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Communicating to the Director of Public Instruction, for information and guidance, letter from the Government of India on the subject of the preparation of future —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From A. WILLIAMS, Esq., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Education), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Educational Department, dated Calcutta, 30th November 1901, No. 555.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 142, dated the 12th March 1901, I am directed to say that the proposals contained in Mr. Cotton's confidential memorandum of January 1899 for securing greater uniformity and completeness in the preparation of the Provincial educational reports, together with the views of local Governments and Administrations on those proposals, were placed before an informal conference of the Directors of Public Instruction of the several provinces which was held at Simla on Friday, the 20th September 1901. At the conference the Directors passed certain resolutions dealing with Mr. Cotton's proposals. The views of the Directors are accepted by the Government of India, and I am accordingly to address the Government of Madras on the subject.

2. Paragraph 3 (a) of the circular of the 19th December 1900 dealt with the following proposals which were made in Mr. Cotton's memorandum, viz.,—

- (a) that the common heading for both arts colleges and professional colleges should be "Collegiate" and not University education;
- (b) that technical schools should be combined with industrial schools; and
- (c) that the heading "Technical and Industrial schools" should be substituted in the general tables and in the reports for "School education, special".

As regards these proposals—

(a) The heading "Collegiate education" is accepted on the understanding that the account of the work of the year should be prefaced by a brief report of the working of the university for the year.

(b) The following sub-headings of Collegiate education are also approved:—

Arts colleges.

English.	Oriental.
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Colleges for professional training.

Law.	Teaching.
Medicine.	Agriculture.
Engineering.	

The Directors thought it highly desirable, and the Government of India agree, that for some years to come a special chapter of the report should be devoted to the subject of the training of teachers, whether carried on in colleges or in schools, etc.; hence under the head of Collegiate education only a brief note on training colleges should be given and detailed comments reserved for this special chapter of the report,

(c) The separate heading "Technical and Industrial schools" was accepted by the Directors. They suggested, however, the following sub-divisions:—

Schools of art.	Industrial schools.
Law schools.	Commercial schools.
Medical schools.	Agricultural schools.
Engineering and Surveying schools.	Other schools.

In paragraph 3 (b) of this department circular of the 19th December 1900, reference was made to Mr. Cotton's suggestion that in general table III advanced private institutions teaching "any other Oriental classic" should be specially described and the subject taught in the school mentioned. The Directors accepted the heading "Any other Oriental classic", but it was represented at the conference that they were not acquainted with any schools that would come under the heading.

As regards the suggestion made by Mr. Cotton to distinguish Provincial revenues according to their source, the Directors were of opinion that the best course would be that suggested by the Government of India in their circular No. 434—43, dated the 19th December 1900, viz., to show in the general tables, where necessary, all expenditure from Local funds as such from whatever source they may be derived and to give supplementary figures in the body of the report showing the contributions from Provincial to Local funds in aid of education, and they accepted the proposed sub-division of the heading "All other sources" in table VI, section 30, into "Private" and "Public", Native States and "Imperial contributions" being shown separately under the latter head.

Paragraph 3 (d) of the above-mentioned circular referred to the desirability of showing in general table IV the expenditure on scholarships held in the two important classes of medical and technical schools, and also of distinguishing under "Miscellaneous" the amount devoted to boarding houses. This suggestion was accepted at the conference.

Paragraph 9 of Mr. Cotton's memorandum contained a suggestion to the effect that in general table VI under Oriental colleges proficiency in Urdu should have a heading of its own. The Government of Bengal has, however, pointed out that in that province there are no Oriental colleges and suggested therefore that, under the head "Schools for special education" in general table VI, a side heading should be added to indicate the success at the different Oriental examinations, such as Title, First and Second Sanskrit and Madrasa examinations. This suggestion met with approval at the conference, and in the opinion of the Government of India it might be generally adopted.

3. Paragraph 4 of the circular of 19th December 1900 contained a suggestion to divide the total expenditure of schools in the secondary and primary stages according to the percentage of the pupils in the respective stages. The Directors propose that the primary classes and departments of secondary schools should be shown in the returns under the head of Primary education and that the cost of instruction of such classes and departments should be calculated on the principles now obtaining in Madras. The practice in Madras is to take the average attendance of pupils as the basis of distribution in respect of expenditure on furniture, appliances and contingencies and other items which are common to the several departments, and to distribute the salaries of the teachers in proportion to the time spent by them in each department.

With regard to the suggestion to distinguish pupils under five years of age, the Directors considered that, as the number of such pupils is so small, they need not be distinguished in the returns.

With regard to the proposal to give separate information regarding indigenous schools and their pupils, the Directors are of opinion that, considering the character of these schools, the information already given is sufficient.

4. In paragraph 5 of the circular it was suggested that more detailed information should be given as to the classes to which the successful candidates for University and departmental examinations belong. The Directors recommend that the column

for Hindus in general table VI should be sub-divided into two sections "Brahmans" and "Non-Brahmans" and that two new columns should be added for Buddhists and Parsees.

5. Paragraph 7 of the circular dwelt on the importance of giving full information relating to training colleges and normal schools.

The opinion of the Directors on this point is that the classification of training institutions to be followed should be under the heads noted below:—

1. Training institutions for teachers in European schools—
 - (a) For masters.
 - (b) For mistresses.
2. Training institutions for masters for native schools—
 - (1) For secondary school teachers { English.
Vernacular.
 - (2) For primary school teachers.
 - (3) For indigenous school teachers.
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 - (1) For secondary school teachers { English.
Vernacular.
 - (2) For primary school teachers.
 - (3) For indigenous school teachers.

6. Paragraph 9 of the circular referred to certain defects in general table III.

The Directors approve generally of table III-A, but consider that the headings should be amended by dividing Hindus into Brahman and Non-Brahman Hindus.

7. The Directors are of opinion that in the chapter on primary education in the annual reports special reference should be made to the progress of education according to the standards of instruction laid down for rural schools, comparing it with that made according to the corresponding standards in urban schools.

8. Having regard to the above suggestions and the recent orders of the Government of India on the curtailment of annual reports, the Directors did not consider it desirable to recommend any further changes in the form and matter of the annual reports on public instruction.

9. I am to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the necessary instructions may now be issued for the preparation of future reports in accordance with the decisions arrived at by the conference as explained above.

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Communicated to the Director of Public Instruction for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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To the Director of Public Instruction.

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