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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council meeting-October 1921-question
No.686--Triplicane Government Training School for Mistresses
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Endt: No 1960B-2
24.7.21

A copy of question

No. 78, proposed to be asked
by Mr. C. Raja, M.L.C., at the
ensuing meeting of the Leg.
Council, on the subject of
the Triplicane girls' School,
is forwarded to the D.P.J.
who is requested to make
detailed investigations into
the allegations ~~contained~~ ^{referred} to
in the question and submit
a report to Govt. at a
very early date.

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The D.P.J. (with copy of
Ans. on p. 2 n.f.)

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DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Submitting a report on the allegations made against
the Government Secondary and Training School for mistresses,
Triplicane.

ENCLOSURES

No.

Ref On C. No. 1388/W.B/21

Spare copies

Station Madras., Dated the 24th August 1921.

From (Name) R. Littlehales Esq., M.A.,

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

L a w (Education)

Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to reply to Government Endorsement
No. 1960 B-2 dated 21st July 1921.

Together with the Deputy Directress, (Mrs. Srinivasa)
I visited this school on the 10th of August and saw and talked
to all the teachers of the school now present there, as well as
with a teacher now on leave and with two pupils C.N. Rukmani and
M. Jubai who are now reading in the VI form.

Promotions are made in this school not on the result
of the examination alone or on the result of the year's work
alone but on a consideration of both. If a candidate does
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well either in the year's working or in the annual examination she is promoted. She is not promoted if she does badly both in the working of the year and in the annual examination.

4. The tests which are laid down by the University in the S.S.L.C. Examination in order to determine which candidates are -- eligible to undergo a University course of studies are adopted in general in this school in making promotions from form to form, especially with regard to promotions to the V form and to the VI form.

5. A practice prevails in this school of giving girls about whom there is some doubt as to whether they should or should not be promoted an examination after the vacation in order that it may be seen whether the vacation has been utilised in working up a subject in which the girls are weak. If they do well they are promoted. If they do not do well they are not promoted. This practice I have come across in other institutions.

6. I examined the term lists and the term examination marks of April 1921 of the IV form. There were 24 girls in this form. Taking the girls in order of merit as indicated by their term examination marks the 24th girl in the list is an Indian Christian who was not promoted, the 23rd girl is a Brahmin who was not promoted, the 22nd girl is a Brahmin who was not promoted, the 21st girl is a Christian who was not promoted, the 20th girl is a Brahmin who was reexamined after the vacation and promoted, the 19th girl is a non-Brahmin and she has not come back to school after the vacation, the 18th girl is a Brahmin who was not promoted, the 17th is a non-Brahmin who was reexamined after the vacation and promoted, the 16th, 15th and 14th etc., girls are all promoted; the 10th girl however was not promoted since in the previous years she received double promotions and her teachers reported that she could not keep up with the work in the class.

7. A similar state of affairs was evident in the term list relating

to pupils who were reading in the V form last year.

8. The three girls who were referred to in the letter contained in 'Justice' dated 27th May 1921 were C.N. Rukmani, M. Jubai and V. Lily. The first two are non-Brahmin girls and the last is an Indian Christian. I saw Rukmani and Jubai, Lily had left the school. Rukmani was promoted from the V form to the VI form at the end of last term. Jubai had not done well in the examination. She was given a reexamination together with two other girls at the beginning of this term and she obtained promotion on the results of this reexamination.

9. The father of C.N. Rukmani is C.R. Narayanaswami Mudaliar an assistant in the School of Arts and the father of Jubai is M. Muniswami Chetti, a contractor.

10. The sum total of the complaint of the two girls is that two teachers who were previously employed in the school have been transferred, viz., Miss Sargunar and Mrs. Perinbam.

11. Miss Sargunar, a Mathematics graduate was transferred to Rajahmundry as headmistress on promotion, while Mrs. Perinbam, a History graduate was transferred to the Hobart School. [The former Minister for Education enquired demi-officially about these transfers and I gave him the information which I had, in my D.O.

copy not available No. 135/21 dated 9th May 1921.]

