

Law Education (1926) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

HOSTEL:-

Widows' Home attached to the Lady Willingdon

Training ~~College~~ - Continuance - Committee appointed to

consider.

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Memo. No. 2213e/d/25-2 25/9.15

One of the recommendations of the Madras Retrenchment Committee was that the expenditure on scholarships might be reduced. While examining the recommendation the attention of the Government was invited to the heavy expenditure incurred ~~in maintaining the~~ maintaining the widows' hostels attached to the Lady Willington Training College, Madras, and the Queen Mary's High School for Indian girls, Vizagapatam.

2. In the year 1912 the Government sanctioned the opening of a widows' home attached to the Presidency Training School for Mistresses, Egmore. With the transfer of the Tamil training section of the Egmore school to the secondary school for girls, Triplicane, in 1913, the widows' home was also removed to Triplicane and the Home now forms ~~an~~ ^{an adjunct to the} ~~of the~~ school attached to the Lady Willington Training College. A hostel attached to the Queen Mary's high school, Vizagapatam, was also opened in 1912. In both the institutions ~~arrang~~ provision has been made for special scholarships for widows. The number of such scholarships available in 1924-25 was 68 in the widows' home of the Lady

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Willington Training College and 42 in the hostel of the Vizagapatam school, the value of each of the scholarships being Rs 15 a month. The ^{total} budget provision on account of the scholarships amounted to about Rs 20,000. The maintenance of these hostels has also entailed expenditure in other directions such as rent charges ~~xxx~~ and supervision allowances.

3. The object with which the institutions were started was ~~that~~ to provide for ^{induce} the education of young widows with a view to their taking up the teaching profession ~~as available ultimately as teachers for girls schools~~. It was also anticipated that some of them would go out as nurses.

4. The Government recently obtained a report from the Director of Public Instruction on the working of the institutions. It is observed that in making admissions to the hostels no age limit has been fixed nor is any limitation imposed on the length of residence of the ~~widow~~ pupils in the hostels. The result is that in ^{some} ~~many~~ instances ~~many~~ pupils have remained in the hostels for unduly long periods, ~~making~~ them practically their homes. There is ~~very~~ also little evidence to show that beneficial results have followed their continued stay in the hostels. So far as the hostel

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the main object in view has been secured

3 } 3 } attached to the Lady Willington Training College is concerned, the report ^{shows} points out that during the 13 years of its existence only 15 widows have gone out as teachers and five as nurses. ~~These results are disappointing.~~ The case of the Vizagapatam hostel has been, ^{if possible} ~~any~~ more disappointing. In the case of the latter, definite information is not forthcoming as to the number of scholarship-holders that have passed out of it. There is ^{only} ~~however~~ a ^{general} ~~statement~~ ^{in the report} that most of the ex-pupils are employed as teachers."

~~These facts~~ ^{shows} that the advantages of maintaining these institutions have not been commensurate with the expenditure incurred from provincial funds ^{on their account} ~~on their maintenance~~.

5. The Government consider that the time has come when the future of these hostels should be ^{taken up seriously} ~~considered~~ ^{seriously}. They do not however desire that the institutions should be closed down without a further trial. The hostels will accordingly be continued till the end of the current school year. In the meanwhile the D.P.I., is requested to work out proposals for reorganising the institutions on practical lines. It should be borne in mind

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that in the desire to ~~bring about~~ ^{promote} a supply of women teachers the State should not be called upon to incur disproportionately heavy expenditure.

The question of continuing the hostels after the current school year will ~~depend~~ ^{be considered on} further ~~the~~ report to be submitted by the Director.

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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 Memorandum No. 2213-C-25-2, dated the 25th September 1925, requesting me to submit proposals in connection with the reorganisation of the Ice House Hostel and the Widow's hostel attached to Queen Mary's High School, Vizagapatam, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of letter No. R.C. 483 of 25, dated 11th November 1925 of the Principal, Lady Willingdon Training College, Madras together with copies of the enclosures referred to therein. I am also -- submitting herewith a statement giving according to the latest statistics the number of ex-pupils of the Ice house Hostel and the Hostel attached to the Queen Mary's High School, Vizagapatam together with the expenditure on

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these hostels for the last four years.

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I agree in general with the remarks of the Principal on the subject and I suggest that as stated by her, the number of widow scholarships may be reduced from 95 to 84 and distributed as follows:-

Lady Willingdon Training College	63
Queen Mary's High School, Vizagapatam	21

But the rates of the scholarships may remain the same as at present as the amount of the scholarship is just sufficient to cover the cost of the boarding expenses of books etc.

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I may state in this connection that we have at the moment a sufficient supply of History B.A.L.Ts but we should be glad of more B.A. L.T's in the practical and scientific subjects. I do not however advise that the widow scholarships should be granted for a longer period than 7 years. All the students should agree to undergo Secondary, Higher Elementary or ^{Lower} ~~Higher~~ Elementary Training as teachers or undertake a medical course when they reach the S.S.L.C stage. An undertaking to this effect may be taken from all the girls seeking admission into the hostels before they are actually admitted.

I propose to take up separately the question of reducing the expenditure now incurred from provincial funds on scholarships at the Queen Mary's College, Madras and I shall submit to Government later proposals for the same.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

E. M. Bawa.

for Director of Public Instruction

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Copy of letter R.C.No. 483/25, dated 11th November 1925 from the Principal, Lady Willingdon Training College, Madras to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

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With reference to your Proceedings R.O.C.No. 1273 A/25, dated 7th October 1925, I have the honour to submit a list of the total number of scholarship holders since 1913 showing the length of time they have remained in this institution.

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In considering the figures in connection with the turn out of teachers and nurses criticism is made that the number of those actually engaged in teaching and nursing (15 plus 5 respectively) is too small a result after the period of 13 years during which these scholarships have been in existence. It should be borne in mind that during the first 8 years of this period no trained teachers could have been ready, (assuming that all scholarship holders continued to Form VI) for the minimum period in which the school and training courses could have been completed was 7 plus 2 i.e 9 years. If the period under consideration had been the first 14 years instead of 13 the numbers would have been increased by 65% and the following year the rate of increase would be larger still. The matter is further complicated by the fact that 5 years more is required for a trained graduate teacher. If facilities had not been granted for University education there would have been 20 extra teachers ready by the end of 1925 making the total 40 out of 46 of whom 6 died or were dismissed.

3. The criticism is also made that the scholarship holders have spent an unduly long time in the home. Apparently owing to the -- development of education in the last few years people seem to have forgotten what conditions were like even 10 years ago. Many of these girls could hardly read and write in their own vernacular, none of them knew English and very few of them had been to school yet the average time taken to reach the sixth form standard is about 6½ years. I think this fact reflects great credit upon the girls themselves for their application and industry and upon those who have had charge of the hostel.

4. With reference to proposals for reducing expenditure I would again urge the necessity for the retention of some at least of these scholarships. The schools are greatly handicapped by the fact that very many of the teachers are unable to devote as much of their energy

their work and their interest as they might do upon the school and the Children. Therefore it is important to create a group that can (and will if properly trained) subordinate other interests to that of the school. The material is there, but the time has not yet come when it can be utilised without the help of Government. Secondly the period of time cannot at present be reduced to less than 7 years for even when compulsory education becomes prevalent ^{as} the children will only have reached the 5th standard by the time they leave the school to be married. But 7 years should be made the maximum period and in the event of a girl ^{permitted to utilise the whole of this period but should be} failing to be promoted she should not be drafted at once to Higher or Lower Elementary training. Thirdly since there is at present a great dearth of Hindu trained secondary teachers it should be ensured in future that the majority of those who complete their school course should be drafted into the secondary training course instead of being permitted to take up University education.

As regards the amount of each scholarship, I do not think any reduction is possible; this amount is only just sufficient to cover the cost of the boarding expenses, of books etc for it must be borne in mind that these girls in very many cases can look for no help from their homes. Nor can the expenditure in the Ice House Hostel be reduced; the question of reducing the number of hostels to one only might be considered however.

