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Rustomjee, Miss Amy B.H.J. - Informed that the Government  
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Cambridge Training College  
[Post-Graduate]  
Cambridge

6<sup>th</sup> April 1926

To  
The Secretary,  
Education Department,  
Government of Madras,  
Madras

Sir,

I understand from the India Office as well as the office of the High Commissioner for India that all appointments in the Indian Education Service are now made by the different provinces in India. Wishing to present myself as a candidate for appointment to the higher branches of the Indian Education Service, I send you the following account of my qualifications. I am an honours graduate of Cambridge University

University. Last June I took both sections of the English Tripos and was placed in the Second Class. The Full English Tripos at Cambridge entails a detailed study of English - language and literature - from the earliest times to the present day. It includes a comparative study of ancient and modern drama in Europe and of the history of literary criticism. The second part of the Tripos comprises a study of the early history and literature of the Teutonic peoples, particularly Anglo-Saxon and Norse, as traced in their literary and archaeological remains. This involves a knowledge of the Anglo-Saxon and Norse languages and of European archaeology in general.

I am a Parsi and was born at Poona, in 1896. I was educated at the Cathedral High School, Bombay. In December 1912, I took the Bombay Matriculation Examination and was awarded the Chatfield Prize by the University. I then entered Elphinstone College, of which I was a scholar. In March 1917, I took the Honours B.A.

B. A. degree, in the Second Class in English and French. Next year I qualified for the Bombay Government Secondary Teachers' Certificate and stood first among the women teachers of the Presidency. I passed the University M. A. examination in 1919 with Second Class honours in English and French, obtaining the highest marks in English among all the candidates.

From 1917 to 1922 (when I came to England) I taught in Bombay, first as part-time French teacher at the Clare Road Convent and the Free Fletcher School. Later, from 1918 on, I was on the staff of the Cathedral Girls' High School, Bombay as French and Mathematics mistress to the upper forms. I have thus had five years' teaching experience in India. I was for five years secretary of the Bombay Presidency Women Graduates' Union and a member of the Committee of the Bombay Presidency Women's Council. I was also Captain of the 7<sup>th</sup> Coy of Bombay Girl Guides.

In 1922 I entered Girton College, Cambridge  
and

and took the English Tripos in the Second Class last June. I am at present working for the Cambridge Teachers Certificate and am being afforded special opportunities of studying the latest methods in education and its organization at the Perse Grammar School, and the County School for Girls Cambridge. During my stay in England I have endeavoured to familiarize myself not only with educational problems but with more general questions concerning the welfare and activities of women and children in the modern world.

I think I may say, that my training and experience are such as to qualify me for an appointment in the higher branches of the Indian Education Service, such as an inspectress of schools or a professor in a college or a headmistress.

I am willing to be interviewed anywhere in England at any time you may fix.

M<sup>r</sup>. N. C. Sen, o.B.E., Secretary to the  
High Commissioner for India, Students  
Department and Miss M. H. Wood, o.Litt, m.A.

Principal

Principal, Cambridge Training College have agreed to give any further information you may require about me.

I enclose copies of testimonials from the following:—

- 1) Miss B.S. Phillpotts D.Litt., D.B.E. Mistress of Girton College, Cambridge
- 2) Miss H.M.R. Murray M.A. Director of Studies in English Girton College, Cambridge.
- 3) Principal A.L. Covernton M.A. Elphinstone College Bombay
- 4) Prof. C.J. Sisson M.A. Prof. of English Literature Elphinstone College
- 5) Sister Anne Sister in Charge Cathedral Girls School Bombay

Yours faithfully

Amy B.K. J. Rustonjee

GIRTON COLLEGE,  
CAMBRIDGE.

Miss Any Behramjee H. J. Rustomjee came into residence at Girton College in October 1922. Last summer she presented herself for the English Tripos in both sections at once, and was placed in the second class in both of them.

Miss Rustomjee was respected as well as liked in College. She was a thoughtful student and her views carried the more weight with her fellow students, as they felt they were based on a sound judgment and were free from prejudice. She can formulate her opinions in a simple and straightforward way which evokes a sympathetic understanding from her audience. She has character and ability and tact, and I think that her work in India should be of real value. I should expect her influence to make itself felt on the side of moderation and common-sense.

Miss Rustomjee is keenly interested in the work of the League of Nations, and was College Secretary for the League of Nations Union in 1923-4.

BERTHA S. PHILLPOTTS,  
Mistress of Girton.

September 30th, 1925.

