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I. This Conference begs most respectfully to convey to Their Imperial Majesties through His Excellency the Governor of Madras its hearty congratulations on the continued brilliant successes of the Allies in the various theatres of war, and prays fervently for the early conclusion of a lasting and honourable peace.

II. This Conference places on record its deep sense of regret at the lamentable deaths of the following teachers: viz., Rao Bahadur K. Seshu Aiyer of Mayavaram, E. N. Vembu Aiyer, A. S. Ramasamy Aiyengar, L. S. Ramachandra Aiyer, S. G. Joseph and D. Sreenivasa Aiyengar.

III. Being alive to the fact that culture and knowledge will be spread faster by increasing the number of Universities and that Trichinopoly next to Madras has been the largest centre of Educational activities with its two first grade Colleges and three large flourishing High Schools teeming with thousands of students, this Conference requests—

(a) that the Government be pleased to establish a University at Trichinopoly which might comprise the civil districts of Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Madura and Tinnevely;

(b) and that for the furtherance of this object the Government be requested to appoint a Select Committee consisting of the Principals of all the Colleges and Headmasters of all the High Schools in the said districts and veteran

Educationists of the Presidency to frame proposals and collect funds promptly for the establishment of the proposed University.

IV. With a view to give a wide scope for the diffusion of Commercial Education in Southern India, this Conference resolves that, while thanking the Government for the inclusion of the commercial subjects in the S. S. L. C. syllabus and for the establishment of a College of Commerce at Madras, it prays that the Government and the University do introduce certain commercial subjects in certain groups of the Intermediate and B. A. pass courses thus providing for graduation in Commerce by instituting a degree.

V. This Conference is of opinion that with a view to afford proper training in citizenship, Heads of institutions do organize Boys Scout Associations in their schools and requests the Government to make an additional grant for expenses in this behalf.

VI. In view of the close connection that there is between Secondary and University Education in this province, and of the fact that Secondary Schools prepare students for the Collegiate courses and are therefore directly interested in University Education, this Conference strongly urges that the Chancellor of the University do nominate at least five members of the teaching staff of High Schools to serve on the Senate.

VII. In order to make for the efficient working of the S. S. L. C. scheme, this Conference resolves:—

- i. that in the composition of the S. S. L. C. Board five at least of its members be teachers of Secondary Schools;
- ii. that the selection of Assistant Examiners be confined only to those that are actually engaged in teaching High School classes;
- iii. that the name of the candidate for the S. S. L. C. examination and the school to which he belongs, be not written

on the Answer Books, but that each book should be distinguished by a serial number as is done in the University Examinations.

iv. that the form average shown for the year for the Sixth Form at page 18 of the S. S. L. C. books be the average of the marks obtained only by those candidates who are sent up for the public examination;

v. that the rules of eligibility be so modified that all those pupils who secure 40 % in English, 35 % in one subject under Group C and 35 % in the aggregate at the public examination or after moderation, be declared fit for admission into Colleges.

VIII. This Conference tenders its grateful thanks to Mr. E. S. Montague and to His Excellency Lord Chelmsford for their sympathetic attitude towards the spread of Education among the masses as evinced in their Reform proposals and resolves that, in view of the approaching enquiry by a Parliamentary Committee regarding the constitution of the Legislative Council under the Reform Scheme, the Trichinopoly Teachers' Association do make, in co-operation with the S. I. T. U. due representations to the committee with a view to secure adequate representation of the interests of education by election of representatives of the teaching profession to the Legislative Council.

IX. This Conference is of opinion that the use of English as the Medium of instruction in Indian schools is a great disadvantage in the matter of the acquisition of real and useful knowledge and retards the diffusion of the same among the people at large, and that, therefore, as a first step, the medium of instruction in the B group subjects shall be the vernacular of the pupil in all the High School Forms.