There remains the question of the number of the scholarships. The total number at present is 110; I should recommend this number be reduced to 84 in order that every year (since the period of the school course may be taken as 7 years) 12 Hindu Widows would be educationally equipped to take up teaching or any other work of public service.

The statement showing the expenditure for 4 years incurred from provincial funds on account of the Ice House Hostel is enclosed herein

(True copy)

S. N. Banerjee.
For Director of Public Instruction

Expenditure in connection with the Ice House Hostel.
1921-1922.

Rates and Taxes	771	13	2	
Supervision fees of the Superintendents	631	6	8	
Lady Doctor	600	0	0	
English Tutor	1500	0	0	
Gardener	144	0	0	
Other contingencies including Night-watchman, cleaning charges, Purchase and repair of furniture, vessels etc	640	2	0	784-2-0
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	1922-23			
Rates and Taxes	771	13	2	
Supervision fees of the Superintendents	555	0	0	
Lady Doctor	600	0	0	
English Tutor	1500	0	0	
Gardener	144	0	0	
Nightwatchman	132	0	0	
Other contingencies including purchase and repair of furniture & vessels	110	0	0	386-0-0
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	1923-24			
Rates and Taxes	771	13	2	
Supervision fees of the Superintendents	555	0	0	
Lady Doctor	600	0	0	
English Tutor	1500	0	0	
Gardener	144	0	0	
Night watchman	132	0	0	
Other contingencies including purchase and repair of furniture and vessels	47	4	9	323-4-9
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	1924-25			
Rates and Taxes	771	13	2	
Supervision fees	540	0	0	
Lady Doctor	188	5	0	
English Tutor	1500	0	0	
Gardener	144	0	0	
Nightwatchman	132	0	0	
Other contingencies - Purchase and repair of furniture and vessels etc	185	13	9	461-13-9
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Ice House Hostel and the Hostel attached to the Queen Mary's High School, Vizagapatam

List of Ex-Scholarship holders and how they are Employed.

Name of Hostel	Total No. of Ex-scholarship holders who left the Hostel	Of the Ex-scholarship holders those that are employed as teachers	Those that are employed as nurses	Those undergoing Teacher's Training (including L.T. Training)	Those that are undergoing the University Course in Arts & Science	Those that are undergoing the University Course in Medicine	Those who have joined the L.M.S. Course	Mirang	Those who are still studying in England	Those that left the Hostel in about a year	Did not reply	Dismissed	Not working	Occupation not known	Remarks	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1 Ice House	86	16	5	12	20	4	5	2	7	4	7	1	2	2	Total (a) 85 (a) excludes one dismissed from the Victoria Hospital	
2 Hostel attached to the Queen Mary's High School, Vizagapatam	66	30	2	6	-	-	-	-	3	-	9	2	9	7	= 66	

Expenditure on the Maintenance of the hostels during the years 1921-1922 to 1924-1925

Details of Expenditure	Ice House Hostel Expenditure in				Hostel - Queen Mary's High School, Vizagapatam Expenditure in				Remarks
	1921-1922	1922-23	1923-24	1924-1925	1921-1922	1922-1923	1923-1924	1924-1925	
(1) Rent Charges	774-12-2	774-12-2	774-12-2	774-12-2	1440-0-0	1560-0-0	1560-0-0	1560-0-0	
(2) Rates and Taxes	771-13-2	771-13-2	771-13-2	771-13-2	81-11-7	81-11-7	81-11-7	81-11-7	
(3) Supervision Charges - allowance to Superintendents	631-6-8	555-0-0	555-0-0	540-0-0	341-9-10	360-0-0	360-0-0	360-0-0	
(4) Medical Inspection Charges - Doctors fees	600-0-0	600-0-0	600-0-0	188-5-0	881-0-0	300-0-0	300-0-0	300-0-0	
(5) Pay of English Tutor	1500-0-0	1500-0-0	1500-0-0	1500-0-0	420-0-0	357-0-0	336-0-0	336-0-0	
(6) Pay of Menials & other Contingencies	784-2-0	386-0-0	323-4-9	461-13-9	391-7-0	372-0-0	372-0-0	372-0-0	
Total	4287-5-10	3812-13-2	3750-1-11	3461-15-11	2593-0-10	2949-0-0	2928-0-0	2928-0-0	

L. M. Bowel.
for Director of Public Instruction

List of the pupils of the Ice House Hostel

Deaf and dumb Scholarship holders

		School term 18. Sept July 1912	July 1913	July 1914	July 1915	July 1916	July 1917	July 1918	July 1919	July 1920	July 1921	July 1922	July 1923	July 1924	July 1925	Present Occupation
1	S. Ammukutty	1-7-1912	5 years S.S.L.C.					A.m.c.								B.A.L.T. Teacher
2	S. Rakshmi	1-7-1912	5 years S.S.L.C.					a.m.c.								Inter Teacher
3	V. Seetha Lakshmi	1-7-1912	Died - Dec. '13.													
4	M. Parvathi	1-7-1912	5 years S.S.L.C.					A.m.c.								Final year Hons. Student (Mathematics)
5	V. Annapurna	21-8-1912	4 3/4 years S.S.L.C.					A.m.c.								
6	K. Seetha	25-8-1912	6 1/4 years (S.S.L.C. in 7 years)						16-1-1919							Final year L.M.P. Student
7	S. Subbalakshmi	4-10-1912	4 years H.E.T.					H.E.T.	1-4-19							H.E.T. Teacher
8	V. Visalakshi	16-11-1912	7 years S.S.L.C.						A.m.c.							Inter- Teacher
9	A.G. Sankari		1-4-1913	7 years S.S.L.C.						A.m.c.						Senior B.A. Student.
10	M. Balam		12-5-1913	5 years S.S.L.C.				Delhi								Final year M.B.B.S. Student
11	K. Surammal		18-6-1913	4 years H.E.T.			13-11-17									H.E.T. Teacher
12	S. Akila Bai		29-6-1913	5 years S.S.L.C.				Delhi								4th year M.B.B.S. Student.
13	A. Savithri		20-8-1913	7 years S.S.L.C. (one year medical leave)						A.m.c.						Part. Inter. Teacher
14	B. Bhavani		29-8-1913	9 1/2 years S.S.L.C.												Sec. Train. 4-1925
15	G. Ammani		8-9-1913	(6 years Nursing)					Nursing							Dismissed from Victoria Hospital
16	H. Hanakkammal		23-10-1913	1 1/2 years S.S.L.C.				15-4-18								Sec. Teacher Pandit
17	A. Padmasini		7-12-1913	2 1/2 years L.E.T. L.E.T.				1-5-18								L.E.T. Teacher
18	T. R. Padma Bai		20-12-1913	5 1/4 years S.S.L.C.					Nursing 14-19							S.S.L.C. Staff Nurse
19	S. Anandavalli		22-12-1913													Dismissed
20	C. Prakrasi		27-10-1913	7 1/2 years S.S.L.C.						A.m.c.						Junior B.A. Student.
21	S. Mithulakshmi		28-12-1913					28-4-18								Senior Intermediate Student Tiruvandam
22	H. Visalakshi		31-12-1913	6 1/4 years S.S.L.C.					Delhi							Sec. Trainee Teacher
23	A. Jayalakshmi		25-1-14	6 years S.S.L.C. (1 year West Home)						A.m.c.						Senior Secy. Student
24	R. Gomathi		25-1-14	6 years S.S.L.C. (1 year West Home)						A.m.c.						Senior Secy. Student
25	V. Saraswathi		12-2-14	7 years S.S.L.C.						A.m.c.						Senior B.A. Student.
26	V. Sankarani		1-3-14	7 years S.S.L.C.							30-4-21					S.S.L.C. Drawing & N.W. Teacher
27	V. Chellam		3-5-14	5 years S.S.L.C.					A.m.c.							B.A. Teacher
28	R. Meenambal		1-7-14	5 years H.E.T.					H.E.T.							Senior Sec. Student
29	G. N. Saradani		12-10-14	7 1/2 years S.S.L.C.								A.m.c.				Inter. Teacher
30	H. Bhavani		1-12-14	7 1/4 years S.S.L.C.								A.m.c.				S.S.L.C. Training Senior Class
31	P. Puranammal		27-12-14	6 1/4 years S.S.L.C.								A.m.c.				B.A.L.T. Student.
32	H. Lakshmi			10-1-1915	6 years (2 years no school)				Delhi							Medical Student.
33	V. Halyani			10-1-1915	8 years S.S.L.C.								A.m.c.			2nd L.M.P.
34	T. L. Namagiri			5-4-1915	6 years S.S.L.C.							A.m.c.				Junior B.A. Student
35	D. Janaki			25-6-1915	4 years Nursing				Nursing							Staff Nurse Vellore
36	Sharmambal			20-9-1915	5 1/2 years Nursing				Nursing							Staff Nurse V. Hospital
37	Seetha Lakshmi			8-10-1915	5 1/2 years H.E.T.				H.E.T.				12-3-23			H.E.T. Teacher
38	V. Abayambal			4-11-1915	5 1/2 years S.S.L.C.							A.m.c.				Senior B.A. Student
39	A. Akamelu				6-1-1916	4 years Nursing			Nursing							Staff Nurse Madurai
40	Suryakantham				19-1-1916	8 years S.S.L.C.								L.M.P.		1st L.M.P. Student
41	T. L. Rajam				23-6-1916	4 years S.S.L.C.				A.m.c.						Senior B.A. Student
42	H. Ammani				29-6-1916	4 years Nursing			Nursing							

