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[Despatch Abstract.]

BOSTON HALL SCHOOL, KOTAGIRI.

admitting the question of the recognition of the
to the Director of Public Instruction and declining to sanction a
building grant for the school.

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'Northernhay'



Kotagiri,

Nilgiris.

March 7th 1919.

From

The Correspondent,

Boston Hall School,

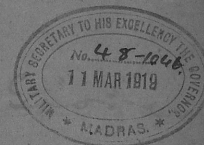
KOTAGIRI.

To

The Military Secretary to

H. E. The Governor of Madras,

MADRAS.



Sir,

I have the honour to enclose copies of letters I am, on behalf of the Managers of this School addressing to the Official Trustee and Custodian of Enemy Property, Madras, and The Director of Public Instruction with a view to securing a suitable School House and Government recognition of the School that was started here last month in a hired bungalow known as Boston Hall.

Kotagiri has now become an important Hill Station and for several months in the year over 50 European Children are resident here and the need for a suitable School has been felt for some time.

As His Excellency knows arrangements for a large War-time School were made last year, but were, we believe, too pretentious for the present need and when Mr. Theobald was staying in the Station for the Christmas Vacation some of the parents requested him to help in the matter. The School was opened on the 17th ultimo. Already fourteen children have been enrolled and at least another twenty are expected to join during this and next month.

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H. J. 17.

Knowing His Excellency's interest in School work I am requested on behalf of the Managers to ask if he will graciously give a favourable consideration to the recognition of the School and the acquisition of "View Hill."

6 Awaiting your reply,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. J. Groves
Correspondent.

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Kotagiri,

Nilgiris,

March 7th 1919.

From

The Correspondent,

Boston Hall School,

K O T A G I R I.

To

The Director of Public Instruction,

M A D R A S.

Sir,

For some time past the residents of Kotagiri have felt the need of a European School being established in the Station.

Last year, as you may know, arrangements were made for a War-time School to be started here, but owing to the armistice this has fallen through.

In order to meet the need, a Committee has been formed and Miss Owen - a trained Certificated Teacher from London has been appointed as Head Teacher of the School now being held in "Boston Hall."

Already fourteen pupils have been enrolled and at least another twenty are expected during next month.

On behalf of the Committee I am writing to ask if you will kindly arrange for the School to be recognized by your Department and make an Annual Grant to the institution.

As there is need for proper School furniture to be supplied I shall be glad if you will allow half grant for this purpose.

The School will, of course, be run on the lines laid down in your Educational Rules.

Awaiting your reply,

Book of Regulations for Sanitation
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. B. Jones
Correspondent.

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Kotagiri,

Nilgiris,

March 7th 1919.

From

The Correspondent,

Boston Hall School,

KOTAGIRI.

To

The Official Trustee and Custodian of Enemy Property,

MADRAS.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the Collector of the Nilgiris informs us that the bungalow known as View Hill, Kotagiri, is for sale and valued at about Rs. 12,000/-

I enclose copy of Prospectus of a School that has been started to meet the needs of the parents of European Children resident in and visiting this Station and I have the honour to ask if you will furnish me with particulars in connection with the sale of the property in question which my Committee would like to acquire for the purpose of the School House.

Awaiting your reply,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. J. Jones

Correspondent.

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Boston Hall School,

KOTAGIRI.

COMMITTEE.—D. COCKBURN, Esq.

W. M. THEOBALD, Esq.

A. N. GROVES, Esq., (Correspondent.)

SCHOOL MOTTO.—“Virtus Millia Senta.”

SCHOOL COLOURS—Blue and Gold.

HEAD TEACHER.—Miss Owen, Trained Certificated
Teacher, (London.)

W. M. THEOBALD, A. C. P.,
(Principal.)

This School has been started as a High Class Day School for Pure European children to meet the needs of residents and visitors of Kotagiri, who have children of School age.

The ordinary curriculum will be arranged to prepare pupils for the Cambridge Local Examinations, and will include the following subjects.

Religious Knowledge.

English Language and Literature.

English History.

Geography.

Physical Geography

French.

Mathematics (Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry).

Elementary Science.

Drawing.

Physical Exercises.

Kindergarten.

The School will meet on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

SCHOOL HOURS.—9 a.m.—12 noon (Infants 9-11-30 a.m.)
2 p.m.—4 p.m. („ 2—3-30 p.m.)

FEES.—Children under 10 years Rs. 15 per mensem.
„ over 10 „ „ 20 „

A reduction of 20 per cent. will be made for the second and subsequent children from the same family.

EXTRAS.

If sufficient pupils be enrolled, Pianoforte tuition in preparation for the Trinity College Music Examinations will be given at the following rates.

Beginners	6 per mensem.
Preparatory Trinity College	7 „
Junior „ „	8 „
Intermediate „ „	9 „
Senior „ „	10 „

BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

Kindergarten Section—8 annas per mensem.

Other Classes—Re. 1 per mensem.

Subject.

Proposal to establish a
European School at Kotagiri

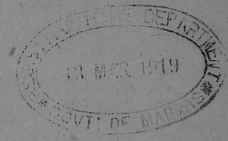
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PRIVATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MADRAS.

Memo. No. 870-P



Transferred to the Secretary to Government, Home (Education)

Department, for favour of disposal.

ENCLOSURES:

(By order of His Excellency the Governor.)

Madras,

Private Secretary.

The 12th March 1919.

APPLICATION FORM FOR ENTRANCE

TO

BOSTON HALL SCHOOL,

KOTAGIRI.

