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[Despatch Abstract.]

Cancelling G.O. No. 392 dated
27. 8. 00 relating to the
closure of the Govt. girls' school,
Salem.

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From

[Name] The Honble Mr. G. H. Stewart, M.A.,

[Designation] Director of Public Instruction,

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SUBJECT.

Requesting Reconsideration of G. O. No. 392, dated 27th August 1900, relating to the closure of the Govt. Girls' School, Salem and the opening of five new schools in the rural parts of the district.

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To

The Secretary to Government,

Educational Department.

Sir,

The needs of female education in Salem having been reported by Miss Arnold, acting Inspectress of girls' schools, to be amply met by the London Mission girls' school in the town, I recommended in my letter No 7706, dated 4th August 1900, the closing of the Government Hindu girls' school, Salem and the opening of five new schools ^{for girls} in the rural tracts of the district out of the funds that might thus be set free. My recommendations were sanctioned in G.O. No 392, Educational, dated 27th August 1900, but at the suggestion of Miss Carr, the permanent Inspectress of the circle, this sanction was not acted on. Miss Carr was of opinion that it was advisable to defer for a year the consideration of the question of abolishing the Government Hindu girls' school, Salem, and orders to this effect were passed in G.O. No 26, Educational, dated 17th January 1901, and on a further report the continuance of the school until the 31st December next was approved in G.O. No 682, Educational, dated 23rd November 1901. Miss Carr inspected the institution on the 12th March last and as the result of a careful enquiry into the conditions and needs of female education in the town, she strongly recommends the continuance of the school indefinitely. The reasons set forth by her in support of her recommendation are contained in the subjoined extract from her letter on the subject:-

"I do not find that the educational needs of Salem are amply provided for, as far as girls are concerned, by the London Mission. The girls' school belonging to that Mission, that is anywhere near the Government girls' school, is the one at Ponnampet, nearly half a mile distant. It is an upper primary school attended by the poorer children of the Weaver Caste. It is situated in a

densely populated part of the town, and when I inspected it on the 8th ultimo, there were 146 girls present in a building which affords very inadequate accommodation, but the best to be had in the locality. Again on the 9th ultimo I inspected the London Mission Caste girls' school, Shevapat, situated about 2 miles from the Government girls' school. This is also a primary school and 131 girls of the richer Weaver Caste were present in a better building, it is true than the one at Ponnampet, but still one unsuitable for school purposes, and affording insufficient accommodation. The managers of both these schools have been trying for years to get better buildings. It is clear that the girls now attending the Government girls' school cannot attend either of these schools and even if Government were to vacate the neighbourhood in favour of the Mission, very few of the 50 per cent of Brahman and 46 per cent of Non-Brahman Caste Hindu girls now attending would be allowed to go to a Mission school. At my inspection of the school on the 12th ultimo there were 165 girls on the rolls and 135 present and of the 135 girls present 16 were in the lower secondary department. A greater number would have been present but for the prevalence of small-pox. The Lois Memorial school is the only lower secondary institution belonging to the Mission and it is chiefly a Boarding school for the Native Christian girls of the Mission and is moreover situated at Asthampet about 2 miles from the Government girls' school. These statements and figures are, I think, sufficient to show the necessity for the existence of the Government girls' school."

2. In view of these remarks I am disposed to think that the further continuance of the school is necessary and that the reasons adduced are sufficient to justify a reconsideration of the original recommendation. I have the honour in these circumstances to request that Government will be pleased to rescind its order No 392, Educational, dated 27th August 1900, relating to the closure of the Government girls' school, Salem, and the opening of five new schools in the district.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

J. R. S. M.

For Director of Public Instruction.

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