No.	Name	Date of Birth	Age	Education	Remarks	Current Status	Future Plans
44	R. Rukmani	8-7-1916	7 years S.S.L.C.				Inter Student
45	V. Rukmani	12-7-1916	23-11-18				Medically unfit & sent away
46	L.V. Meenakshi	14-7-1916	6 years S.S.L.C.				Part Inter Teacher
47	Sundarammal	5-8-1916					
48	E. Ganga Bai	1-1-1917	7 years S.S.L.C.				Senior Sec. Student
49	Saraswathi	1-1-1917	7 years S.S.L.C.				Senior Secy. Student
50	C.R. Subbalakshmi	15-3-1917	7 years S.S.L.C.				Senior Inter Student
51	S. Alamelu	2-7-1917	6 years S.S.L.C.				Junior B.D. Student
52	Kamalamal	3-7-1917	6 years S.S.L.C.				Junior Sec. Student
53	J. Subbammal	5-4-1917	30-4-18				left
54	Nagamal	1-7-1917	30-4-18				left
55	Sampuram	7-7-1917	6 years S.S.L.C.				1st. L. M. P. Student
56	Ratna Bai	23-7-1917					
57	H. Seshammal	11-8-1917	8 years S.S.L.C.				Junior Inter Student
58	H. S. Alamelu	17-11-1917	1 1/2 years L.E.T.				L.E.T.
59	S. Hanthamathi	6-12-1917	1 1/4 years S.S.L.C.				Junior Inter Student
60	V. Meenakshi	4-3-1918	4 years S.S.L.C.				2nd M. B. B. S. Student
61	R. Manakshi	10-5-1918	6 years H.E.T.				Senior H.E. Student
62	H. Meenakshi	18-5-18	7 years S.S.L.C.				Junior Inter Student, Trivandrum
63	C. Subbalakshmi	19-5-1918	3 years Nursing				Nursing Course
64	K. Rajam	30-3-18	2 years -4-20				Senior Secy. Student
65	R. Rajam	1-8-18	6 1/2 years S.S.L.C.				Junior Inter Student
66	G. Meenakshi	13-8-18	6 1/2 years S.S.L.C.				Junior Inter Student
67	C. Subbalakshmi	21-11-18	6 1/4 years (No school for 1 year)				Junior Inter Student
68	K. Rajam	12-12-18	6 1/4 years S.S.L.C.				Junior Inter Student
69	G. Meenakshi	22-12-18	6 1/4 years Nursing				Nursing Course, V. Hospital
70	V. Venkatalakshmi	19-1-19	6 years S.S.L.C.				Junior Inter Student
71	H. Sharmammal	5-3-19	6 1/2 years				Reading in Form III in her own place
72	S. Saradammal	8-6-19					left
73	G. Mangalam	13-8-19	Nursing				Matron Nursing Home V. Hospital
74	S. Seshammal	21-8-19					Junior H.E. Student
75	G. Meenakshi	15-9-19					Reading in Form III in Kumbakonam
76	L. Janaki	6-7-20	5 years S.S.L.C. (No school for 1 year)				Junior Inter Student
77	S. Lakshmi	2-8-20					left
78	S. Nagammal	3-8-20					Reading in Form III in Jayore.
79	M. Seshammal	20-7-21					Reading in Form IV in Mysore.
80	Kamala Bai	26-9-21					2nd L. M. P. Student
81	C. Selvam	5-12-21	5 years S.S.L.C.				
82	S. V. Saraswathi	5-12-21					left
83	K. Sankar	5-12-21					
84	M. S. Subbalakshmi	1-2-22					Stayed only for 2 months Cuddalore S.S.L.C.
85	K. Kumum	10-4-22					Reading in Form III in Madurai
86		5-6-22					do I a day School
87		21-7-22					Teacher

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years 3 S.S.L.C

years H & T.

years S.S.L.C.

years Nursing

years 4-20

years S.S.L.C.

years S.S.L.C.

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years S.S.L.C.

years Nursing

6 years S.S.L.

to 2 years

Nursing

6-7-20 5 years S.S.

2-8-20

3-8-20

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Law (Education) department.

Extract from the notes connected with G.O.No. 1110

Law (Education), dated 29th June 1925.

Subject : - Widow scholarships.

(X) Scholarships

The redistribution (of 95) may be a temporary proposal and the draft approved on that basis for that year.

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Special Widow Scholarships
The Lady Wellingdon
Training College

With reference to the lists in the file I am not satisfied that there is real usefulness in many cases. At pages 10 and 15 of the Notes an investigation of the real utility of the widow scholarships called for. I would very much wish to appoint the present Deputy Directress to go into each of these cases of 75 scholarship holders and submit a report. There are a few cases who make a plea of study with no outlook or motive.

2. It is to be ascertained how many of the scholarship-holders in the past and how many of them now are going to be useful as teachers and nurses. There is a vague reference to it in the notes.

3. What is the strength of the widows in the "Ice house" boarding house or hostel and under what castes do these come? How long each of the inmates was living there and with what prospects of study. We have no idea as to the usefulness of this Hostel to the "widows" or students generally and whether they pay any fees, either for tuition or for boarding. Whether the institute is really serving any useful purpose. A report on all these matters may be called for.

A. P. P(atro).
22-6-25.

I agree.

I could wish that an enquiry might subsequently be made as to whether the general scholarships and

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the girls scholarships are being confined to those who cannot carry on their education without ~~an~~ aid.

Dutch aid

T. E. M (oir)
23-6-25.

Draft.

V.T.K.

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The draft already in the file has now been amended with reference to M₂'s orders at A on page 32 ante. It may be issued.

2. After issue, the other points referred to in the notes of M -2 and C.4 above will be taken up and the necessary reference made to the D.P.I.

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V. T. K.

24-6-25.

(Issued as G.O.No. 1110 Law (Education), dated 29th June 1925). (C)

A draft D.O. asking the Director of Public Instruction to undertake a special examination of the widows' scholarships is submitted.

2. With reference to the Honourable Minister's remarks at A, the special widows' scholarships are for enabling the widows to pay their boarding charges and meet the other incidental expenses of their education such as books, writing materials, etc. It is clear that they pay boarding charges. It is not known whether they pay tuition fees. This point has been included in the draft d.o. to the Director.

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Law (Education) Dept.

