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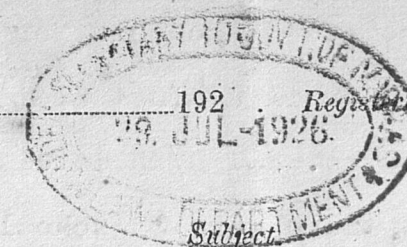
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From (Name) R.G. Grieve, Esq., M.A., F.R.G.S.,
(Designation) Ag. Director of Public Instruction.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras

Law (Education) Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith the report on the working of the scheme of compulsory elementary education for boys in the Vellore Municipality during the year 1925-26.

2. The number of boys of school age is reported to have been 3732 at the beginning of the year 1925-26. From my letter R.C.No. 856 B/25, dated 18th December 1925 disposed of in G.O.No. Mis., 16 Law (Education) dated 6th January 1926 it will be observed that the number of boys of school age was only 3657 about the middle of the year under report. The number of such boys at the close of the year is however reported to be 4051. This figure which is based on the house to house inspection of the superintendent of schools may be accepted as correct.

3. There are now 32 schools for boys under the management of the Municipal Council against 31 in the last year. In para 3 of my letter R.C.No. 856 B/25 dated 18th December 1925 it was reported that there were 33 schools under the management of the council. The District Educational Officer now states that this figure included the Hindustani section of the Kasba night school. The correct figure of 31 is however given in G.O.No. 3751 L & M dated 14th October 1925.

4. The number of indigenous schools remained the same as before, two having been opened in the place of two which had disappeared. Three of the schools are stated to have applied for recognition but it is reported that the question of their recognition will be considered only in 1927-28. The Chairman, Municipal Council reported that he would persuade the managers of these indigenous schools to apply for recognition and aid and that he would take necessary action before the close of the year if they failed to carry out his instructions - vide para 2 of my letter R.C.No. 856 B/25, dated 18th December 1925. Apparently, no effective steps appear to have been taken to have these schools recognized. The Chairman, Municipal Council's attention may be invited to this and he may be advised to take early action in regard to this matter.

5. The number of boys under instruction was 3537 including 307 boys reading in indigenous schools as against 3207 in the previous year including 190 in the indigenous schools. It will be seen from these figures that whereas the total number of boys receiving instruction in recognized schools rose from 3017 (3207 - 190) in 1924-25 to 3230 (3537-307) in 1925-26 representing a slight increase of 213, the number of boys reading in indigenous schools rose by 117 from 190 to 307 representing an increase of more than 60 per cent. From an examination of these figures the necessity for dealing effectively with these indigenous schools, pointed out above, will be obvious. The boys under instruction in the indigenous schools cannot be reckoned unless the education imparted in these schools is declared to be satisfactory by the prescribed officer under Section 50(iii) of the Madras Elementary Education Act

of 1920.

6. There are still as many as 514 boys of school age receiving no education. The Chairman, Municipal Council reported in November last that 557 boys were out of school. The number of boys of school age who are still outside the fold of instruction continues to be high although nearly four years have elapsed since compulsion was introduced. In my letter R.C. No. 856 B/25, dated 18th December 1925, I remarked that more strenuous efforts will have to be made if compulsory elementary education is to be a reality in the Municipality. The Chairman Municipal Council's attention may again be drawn to this matter and he may be advised to take vigorous steps to bring the remaining number of boys under instruction.

7. While reviewing the administration report of the Municipality for 1924-25 Government in their order No. 3751 L and M dated 14th October 1925 advised the Municipal Council to take steps to provide the 17 schools which were held in rented buildings with suitable buildings as funds permitted. The Municipal Council's attention was drawn to this G.O. and it was advised to draw up a building programme in consultation with the District Educational Officer - Vide my letter R.C.No. 856 B/25 dated 18th December 1925. The District Educational Officer now reports that no building programme has been drawn up and that no new building was constructed during the year under report. The plan for a school building referred to in the Chairman, Municipal Council's report is still stated to be under consideration. Some of the rented buildings in which Municipal schools are held are reported to be both insanitary and unsuitable. The Chairman, Municipal Council may therefore be advised to carry out the suggestions contained in para 4 of the Director's letter R.C.No. 856 B/25, dated 18th December 1925 at an early date. As there is a sufficient balance in the Elementary Education Fund it is possible for the Council to consider the question of a building programme.

8. Some teachers employed in the schools under the control of the Municipal Council have undergone training but have not passed the T.S.L.C. examination. The District Educational Officer is however addressing the Chairman, Municipal Council to direct all such teachers to qualify themselves completely.

9. The District Educational Officer states that he is also addressing the Chairman, Municipal Council on the need for improving certain Municipal elementary schools in many directions including the need for an effective check on the attendance of pupils in many of the schools. The attendance of the boys is reported to be very bad in certain cases.

