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Dorset Protestant College.-

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Mr. Davidson C.S.I. in connection with the prize distribution -
function of the Institution.

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Doveton Protestant College.

History of the Institution.

Captain Doveton who died in 1853 bequeathed a considerable sum of money to certain executors for the purpose of establishing colleges. All that is known of the intention of the testator is that the benefaction was to be divided between certain institutions in Calcutta and another which was to be established in Madras within two years of the death of the testator. A committee of 13 was appointed to carry out the scheme in Madras. They took over a school conducted by the Church of Scotland in Madras, amalgamated their funds with those of another institution - the Protestant college - the establishment of which was then in contemplation and thus ~~thereby~~ founded the Doveton Protestant College which was opened on 1st March 1855. In 1858 pupils were first presented for the Entrance examination of the Madras University, and in the following year college classes were formed. These were closed from 1864 to 1866. In 1870 B.A. classes were started but had to be closed nine years later. They were reopened afterwards from time to time but never with any success and were finally closed in the end of 1888. Thereafter till 1912 the college maintained the status of a second grade college. In the year 1912 the institution finally closed its college class with no prospect of their being ^{reopened} and came to occupy the position of a High School. The Madras Code of Regulations for European Schools applies to the institution. The object of the institution is declared to be "to offer to the youth of the Christian community a liberal and sound Christian education" in accordance with the recognised tenets of the Church of England, the Church of Scotland and the whole body of the

*Taken from the
University Commission
reports (not put up)*

the Protestant churches. The following extracts from the annual report of the institution for 1904 would show the extent to which this object has been achieved:

"The history of Doveton for the past 50 years is chequered by some successes and not a few failures. For some reason, the people for whose sake it exists have never taken it to their hearts, cherished it worked for it or made it their own. No one can read the reports of the past 50 years without signing over what might have been if the domiciled European and Eurasian community had done its share as Captain Doveton did his share in providing for the education of its children."

II. Constitution and Management.-

The College is under private management. The governing body is a committee consisting of the four trustees of the Protestant college funds and nine members elected by the subscribers to the institution, three of whom retire annually, but are eligible for re-election. The committee meets once a month and is empowered to frame such regulations as it deems proper for the internal economy of the institution.

III. Finance.-

The various sources of income are (1) fees, (2) subscriptions, (3) Government grants-in-aid, and (4) investment on Government securities held in trust from Captain Doveton's estate and a donation of Rs. 4,700 per annum from the interest on the Protestant college fund. The following are the statistics relating to expenditure for the last three years:-

P. 40, part II of the
Madras University
Calendar 1918
(- Vol: not put up)

Year.	From Govt. grants.	From fees.	From Endowments.	From Subscription and other sources.	Total.	
(Taken from the reformation Fidei Divis)	1917-18	11,257	4,590	8,014	788	24,649
	1916-17	10,922	3,972	7,996	680	23,570
	1915-16	10,812	4,764	6,889	463	22,928.

IV. Buildings.—

The University Commission of 1904 reported that the accommodation was ample and that the sanitary arrangements were satisfactory but remarked on the absence of hostel arrangements and it does not appear that this defect has yet been remedied.

V. S t a f f.—

The staff consists of a European Principal, four Madras graduates, three of whom are Eurasians and one a Hindu, and four mistresses including the singing mistress.

VI. Strength.

The following statement exhibits the strength during the last two years distributed over the several standards.-

	1917.	1918.
9th standard	10	6
8th " "	8	5
7th " "	12	13
6th " "	8	20
5th " "	19	10
4th " "	12	19
3rd " "	14	11
2rd " "	10	13
Total	93	107

p. 6 of the Jones
report for 1918-19

VII. General Remarks.-

An idea of the general efficiency of the institution may be formed from the remarks of the Inspector of European and Training Schools at page -13 of his reports on the inspection of the school for 1917-18 and 1918-19.

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Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
The Old College, Mungambakkam,

30th March 1919

D.O

Dear Davidson,

There is certainly a lack of Anglo-Indian men taking up teaching as a profession, and this defect has been accentuated by the War, many teachers, certificated and under training, having volunteered and been selected for active service. Our Anglo-Indian men teachers are trained at Sanawar and out of 18 applicants for training during the five years of the last quinquennium (1911-12 to 1916-17) 12 were admitted for training. As you probably know the Provincial Government is about to assume control of the Lawrence Asylum schools at Lovedale and it is proposed to attach to these schools a training school for European teachers; the scheme is I think even now with Government in an incomplete form. When this proposal materializes it is probable that there will be available a larger supply of Anglo-Indian men teachers for Southern India, but I do not expect that there will be any large increase in the number of men entering the teaching profession unless their salaries are raised, and managers of schools in general maintain that they cannot afford to increase the salaries offered. Salaries could be raised only by increased Government grants and increased private subscription and donations including endowments. And there has been very little real endeavour made in the last few years in South India to raise funds for placing the financial position of European schools on a sound basis.

Dorseton Protestant College has been very unfortunate for the last ten years (and possibly more) in its Committee of Management and in its Principal--but these are two points which though essential to any consideration of the general condition and policy of this college and of European education in general so far as it is expressed through this college, cannot well be touched upon at a prize distribution. A small increased grant of Rs. 400/- was given to the college this year

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and we have promised consideration to a request made for a much larger grant next year Rs.7350--though it is perfectly obvious that we cannot give an increased recurring grant of this magnitude, though we shall give something additional. If some of the richer Anglo-Indians would only put their hands in their pockets there need not be such a large demand on Government funds. There is no doubt but that improvements are needed in the college, which is moderately well endowed, and that it would be reasonable to expect a larger measure of assistance from Government funds if the management is also prepared to contribute towards increased expenditure, but this proviso is the stumbling block. However, when I take up the question of grants to all European schools next year I shall see if any modification is required in the present 'fixed grant' system and in the amount that is awarded to this college, in consideration of the claims of other European schools.

I have at present in my office a file under reference and consideration relating to Scholarships for Europeans, and so far as I have treated it I have been convinced that there is some need for modification in the number and terms of award of our scholarships and I am addressing Government officially in this respect as soon as the complete details can be worked out. The modifications I suggest will probably not include teaching scholarships--I am not in favour of these except when held at special teaching institutes and we hope to have such scholarships in conjunction with our proposed training school at Lovedale, but I am proposing the award of a larger number of general scholarships which will be tenable at any recognized institution and these two steps together--an increased number of scholarships and scholarships or stipends to the training school at Lovedale--should eventually adequately meet all the requirements.

Might I suggest that in your speech--which will be publicly reported--you do not specifically promise any increased number of scholarships, but only that the question of the need of increase is now under examination.

Yours sincerely,

The Hon. Mr. Lionel Davidson, C.S.I.,

'Adyar House',

Adyar.

1st April 1919.

My dear Littlehailles,

Many thanks for your very helpful D.O. of the 30th March 19 about the Doveton Protestant College, of which I made judicious use last night at the prize distribution, ~~having~~ taken care to make no specific promise.

Yours sincerely,

O/C.



Hon. Mr. R. Littlehailles,

Director of Public Instruction,
Nungambaukum, Madras.

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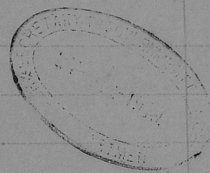
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I am giving away prizes at the Dorseton
Protestant College on Monday 31st March.
& should be grateful if Home (Edw.)
wd supply me with a brief note about
that institution, including (if there is
anything of note) any matter suitable for reference
in my remarks.

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