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D.O. No. 2213^{C-1} dated 28-7-25

My dear Grieve,

In continuation of G.O.No.1110 Law (Education), dated 29th June 1925, I am desired to say that the Government desire that the policy followed till now in respect of widow scholarships should be reviewed. The Deputy Directress should be asked therefore to undertake a detailed examination of these scholarships. She should be asked to find out how the special widow scholarship-holders that have gone out of the ~~Widows' Home~~ ^{See house hostel} at Triplicane and the hostel attached to the Queen Mary High School, Vizagapatam, are employed and how the widows who are now in receipt of scholarships propose to employ themselves. Information is also desired on the following points:-

- (i) the present strength of the two hostels in question with particulars as to the community to which each widow belongs and the duration of the residence of each in the hostel.
- (ii) whether all the scholarship-holders have a definite purpose in view; and
- (iii) whether the widow scholars pay tuition fees.

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29 JUL 1925

I am also to ask you to submit along with the particulars above called for your remarks generally about the usefulness of the widows' hostels.

R.G.Grieve Esq., M.A., F.R.G.S.,

D.P.

Yours sincerely,

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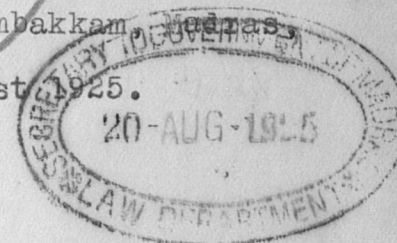
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Office of the Director of Public Instruction,

The Old College, Nungambakkam, Madras.

D.O.No. 9772/25

18th August 1925.



My dear Krishnamachari, *p 3 anti*

Your D.O.No.2213 C-1 dated 28th July 1925 regarding Widow Scholarships. I send you herewith the report of the Deputy Directress dealing with the Special Widow Scholarships and Hostels. It will be seen from her report that there is a unanimous opinion in favour of the Ice House Hostel in Madras and the scholarships sanctioned therein. The figures given in the report indicate that, as a result of the grant of these scholarships, Indian women have become available as teachers or as nurses. It has to be remembered that there are a large number of girls' schools in which men have to be employed for want of women teachers and consequently encouragement should be given to what appears at present to be the best means of securing Hindu women who will make teaching their vocation in life. It has unfortunately not been possible to get large numbers of widows of communities other than the Brahmin. A reason is advanced for this, viz., the closing of the preparatory class at the Lady Willingdon Training College and this is a point which might well be separately examined.

Conditions in the Queen Mary's High School, Vizagapatam, have not been so satisfactory largely owing to the fact that hitherto it has been impossible to provide a staff of Telugu women owing to the backwardness of girls education in the Northern Circars. Matters should improve in the future with a larger supply of women qualified to teach in Telugu schools. I am not in favour of reducing further the number of widow scholarships and I consider that ~~taking~~ on the whole they serve a most useful purpose.

Yours sincerely,

R. A. Ariv.
19/8/25.

M.R.Ry.Rao Bahadur
V.T.Krishnama Achariyar Avl.,
Secretary to Government,
Law (Education) Deptt.,
Fort St.George.

Handwritten note in margin:
I am also to ask you to submit a report to the Government of Madras regarding the progress of the work done in the various departments of the Government of Madras during the year 1924-25.

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REPORT ON THE SPECIAL WIDOW SCHOLARSHIPS AND HOSTELS.

I have personally interviewed the Principals of the Lady Willingdon Training College and Queen Mary's College and the Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Central Circle under whose control the widow scholarship holders are studying or have studied or worked. These ladies have given figures and statements in writing in connection with the subject. There is a unanimous opinion that the Ice House Hostel is a necessary and highly useful institution though, perhaps, a little more discrimination in the award of scholarships is possible.

Miss Gerrard says,

"There is a great deal of work waiting to be done by the women of this country and it seems to me that this can most efficiently be performed by women who are prepared to make that work their career in life The only field of recruitment for efficient women workers must be found among the widows to whom there is left no other sphere of usefulness in the social order As the position of widows is one of economic dependence, and as there is still a certain amount of hostility towards educating them on the part of their relatives, the time has not yet come when pecuniary help from some outside quarter or other can be done away with, without detriment to the efficiency of their teaching profession At a time when the Municipal authorities are finding it difficult to get sufficient Hindu teachers for their posts; and the medical department is trying to organise a Nursing service of respectable Hindu Women; and while there is an increasing demand for Hindu women doctors, I do not think it wise to discourage the education of these widows, who it must also be remembered are the best fitted for any type of pioneer work."

Miss de la Hey states,

"I have found the Hostel girls satisfactory in character, very diligent in their studies, usually over anxious about their work and possible results. I have a very high opinion of the

value of the Ice House Hostel. I have been much impressed in more than one case with the touching pride of these widows when they have arrived at the position of wage-earner of the family, and, by virtue of their qualifications, have been the support of their parents instead of being regarded as helpless failures in life. I think as many as possible should be helped to take the full school course and encouraged to go to College if fit. As far as one can judge, a very useful class of women is being trained in this manner for the benefit of South India."

Mrs. Henderson's remarks,

"I can speak at once about the people working in the Circle who come from the Ice House They seem to me to be disinterested in motive, thorough in their work, with a good training and tradition behind them. The widows whom I have known have looked on teaching as a vocation and have seemed to me to be loyal to its ideals."

The number of ex-Ice House scholarship holders is 87 Of this number 5 have died, 12 lost their scholarships through not being promoted but have become paying members with the help of private scholarships, 3 left within a year, and 3 have been dismissed. This means that practically only 6 may be regarded as utter failures. The remaining 64 are either working or continuing their studies.

15	are	teachers
5	are	nurses
22	are	undergoing University training in arts and Science.
5	"	Medical "
4	are	taking the L.M.P. course
11	are	taking Teachers Training
2	"	nursing

Of the 87 as many as 52 completed the VI form course. The present recipients of the scholarships if they pass the VI form intend

- (a) taking secondary training as teachers,
- (b) continuing their studies at Queen Mary's College
- (c) taking the L.M.P. course at the Medical school"

If they fail they will take Elementary Higher or Lower grade training for the teaching profession, a course in nursing

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or 400 other useful work.

1. The present strength of the Ice House Hostel scholarship holders ~~xxx~~ is as follows

Brahmin	37	from 1 to 8½ years in residence
Non-Brahmin	9	from 1 to 4 years "
Adi Dravidas	2	1 year "
Total	48	

A detailed sheet on this point is attached.

2. All the scholarship holders intend to earn their own living and bind themselves to serve the Government for 2 years.
3. No school fees have been paid by the special widow scholarship holders except when they were in the Preparatory class (which was abolished last year), probably because they were considered more dependant than other scholarship holders and their expenses higher.

The Principal, Lady Willingdon Training College, informs me that the Brahmins come fairly young and it is easy to get applicants under 16 years of age. The non-brahmin applicants are fewer and are usually 20 years old or more, while the Adi Dravidas come at the age of 25 or so.

The closing of the Preparatory class at the Lady Willingdon Training College is making things more difficult for the non-Brahmins as they cannot, without special attention, fit themselves for entrance into Form I. The younger and brighter brahmin girls can more easily manage their studies. If a better proportion of non-brahmin pupils is required the preparatory class must be reinstituted. A year in this class is sufficient for some widows while two years is required by others.

With reference to the hostel attached to the Queen Mary's High school, Vizagapatam, I have the honour to report

(1) That there are at present only 15 widow scholarship holders in it of ^{whom} 14 are brahmins. These have been in the hostel from 1 to 7 years. The non-brahmin pupil has been in 7 years. Vide statement attached;

(2) That all the scholarship holders have a definite purpose

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in view, either to serve as teachers or enter medical work,

(3) That they do not pay fees but did during a short period from January 1925 to July 1925.

