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Madras,
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TAMIL PANDITS' FIRST CONFERENCE, TRICHY.

தமிழ்ப் பண்டிதர்கள் முதற் பெருந் கூட்டம்.
தெப்பக்குளம், திருச்சி ஜூன் 1918.

President:
தலைவர்:

T. Chelvakasavaraya Mudaliar M.A., Avergal.

தி. செல்வகேசவராய முதலியார் M.A., அவர்கள்.

TEPPAKULAM P. O.

28th December 1918.

No 2

Enclosures - 5

From

M. S. Maniam,
Secretary.

Tamil Pandits' First Conference Committee,
Trichinopoly.

To,

The Private Secretary to
His Excellency The Governor of Madras,
Madras.

Sir,

I beg to submit herewith the Resolutions
passed by the Tamil Pandits' First Conference
held at Trichinopoly, on the 14th and 15th Instants,
for favour of kind consideration and favourable
orders.

I beg to remain, Sir

Yours obediently, alienated servant,

M. S. Maniam
Secretary.

Tamil Pandits' First Conference, Trichinopoly—1918

Held its sittings in the Lawley Hall on the 14th
and 15th December 1918.

President:

SRIMAN T. CHELVAKESAVAROYA MUDALIAR, AVL., M.A.,
Professor of Tamil, Pachaiappa's College, Madras.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED.

Resolution No. 1—Loyalty to the British Throne:

Proposed from the chair and seconded by all present.

Resolved that the Tamil Pandits met in Conference at Trichinopoly beg most respectfully to tender an expression of their heartfelt loyalty and deep devotion to the British Throne and the Government of India, and avail themselves of this opportunity of conveying their sincere congratulations to the gallant Imperial Naval and Military forces, on the marvellous achievements which have won for the world freedom and security.

Resolution No. 2—Improved method of teaching Tamil Language, etc., etc.

Proposed by: Mr. C. S. Chokalingam Pillai, Tamil Pandit, L. M. High School, Coimbatore.

Seconded by: M. Venkatarama Iyer, Tamil Pandit, Town High School Kumbaconam.

This Conference is of opinion that the subjects and texts prescribed for the various School and College courses are not of such a standard as to impart to the student a real knowledge of the Tamil literature or to give him an idea of the construction, excellence, nature and beauties of the literature; nor is the method of teaching now adopted to merely bring out the meaning of the text and the method adopted to test the knowledge of the student, are calculated to improve the study of the language. This Conference, therefore, emphasises the necessity of prescribing standard and suitable text books and improving the method of teaching in a manner to impart a thorough and good knowledge of the language. And this Conference therefore constitutes a committee, consisting of the following Pandits, to investigate the question and submit a report on it.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

1. M.R.Ry. T. Chelvakesavaroya Mudaliar Avergal, M.A.,
President.
2. „ A. Sivaprakasom, Tamil Pandit, St. Joseph's College, Trichinopoly
Secretary.
3. „ Sarkarai Ramasami Pulavar, Tamil Pandit, Findlay College,
Mannargudy.
4. „ M. Venkatasami Nattar, Tamil Pandit, S. P. G. College,
Trichinopoly.
5. „ Subramania Kaviroyar, Tamil Pandit, Tinnevely.
6. „ Kandasami Pillai, Tamil Pandit, Coimbatore.
7. „ Balasubramania Pillai, Tamil Pandit, Kumbaconam.
8. „ C. S. Chokalingam Pillai, Tamil Pandit, Coimbatore.
9. „ L. Ulaganatha Pillai, Tamil Pandit, Tanjore.
10. „ P. K. Srinivasachariar, Tamil Pandit, Vellore.
11. Srimathi Muthulakshmi Ammal, Widows' Home, Madras.

Resolution No. 3—Curriculum for the Vidhwan and other Title Examinations:

Proposed by: Mr. M. Venkatasami Nattar, Tamil Pandit, S. P. G. College, Trichinopoly.