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GIRTON COLLEGE,

CAMBRIDGE.

February 3rd, 1926.

Miss Amy B. H. J. Rustomjee was in residence as a student at Girton College from 1922 to 1925 and read for the English Tripos in which she obtained Second Class Honours in 1925. This was a highly creditable performance as the examination is a severe test of proficiency in various branches of the subject and only a small proportion of candidates are successful in reaching the standard of a First Class, even with the advantage of English birth and education. Miss Rustomjee moreover was successful, not only in the modern section of the Tripos, but also in that in early literature and history which involved the study of Anglo-Saxon and Early Norse, and the translating of a considerable number of texts from these languages, a particularly searching test of her knowledge of modern English.

Miss Rustomjee speaks and writes English with ease and fluency having been trained in the use of the language from early years. She has a close familiarity with the English vocabulary and pronunciation, has had constant practice in the writing of essays and has made a study of English style. She speaks readily in debates, is widely read in English literature of the modern as well as the earlier periods and has a specialist's knowledge of her subject as well as some experience in teaching it. I should have much pleasure in recommending her for an appointment in connexion with higher English work, either school or college, as I consider her to be well qualified in attainments and experience to hold a position of responsibility.

HILDA M. R. MURRAY,

Director of Studies in English at

Girton College, Cambridge.

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ELPHINSTONE COLLEGE,

July 27th, 1917.

Miss A. B. Rustomji was a student of Elphinstone College from 1913 to 1917, and held a Scholarship for the first two years. She passed her F. Year Exam. in the First Class, her Inter. Arts Exam. in the Second Class and in March last obtained Second Class Honours in English Language and Literature with French as second language. She would have done better at this Exam. had she not begun by studying Mathematics and taken up English when she had only a year left for study.

Miss Rustomji is a young lady of very good ability and with an excellent command of English, both in speaking and writing. She has a taste for literature, and an interest in reading. She has participated in all the activities of the College which were open to lady students, and has been prominent among her fellow lady students.

She tells me she is thinking of taking up the teaching profession, and I believe that she will make a very admirable teacher.

Miss Rustomji's conduct and character at College have always been excellent.

A. L. COVERNTON,

Principal.

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ELPHINSTONE COLLEGE,

BOMBAY.

25th July, 1917.

Miss Aimai B. Rustomji was at this College in 1911, before matriculating, and again from 1913-1917, when she graduated with 2nd class honours in English Literature.

I have a very high opinion of the character and attainments of Miss Rustomjee. She is a cultivated, courteous and pleasant young lady, and has been a steadying influence for good among the lady students of this College. She was, I may say, the secretary of the Ladies Debating Society in 1913 when she was a very junior student.

She speaks and writes English admirably well, and did very good work in the Honours English classes, gaining a considerable and wide knowledge of English Literature.

Miss Rustomjee intends to devote herself to the work of education. I have no doubt whatever that any institution that obtains her services will be fortunate in the possession of a capable, conscientious, influential and well-balanced teacher in whom the institution can place entire confidence and whose moral and intellectual influence will be of the greatest value.

C. J. SISSON,

Professor of English Literature.

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CATHEDRAL GIRLS' SCHOOL,  
FORT, BOMBAY,  
INDIA.

I have much pleasure in giving a character certificate to Miss Amy Rustomjee whom I have known for 19 years. She was a brilliant pupil in this School for seven years, bearing throughout an excellent character, and respected by both staff and pupils.

After obtaining the M.A. Degree, Bombay University, and a Secondary Teachers' Certificate, Miss Rustomjee returned to us as French and Mathematics Mistress of the Junior and Senior Cambridge Classes in 1918. Here again she has done excellent work, taking a keen interest in the full life of the School, and showing great esprit de corps.

We are very sorry to lose Miss Rustomjee; though glad she should have this opportunity of higher education.

ANNE, Sister of All Saints,  
Sister-in-Charge,  
I.A.

January 5th, 1922.

BACK PAPERS.

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[Cno. 1616 A] from Miss Amy B. H. J. Ruston  
of 6.4.26.

Subject: Application for appointment  
to the I.E.S. (Women's Branch).

Under instructions from the Government  
of India no appointments are to be made  
to the I.E.S. pending the issue of orders  
of the Govt of India on the recommenda-  
tion of the Lee Commission. The applica-  
tion of Miss Ruston for an appoint-  
ment to the I.E.S. (W.B.) cannot be considered  
at present. A draft order is submitted  
for perusal approval. (For a precedent

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