The number of applicants for the scholarships is not now large since the scholarships are being given only to deserving cases and not indiscriminately as was the case when the school was first started. The number of non-brahmin applicants is very low and the number of such drawing scholarships has hence been decreasing. One reason for this may be that no provision is made for non-vegetarian food. Some of the girls whose health was impaired, through lack of ^{the} animal food to which they were accustomed, vetoed the proposal of the then Headmistress a couple of years back to arrange one meat meal a day to be served on school days at school, on the score of the extra expenses, and perhaps through fear of remarks from the other inmates of the hostel. The ex-pupils of the hostel are mostly employed in teaching as the wording of their agreement was to undergo training and serve as teachers for a period of 2 years. A few of them have passed on to college but as far as I have been able to gather not one of these has been able to complete the University course in 4 years. The reasons for this are that on the whole the Telugu girls are not as bright as their Tamil sisters and the foundation laid in the school has not been good owing to the impossibility of providing an efficient staff up to date. The girls have been handled in the lower classes by lower elementary grade teachers and in the upper by untrained women, Tamil men, a Parsee and Anglo Indians who have joined the staff ^{often} ~~of the one~~ without any knowledge of the vernacular of the pupils. This has handicapped the girls but makes the continuance of the special scholarships the more necessary since the only way of removing the handicap and supplying future Telugu girls with the necessary efficient Telugu staff is by creating a supply of widow teachers of the Secondary and collegiate grades. The Headmistress of the Queen Mary's High school considers that the hostel serves

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a useful purpose and the Inspectress of the Northern Circle states that scholarships may be continued. As long as these special scholarships are given the continuation of the hostel is desirable. There was a strong objection on the part of many of the widows to come into the hostel because they could not thereby support their poor mothers etc. Some of these girls by appealing individually against being forced into living in, on the score that there was no hostel when they signed their agreements, obtained exemption and lived with their people with the result that what should have been provided for themselves alone had to be shared with others, and much of the time which should have been devoted to study was spent in prolonged domestic duties which incapacitated them for concentrated study. The last one who enjoyed these exemptions has however passed out of the school.

One point in regard to the management of the hostel deserves perhaps to be brought forward. The first Superintendent was found unsuitable and was removed in 1920. The present one is no great disciplinarian and knows no English. The Senior members of the staff are not Telugu Women. Attempts to get a better Superintendent have proved ~~for~~ fruitless so that there is not in the Queen Mary's High school hostel that very marked spirit commented on so favourably by those who have had to deal with the Ice House girls.

Signed. E.M.Bower

Deputy Directress of
Public Instruction.

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List of Scholarship holders in Ice House Hostel. at present.

Name	Caste	Period of study.	
			years
1. Umasundari	Brahmin	8½	"
2. N. Bhavani	"	8	"
3. K. Sundari	"	6½	"
4. N. Mahalakshmi	"	6½	"
5. U. Subbamma	"	6	"
6. S. Chellam	"	6	"
7. V. Rajam	"	5½	"
8. Thylammal	"	5	"
9. Nagalakshmi	"	5	"
10. S. Kanakam	"	4½	"
11. M. K. Chellam	"	4	"
12. V. Balam	"	4	"
13. C. Kannammal	"	4	"
14. K. Parvathi	"	3½	"
15. K. Kamala	"	3½	"
16. K. V. Susela	"	3	"
17. R. Subbaratnam	"	3	"
18. S. Visalakshi	"	2½	"
19. Akila Bai	"	2½	"
20. L. Suryakantham	"	2½	"
21. T. S. Meenakshi	"	2½	"
22. R. K. K. K. R. Kokilam	"	2½	"
23. D. Lakshmi devi	"	2	"
24. K. S. Subbalakshmi	"	2	"
25. N. Geuri	"	2	"
26. R. Mangalam	"	2	"
27. T. S. Visalakshi	"	2	"
28. V. S. Lakshmi	"	1½	"
29. Thulasi Bai	"	1½	"
30. C. Saradhambal	"	1½	"
31. S. Kamala Bai	"	1½	"
32. M. K. Sundari	"	1½	"
33. P. K. Lakshmi	"	1½	"
34. R. Rukmani	"	1	"
35. V. Venkalakshmi	"	1½	"
36. G. Padmavathi	Non- Brahmin	4	"
37. Jaya Bai	"	3	"
38. D. Baradambal	"	2½	"
39. M. Subbalakshmi	"	2	"
40. Ganga Bavani	"	2	"
41. Devaki	"	1½	"
42. Muni Ammal	"	1½	"
43. Nerayanammal	"	3½	"
44. K. Gouri	Brahmin	6½	"
45. K. Andal	Non-Brahmin	5	"
46. C. S. Ruckmani	Brahmin	5	"
47. Ranganayaki P.	Adi-Dravida	1	"
48. Indrani P.	"	1	"

List of Scholarship holders in the Queen Mary High School for Indian girls, viz of as follows

Period of study	Caste	Name
8	Brahmin	1. Umashankari
8	"	2. N. Bhavani
8	"	3. K. Sundari
8	"	4. M. Mahalakshmi
8	"	5. U. Subbamma
8	"	6. S. Chellam
8	"	7. V. Rajam
8	"	8. Thylamma
8	"	9. N. Rajalakshmi
8	"	10. S. Kankam
8	"	11. M. K. Chellam
8	"	12. V. Rajam
8	"	13. S. Kankam
8	"	14. K. Parvathi
8	"	15. K. Kankam
8	"	16. K. V. Suseela
8	"	17. R. Subbamma
8	"	18. S. V. Lakshmi
8	"	19. A. Lakshmi
8	"	20. I. S. Suseela
8	"	21. S. Suseela
8	"	22. K. Kankam
8	"	23. D. Lakshmi
8	"	24. K. S. Subbamma
8	"	25. N. Ganga
8	"	26. S. Kankam
8	"	27. T. S. V. Lakshmi
8	"	28. V. S. Lakshmi
8	"	29. Thylamma
8	"	30. C. S. Subbamma
8	"	31. S. Kankam
8	"	32. T. S. Suseela
8	"	33. T. K. Lakshmi
8	"	34. R. Kankam
8	"	35. V. S. Lakshmi
8	Non-Brahmin	36. C. S. Subbamma
8	"	37. T. S. Suseela
8	"	38. D. S. Subbamma
8	"	39. M. S. Subbamma
8	"	40. Ganga
8	"	41. D. S. Suseela
8	"	42. T. S. Suseela
8	"	43. K. S. Subbamma
8	Brahmin	44. K. Ganga
8	Non-Brahmin	45. K. S. Subbamma
8	Brahmin	46. C. S. Subbamma
8	Adi-Dravida	47. R. S. Subbamma
8	"	48. T. S. Suseela

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List of Scholarship holders in the Queen Mary High School for Indian girls, viz of as follows

Name	Caste	Period of study.
1. T. Ramanamma	Brahmin	7 years
2. V. Annapurna	Non-Brahmin	7 "
3. S. Subbadramma	Brahmin	5 "
4. K. Rajeswerama	"	5 "
5. A. Kameswaramma	"	5 "
6. B. Raghavamma	"	4 "
7. N. Satyaprasadam	"	4 "
8. K. Sridevi Sridevi	"	5 "
9. V. Eswaramma	"	3 "
10. P. V. Ramanamma	"	5 "
11. V. Yesodamma	"	3 "
12. G. Savitramma Savitramma	"	5 "
13. N. CH. Rajam	"	1 "
14. A. Venkataratnam	"	1 "
15. G. V. Narasamma	"	2 "

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The particulars furnished in the report on pages 4-11 ante are tabulated below with reference to the points raised by M -2 at page 1 ante.

(i) Special widow scholarship-holders that have passed out of hostels :---

(a) Ice House Hostel:- The number of ex-scholarship holders is 87. Of this, five died, 12 lost their scholarships by not being promoted but have become paying members with the help of private scholarships, three left within a year of their joining the hostels and three others were dismissed. ~~Of these~~ This means that practically only six became failures. The present occupation of the remaining 64 is reported to be as follows : --

15 are teachers,

5 are nurses,

22 are undergoing University training in Arts and Science.