Name of proposed scholar.....
Date of birth.....
Name of last school attended.....
Having Certificate from last school (if any) to be sent
herewith.....
Nationality of father.....
Nationality of mother.....
Has the proposed scholar been vaccinated?
Is the proposed scholar clear of all infectious dis-
ease?.....
Is the parent (guardian), of.....
Has he read the School Rules and agree to abide by the
same.....
Signature of Parent or Guardian.....

Home (Ed. N)

The previous papers regarding
the once proposed 'wart-time' European
School at Kotagiri referred to in para-
3-P.1, C.4. will be found in G's Nos.

(A) 962 Ed. N, d/ 19th July 1918 and No. 1025

(B) Ed. N, d/ 7th Aug. 1918.

2 The proposal has now been
received, as one for the establishment
of a permanent school to meet the
local needs of the European residents
at Kotagiri, the majority of whom, it

will be noted, that these only during summer months. The proposal has therefore to be considered with reference to the general policy adopted in the matter of ^(European) Education. This policy is opposed aims at concentration rather than diffusion of European schools (clause 5 of the orders at P.H. of G.O. No. 876 Edn., dt 2nd July 1917). Attention is also directed to the following extract from Sir Henry Stone's letter written in connection with the proposal for the 'West-India' school advertised to in para 1, supra.

"It is the declared policy of Govt.:

"to diminish by amalgamation the no. 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."

3. The above argument, ^(which appears to have free scope) even now, would render the present application for aid and recognition liable to rejection. As the D. P. S. has been separately addressed, in the matter (p. 3, c. f.), the case may perhaps be sent w/o to the D. P. S. for remark.

It is a private school for a limited number of pupils. The therefore, depend on the number of pupils.

P. 106 G. 962 Edn.

(A) 19.7.18

P. 106 G. 962 Edn. (A)

D.P. may not write to Govt¹⁰
about the application himself.
To dispose of the application to
Govt, the file may go to the
D.P. for remarks

10/3/19

D.P. may

Office of the D.P.

I await a report from the Inspector

European Training Schools.

Home (Edn)

The D.P. will presumably

send in a report. Submitted that the
files may lie dead in the meanwhile.

D.P. to be examined

22.2.19.

on 25.4.19.

in
ms 19

Submitted that the
Director may be requested w/o/usham
his report on: the proposed European
school at Kibagiri may be expected.

D.P. us

in 19.

v.o. camp no 699-19

The reports of European Schools will be to Kibagiri
during the current month. My report may be
expected by the end of this month.

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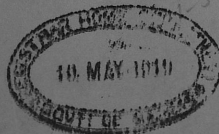
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Edn 537B-2

24.4.19



Home (Ed. 2)

Subject took the case away

has over bill to the June 1914.

10-5-14

Submitted that the

J.P.D. may be asked up whom his report may be expected.

11-6-14

W.P.D.

W.O. camp N 2-129 1914-1915

The inspection reports that in the 20th

May 1918, the school contained 18 children and distributed thus:

	Infants	I	II	III	IV	Total
Boys	4	1	4	-	2	11
Girls	1	2	2	-	2	7
Total	5	3	6	-	4	18

He considered that it was scarce money to give a teaching grant for the current year, but suggested that grants for furniture & apparatus might be made. He recommended recognition as a primary school.

2 Subject to any orders that Govt may issue in this regard, it is my intention to recognize this school as a Primary School, but to award no grants - either recurring or non-recurring.

I am of opinion that there is room for a primary European School in Kotagiri, but that it can pay its own way, with careful management and suitable fees. As soon as the children reach 10 or 11 years of age, when they will normally be in the 5th Standard, they can be transferred as boarders to one of the larger boarding schools for Europeans in Coimoor or Ootacamund - or to the plains. The principle of "concentration" laid down in the Simla Conference on European Education of July 1912 is more applicable to Higher than to Primary School Education. The advantages which the school would have if recognized on first Departmental advice and inspection, namely permission for its pupils to become candidates for primary grade Scholarships.

H. J. 1917

Home (Edn)

The request of the

Correspondent is two-fold, viz: recognition to his school and Govt. aid for the purchase of a school-house estimated to cost about Rs 12,000. As regards the first, the Director says that it is his intention to recognize the institution as a Primary School, subject of course to any orders

cf. clause 5 at p. 4
of Geo. 876 Edn:
(8) 2.7.17



cf. para 1, p. 627.

p. 4, c. 4

that Govt: might pass in this regard.
 Since the Dept: has satisfied itself on
 the question of the need for a school at
 Katagiri, Govt: need not perhaps object.
 The Director doesn't recommend grant of
 any kind. So the request for a grant
 in aid of the purchase of building
 may be rejected. Adraft order is subd.

26-6-19

I think the who runs
 what class of children this school
 cater for

17/19

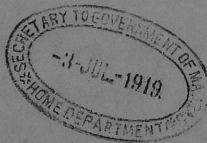
The draft is all right as we leave it
 to the D P 9 base that the school fulfills
 the conditions prescribed

For approval

17/19

17/19

17/19



Remitting the questions of the (Eds.)
recognition of the — to the D.P.D.
declining to sanction a building grant
for the school.

READ AGAIN G.O. No. _____, dated _____ 191 .

” ” ” ” ” 101

READ ALSO:-

C. No. 5371, From the Compendium, No. _____, dated 7-3 1919.

of the Boston Hall School, Kologiri.

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ORDER.

ms.

No. 825, dated 3. 7. 1919

The question of according departmental recognition to the Boston Hall School, Hologistic, is ^{remitted} ~~referred~~ to the D. P. J. for consideration and disposal.

2 The Govt: are unable to entertain the application of the authorities of the School for a grant towards the provision of accommodation for the school.

To the Correspondent,
Boston Public School
Kotagissi
Box B. P. O. Lto (P)

26-6-6

11/1/19

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