(iv) Arranging magic lantern exhibitions by the help of slides explaining natural and physical phenomena and showing the nature of bacilli of different kinds of diseases like typhoid, cholera, phthisis, etc.

Nor is the moral and spiritual side of women's education neglected. The following are some of the subjects upon which lectures were delivered:- Home education of children by mothers, the sphere and duties of women, the necessity of higher education to women, nursing, sanitation, hygiene and First Aids, etc.

As H.E. Lord Pentland truly observed on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of this building on 20-10-17, we are working actuated with the view and the firm conviction that "if advance ~~in~~ of India 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."

It may not be out of place to mention here that in addition to the series of lectures thus organised it is now proposed by the Sabha to start an industrial section for teaching the girl pupils how to prepare all kinds of articles of dress, fruit preserves, vermicelli, etc. and to keep a stock of these articles in the premises of the Sabha and to sell them to the public whereby it is hoped that the institution may be made self-supporting. The Sabha also intends to build an ideal home

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the light of modern conditions
thing that makes for enabling women to live up to the essential
ideals of the past traditions in India. We also beg to be per-
mitted in this connection to request H.E. that the plot on which
our building has been erected, may be allowed to be used by
the Sabha free of assessment. We also confidently look forward
to getting substantial grant from the D.P.I. towards the
construction of the Ideal Home, a library and fitting up furni-
ture for our Sabha.

With these words I request Your Excellency Lady Willingd
on behalf of us all, to perform the function of opening this
building.

We beg to remain,
Your Excellency,
Members of the Mahila Sabha

Home (Education) Dept.

A short history of this Sabha together with the scope of
its activities is given in the address itself.

2. In G.O. No. 3232, Revenue, dated 12-10-17 a plot of land
measuring 1.20 acres within the municipal limits of Mangalore
has been alienated in favour of the association, for the
construction of a building etc. subject to the condition,
among others of the payment of ground rent of Rs. 90 per annum
to Government. It is apparently this rent from the payment of
which the association now seeks exemption.

3. So far as this Dept. is concerned, the definite point
in the address is about a grant in aid of a model Indian house
the construction of which is contemplated by the Sabha and of
equipping the association with the necessary furniture and
library. The same question of grant was mentioned in the

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address which was presented by the Sabha to H.E. Lord Pentland in 1917 when the latter laid the foundation stone for the building which is now to be opened by Her Excellency. Sir Henry Stone, then D.P.I., noted as follows:-

"They have not yet applied for a grant so far as I know. If they do so, of course the application will receive due consideration. I think it could be brought under Charters VI, VIII and IX of the Grant-in-Aid Code."

Govt. have no information if the association since applied and obtained a grant for the main building now to be opened, as grants up to Rs. 2,500 are within the sanctioning powers of the D.P.I. Perhaps the file may be sent for remarks to the Director. E.A.V. 21-9-19.

C.R. 22-9-19.

Secretary.-

R.R.R. 22-9-19.

D.P.I. u.o.

D.P.I.'s office.

U.O. Camp No. 432/19, dated 26-9-19.

A building grant of Rs. 2,500 was sanctioned in March 1919. I have wired to Madras for the papers; they should arrive in the evening of the 25th instant.

R. L. 24-9-19.

The institution has been treated as a continuation school. On receipt of an application for a grant for furniture or books it will receive due consideration as already stated by Sir Henry Stone.

I have no information as to whether the Sabha contemplates constructing an additional building (the "Ideal Home") in addition to that for which grant has been promised, or whether the "Ideal Home" is the name it proposes to give to the building for which grant has been promised. A home or school can be framed

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~~framed~~ ^{formed} from bricks and mortar, a "home" requires the addition of flesh and blood and an "ideal home" requires the further addition of moral qualities which a grant from Government, no matter how substantial, cannot guarantee to produce.

R.L. 26-9-19.

Home (Education) u.o.

Secretary.-

May be circulated to H.M.

C.R. 26-9-19.

Hon'ble Member.-

The women folk of South Kanara have the reputation of being progressive and educated.

R.R.R. 26-9-19.

L. D. 26-9-19.

Home (Edm.)

Three copies of a typewritten note on the address to be presented to Her Excellency by the Matula Sabha, Mangalore, on the occasion of opening the Sabha building are placed below. They may be forwarded to the P. S. G. w/o.

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27.9.19

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Returned with thanks.

P.S.G.

1.10.19



Home (Edm.)

May be sent till receipt of a copy of Her Excellency's speech.

4.10.19

4.10.19

Copy of H.E.'s speech has not yet been received. Submitted that these papers may now be

Recorded.

2. If and when extracts of Her Excellency's speech is received, it may be added to the papers and action, if any, may also be taken there. (The U.S. has remarked in the arrears list whether all the d.O.s really necessary?)

We can't get a report of it even from the newspapers.

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