5 are undergoing ~~university~~ ^{university} ~~training~~ ^{course for} training in Medicine

4 are taking the L.M.P.course

11 are undergoing training as teachers

2 are undergoing training in nursing.

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(b) Vizagapatam Hostel:-

Definite information is not forthcoming as to the number of ex-scholarships. Ex-pupils are ~~sixty~~ however reported to be mostly employed in teaching. A few appear to have passed on to colleges.

(ii) Present Strength

Particulars of the present widow scholarship holders are given on pages 10-11 ante. The pupils, classified according to the community and with reference to their length of stay in the hostel stand as follow : --

p. 6 ante.

7: A at p. 8 ante.

Ice House Hostel

	No. of pupils	Period of stay.
Brahmans	37	From 1 to 8½ years
Non-brahmans (Hindus)	9	From 1 to 4 years. <i>7 & 10 ant</i>
Adi-dravidas	2	About an year. <i>48</i>

Vizagapatam Hostel.

Brahmans	14	From 1 to 7 years
Non-Brahmans (Hindu)	1	7 years <i>p. 11 ant</i>

The above accounts only for 63 scholarships as against 95 made available in G.O.No. 1110 Law (Edn), dated 29th June 1925. Apparently no suitable applicants have been forthcoming for the remaining of the scholarships.

3. The scholarships are generally said to have a definite purpose in life, namely, of taking up some useful profession in life.

4. The widow scholarship holders pay boarding fees but not tuition fees.

5. The Director has summed up his report by saying that he is not in favour of reducing further the number of widow scholarships and that on the whole the scholarships serve a most useful purpose. *holders of the special* Attention is invited to the portions underlined on pages above.

6. Reference is made in the report to the discontinuance of the preparatory class in the Lady Willingdon Training College. Till the beginning of the current academical year, there was a special tutor in Ice House Hostel for imparting private tuition to the inmates of the hostel. In G.O. No. 1368 Law (Education), dated 25th August 1924, the post was abolished. Both the Deputy Directress and the Director of Public Instruction point out that the abolition of the preparatory class which was in

charge of the special tutor has proved to be a

handicap to the widows, especially to the

Non-Brahman widows. The Director says that this point might be separately examined. // The file may be circulated to M-2 and C-4.

M 2
C 4 Much as I sympathize I must say the Home is not a success. The Hostel is like a Home & the Director rather than a Hostel. On a former occasion it was explained that the parents, friends & relatives of the inmates belong to a class who can pay for the education of the girls - widows. I wish like that file be put up. Since the inmates have been there for 8 or 10 years, made it their home under the patronage of the present head. I am not much impressed with the statements of the Principals. The real source of supply of teachers is not this place. In all the past many

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years, the result is 15 home
sent out as teachers & 15 sent
as nurses. The record is hardly
satisfactory or worth the expenditure
on this. If a Spanish School
be opened elsewhere in the Indian
the possibilities are that it will
be more popular. ~~But~~ we cannot
prop up the institution by artificial
means.

There shall be a limit to the period
of residence in this Hostel. There shall
also be fuller enquiry as to the
character & the family of the
applicant. I do not make any
distinction between the unfortunate
girls. I trust their lot is very unhappy
but the Administration must make
best use of the resources available.
As regards the preliminary class & the
then no useful purpose will be served
by reopening it. The Internship shall not
be revised.

I think there shall be a change in the
management of the Lee House Home - a
change of the system is needed.

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I know nothing of the management
of the Lee House Home, but I
am not at all convinced that
we are getting value for the
money that is being spent on
these institutions & scholarships.
The Lee House Hostel was
opened in 1912 & it has
apparently produced 15 teachers
& 5 nurses. At what cost?
The Vinagopatan Hostel has
apparently been a total failure,
partly owing to the fact that
it has been badly equipped
& worse staffed. There are
apparently no rules as to age of
entry or how long inmates may
remain in these hostels. It seems
to me that the strictness of my Hon.
Cult. are justified & that the
question requires much further
examination. If women
teachers are going to cost so much
as this file indicates then the
country must be content with men
teachers, or if midwife teachers
cost more than other women it
must spend the money on training

other women. The object was
not to solve a social problem
but to advance education. I agree
D. P. S. 1/9/25

Let H
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(Reference M-2's Note ^{at A} on page 14 ante).

The Honourable the Minister has apparently in mind his note on page 13 of G.O. No. 300 Education, dated 26th February 1923. The ^{D.P.S.} Member's reply to the enquiry made in pursuance of M-2's note is at page 15 of the G.O. It will be seen therefrom that in the case of application for admission to the Ice House Hostel a thorough enquiry is made in each case ^{and} ~~of~~ poverty certificates obtained. The same note also shows that in 1923 there were 12 paying students. The rules relating to admissions to the Hostel are at page 8 of G.O. The rules do not show that an age limit has been fixed for admission or that any limitation is imposed on the length of residence of the widow pupils.



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I am satisfied that the institution is a failure. So far as it was expected to produce teachers it has not been a success. It will be a pity to abolish it without giving a

further trial of one year. Further question of abolition may be considered. The point, the time there are no proposals for & agree, is not to solve a social problem. My suggestion is to let it on a practical basis, to carry out the object of producing teachers & sub schools then the

The file may be circulated to C4 with reference to M2's note on p17 ante.

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Sum Thanks. I accept my /hr. Call: viz that the institution should be continued for a year to enable reorganisation to be considered & planned. I presume that the D.P.S. will be called on to submit proposals. I trust that in the reference to him the financial issue & the poor results of past expenditure will be clearly set forth.

Let H
17/9/25



Draft a clear reference.

V.T.K.
19.9.

A draft memo is submitted.

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pp 1-4, c.t.

Issued as Memo No.2213 C/25-2, dated 25-9-1925.

PPS-11, c.t.

C.No.1138 C - From the D.P.I., R.O.C., No.1273 A/25 dated 30-3-26.

pp 1-4, c.t.

In Memorandum No.2213/C-25-2, dated

25-9-25 the Government expressed the view that the advantages of maintaining the ~~Widows'~~ Hostels attached to (i) the Lady Willingdon Training College and (ii) the Queen Mary's High School, Vizagapatam, had not been commensurate with the heavy expenditure incurred from Provincial funds, but that they did not desire to close down the institutions without a further trial. It was accordingly directed that the hostels might be continued during 1925-26 and that in the meanwhile the D.P.I. should work out and submit proposals for reorganising the institutions on practical lines.

4: para 4- p.3, c.t.

Para 5- p.3, c.t.

2: The specific points to which the Director's attention was drawn in the Memo quoted above were:

- (i) that in making admission to the hostels no age limit had been fixed;
- (ii) that in the absence of any limitation ~~was to~~ the length of residence in the hostels the pupils had in some cases remained therein for unduly long periods; and

(iii) that the number of widows who had gone out as teachers and nurses was disappointingly low.

3 The Director submits the report called for together with a copy of the letter from the Principal, Lady Willingdon Training College. The latter deals with the criticisms urged in the Government Memorandum so far as the Ice-House Hostel (attached to the Training College) is concerned.

4: para 4- pp 2 & 3, c.t.

15 teachers & five nurses from the Triplicane Hostel, no definite figures being available in re: to Vizag. hostel

PPS-11, c.t.

