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C. no. 464 B.

Memo 464 B-1 d. 4-4-21

A copy of question no. 161 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 14th February, 1921. Together with the answer given thereto regarding cases of illness and provision of facilities for medical attendance in the Queen Mary's College for Women, Madras, is communicated to the D.P.D. Who is requested to report on the question of providing further facilities for medical attendance in the College.

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Submitting report on the question of providing further facilities for medical attendance in the Queen Mary's College hostel.

ENCLOSURES.

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Station _____, Dated the 26th May 1921.

From (Name) R. Littlehales Esq.,

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (Education)

Department.

Sir,

With reference to Government Law (Education)

Memorandum No. 464 B-1, dated the 4th April 1921, I have the honour to report that I have, on the recommendation of the Principal of the College sanctioned the following arrangements for providing further facilities for medical attendance in the Queen Mary's College hostel.

2. Dr. S. Muthulakshmi Ammal M.B., the medical officer for

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for the Ice House Hostel, will also be appointed as medical adviser for the Queen Mary's College hostel on a remuneration of Rs. 900 per annum (July to March). The lady doctor will be generally responsible for the medical inspection of the boarders every term for which a remuneration of Rs. 200 per annum has been sanctioned in G.O. No. 984 Home (Education) dated 26th July 1918 and in addition will visit the hostel once a week and more frequently when necessary. The extra expenditure of Rs. 700 per annum involved by the proposal will be met from special fees to be levied for the purpose from the boarders. I may add that these arrangements have the unanimous approval of the Advisory Council of the College.

3. The maximum number of boarders in 1920-21 was 168 and the Principal expects that the average for 1921-22 will be nearly 200. The special fee to be levied from each boarder will be such as to meet at least the extra expenditure of Rs. 700 involved by these arrangements, and any balance will be utilised for the purchase of medicines.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Director of Public Instruction

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OFFICE.

4 FEB 1921

QUESTION.—No. 204

for the meeting of the Legislative

Council to be held on the 14th Feb. 1921.

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the Law (Education) 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

L. S. S.
U.O. No. 555-2, dated 4-2-21

To

The Law (Education) Department, 2 copies of Quest. 204.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OFFICE.

QUESTION.

Mr. M. D. Devadoss, M.L.C.

The Law (Education) Department.

204. (a) Is the Hon'ble the Minister for Education aware—
(i) that there have been recently several cases of serious illness in Queen Mary's College, Madras, and
(ii) that there is no special provision in the College for the accommodation of patients?
(b) Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Education state whether any medical man or lady doctor has been asked to visit periodically the Queen Mary's College whether there be illness or not?
(c) Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Education be pleased to direct—
(i) that a sick room capable of accommodating at least 12 patients be provided in the new block to the Queen Mary's College which is under construction, and
(ii) that arrangements be made for a lady doctor visiting the College at least twice a week?

[Meeting of the 14th February 1921.]

Revised - vide p. 4 of the agenda of the 18th Feb 21

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with reference to part (a) of the question attention is directed to para 11 of the report on the working of the Queen Mary's College during 1919-20. The health of the College was reported to be good during that period. The D.P.D. may be requested u.o. to state whether there have been several cases of ^{serious} illness since then and whether there is any special provision for the accommodation of the patients.

2. Part (b) of the question — The Principal of the College was empowered to consult a lady doctor in matters connected with the health of the students. and the payment of a fee of Rs 100 per term for this purpose was also sanctioned.

(U) Vide G.O. 984 of 26.7.18. During 1919-20 Dr. (Miss) Alexander of the Raining Hospital visited the College at the beginning of each term and saw all new students & such old students as wished to consult her. Vide para 11 on p. 39 of G.O.

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7.2.21 The remarks of the D.P.D. may be invited u.o. ~~and the D.P.D. may~~ and the D.P.D. may be asked to suggest a suitable answer. The following is for consideration:—

- "(a) The Govt. have no information; but will enquire.
- "(b) Under an arrangement sanctioned

leg foot. the Principal of the College is empowered
 "to consult ^{affirmed} medical advisers on payment
 of a regular fee per term in matters connected
 with the health of the students. Attention
 is also invited to para. 11 of the report
 on the working of the College for 1919-20,
 which has been placed on the E.S."

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I understood that there have been
 recently some serious cases of illness
 & at least one death.

With D.P. I please suggest
 an answer & report ^{attached} ^{being}
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U.O. Reply No. 76 of 9-2-21

1. I enclose herewith in original the Principal's report on the cases of illness in Queen Mary's College.
2. The following answers are suggested to the Member's questions:-
 (a) Yes. There were six cases of enteric fever among the members of the Malayalee Christian section of the hostel last November. Four of these have completely recovered and two are convalescent. The Health Officer of the Corporation was unable to assign

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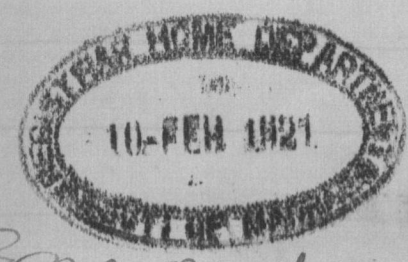
to assign any case for this outbreak.

A Nair student developed fever on January 8th, 1921, was removed to her relatives' house in Madras on January the 12th and died there of double pneumonia on January the 23rd.

There is a sick room for cases of illness. Up to the time of the outbreak this was used for ordinary hostel purposes. Subsequent to the outbreak it has been kept vacant in case of illness.

(b) The students are examined twice a year by the lady doctors of the Rainy hospital. The question of providing further facilities for medical attendance will be considered.