Seconded by: Mr. A. Sundaranatha Pillai, Tamil Pandit, S. P. G. College, Trichinopoly.

This Conference is of opinion that it is a great injustice and an undeserved insult to the Tamil language, that while for the Oriental Title degree, Sanskrit and Arabic have been individually allotted degrees, an equally, if not more, independent and classical language Tamil is not given an equal place in the curriculum. This Conference is further of opinion that the rules imposing the study of an other vernacular or Sanskrit on candidates taking up Tamil, would tend to discourage them. This Conference therefore, emphasises the necessity of giving immediately to Tamil its proper place in the curriculum on a footing of equality with other classical languages.

Resolution No. 4—Examiners and Asst. Examiners in Tamil.

Proposed by: Mr. S. Somasundara Desikar, Tamil Pandit, Tiruvalur.

Seconded by: Mr. Satagoparamanujachariar, Tamil Pandit, St. Joseph's College, Trichinopoly.

This Conference is emphatically of the opinion that the present practical monopoly of Examinerships in Tamil by English educated men only, most of them not engaged in actually teaching Tamil, is a great injustice to Tamil Pandits of whom there are any number of highly capable men of merit and distinction quite competent to do the work and urges the necessity of giving Tamil Pandits, a large share at least in their own special sphere of work.

Resolution No. 5—Pay and Status of Pandits:

Proposed by: Mr. A. Sivaprakasom, Tamil Pandit, St. Joseph's College, Trichinopoly.

Seconded by: Mr. Sarkarai Ramasami Pulavar, Tamil Pandit, Mannargudy.

This Conference draws the immediate attention of Government to the low rate of salary offered and the status given to the Pandits, and urges the necessity of immediately remedying this defect and placing the Pandit on an equal footing with teachers and professors teaching languages, so that more efficient men may be drawn into the profession. This Conference further affirms that so long as this defect is allowed to remain, all the agitation in favour of improving the vernaculars and making them the medium of instruction in sciences etc. is bound to be ineffective.

Resolution No. 6—Conference Committee:

Proposed by: Mr. T. A. Krishna Sastry, High School, Lalgudy.

Seconded by: Mr. T. R. Meenakshisundaram Pillai, Tamil Pandit, St. Joseph's College, Trichinopoly.

This Conference resolves that the executive work of the Tamil Pandits' Conference be carried by an Executive Committee holding office annually from Conference to Conference consisting of—

1. The President of this Conference as President,
2. Two Secretaries, one in the place of residence of the President and another in the other towns, and
3. Four other members elected annually;

And that the members for this year be,

1. The President: Mr. T. Chelvakesavaroya Mudaliar, M.A.
2. Mr. M. S. Maniam, the Organising Secretary of this Conference,
3. Mr. Kandasami Mudaliar, B.A., Madras.
4. Mr. M. Venkatasami Nattar.
5. Mr. A. Sivaprakasom.
6. Mr. C. S. Chokalingam Pillai.
7. Mr. Satagoparamanujachariar.

} Joint Secretaries.

LAWLEY HALL,
TRICHINOPOLY,
15-12-1918.

T. CHELVAKESAVAROYA MUDALIAR, M.A.,
President.

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6. 73 B.

Letter No 73 B-1
22.1.19

To

M. R. M. S. Manickam A. I.
Secretary
Tamil Pandits' First Conference Committee,
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th Decr, 1918, forwarding a copy of the resolutions of the Tamil Pandits' First Conference, held at Trichinopoly on the 14th and 15th December, 1918.

I have etc

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b. 73 B - From the Secretary, Tamil Pandits' First Conference Committee, Trichinopoly
 28.12.18

Subject: - Resolutions passed at the Tamil Pandits' First Conference held at Trichinopoly

A draft letter of acknowledgment is submitted. After its issue, the file may be circulated to H.E. for perusal of the resolutions and for orders when they may be recorded.

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Issue acknowledged

2. a special Conference: not necessary at this time.

Ravi
 22/1/19

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