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READ—again the following paper:—

Extract from Resolution of the Government of India, Home Department,
No. 495, dated 28th October 1899.

9. In respect to secondary education, the Government of India in paragraph 20 *et seq* of Home Department Resolution of 23rd October 1884 laid down clearly the following principle: "That the function of State effort shall henceforth ordinarily be confined to extending secondary education in cases where there is a local demand for this and local co-operation;" and in the Resolution of 7th September 1894 attention was drawn to the principle which "has been accepted by the Government that the Education department should gradually withdraw from the direct management of secondary schools." The second statement of the principle is not the same as the first. The first only has been on the whole observed. It is true that the figures in Mr. Cotton's table LXXVII (page 129) show that in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh there has been actual increase in the number of secondary schools under Government management. But in all other provinces there has been either slight decrease or no change. The marked decrease in the Central Provinces is attributed to the transfer of more than 20 schools from Government to district boards; this may, however, involve no change of management at all. It cannot be said that the second statement of the principle under discussion has been observed. There has been no real withdrawal of Government from the management of secondary schools. There are strong arguments against complete withdrawal, quoted by Mr. Cotton from the Directors of Education in Bombay and Bengal (pages 139 and 141 of the Review), based on the fact that the well-managed Government schools serve to keep up the standard of discipline in aided schools. These arguments in favour of maintaining existing institutions are worthy of the fullest consideration; and the Government of India, while maintaining the position that there should be no extension of the system, will not insist on the withdrawal from management where that is considered inexpedient. It seems specially expedient in most cases to have one such Government school in each district as a model.

READ—also the following paper:—

Letter from the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, dated 25th June 1900, No. 6091.

ORDER—No. 378, Educational, dated 22nd August 1900.

Ordered that the following letter be sent to the Government of India:—

(True Extract.)

M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government

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I am directed to reply to the 9th paragraph of Home Department Resolution No. 495 of the 28th of October 1899, in respect of secondary education. The Government of India admit that there are strong arguments against the complete withdrawal of the Educational department from the direct management of secondary schools, and state that, while the position that there should be no extension of the system must be maintained, there is no desire to insist on withdrawal from management when it is considered expedient; and it is added that in most cases it seems specially expedient to have one well managed Government school in each district to serve as a model and to keep up the standard of discipline in aided schools.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council thinks that in view of these statements, and of the facts of the case in this presidency at the close of 1896-97, it cannot be contended that the Madras Government are open to the imputation of having failed to observe the principle laid down in the Resolution of 7th September 1894. During the quinquennium under consideration 28 out of 44 Government secondary schools were closed, and out of the 16 left, 6 were schools opened in the agency tracts while as many were practising sections of training institutions.

3. There are 22 districts in this presidency and on the 31st of March 1897 14 districts were without Government secondary schools. It appears to the Government that it would have been impolitic to go further than this in giving effect to the recommendations of the Education Commission, and they imagine that it must have been by oversight that Madras was not excepted from the general censure which the Government of India have passed on local Governments and Administrations in this matter.

4. I am to add that it is the policy of the Educational department to reduce expensive secondary schools under local control to the primary grade, but that some schools of this class are self-supporting, while the majority of them are a very slight burden on the managing boards. The rules of the department do not permit the rapid increase of aided secondary schools; and no effort is ever made to extend secondary education to places in which there is neither demand nor local co-operation.

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