X. This Conference is of opinion that the present scales of salaries to teachers in schools are not high enough to attract capable men to the teaching profession nor adequate to enable them to face their growing responsibilities in life

with tolerable peace of mind and that the salaries now paid to most masters in schools are much lower than the salaries which men of similar qualifications and service in other professions receive, and urges that the Educational Department and managers of schools under public or private management do effect some reform in the matter on the lines indicated below:—

Headmaster	...	...	...	Rs. 150—10—250.
Other L. T.'s	...	...	...	" 90— 5—150.
Trained F. A.'s or Intermediates	...	...	...	" 60— 3— 90.
Trained Matriculates or S. S. L. C.'s	...	...	...	" 45— 3— 75.
Trained Lower Secondary Teachers	...	...	...	" 25— 2— 45.
Pandits	...	...	...	" 45— 3— 75.
Drawing Masters	...	...	...	" 30— 2— 50.
Drill Masters	...	...	...	" 25— 2— 45.
Commercial Instructors	...	...	...	" 45— 3— 75.

(The increments proposed are to be annual.)

XI. This Conference while expressing satisfaction at the establishment of Provident Funds in certain schools in the District, earnestly urges the managers of other schools, both Secondary and Elementary, to take early steps to establish Provident Funds for their teachers also and requests (1) that the Government be pleased to make contributions for Provident Funds equal to those made by the managements for the same, irrespective of the eligibility or otherwise of the schools for grants-in-aid and to exempt from income tax contributions for the same by the teachers of schools under private managements, as in schools under Local Board and Municipal managements; and (2) that, in the case of teachers who may not be able to profit by the Provident Funds in their schools to the fullest extent, managers be requested to give to such teachers at the time of retirement, bonus equal to a month's salary for each year of approved service subject to a maximum of 15 months' salary; and (3) that as in the railway, the contribution to the Provident Fund, by management and Government be paid to a teacher on retirement or his

quitting the service of the school or to his heirs at death, however short a period a teacher may have served.

XII. This Conference recommends to the managers of institutions under private management and to Government that definite rules be framed in each school regarding leave (sick leave, privilege leave and casual leave), tenure of service and other matters affecting teachers employed in their schools.

XIII. With a view to secure greater freedom in the internal work of schools in all matters affecting the courses of instruction and discipline, to promote greater co-operation in actual school work and to cultivate a spirit of healthy union among masters, this Conference recommends the formation of school councils comprised of elected members from among the staff and the Headmaster as President ex-officio, that such councils be recognised as adjuncts to every institution and that the functions of these councils be purely deliberative and advisory in character.

XIV. Having regard to the present day curriculum and efficient methods of teaching and the need for specialised instruction in the higher forms and to the fact of the teachers in the Primary, Secondary and High Schools being overworked, this Conference recommends (1) that, in the interests of real teaching efficiency, the number of periods of work allotted to a teacher out of 30 periods per week be reduced to the maximum of 20 periods in the case of High School teachers and to 22 in the case of Lower Secondary and Primary teachers.

XV. Having regard to the fact that Teachers' Associations are useful instruments in the dissemination of knowledge and that, as such, they should be well equipped with magazines, journals and booklets, general as well as pedagogic, and with a very good library, this Conference respectfully requests that:—

(1) Teachers' Associations be helped with grants and T. A. from Municipal, Local and Provincial Funds;

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(2) Copies of printed reports, reviews and circulars and publications and such other G. O.'s, Educational, as are placed on the Editor's table by Provincial and Imperial Governments, be given gratis to all registered or recognised Teachers' Associations; and

(3) The President of the District Board be requested to present a suitable site and to make substantial grants towards the cost of erecting a building thereon for the Trichinopoly Teachers' Association.

XVI. That this Conference strongly urges that the Board Secondary Schools in this District be immediately placed under the direct management of the Trichinopoly District Board as suggested by the Director of Public Instruction, commended by the Government and adopted in many districts of the Presidency with a view to improve the status and prospects of teachers employed therein.

XVII. The President of the Association be authorised to communicate the resolutions adopted at the Conference to the respective authorities.



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The President,
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