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Presidency College.

Asking the Director of Public Instruction to take steps for vesting the funds of certain prize endowments connected with the — in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments and for settling schemes for their administration.

"Kunjambu Nambiyar's Prize.—This prize was founded in 1878 'for the encouragement of the study of Malayalam' and in accordance with the wishes of the subscribers, is awarded 'to such student of the senior class as stands first in the composition of an original essay in Malayalam on a subject to be selected by the Principal of the college'. During the past ten years, the prize has been only twice awarded, and in at least three of these years there was no competitor for the prize. The value of the prize is only Rs. 16, and this, I presume, is too small a sum to induce competitors to undertake the labour involved in reading for, and in writing, an elaborate essay. At the suggestion of Mr. M. Seshagiri Sastri the council adopted a resolution that for the future the prize should be awarded to the student in the senior B.A. class who stands first in the annual examination. This suggestion, if adopted, will place the Kunjambu Nambiyar's prize on the same footing as the Bourdillon prizes for Tamil and Telugu. I request that you will be so good as to move Government to pass orders on the proposal which is in full accordance with the declared object of the founders of the prize. The last Government Order on the subject of the prize is No. 521, dated 18th December 1878."

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper:—

From the Hon'ble Mr. G. H. STUART, M.A., Barrister-at-Law, Director of Public Instruction, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated 6th March 1901, Ref. on C. No. 6584.

I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to obtain the sanction of Government for giving effect to the following resolutions of the Presidency College council in regard to the award of certain prizes instituted in connection with the college:—

- (i) That the Innes prize be changed from a medal to a money prize.
- (ii) That the Norton medal be given to a student in one of the Science branches.
- (iii) That the Kunjambu Nambiyar's prize be awarded to the pupil of the senior B.A. class who obtains the highest marks in the annual examination in Malayalam.

2. The circumstances under which the College council has considered it necessary to adopt the above resolutions are thus set forth in the Principal's letter on the subject:—

"The Innes Medal.—This prize arises out of a bequest made by the late Mr. T. Kuppuswami Aiyar of the Tanjore bar, and at first was awarded in the form of money. At the instance of Mr. T. Sundaram Aiyar, the brother and executor of Mr. T. Kuppuswami, the prize subsequently took the shape of a gold medal (*vide* G.O., No. 446, dated 9th December 1879, and Director of Public Instruction's Proceedings, No. 3519, dated 10th August 1881); but I believe that no mention of a medal was made in testator's will. At present, the value of the medal is notified as about Rs. 60, but the income arising from the endowment amounts to Rs. 52 approximately. It follows that we must either reduce the size and value of the medal or give the prize in the form of money or of books. Medal-giving has been overdone in this country, and I agree with the council in thinking that a gift in money or books would be a far more useful form of prize. I therefore request that you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for the change proposed.

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"In 16 of the 44 years during which the endowment has been in operation, no medal was awarded, and in five out of the last ten years there was not even a single competitor for the medal. As the Bourdillon prizes, the Powell prize and the Morehead prize were instituted for the encouragement of Tamil and Telugu studies, an additional prize with the same end in view appears to be redundant, and I would support the recommendation of the council that in future the Norton medal be awarded to a student who distinguishes himself in one of the Science branches, more especially as at present we have only three prizes that are awarded in connection with the eight Science branches or sub-divisions of the Science branches which are taught in this college.

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ORDER—No. 159, Educational, dated 19th March 1901.—

The Director should take steps, under section 6 of the Charitable Endowments Act, 1890, for vesting the funds in question in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments and for settling schemes for their administration.

(True Extract.)

C. J. WEIR,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

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Ed. A. F. Eccleston.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 159, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
19TH MARCH 1901.

[SUBJECT.—*Regarding the award of certain prizes in the Presidency College.*]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 6th March 1901, No. 6584.

The Presidency College Council propose—

- (1) that the Innes prize be changed from a medal to a money prize ;
- (2) that the Norton medal be given to a student in one of the science branches ;
and
- (3) that the Kunjambu Nambiyar's prize be awarded to the pupil of the senior B.A. class who obtains the highest number of marks in the annual examination in Malayalam instead of to the student who writes the best essay in Malayalam on a given subject.

2. In regard to the first prize, the Council observe that it was first awarded in the form of money and was changed into a medal at the instance of the donor's brother. It is also believed that there is no mention of a medal in the donor's will. From the Director's letter in G.O., No. 446, Educational, dated 9th December 1879, however, it appears that the brother, in sending the money, coupled the offer with the request that the prize might be given in the shape of a gold medal. It is doubtful therefore whether Government can now alter the form of the prize without the sanction of the High Court.

3. As for the Norton medal no papers can be traced in the office, but, if the intention was to award it for the best essay in Tamil or Telugu, Government cannot now alter it. If not, sanction of Government is not necessary for giving it to a student in one of the science branches.

4. The terms of the award of the Kunjambu Nambiyar's prize also cannot be altered by Government without the sanction of the High Court.

5. The Director's letter may perhaps be referred u.o. to the Advocate-General, but attention is solicited to Sir Bhashyam Aiyangar's opinion in G.O., No. 826, Educational, dated 8th December 1899. It will be evident from this that the best thing to be now done is to ask the Director to take steps for vesting the funds in question in the treasurer of charitable endowments and for settling schemes for their administration.

P. T. THARYAN.
12-3-01.

The present Advocate-General has given a brief and clear opinion on the general question in the case of the Tumkum bungalow, and it is evident that in all such cases the simple course is to take steps for vesting the funds in the "treasurer of charitable endowments".

A. T. A[RUNDEL]. | 2. The Director of Public Instruction
may be so told. The only doubtful one
of the three endowments is the Norton medal. Possibly there may be papers,
up to to-day not found, with reference to which Government might by an executive

order grant the medal to a student in one of the science branches, but it is quite out of the question to proceed on this bare possibility. The simplest plan is to regard this endowment as one with which Government cannot interfere and to arrange for vesting the funds in the "treasurer" as in the two other cases.

Secretary.

A. T. PRINGLE.
15-3-01.

Honourable Member.

M. HAMMICK.
15-3-01.

The course proposed is the simplest and may be adopted.

A. T. A[RUNDEL].
16-3-01.

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[Name] The Honble Mr G. H. Stewart, Ma. Bar. at Law,

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