12. The staff in the school on the 31st March 1921 was as follows:-

List of teachers on 31st March 1921

High School

1. Miss D.R. Sargunar	(Indian Christian)
2. Miss G.M. Sargunar	(Indian Christian)
3. Miss B. Amirthammal	(Brahmin)
4. Mrs. J. Perinbam	(Indian Christian)
5. Miss P. Seetha	(Brahmin)
6. Mrs. Periyannayagam (nee Miss P. Asirvatham)	(Indian Christian)
7. Miss H. Masilamani	(Indian Christian)
8. Mrs. K. Kanakamma	(Brahmin)
9. Mrs. V. Pattammal	(Brahmin)

10. Sister R.S.Subbalakshmi Ammal (Brahmin) Both in the High School and Training School
11. Miss R.S.Swarnambal (Brahmin)
12. Mrs.T.Upshon (Anglo-Indian)
13. Mrs.P.Raghavan (Non-Brahmin Hindu)
14. Miss A.C.Hensman (Indian Christian)
15. Miss I.Dunn (Anglo-Indian)

Training School and model section

1. Sister R.S.Subbalakshmi Ammal (Brahmin) Both in the High school and Training section
2. Mrs.D.Abraham (Indian Christian)
3. Mrs.T.Rebecca Packkiammal (Indian Christian)
4. Mrs.G.Elizabeth (Indian Christian)
5. Mrs.A.D.Samuel (Indian Christian)
6. Mrs.A.Guruswamy (Indian Christian)
7. Miss J.Ponnuswami Rao (Indian Christian)
8. Miss G.Maragatham (Indian Christian)
9. Miss H.Perianayagam (Indian Christian)
10. Miss Rajammal Isiah (Hindu Non-Brahmin)
11. Miss H.Ashoda (Indian Christian)
12. Miss Siromani Samuel (Anglo-Indian)
13. Miss M.A.Fernandez (Hindu Brahmin)
14. Mrs.M.Chudamma (Indian Christian)
15. Miss Grace Kathavathy (Brahmin)
16. Mr.N.Natesa Sastri

while the staff on the 11th of August 1921 was as follows:-

List of teachers as it stood on 11th August 1921

High School

1. Sister R.S.Subbalakshmi Ammal (Brahmin)
2. Miss M.Dias (Anglo-Indian)
3. Miss V.K.Janaki (Non-Brahmin Hindu)
4. Miss P.Seetha (Brahmin)
5. Miss E.Asirvatham (Indian Christian)
6. Miss B.Amirthammal (Brahmin)
7. Mrs.T.Upshon (Anglo-Indian)
8. Miss C.I.Krishnan (Non-Brahmin Hindu)
9. Mrs.G.P.Vedanyagam (Indian Christian)
10. Miss D.Rozario (Anglo-Indian)
11. Mrs.K.Kanakamma (Brahmin)
12. Mrs.V.Pattammal (Brahmin)
13. Mrs.Kolandavelu (Indian Christian)

Training and Model sections

1. Mrs.G.MSargunar (Indian Christian)
2. Miss C.Alexander (Indian Christian)
3. Mrs.D.Abraham (Indian Christian)
4. Mrs.T.Rebecca Packkiammal (Indian Christian)
5. Mrs.G.Elizabeth (Indian Christian)
6. S.Lakshmi (Brahmin)
7. Mrs.A.D.Samuel (Indian Christian)
8. Mrs.Guruswamy (Indian Christian)
9. Miss H.Perianayagam (Indian Christian)
10. Mrs.A.Dawson (Indian Christian)
11. Miss D.Solomon (Indian Christian)
12. Mrs.A.Peters (Indian Christian)
13. Miss Rajammal Isiah (Indian Christian)
14. Miss Maragatham (Indian Christian)
15. Vijalakshmi (Brahmin)

16. Mrs.P.Ammanamah (Brahmin)
17. Miss M.A.Fernandez (Anglo-Indian)
18. Mr.N.Natesa Sastri (Brahmin)

It will be seen from the above that in March there were 17 Indian Christians, 8 Brahmins, 2 non-Brahmins and 3 Anglo-Indians, excluding Miss Philipsz the Superintendent, while on the 11th of August 1921 there were 16 Indian Christians 4 Brahmins, 2 non-Brahmins and 5 Anglo-Indians.

