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Reformatory School, Chinglaput -

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NOTES.

Home (Ed.) 336.B

17.2.19



I am ~~going~~ to give away prizes at
the Reformatory School, Chingleput.
On 22nd February + shd. be glad if
Hon'ble (Jas. or Edw.) Mr. K. J. (or
me a brief note on that institution
including any recent developments or
impending changes on which remarks
might appropriately be made.

Leat.
G. S. P.

Amie P. J.
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Home (Education) Dept.

Reformatory School - Chingleput.

In 1899 the management of the Reformatory schools was transferred from the Jail Department to the Education Dept. In Madras this change had taken place eleven years earlier. The school at Chingleput was from its very inception placed under the Education Dept. with a responsible Educational Officer in executive charge and conducted in all respects as an educational institution. It has thus been recognised that these institutions are "schools for the education and reform of boys and not jails for their punishment by long periods of incarceration".

2. The D.M & S.O. at Chingleput is ^{usually} the Superintendent of the school and is paid an allowance of Rs.100 p.m. for the purpose. An officer of the Provincial Educational Service (now Mr. Coombes) is the Dy. Supdt. and in immediate executive charge. He ^{has} ~~is now acting~~ as Supdt. since September 1914 (G.O. 342 R dated 13-11-1914). The Superintendent is assisted by a committee of visitors appointed by Govt.

3. The question of providing additional reformatory school accommodation was raised in 1915 but left over for consideration in connection with the general subject of the treatment of juvenile offenders which was then under examination - G.O. 1121 Bd. dated 8-10-15. As a result of the examination it has been decided to introduce the Madras Children Bill. This bill has been referred to a select committee.

(p.267 of the 10th Biennial
report on the Progress of Ed.
in India)

(p.2 of G.O. 378 & d. 28.4.13)

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cf para 4 of the order in G.O. 158 & d.
20.3.07

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(p. 267 of the Director's
review on the progress of Eds.
in India)

(p. 8 of the Director's
proceedings during 4320
24.7.18)
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page 57 of the
D.P.I. quinquennial report 1911-12
to 1916-17 (Flag J)
since 1911: - no. 7908d
14.11.1911

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S. W. P. 1911-12

p. 57 of the D.P.I.'s quinquennial
report 1911-12 to 1916-17 - (Flag J)

4. The school which provides accommodation for 250 boys is an elementary combined with an industrial institution. The trades taught are carpentry, blacksmith and metal work, weaving, tailoring, band-playing, mason's work and rattan work.

5. From the report on the working of the school for 1917 it is observed that the Inspector of Schools, 4th Circle, was favourably impressed with the work of the general education classes and that the reports of the outside experts who had examined the various industrial departments in the school were generally favourable. In the last quinquennial review the D.P.I. observed as follows:-

"The system of giving the boys greater liberty and reposing greater trust in them has been developed. An annual camp is now held for the boys at the seaside, the school is allowed to compete in games with other schools on their grounds, well-behaved boys are allowed to go into the town without escort and full advantage is taken of the monitorial system to encourage the boys to "police" themselves. In all these ways the knowledge that they are trusted has had a marked effect on the atmosphere of the school. Religious instruction has received attention. A mosque and a small Hindu temple have been constructed. A room has been set apart for the Roman Catholic boys in which mass is said, and service is held for the Protestant boys in the school room. The shift system has been developed making increased supervision possible and providing for the separation of the juniors from the seniors during work and play. Fifteen former boys are at the front and several enlist every year, while boys at the school have contributed out of their own earnings towards various

war funds".

In G.O. No. 88 Home (Edn.) dated 22-1-19 the Govt. ^{have} sanctioned the payment of a monthly stipend of Rs. 6 each to the two Telugu pupils of the ~~school~~ ^{Reformatory school, Chingleput}, who were to be licensed to the Supdt. of the Engineering school Vizagapatam, for employment in the school work-shops.

6. At the instance of the Hon'ble Sir Alexander Cardew the following important changes have been introduced in the rules of the school (G.O. 616 dated 13-8-18):-

- (1) with a view to reduce the chances of ex-pupils being regarded as released criminal it has been directed that the reference about them should be addressed to Collectors and not to District Magistrates.
- (2) The officers charged with the duty of surveillance after a pupil is discharged are now enjoined ^{ed} to use every effort to find employment for these pupils and not to be merely content with having reported the fact of their non-employment.
- (3) Power has been taken in order to prevent the return of discharged boys to their parents who are obviously immoral or otherwise unfit to look after them.

7. In G.O. No. 2873 Rev. dated 13-9-17 the Govt. have approved the combined fishery and anti-malarial scheme submitted by the Honorary Director of Fisheries at a capital cost of Rs. 7,500, the annual running charges amounting to Rs. 800.

8. The Hon'ble Sir Alexander Cardew who inspected the school early in 1917 drew attention

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[with G.O. No. 1423
12-11-17]

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C.O. No 128 Home (202)

29.1.19

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to the deplorable state of the physique of the boys in the school. With a view to improve their physique a revised scale of diet in consultation with the S.G. has been introduced and the Director requested to submit a report to the Govt. at the end of one year on the working of the new scale.

As many boys appear to suffer from defective vision, the S.G. has been asked to depute an Asstt. Surgeon to examine their eyesight.

9. In connection with the examination of the question of diet referred to above, the Hon'ble Sir Alexander Cardew expressed his opinion that something was wrong with the management of the institution and that a change in the management was therefore desirable. He also observed that on the retirement of Mr. Coombes or on his transfer to other work, he should be much inclined to put the School for a time in charge of a Medical Officer, who might, being on the spot day after day, be able to discover what is wrong. In G.O. R.20 dated 1-2-19 Mr. Coombes has been granted combined privilege leave and furlough for 15 months and 8 days from or after the 7th July 1919, and the question of the appointment of a medical officer will shortly be taken up in consultation with the D.P.I.

CRP
18.2.19 The above note, if approved, may be submitted to H.M.
18.2.19

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S. J.

A feature of the school programme is the annual excursions.

The pending matters are

(1) Unsuitability of the site; malaria; site too much cramped; school is more a jail than a school

(2) Poor physique of boys; probably due to the classes for which they are recruited; scale of diet has recently been changed

(3) Necessity of having a medical Superintendent.

(4) Difficulty, perhaps due to want of sufficient workers for DMS (and perhaps want to want of much training) of pupils to attain employment

(5) We are probably passing through a transition period. The children's bill is more comprehensive & must reach on reformatory

(6) a reformatory for girls is badly wanted.

May 19/19

H.M.

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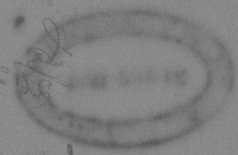
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