In regard to the criticism that the out-turn of teachers and nurses has been small, the Principal writes as follows:-

"In considering the figures in connection with the turn out of teachers and nurses, criticism is made that the number of those actually engaged in teaching and nursing (15 plus 5 respectively) is too small a result after the period of 13 years during which these scholarships have been in existence. It should be borne in mind that during the first 8 years of this period no trained teachers could have been ready, (assuming that all scholarship holders continued to Form VI) for the minimum period in which the school and training courses could have been completed was 7 plus 2 i.e. 9 years. If the period under consideration had been the first 14 years instead of 13, the numbers would have been increased by 65% and the following year the rate of increase would be larger still. The matter is further complicated by the fact that 5 years more is required for a trained graduate teacher. If facilities had not been granted for University education there would have been 20 extra teachers ready by the end of 1925 making the total 40 out of 46 of whom 6 died or were dismissed."

p. 7, c. f.
There are 7 classes to cover in the Secondary School including Preparatory course and class 1 & 2 two years in the Training School (course)

5. As to the stay of pupils in the hostels for unduly long periods, the Principal points out that ^{ten} years age conditions were very different from what they are now. It is said that many of the pupils admitted to the hostels then ⁱⁿ could hardly read and write their own vernacular, that none of them had any knowledge of English and that in spite of these handicaps the average time taken by a pupil to reach the VI Form standard was only about 6½ years. This is not considered excessive.

6. In regard to the age limit for admission, the present report is silent. On a pre-

vious occasion the D.P.I. noted as follows:-

7. The Principal and the D.P.I. are agreed as to the necessity for the continuance of the hostels. The constructive suggestions made are:

- (i) that the number of widow scholarships which were reduced from 110 to 95 in 1925-26 may be reduced further to 84 with effect from 1926-27 (63 tenable in the hostels of the Lady Willingdon College and 21 in that of the Vizagapatam school);
- (ii) that it is not possible to reduce the value of the scholarships (Rs 15) as the amount is just sufficient to cover boarding expenses, the cost of books & c.;
- (iii) that the currency of the scholarships may be limited to a maximum of seven years; and
- (iv) that before the pupils are admitted an undertaking ^{may} ~~should~~ be taken from them to the effect that they will undergo secondary or elementary training or undertake a medical course when they reach the S.S.I.C. stage.

For the reasons adverted to above it is apparently not possible to prescribe a uniform age limit for admission. For orders whether the proposals of the Director may be accepted.

8. The Director proposes to take up separately the question of reducing the expenditure on the scholarships in the Queen Mary's College. His report on the subject may be awaited.

The file may be submitted to M₂ & c. with reference to their notes at pp 17-18 ante.

"The Brahmins come fairly young and it is easy to get applicants under 16 years of age. The non-Brahmin applicants are fewer and are usually 20 years old or more, while the Adi-Dravidas come at the age of 25 or 30."

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See Mr. M. K. S. 4/5/26

It is possible to fix a uniform age for admissions & also conditions of admission. I want a small committee to look into the matter.

1.5.26
This is possible to fix a uniform age for admissions & also conditions of admission. I want a small committee to look into the matter. The matter is being referred to the D.P.I. & a final report will be submitted after the D.P.I. has seen the file.

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may be considered.

Sri R. Venkatasubramanian

Dr. W. Meston

Sri L. Sadasubramanian

Mr. C. Rajah

may form the Committee

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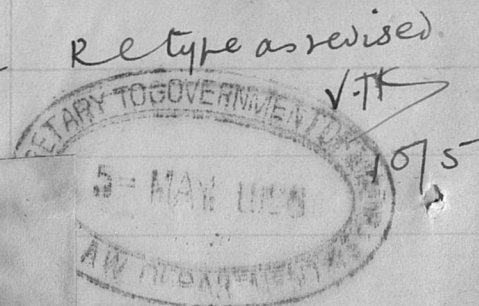
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A draft order is submitted.

2. In the Hon'ble the Minister's note on the previous page reference is made only to the Ice House Hostel. It is presumed that the enquiry need not extend to the Vizagapatam hostel. For orders whether the members should be asked if they are willing to serve on the Committee.

3. M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur M.C. Raja seems to be the only member residing in mufassal. Perhaps the Rev. Dr. W. Meston may not be in Madras. If he is to undertake journeys from the mufassal for attending meetings of the Committee he may also have to be paid T.A. at the usual rates. Paragraph 6 of the draft provides for the payment of T.A.

4. The draft order, if approved, may be sent to the Finance Department for acceptance.



I do not think this committee need deal with Vizag VTK

yes: before order issue

V.T.K.



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13.5.26

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before circulation.

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Finance (es.R)

This file has presumably been sent for with reference to para 6 of the draft order. The rates of R.A. prescribed in this para are those allowable under Gov. no 384 ^(Confidential Or) ^(non-official) ^{to} ^{mentions} ^q First class Committee as classified in that Gov. The Committee in question may be treated as a 1st class Committee and the rates proposed by law may be accepted.

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For orders as to circulation.

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H.E. the Gov

I am inclined to agree with the suggestion of my hon'ble colleague

21.5.26

In para 4/6 I have not suggested a fig. but have left to the Comtee. Rs. 400 seems to me too high.

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I have amended paragraph
4(b). May issue

V.TK

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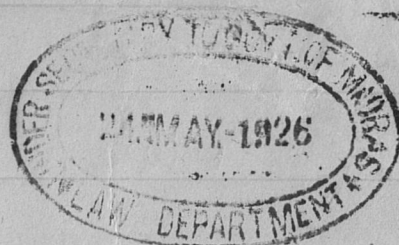
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With reference to the Secretary's orders on
page 23 ante, a draft D. O. is submitted for approval.

V.TK

25.5.26



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Law (Education) Deptt.

11381-2
D. O. No. 215 dated

Dear Sir,

The Government propose to
appoint a committee consisting of the
~~undermentioned~~ ^{following} gentlemen for consider-
ing certain questions connected with
the Widows' Home, attached to the Lady
Willington Training College, Madras:-

The Director of Public Instruction
(President)

Diwan Bahadur Sir R. Venkata-
ratnam Nayudu Garu, Kt.

The Rev. Dr. W. Meston, M.A., D.D.

Diwan Bahadur Sir T. Sadasiva
Ayyar Avl., Kt.

M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur M.C. Raja Avl.,
M.L.C.

I am desired to request you to be so
good as to say whether you are willing
to serve on the committee.

Yours sincerely,

V.TK

25.5.26

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DESPATCHED
26 MAY 1926

To
Diwan Bahadur Sir R. Vekataratnam
Nayudu Garu Kt.

The Rev. Dr. W. Meston, M.A., D.D.
Diwan Bahadur Sir T. Sadasiva Ayyar
Avl., Kt.

M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur M.C. Raja Avl.,
M.L.C.

~~Copy to Mr. V.~~

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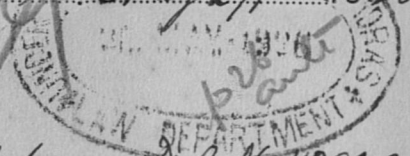
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SENATE HOUSE,
MADRAS

May 27, 1926



Dear Sir,

In reply to your D.O. No 1138C-2,
dt 25th May, 1926, I write to say that I am
willing to serve on the Committee, in case its
meetings will be held after June, 1926.

Yours sincerely,

R. Venkata Ratnam

M. K. R.

Rao Bahadur

V. J. Krishnamachariar Avarghal, C. I. E.,

Secretary to Government,
Law (Education) Dept.

RAO BAHADUR
M. C. RAJAH, M.L.C., F.M.S.
HON. PRESIDENCY MAGISTRATE



L'allegro,
ST. THOMAS MOUNT.
31/5/1926.

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Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your
kind D.O. No. 1138C. 2 of 25th May 26.

I am thankful to you
for appointing me as a member
of the Widows' Home Committee.

I am willing to serve
in it.

With best wishes
yours
M. C. Rajah

ST. THOMAS MOUNT
31/5/1926



RAO BAHADUR
M. C. RAJAH
HON. PRESIDENT M. M. M. C.



Dear Sir

29-5-26
Kodaikanal

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With reference to your DO. No 11386-2 dated 25th instants, while thanking the Government for proposing to appoint me as one of the members of the Committee mentioned in the said letter, I regret that owing to my time being fully occupied already with the performance of duties already undertaken by me & owing to my being convinced that in my declining years, I ought not to take up any further obligations which can be more appropriately left to younger & more competent persons (my acquaintance with educational questions connected with the Department of Public instruction being of a very slight character), I am obliged to decline the offered honour & I pray to be excused

Yours sincerely
J. Sadasiwa



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Law (Education) Deptt.