12. It is probable that one of the above Brahmin teachers will be sent for training very shortly in which case her place may be filled by a non-Brahmin.

13. It will be seen that while transfers of Indian Christians from the school have taken place, transfers of other Indian Christians or Anglo-Indians to the school have also taken place, the number of Brahmins remaining the same now as it was in March last.

14. As regards pupils, in August of this year there are 46 non-Brahmin girls on the rolls of forms I to forms VI of the High School section. In August of last year there were 44 non-Brahmin girls on the rolls of these forms.

15. From the above statements of fact Government will be able to estimate the weight to be attached to the letter under investigation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. A. Shrinivasan

For Director of Public Instruction.

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27.6.21.

QUESTION.—No. 78

for the meeting of the Legislative

Council to be held on the 1st August 1921.

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the
(Sec Edu) Department with reference to Nos. (1) and (4) of
the rules regulating Secretariat procedure in dealing with these Questions in the
Legislative Council. Orders regarding admission will be communicated in due
course. The question has been admitted

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L. & M.
27.6.21

U.O. No. 1698-2, dated 27-6-21.

To

The

(Sec Edu)

Department.

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Council Office.

9-6-21

Mr. M. C. Raja ~~...~~ M.L.C.

The Law (Education) Department.
Question.

78.

To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Education.-
(a) Whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the letter "The Triplicane Government Secondary and Training School for girls and non-Brahmin girls" by Mr. ^{H.} Raghava Mudaliar in "Justice" dated 27th May 1921;
(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to state what action they have taken to set right the irregularities that have taken place in the Triplicane Government School for girls; and
(c) whether the Government will be pleased to state if they will appoint a committee consisting of officials and non-officials to investigate into the working of the Triplicane Government Girls' School and the Widows' Hostel attached to it.

V.R.

The letter referred to in clause (a) of the Question above will be found at flag D. The letter refers to the questions asked at the Legislative Council on the 28th September 1920 and recorded in G.O. no 1261 of 27.10.20. In reply to these questions the Govt. stated that the D.P.D. was investigating the case. The Director was asked to report the result of his investigation and his report will be found on pp 2-4 of G.O. 1419 of 4.12.20. By publishing this report it was thought that the controversy would be unnecessarily prolonged. It was therefore considered sufficient to give the D.P.D. answer if the question was repeated - Vide Sir Lionel Davidson's remarks on p 3 of G.O.

(K) 1513 of 16.12.20

In the circumstances explained by the D.P.D. on pp 2-4 of G.O. 1419 of 4.12.20 the appointment of a Committee as suggested in clause (c) of the question on p 2 ante, seems to be unnecessary. If this view is accepted the following draft answer is for approval

(a) The Govt. have pursued the case

called on

for the I would say
"The D.P.I has issued necessary
instructions in the matter."

Wm
30/7/21

D.P. Quoy

Office of the D.P.I.

U.O. Reply No. 52/21 7.7.21
W.B.

I should prefer the following reply:-

(a) The Government have perused the
letter;

(b) The Government are not aware of
any irregularities having taken place except the
issue of leaving certificates to three pupils
who were not entitled to them under the Madras
Educational Rules. The report of the Director
of Public Instruction is placed on the table.

(c) The Government do not consider it
necessary to appoint a committee.

Wm
30/7/21

Law (Edn) to

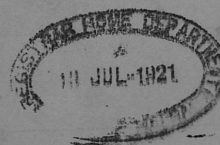
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to the Honble the Minister
Education
for approval of the draft
answer suggested by the
I would send



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C. To Answer C The following
 should be added "I met
 one making enquiries into
 the allegations referred to."

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This should be sent to D.O.G.
 to make detailed investigations
 into the allegation involving
 a report at an indefinite

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Issue an end to D.O.G.
 with ref to case
 17/7/21
 Out of draft
 18/7

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Draft sent to the D.O.G.

