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Dear Mr. Krishnamachariar,

The enclosed will be read
Mr. 23/9/25
to His Excellency on the occasion of
his laying the foundation stone of the
C.M.S. College buildings at Palamcottah
on the 26th October. Will you kindly
let me have a note showing the assist-
ance given to the College by the Govern-
ment as soon as possible?

Yours sincerely,

M.R. Ry. Rao Bahadur V.T. Krishnamachariar

Avl.,

Secretary to Government,
Law (Education) Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Draft of Address to be presented to His Excellency the Governor
on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the
new C.M. College buildings at Palamcottah.

To

His Excellency the Right Hon'ble George Joachim
Viscount Goschen of Hawkhurst, G.C.I.E., C.B.E.,
Governor of Madras.

Your Excellency,

On this happy occasion we bid you a loyal and respectful welcome. We rejoice unfeignedly at having with us at such a time the representative of His Majesty the King Emperor. We are deeply sensible of the honour that is conferred upon us and are most grateful to you for accepting our invitation to lay the foundation stone of these new College buildings.

What we are asking you to do marks the initiation of a new enterprise; yet it would be more accurate to speak of it as a new phase of an enterprise already long in existence, for this College traces its beginnings back to well-nigh a hundred years ago. Somewhere about the time (in 1833) when Macaulay wrote his famous Minute which decided the course of higher education in India, missionaries of the Church Missionary Society founded an Anglo-Vernacular School at Palamcottah. That school gradually increased its standard of attainment, and in 1878 it was raised to a Second Grade College and affiliated to the University of Madras - the first College opened in the Tinnevely District. In 1880 it was transferred to Tinnevely town, and accommodated in buildings which soon proved too small; hence in 1896 a new site was acquired outside the town boundaries and a large building erected. Once again, with the increasing demands of modern education, (and also we may add owing to the increasing number of the Christian Community), we have been compelled to launch this new scheme which Your Excellency inaugurates today, on a much larger scale than anything attempted before. As further illustrating the great expansion of our work, we may point out that the College when first started was accommodated in a building costing about Rs.20000; then it was moved to a building costing about Rs.60000; whereas the buildings now begun will cost about Rs.250,000! Through the help of Government and through private enterprise, this splendid site has been acquired.

comprising 42 acres of land and including 3 bungalows. Two large blocks of buildings with Lecture Halls, Class-rooms, and Science laboratories, and four Hostels providing accommodation for some 300 students, are now to be erected. Much more is required and has been provided for in planning the whole scheme; but we are faced with a situation with which Your Excellency is no doubt familiar in the sphere of Government: "Man proposes - finance disposes".

This is not the place to enlarge on our ideals in Education; but such an occasion should not be allowed to pass without a statement concerning that spiritual and moral basis which we hold to be fundamental to all true education. We believe that education which concerns itself only with the mind, or even with the mind and the body, is one-sided and defective. We stand for religious education; by this we do not mean simply the devoting of a certain number of periods to Scripture lessons, but the relating of all life and all knowledge to God, perfectly and completely revealed in Jesus Christ. We regard religion not as one department of our work but as a spirit pervading the whole life of the College, leading in many diverse ways to the recognition of the knowledge and service of God, and of moral worth and character, as the greatest things in the life of man. We make it our aim that the students who pass out from this College should be men who, in the noble words of Huxley speaking of a liberal education, "love all that is good, hate all that is vile, and respect others as themselves."

Once again, Your Excellency, we thank you for your being with us for what is to us so notable an event, and for the encouragement which your presence gives in the undertaking we have in hand.

Signed on behalf of the Governing Board,
the Staff and the students of C.M.
College, Tinnevely.

H.P. Young

Principal.

[Buildings - C.M.S.
College, Tinnevely]

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The draft address on pp. 2-3 ante refers to a scheme for the construction of two large blocks of buildings for the C.M.S. College, Tinnevely, with lecture halls, class rooms and science laboratories and four hostels - at a total estimated cost of Rs. 2.50 lakhs. ~~such a~~ ^{no such} scheme has ~~not~~ yet come up to Govt. for approval. If the plans and estimates are approved by the Special Consulting Architect, the scheme will be eligible for a grant of two-thirds of the cost in the case of science buildings and of one-half of the cost for the other buildings.

2. The Govt. have in recent years sanctioned grants for the acquisition of lands and construction of buildings for the college as shown below:-

(i) In G.O. 1390 of 7.12.1914, the Govt. sanctioned the acquisition of 4.12 acres of land required for

for extending the premises of the college, and a grant ^{(not exceeding Rs. 8,884 or} of one-half of the actual cost, from Provincial fund. The grant was increased to Rs. 11,004 in G.O. No. 185 of 18.5.1916.



(ii) In 1921, the D.P.J. submitted plans and estimates amounting to Rs. 79,420 for the construction of a building for the college classes. It was stated that half of the building was to be used for science subjects. The estimate, as revised by the Chief Engineer, amounted to Rs. 80,560. In G.O. No. 1264 of 9.9.21, the Govt. sanctioned a building grant not exceeding seven-twelfths of the actual expenditure and Rs. 46,993, whichever was ~~less~~ less.

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3. The D.P.J. may be requested to furnish all available information regarding the scheme referred to in paragraph 1 above and also give any further information regarding assistance rendered to the college in recent years.

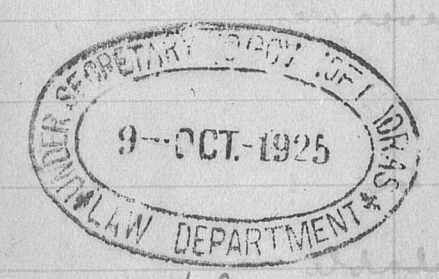
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As regards the assistance rendered to the college in recent years there is nothing to be added to the Secretariat note on the point except that the scheme approved in G.O. No. 1264 L.E., dated 9-9-1921 has been given up in favour of the present scheme.

The plans of the new scheme are being prepared by the Consulting Architect to Government but have not yet been received.

The management have now decided instead of building both at Tinnevely and at Palamcottah as originally proposed to concentrate on the institution in Palamcottah. They propose to transfer the college department from the C.M.S. College, Tinnevely, and to establish it at Palamcottah on a new site granted to the Mission on the outskirts of the town. This transfer has been approved by the University. It is also proposed to remove the high school department, forms IV to VI, now in the town of Palamcottah and attach this department to the college. The present high school buildings will then be used for the middle school. The management intend to develop their new institution as a residential college and therefore included in their new scheme the construction of a hostel for the college department to accommodate 82 students, quarters for a European Missionary and a hostel warden and 3 hostels each accommodating 50 students for the high school department.



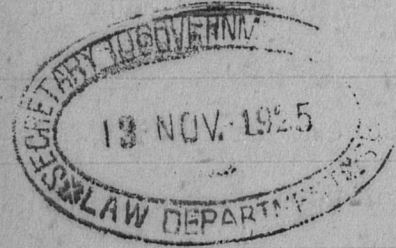
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