3. I regret very much that this outbreak has occurred and I have added the last sentence to the suggested answer above as I think that it would be well if Government did consider the desirability of periodical visits by a lady doctor irrespective of whether there is any particular outbreak of illness or not and that arrangements should be made for a report to such lady doctor of any case of illness, however trivial it may appear at first sight to be, so that the patient may be visited and all risks of neglect obviated.



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Report on cases of illness in Queen Mary's College

1 (a) In reply to the T. M. of the Deputy Director of Health give the following facts —

On or about Nov. 21st or 23rd 1920. two girls developed fever. They were both Malayalee Christian girls. (There is a separate kitchen and dining room for this section.) As the fever did not leave them, they were sent to the General Hospital on Nov. 27th, where, after examination, their illness was diagnosed as enteric. Both these girls made good recoveries and are back in class.

Meanwhile another girl belonging to the same section developed fever and was sent to the General Hospital on Dec. 2nd. She, being of a very weak constitution, had had a long illness, but should be discharged from hospital within a few days now.

On Dec. 8th a fourth girl from the same section was sent to the General Hospital, and ^{on Dec. 9th} one from the Nair section to the Rozapettah Hospital. Both these students are back in College, the last-named having had only a mild attack.

a fifth Malayalee Christian girl developed enteric on her arrival at Kottayam on Dec. 18th, and is now convalescent at home.

There were thus five cases of enteric among girls of the Malayalee Christian section; one case — of a different

and milder type - in the Nair section. 718

I immediately I was definitely informed of the diagnosis of enteric, I notified the Medical Officer of the district and the Health Officer of the Corporation, who visited the premises on Dec. 9th. I also engaged an Amplehill nurse till the close of term to supervise any cases of indisposition.

The Health Officer made a thorough investigation of the premises and found nothing to account for the outbreak, ^{the Medical Officer, however,} although ~~he~~ disapproved of the position of the old block of kitchens (in which the Malayalee Christian section kitchen is at present located, as being too near to the stables. The Cooks were all examined by blood test, but no carrier was found. Everything was thoroughly disinfected, and no further infection has declared itself.

(6) A Nair student died at the house of her relatives in Madras on Jan. 23rd last. The facts are these - The girls from the West Coast had a very trying journey back after the Christmas holidays, and five developed fever - influenza colds - shortly after their return. Four of these, who were nursed in the ~~Hotel~~

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Hotel, without calling in medical aid, recovered from this illness satisfactorily. The fifth girl developed fever on Saturday, Jan. 8th. She notified this to the Housekeeper on Sunday, Jan. 9th, who prepared a bed for her in the Sick Room. In the afternoon of this same day, a relative of hers called, (the Rajah of Kollengode). He superintended ~~the~~^{her} removal to the Sick Room and said he would send a doctor next day. ~~No doctor, however,~~
~~arrived~~. Her College Tutor, who was present, said she would be glad of this. No doctor, however,
arrived. On Tuesday her brother called and also said he would bring a doctor. The girl's temperature was coming down and we did not think there was cause for alarm. On Wednesday, Jan. 12th, her brother, without bringing a doctor, removed her to her sister's house in Egmore. She developed double pneumonia, and, in spite of the greatest care, died on Sunday Jan. 23rd.

2. There is a "Sick Room" set apart for cases of illness, close to the Housekeeper's room. Owing to the crowded condition of the Hotel, which arose from the unexpected failure to acquire the adjoining building
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This room was not kept empty last term, until the enteric outbreak. From the reopening in January, however, the room has been kept vacant for cases of illness. Any student who is sick has to send word to the Housekeeper and to the College Tutor above.

It has always been the custom to nurse only simple cases of illness in the Hostel. The Housekeeper attends to these. If the cases present disquieting features, the girls are conveyed by ambulance to one of the Hospitals. We have not the facilities for nursing serious cases, and we do not attempt to do it. I own frankly that we were in fault in not recognizing sooner that the first enteric cases were something other than ordinary fever.

3). There are two medical examinations of the Hostel students per annum, usually in July and January. The January examination has not yet taken place, because the majority of the girls have been going through inoculation for enteric, and were not in their normal health. These examinations are conducted by the lady doctors of the Raining Hospital, and are paid for by Government. Students are at full health.

to call in whatever medical practitioner they prefer,
and no hindrance is placed in the way of their doing.
I think it would be better to have a lady doctor to
visit the College periodically, whether there is illness
or not, though I fear the poorer girls will grieve
at having to pay a contribution towards this.

I would point out that, up to last November,
the health of the students has been exceptionally
good, that we passed through the influenza epidemic
with marked success, and that the past months
have been unhealthy, not only in this Hostel, but
in other parts of Madras. The number of students in the
Hostel is over 160.

J. de la Hég.

Principal.

Queen Mary's College
Madras.

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For orders whether the answer suggested by the D.P.D. on pages 4 and 5 ante inclusive of the portion within pencil brackets shall be accepted.

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D.P.D.'s answer approved in Bull 10/2

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Please see A on p.5 ante. The D.P.D. may be requested to report on the provision of further facilities for medical attendance in the. A draft memo is subd

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[C. no 1686 B] from the D.P.D. no 651 W B of 26-5-21

The D.P.D. has already made the necessary arrangements for the provision of further facilities for medical attendance in the Hostel attached to the College. ^(vide pp 2-3 CF) No further action is necessary.

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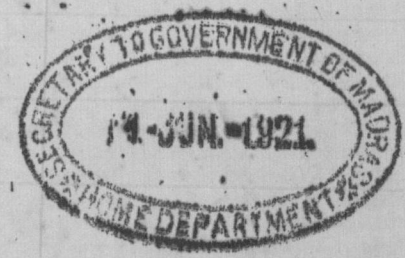
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