Submitted.

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Council office

Mr. W.C. Raja,

The Law (Education) Department.

Question:

N. 69 - To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Education:-

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the letter "The Triplicane Government Secondary and Training school for girls and non-Brahmin girls" by Mr. M. Raghava Mudaliar in 'Justice' dated 27th May 1921;

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to state what action they have taken to set right the irregularities that have taken place in the Triplicane Government school for girls; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to state if they will appoint a committee consisting of officials and non-officials to investigate into the working of the Triplicane Government Girls school and the Widows' hostel attached to it.

Law (Education) Department

Answer: N. 69.

(a) The Government have perused the letter;

(b) The Government are not aware of any irregularities having taken place except the issue of leaving certificates to three pupils who were not entitled to them under the Madras Educational Rules.

(c) The Government do not consider it necessary to appoint a committee. Government are making enquiries into the allegations referred to.

(By Order)

Stonehouse Hill, The Nilgiris,
July 1921.

Ag. Under Secretary

Legislative Council office u.o.

(The above draft answer has been approved by the Hon'ble
Rao Bahadur A.P. Patro)

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Triplicane Government secondary and training school.

69 Q.—Mr. M. C. RAJA : To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Education—
(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the letter "The Triplicane Government secondary and training school for girls and non-Brahman girls" by Mr. M. Raghava Mudaliyar in *Justice*, dated 27th May 1921;

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to state what action they have taken to set right the irregularities that have taken place in the school; and

(c) whether the Government propose to appoint a committee consisting of officials and non-officials to investigate into the working of the Triplicane Government girls' school and the widows' hostel attached to it.

4.—(a) The Government have perused the letter.

(b) The Government are not aware of any irregularities having taken place except the issue of leaving certificates to three pupils who were not entitled to them under the Madras Educational Rules.

(c) The Government do not consider it necessary to appoint a committee. Government are making inquiries into the allegations referred to.

Council Office.

Question. 17th August 1921.

Mr. M.C. Raja.

The Law (Education) Department.

689. To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Education with reference to the answer given by the Government to my question No. 69 referring to the Triplicane Government Girl School at the last meeting of the Council,--- whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table the result of their enquiries.

S.G.

M. 2-6 of [C. 2482 B] from the D.P.J. N. 1288 W.B
24.8.21



The D.P.J. has submitted report in the matter - M. 2-6 CF.

Law (E) 2477 B-1
30.8.21

J.R.
Recd. dep. ans.
to Council Office.
20/8/21

For orders whether the report may be laid on the table. If so, the portion marked within square brackets may perhaps be omitted. The draft answer may be :-

A copy of the Director's report of the Dir. of Public Instruction on the subject ~~is placed~~ is placed on the table.

[The entry M. 2-6 CF. with portion marked omitted]

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Triplicane Government Girls' School.

686 Q.—Mr. M. C. RAJA: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Education, with reference to the answer given by the Government to my question No. 69 referring to the Triplicane Government Girls' School at the last meeting of the Council, to lay on the table the result of the Government's inquiries.

A.—A copy of the report of the Director of Public Instruction on the subject is placed on the table.

APPENDIX XI.

[Vide answer to question No. 686 asked by Mr. M. C. Raja at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 12th October 1921, page 857 supra.]

Letter—from the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To—the Secretary to Government, Law (Education) Department.

Dated—the 24th August 1921.

No.—Ref. on C. 1388-W.B./21.

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8. The father of C. N. Rukmani is C. R. Narayanaswami Mudaliyar, an Assistant in the School of Arts; and the father of Jubai is M. Munuswami Chetti, a contractor.

9. The sum total of the complaint of the two girls is that two teachers who were previously employed in the school have been transferred, viz., Miss Sargunar and Mrs. Perinbam.

10. Miss Sargunar, a Mathematics graduate, was transferred to Rajahmundry as Headmistress on promotion, while Mrs. Perinbam, a History graduate, was transferred to the Hobart school.

11. The staff in the school on the 31st March 1921 was as follows:—

LIST OF TEACHERS ON 31st MARCH 1921.