Of the gentlemen consulted Sir R. Venkata-
ratnam Nayudu Garu and M.R.Ry. M.C. Raja Avl. have
expressed their willingness to serve on the proposed
committee. Sir T. Sadasiva Ayyar Avl, has expressed
his inability to accept office. For orders as to
appointment of ~~another~~ another gentleman is his place.

2. No reply has yet been received from the
Rev. Dr. W. Meston. A reminder is submitted.

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4.6.26

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6.6.26

Submitted for orders on A above

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7.6.26

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Sri J. Desikachariar
he reported the same.

7/6.26

Draft.

V.T.K.
7.6.

Draft D.O. is submitted, on
the lines of the D.O. on p. 26 ante

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9.6.26

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p 27-28 ante
p 29 ante

(Taken out
for issue)

Law (Education) Deptt.

D. O. No. 1138 C-2 dated 7-6-26

Dear Sir,

Refce. D.O. No. 1138 C-2, dated 25-5-1926 - Committee for considering certain questions connected with the Widows' Home attached to the Lady Willingdon Training College, Madras.

I am desired to invite attention to the communication quoted above and to request you to be so good as to say when a reply ~~to~~ it may be expected.

Yours sincerely,

DESPATCHED

9th JUN 1926

To

The Rev. ExrDr. W. Meston, M.A., D.D.

E.A.V

File retained here.
Please have the ExrDr. Deptt.
+ ref. to me.

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Law (Edw)

D.O. No. 1138 C-4 & 9.6.26

Dear Sir Venkatarajin,

The Govt. propose
to appoint a committee
consisting of the following
gentlemen for consi-
dering certain questions
connected with the
widows' Home attached
to the Lady Wilingdon
Training College, Madras.
The D.P.J. (President)
Diwan Bahadur Sir R.
Venkatarajin Nagudu
Garu, Kt.

The Rev. Dr. W. Merton,
M.A., D.D.
Diwan Bahadur Sir T.
Desika Achariyar Aul, Kt.
M.R. Ry. Rao Bahadur M.C.
Raja Aul, M.D.C.

I am desired to
request you to be so good
as to say at an early
date whether you are
willing to serve on the

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Committee.

yours sincerely

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8.6.26

9.6.26

To

Depy Resdy
Dewan Bahadur Sir
T. Desika Achariyar
Aul, Kt. 'Enderley',
Cronoor R.S.

F. V. W. MESTON, D.D.
PRINCIPAL



MADRAS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE,

Madras, 4th June 1926

M.R.Ry.V.T.Krishnamachariar Avargal, C.I.E.,
Fort St George,
M a d r a s.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your D.O. No. 1138C-2 of the 25th May,
I beg to intimate to you that I am willing to serve on the
Committee which the Government propose to appoint in order to
consider matters connected with the Widows' Homes attached to
the Lady Willingdon Training College.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

F. V. W. Meston



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10 June 1926

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Dear Ramanujachari

In reply to your D.O. No. 1138 C-4 dt 9 June 1926

No. 32-33 ante

I have to inform you that I am willing to
serve on the Committee which the Government
propose to appoint for considering certain
questions connected with the Widows Home
attached to the Lady Willingdon Training College
Madras

Yours Sincerely

T. Desikacheri

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The gentlemen consulted have expressed their willingness to serve on the committee. In paragraph 3 of the draft order below, the name of Sir T. Desika Acharya has been substituted for that of Sir T. Sadasiva Ayyar.

For order as to issue of draft.

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11.6.26

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11.6.26
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Issue
V.T.K.
12.6

Mr. 27, 28, 34 + 35
ante

REV. W. MESTON, D.D.
PRINCIPAL



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MADRAS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE,

Madras, 10th June 1926.

S. C. 1865
14/6/26

Dear Sir,

I am afraid that my reply has not reached you.
With reference to your D.O. No 1138 C/2 of the 25th May I
write to say that I am prepared to serve on the Committee
therein mentioned.

Yours sincerely,

W. Meston

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Law (Education)

DEPARTMENT.

Hostel - Widows Home attached to the Lad

Willingdon Training College - Continuance

Committee appointed to consider.

READ AGAIN G.O. No., dated 192

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C. No. 1138 C From the _____, No. _____, dated _____ 192

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ORDER

Mus:

No. 1117, dated 14. 6. 1926

In the year 1912 the Government sanctioned the opening of a widows' home attached to the Presidency Training School for Mistresses, Egmore. With the transfer of the Tamil training section of the Egmore school to the secondary school for girls, Triplicane, in 1913, the widows' home was also removed to Triplicane and it now forms an adjunct to the model school attached to the Lady Willingdon Training College.

2. The Government have for some time past been examining certain features in the working of the Home which call ~~ed~~ for comment. They have obtained ^{from the D.P.I} a report ~~from~~ which they observe that ^{that} inter alia [^] out of the total number of 86 scholarship-holders that have left

appear to
shows

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the hostel hitherto, only 16 are employed as teachers. ~~and that~~ One of the main objects with which the institution was started, ^{is thus} ~~was~~ not being fulfilled. There is also a tendency to allow pupils to stay on in the hostel for unduly long periods.

3. The Government consider that the questions connected with the institution and its working generally should be subjected to a careful examination by a Committee. They accordingly appoint the following gentlemen to form the Committee with the D.P.I. as the President:-

1. Diwan Bahadur Sir R. Venkatratnam Nayudu Garu Kt.
2. The Rev. Dr. W. Meston, M.A., D.D.
3. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. ^(Desika Achariyar) ~~Sadasiva~~ ~~Ayyar~~ Avl., Kt.
4. M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur M.C. Raja Avl., M.L.C.

4. The Committee is requested to examine and report on the following points:-

(1) whether the continuance of the hostel as a separate institution is necessary in view of the existence of two other hostels, namely, the Non-Brahman Hindu hostel and the Indian Christian hostel attached to the college;

(2) whether an age limit for admission to the hostel [↑] ~~should be laid down~~;

(3) whether a minimum general educational qualification should be prescribed to regulate admission to the hostel;

(4) whether a maximum limit should be imposed on the length of residence of pupils in the hostel;

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(5) whether the pupils should, on admission, be required to give an undertaking that they will, after completing their general education, undergo training of the secondary grade or join a medical school;

(6) whether the value of the special scholarships awarded to pupils should not be fixed with reference to the income of the parents or guardians, in lieu of a fixed sum of Rs 15 a month as at present, ^{pupils who} ~~unions of~~ well-to-do families or whose parents are in receipt of ^{an income that} ~~an income of Rs 400~~ ^{may be specified} a month being declared ineligible ~~for~~ ^{them}.

5. If the Committee should be of the opinion that the hostel should not be abolished, it is requested to consider the advisability of amalgamating it with either of the two hostels attached to the college.

6. The ^m meetings of the Committee will be arranged for by the D.P.I. Non-official members who have to travel from ~~the~~ mufassal stations for attending meetings of the Committee will be granted travelling allowance at the following rates:-

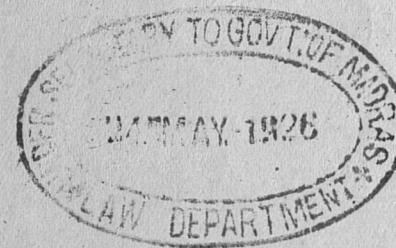
Railway fare - one first class and one-third class fare.

Mileage for journeys by road - annas twelve
Daily allowance for the days of attendance at meetings - Rs 7½

The D.P.I. will countersign the travelling allowance bills.

1. Necessary appropriation of funds

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be made before the expenditure is in-
curred.

V.T.K.
19-5-26

V.T.K.
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To

The D.P.I. ✓

The A.G. through the Fin. Dept. ✓

" Finance Department. ✓

.. members of the Committee

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READ AGAIN G.O. No.
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