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Government of India.

Department of Education, Health and Lands.

Sir, the 16th September 1925.

From

J.W. Bhore, Esq., C.I.E., C.B.E., I.C.S.,

Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (Education) Department.

Imperial Education Conference.

Sir,

I am directed to forward a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State, No.5-General, dated the 20th August 1925, with enclosure, and to say that the Government of India will be glad to receive, at an early date, the observations of the Government of Madras upon the points referred to in the letter from the Board of Education.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

[Signature]

for Secretary.

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India Office, London.
20th August 1925.

General.
No. 5.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor
General of India in Council.

My Lord,

I forward herewith, for the information of Your Excellency's Government,
Imperial Education Conference. copy of a letter received from the
S. and G. 2961/25. Board of Education on the subject of
the next meeting of the Imperial Education Conference.

2. I shall be glad to receive in due course for communication to the
Advisory Committee the observations of Your Excellency's Government upon
the points referred to therein.

I have the honour to be.

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,
(Signed) BIRKENHEAD.

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ENCLOSURE.

Board of Education to India Office.

Whitehall, London, S.W.;
27th July 1925.

Sir,

The Imperial Education Conference of 1923 expressed the view that the next meeting of the Conference should be held in 1927. The Advisory Committee of the Conference discussed this proposal at its meeting on 15th July and recommended its adoption, but desired that the Overseas Governments should be consulted on the matter. I am accordingly to request that the Secretary of State will be so good as to address an enquiry to the Government of India, and ask them to furnish their observations on the proposal as soon as conveniently may be.

The Advisory Committee also desired that the Overseas Governments should be asked, at the same time, to state their views as to the subjects which should be included in the agenda of the next meeting of the Conference, arranging the various suggestions in order of preference.

In this connection I am to say that certain representations of the Director of Education for the Gold Coast, made in the result of his experience as a delegate to the Imperial Education Conference of 1923, were considered by the Advisory Committee, and they were of opinion that it might be desirable that the Conference should in future be organised in a number of sections, which would deal, concurrently, each with a body of related subjects, and thus enable delegates who are more directly interested in particular subjects to follow their discussion without attending meetings at which other matters with which they may not be specially concerned are being discussed. If the Conference were so organised some Governments might find it desirable to appoint more than one delegate. The sections of the Conference would, of course, report to the Conference as a whole. The Advisory Committee would welcome the observations of the Government of India.

The Under Secretary of State for India.

I am, &c.,

AUBREY V. SYMONDS.



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in the Agenda.

ENCLOSURES.

No.

R.No. 1754-D/25.

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Station Madras. Dated the 11th December, 1925.

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

(Designation) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras

LAW (EDUCATION) Department.

Sir,

With reference to Government endorsement No. 3577
A-1 dated 29-9-1925 regarding the Imperial Education Conference
1927, I have the honour to submit after consultation with the
officers of the Department and other workers in education in
South India, the following remarks:-

The date for the next meeting of the Conference
may suitably be fixed in 1927.

The subjects suggested for inclusion in the agenda
of the next meeting are as follows:-

(i) The issue of an annual publication giving in brief
the main educational activities every year in the various
units comprising the Empire;

(2)
(P.T.O)

- (2) the development of internationalism in schools;
 (3) overcoming colour prejudice through school education;
 (4) the system of competitive examination versus
 co-operative group working in schools.

It is desirable that the Conference should in future be organized in a number of sections each with a body of related subjects and thus enable delegates who are more directly interested in particular subjects to follow their discussion without attending meetings at which other matters with which they may not be specially concerned are being discussed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. C. ...
 for Director of Public Instruction.

M.R.P.11/12.

(8) Law Education Dept
 [C.No. 3577 A] from the Government of India
 no. 1898 E.S. 2/16.9.25

Subject: Imperial Educational Conference

Imperial Educational Conferences were held in London in 1907 + 1911 and Madras was represented by Sir Alfred Bourne at those conferences. It was proposed to hold a conference in 1917 but ^{this was} ~~deferred~~ postponed owing to the war. The conference was next held in 1923. On a reference from the Government of India on the subject their Government stated as follows:

"... This Government still remain
 "of the opinion that the proceedings of
 "the proposed conference are not likely
 "to have any more than a remote
 "bearing on Indian Educational
 "problems. It is accordingly not
 "intended to depute an officer from the
 "Presidency to attend the conference.
 "If a suitable officer be on leave in
 "England during the summer of 1923
 "he may be deputed for the purpose,
 "but it is too early to state anything

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 S.O. 969-70 2/28.10.13

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"definite about this. ... In the
"view, this Government have taken,
"they consider it unnecessary to
"answer the questions in Schedule
"A" accompanying your letter."

The Government of India then forwarded
a copy of the agenda for that
Conference. The Hon'ble the Minister
then stated that "the only portion
"dealing with non-European education
"is the last. p. 5 of the agenda - which
"is of no use to this country. The
"other matters are practically
"valueless to India & Madras. The
"question he now dropped."

The preliminary statement of
transactions and conclusions of
the Imperial Conference held in 1923
are recorded in G.O. no. 1627 (Gen
(Education) of 17.11.23.

It is now proposed to hold the
next conference in 1927.

The Government of India have
now forwarded a copy of a
despatch from the Secretary of
State, no. 8. General of 20.8.25 and
have asked for the observations
of this Government upon the points

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G.O. 2830
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referred to in the letter from the
Board of Education.

Submitted ^{that} the remarks of the
D.P.D. may be invited in the first instance
A draft memo is submitted

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[Memo to the D.P.D. no. 3077 A-1 of 29.9.25]
[C.no. 4746 A] From the D.P.D., Re no. 1784-

D.P.D. of 11.12.25

A draft reply to the Govt of India is
submitted for approval.

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19.12.25

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On suggestion no 1, we have such
publications in every country in
the Empire - E.G. The Quin-
quennial report in India is
a survey of educational activities
in India. Similar publications
are made by the Board of
Education in England. In Canada
there is a year book on
Education. The first point

is also met by the publication by
the Philippine Govt & in Maryland
Hence for this purpose a Conference
is not necessary or is unhelpful to India.
Suggestion no 2. The Board in Oxford & Cambridge
and the Senate Committee of the
Law University, do hold local
School Certificate examinations
as an Entrance (School) Examination.

The Standard in different nations must
vary considerably -
In India we have to develop an
inter-provincial system of School
Education and there is a movement for
Inter-University work.

The Suggestion no 2 is of no practical
value to India & Madras.

No. 3 - Is very vague. There is no free
admission of Indians in "public"
schools in England on certain
terms. It is reasonable these restrictions
should be imposed.

I do not know of any to this suggestion.

No. 4. The suggestion is more theoretical.
The experiment may be tried in India
and the results ascertained before
we can place our experience
before the Conference.

On the whole I am inclined to hold the
same view as I did before -

A revised draft reply is submitted for approval

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The following reply will be sent to the Government of India.

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To

The Secretary to the Government of
India,
Department of Education, Health
and Lands.

Sir,

Imperial Education Conference -

Your letter No.1898 Edn. dated 16-9-25 ✓

47 I am directed to state that, in the opinion of this Government, the date for the next meeting of the Imperial Education Conference may suitably be fixed in 1927.

2. The Director of Public Instruction, Madras, suggests the inclusion

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