High school.

1. Miss D. R. Sargunar	Indian Christian.
2. " G. M. Sargunar	Do.
3. " B. Amirthammal	Brahman.
4. Mrs. L. Perinbam	Indian Christian.
5. Miss P. Seetha	Brahman.
6. Mrs. Periyannayagam (nee Miss P. Asirvatham)	Indian Christian.
7. Miss H. Masilamani	Do.
8. Mrs. K. Kanakamma	Brahman.
9. Mrs. V. Pattammal	Do.
10. Sister R. S. Subbalakshmi Ammal	Brahman, both in the High school and Training school.
11. Miss R. S. Swarnammal	Brahman.
12. Mrs. L. Upshon	Anglo-Indian.
13. " P. Raghavan	Non-Brahman Hindu.
14. Miss A. C. Hensman	Indian Christian.
15. " I. Damm	Anglo-Indian.

Training school and Model section.

1. Sister R. S. Subbalakshmi Ammal ..	Brahman, both in the High school and Training section.
2. Mrs. D. Abraham	Indian Christian.
3. " T. Rebecca Pakiammal	Do.
4. " G. Elizabeth	Do.
5. " A. D. Samuel	Do.
6. " A. Guruswami	Do.
7. Miss J. Ponnaswami Rao	Do.
8. " G. Maragatham	Do.
9. " H. Periyannayagam	Do.
10. " Rajammal Isiah	Hindu Non-Brahman.
11. " M. Ashoka	Indian Christian.
12. " Sironani Samuel	Do.
13. " M. A. Fernandez	Anglo-Indian.
14. Mrs. M. Chidamma	Hindu Brahman.
15. Miss Grace Rathnavathy	Indian Christian.
16. Mr. N. Natesa Sastri	Brahman.

while the staff on the 11th of August 1921 was as follows:—

LIST OF TEACHERS AS IT STOOD ON 11th AUGUST 1921.

High school.

1. Sister R. S. Subbalakshmi Ammal ..	Brahman.
2. Miss M. Dias	Anglo-Indian.
3. " V. K. Janaki	Non-Brahman Hindu.
4. " P. Seetha	Brahman.
5. " E. Asirvatham	Indian Christian.
6. " B. Amirthammal	Brahman.
7. Mrs. L. Upshon	Anglo-Indian.
8. Miss C. J. Krishnan	Non-Brahman Hindu.
9. Mrs. G. P. Vedannayagam	Indian Christian.
10. Miss D. Rosario	Anglo-Indian.
11. Mrs. K. Kanakamma	Brahman.
12. " V. Pattammal	Do.
13. " Kolandavelu	Indian Christian.

Training and Model sections.

1. Mrs. G. M. Sargunar	Indian Christian.
2. Miss C. Alexander	Do.
3. Mrs. D. Abraham	Do.
4. " T. Rebecca Pakiammal	Do.
5. " G. Elizabeth	Do.
6. S. Lakshmi	Brahman.
7. Mrs. A. D. Samuel	Indian Christian.
8. Mrs. Guruswami	Do.
9. Miss H. Periyannayagam	Do.
10. Mrs. A. Dawson	Do.
11. Miss D. Solomon	Do.
12. Mrs. A. Patena	Do.
13. Miss Rajammal Isiah	Do.
14. Miss Maragatham	Do.
15. Vijayalakshmi	Brahman.
16. Mrs. P. Annaswami	Do.
17. Miss M. A. Fernandez	Anglo-Indian.
18. Mr. N. Natesa Sastri	Brahman.

It will be seen from the above that in March there were 17 Indian Christians, 8 Brahmans, 2 non-Brahmans and 3 Anglo-Indians, excluding Miss Phillips, the Superintendent, while on the 11th of August 1921 there were 16 Indian Christians, 9 Brahmans, 2 non-Brahmans and 5 Anglo-Indians.

12. It is probable that one of the above Brahman teachers will be sent for training very shortly in which case her place may be filled by a non-Brahman.

13. It will be seen that while transfers of Indian Christians from the school have taken place, transfers of other Indian Christians or Anglo-Indians to the school have also taken place, the number of Brahmans remaining the same now as it was in March last.