10. The District Educational Officer states that much work needs to be done on the part of the attendance committees. The Chairman, Municipal Council said that he intended to put the Deputy Inspector of schools on the educational sub committee but the District Educational Officer reports that effect has not been given to this till now. The Chairman, Municipal Council may be requested to give effect to his proposal at an early date.

11. A copy of the Chairman, Municipal Council's letter is enclosed.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

A Rama Ray

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Report on the Elementary education for the year.

1925-26

I n t r o d u c t i o n .

1. The year under report was the fourth year since the introduction of Free and Compulsory Education in the town. It will be seen from the figures furnished below and in the annexed statements that there has been a steady and satisfactory progress all round.

Census of school population.

2. The number of children of school going age was 3732 at the beginning of the year. The Census register was maintained up to date by the Superintendent of Elementary schools and according to the revised figures furnished by him, the boys of school age rose up to 4051 at the close of the year. There was thus an increase of 319 boys. Distributed ward and caste wise, the Census figures will stand thus.

Ward.	Muhammadans.	Adi Dravidas.	Hindus.	Total.
A.	92	100	333	525
B.	391	183	209	783
C.	94		222	316
D.	121	22	459	602
E.	247		212	459
F.	20		389	409
G.	3	5	949	957
	968	310	2,773	4,051

Number of schools.

3. One new Municipal Nightschool for boys was opened during the year. The total number of boys' schools maintained by the Municipality was thus 32 against 31 in the previous year. Of these 32 schools, 11 were night schools.

4. One of the aided schools having been closed during the course of the year, the number of such schools was only 16 at the end of the year.

5. Including the Elementary sections of the Mahant's High school The Voorhees College and the Government Muhammadan High school the total number of institutions both Municipal and other recognised schools was 51 against 48 in the previous year.

6. There were 11 indigenous schools at the beginning. Two

new schools were opened and two were closed. The number at the end of the year was thus the same as in the beginning viz.,

11. Of these, three schools have applied for recognition.

The instruction imparted in these schools may be said to be not so bad as was before.

7. It may be observed in this connection that as the increase in the number of pupils is the only test in the matter of progress, the fact that there was appreciably no increase in the number of institutions need not raise any doubt as to the real progress made.

Boys under instruction.

8. The following table gives in detail the number of boys under instruction for the year as compared with the year before.

	1924-25.	1925-26.
Municipal schools	2095	2156
Recognized schools		555
Elementary sections of the High school and College	922	519
Indigenous schools	190	307
Total	3,207	3,537

The overaged and underaged boys as well as those attending these institutions from outside the municipal limits are excluded from this statement. Such pupils were

Over aged	116
Under aged	548
From outside Municipal limits	756
Total	1420

9. It will be observed from these figures that the total number of boys under instruction was 3537 against 3207 in the previous year the percentage of increase being 10-2. 61 per cent of the pupils was given instruction in the municipal schools.

Boys out of school.

10. As I have already said in the opening para of the ~~my~~ report the school going population was 4051. Deducting the number provided for we find that 514 boys of school age remained out of school at the end of the year as against 525 in the previous year the increase in this number being due to the rise in the Census figures.

The classification of these 514 boys ward war and caste war is made below.

Ward.	Muhammadian,	Adi dravidas.	Hindus and others.	Total.
A	42	13	7	62
B	84	43	19	146
C	42		18	60
D.	63	5	72	140
E.	41		6	47
F.			4	4
G.			55	55
	272	61	181	514

Accommodation.

11. No new building was constructed by the council during the year. As in the previous year, there were 8 Municipal owned school buildings. the rest of the schools were accommodated in rented buildings. Provision for light and air may be regarded as fairly satisfactory in all the buildings, while that for gardening purposes cannot be said to be adequate and satisfactory. Barring one night school, which was put up in a separate rented building, the rest were located in day school buildings.

The question of drawing up a programme in consultation with the Educational department for the provision of better accommodation remained unfulfilled during the year. I hope to take it up this year. I may, however, state that plan and estimate for the construction of a school building have since been sanctioned and the work given on contract. Negotiations are also in progress for the ^{purchase} ~~purpose~~ of a suitable building for another school.

Teaching staff.

12. The total number of teachers employed was 105 of whom 2 were untrained. One of the untrained teachers has since been replaced by a qualified hand. Most of them are lower grade men. The teaching capacity of these men may be said to be fair. The day school teachers are engaged in night schools on a remuneration of Rs.5 per mensem.

All the teachers are placed on graded scales of pay

Supervision.

14. The members of the attendance committees took much interest ^{in being present} ~~in providing for the reduction of the number of boys of school age~~ and their work in relation to the Municipal institutions deserves commendation.

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A Rama Rao
For Director of Public Instruction

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in the Director's letter

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