14. As regards pupils, in August of this year there are 46 non-Brahman girls on the rolls of form I to form VI of the High school section. In August of last year there were 44 non-Brahman girls on the rolls of these forms.

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Law Dept. DEPARTMENT.

CUTTINGS FROM NEWSPAPERS.

1. Name of Paper—Justice
2. Published at—
3. Dated—27th Mar '21

The Singapore Government Secondary and Training School For Girls and Non Brahmin Girls

Sir,—I wish to draw your attention and that of the public to the glaring injustice and irregularities that are taking place in the Singapore Government school for girls, which, though maintained at the taxpayer's expense ostensibly for all girls, is treating really only the

interests of brahmin widows and other brahmin girls. Now and then complaints have been made in the press and on the platform about these matters and no heed seems to have been paid as yet.

Three letters appeared in Justice on the 1st and 9th and 22nd September last about the high-handed way in which 3 nonbrahmin girls of the V form were dealt with. The Hon Mr. Rajah put some questions about them in the Legislative Council in the same month. The Government gave the reply that the Director of P. I. was already investigating the matter. To this day the anxious public has not yet been vouchsafed the results of the investigation. To another question of Mr. Rajah, viz: whether nonbrahmin teachers including A. Indians, Indian Xians are being sent out to make room for brahmin teachers, as they become available, the Government's reply was in the negative. But 3 or 4 Xian teachers were transferred from the school just about the annual examination this year.

The 3 girls who were dealt with unjustly and who therefore had to leave the school and join the Egnore institution were brought back by Mrs. Drysdale by a promise, that they need not apprehend any more bad treatment. They were also assured that the nonbrahmin girls would be sufficiently taken care of and that at the annual examination they would not be debarred from promotion. The girls' expenses in changing to the Egnore School were also paid by Mrs. Drysdale. Now, however, the worst has happened. Two of the girls were given very low marks in certain subjects and stopped from promotion. These girls are said to be brilliant girls; in previous examinations these girls did very well, and to say that these very girls have not done well at the last examination is strange. The mystery can be explained only by careful examination of their answer papers along with those of the other girls.

Not only this, but it appears that some other nonbrahmin girls in the IV and V forms, who have done well in the last and previous examinations, were not given promotion. In the case of these girls too, low marks were given in certain subjects at the annual examination, the answer papers in those subjects being corrected by brahmin teachers.

I happened to know some of the ways in which nonbrahmin girls are handicapped in their education. I hear there were 4 brahmin teachers, 4 Xian teachers and some A Indians in the school. Some more A-Indians were recently brought in; they do not know much about the girls. All the Xian teachers except one were transferred from the school, as has been said, just about the annual exami-

nation in April '21, and no new teachers were brought in their place. The way was thus made easy for the brahmin teachers to have everything in their own way. The brahmin teachers of the school, I am told, not being content with giving low marks to non-Brahmin girls, were opposing tooth and nail the promotions of bright nonbrahmin girls, while some brahmin girls who did indifferently and some shabbily too at the examination had an easy walk over. Miss Phillips is a pitiable picture amidst her brahmin assistants and she had no alternative but to submit to the clamour of the brahmins. I understand that this Miss Phillips is quite helpless before them, perhaps because they have the hearty moral support of Mrs. Drysdale.

On account of such injustice and the determined and unmistakable attempts of the brahmin teachers to clear out the nonbrahmin girls, self-respecting nonbrahmans have to stop their girls from the school. It is very regrettable that the Government which ought to deal out justice and hold the scales even between man and man and woman and woman does not exercise sufficient care in the management of the school. It allows its individual officers like Mrs. Drysdale (I don't know if I should include the Director of P.I.) to take sides and advance sectional interests.

We should like to know what are the results of the Director's investigation (vide Government's reply). Will the Hon. the Educational Minister direct his sympathetic attention to these disgraceful state of affairs in an institution which is designed to educate girls of all classes but which is being turned to the exclusive benefit of one community? The school must either be mended or ended.

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