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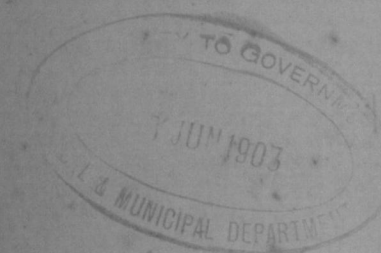
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From

[Name] The Hon'ble Mr. G.H. Stuart, M.A.,

[Designation] Director of Public Instruction,

[Station] MADRAS.



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Dated 6 June 1903.

Enclosures one

Received 8-6-1903.

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SUBJECT.

Requesting permission to hold a Conference of certain Educational officers and others at the office of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

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To

The Secretary to Government,

Educational Department.

Sir,

In November last the Missionary Council of Aided Education asked me to call a conference of officers of the Educational Department, managers of aided schools and others to consider a proposal which they had heard was being made to establish a number of primary schools under Government management and other subjects connected with Primary Education. I informed the Council that I would recommend their request to Government. I have therefore the honour to request that Government will permit me to hold a conference of the undermentioned Educational officers and others at my office, the first meeting to be held on Monday, 20th July.

Members.

Official.

1. Mr. T.T. Logan, B.A., Inspector of Schools, acting in the Central Circle.
2. " J.H. Stone, M.A., acting Principal, Teachers' College, Saidapet.
3. " E.W. Middlemast, M.A., Presidency College.
4. Rao Bahadur C. Nagoji Rao, B.A., Inspector of Schools, Southern Circle.
5. Miss E. Carr, Inspectress of Girls' Schools, ag. in the Central Circle.
6. M.R.Ry. A.C. Pranatharthihara Aiyar, B.A., Assistant Inspector of Schools, Coimbatore Division and ag. Lecturer, Rajahmundry College (Arts section).
7. M.R.Ry. C.N. Subramania Aiyar, B.A., Assistant Inspector of Schools, Tanjore-Trichinopoly Division.
8. " M. Singaravelu Mudaliar, B.A., Assistant Inspector of Schools, ag. in the Arcot Division.

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9. M.R.Ry. R. Sivarama Aiyar, Sub Assistant Inspector of Schools, Namakkal Range.
 10. " V.M. Subramania Aiyar, B.A., Sub Assistant Inspector of Schools, Madras Range.

Non-Official

1. Rev. W. Goudie, Wesleyan Mission, Tiruvallur (Chingleput).
2. " J.S. Chandler, M.A., American Mission, Madura.
3. " E.A. Douglas, M.A., Church Mission Society, Palamcotta.
4. " A. Andrew, United Free Church Mission, Chingleput.
5. " L.J. Frohnmeyer, Basel German Mission, Nettur, Tellicherry.
6. " J.D.W. Sewell, S.J., Trichinopoly.
7. " F.W. Kellett, M.A., Madras Christian College.
8. " J. Cooling, Wesleyan Mission, Madras.
9. Miss K.M. Scudder, American Arcot Mission, Walajapet.
10. Rao Bahadur T. Venkatasiva Rau Pantulu, Chicacole.

2. I enclose a list of subjects proposed by the Missionary Council of aided Education for discussion at the Conference. With regard to the first subject I shall inform the Conference that the scheme of Government Primary Schools has been withdrawn⁺ and shall instead ask it to consider the suggestion made by the Director-General of Education in India when he visited Madras, viz. to establish one first class elementary school with a thoroughly qualified staff of women teachers to be imported from England. The other subjects proposed by the Council for discussion are of varying degrees of importance, but none of them are likely to occupy much time and they may all be considered at the Conference.

I wish also to ask the opinion of the Conference on the possibility of accelerating the transition from the results grants system to the fixed grant system of aid to primary schools. I have been gradually coming to the conclusion that the disadvantages of the former system outweigh any advantages that it may have and that it should be abolished as soon as possible; but a discussion in the Conference on the desirability and possibility of this change will be of material help as many of its members are managers of a large number of primary schools.

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A reformed curriculum of study in primary schools, which I have in the press, will also be placed before the Conference for opinion.

3. I expect the Conference to last for a week or ten days

4. I request that travelling and daily allowance may be paid to the non-official members of the Conference at the rates sanctioned in G.O. No. 145 Educational, dated 23rd March 1900, viz, double first class railway fare and Rs 4 per diem to European members and to the native member who do not draw any fixed salary. The official members will, with my sanction, draw their travelling allowance according to the provisions of the Civil Service Regulations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. H. Streeb

Director of Public Instruction.

MINUTES OF A MEETING

OF THE

MISSIONARY COUNCIL OF AIDED EDUCATION

HELD AT

KOBE LODGE, ROYAPETTAH,

November 8th, 1902.

Resolved : That the Director of Public Instruction be respectfully asked to call a Conference of officials of the Educational Department and representative managers of aided schools and others, if necessary, to consider the proposal to establish a number of new (model) Primary Schools under Government management and other subjects connected with Primary Education. The Council submits the following as a list of subjects which such a Conference might consider.

F. W. KELLETT,

Honorary Secretary,

Missionary Council of Aided Education.

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1. The proposal to establish a number of new (model) Primary Schools under Government management.

(a) The Council suggests that before any such policy is entered upon,

(1) Aided schools should be paid all the grants they earn under the Results Grants System;

(2) The fixed grants should be revised, and to schools on the Fixed Grants System should be made fixed grants based on the principle that not less than 75% of the net cost to the Managers should be paid in grants-in-aid;

(3) The Department should be able to see its way to placing on a permanent footing the financial aid it offers to aided schools;

(4) The improvement of training and the other reforms suggested below should be provided for.

(b) It would ask that no school of the kind contemplated should be started in any place, or taken over by Government, without its relation to other schools already existing in that place, and the needs of education in that place generally, being thoroughly considered.

(c) It would ask the Government to consider whether it would not be more beneficial to education generally if, instead of one school in a taluq being singled out for unique assistance, special aid were given to all schools that attain a fixed high standard of efficiency.

(d) The Council is of opinion that the provision for the proposed schools indicated in the advertisements in the Gazette is unnecessarily expensive and would effectually debar the schools from being models in any real sense of the word.

2. An examination of the results of the introduction of the Fixed Grants System, with a view to the remedying of the defects experience has revealed.

3. A revision of the scale of grants under the Results Grants System, *e.g.*, 4 As. for Infants is too low.

4. A higher scale of grants for backward classes—instead of 50%, 100%.

5. A higher scale of grants for poor pupils in poor schools.

6. An increase in the number of scholarships allowable in Primary Schools, from 1 in 24 to 1 in 12.

7. The relation of Local and Municipal Boards to Primary Education—

e.g., (a) whether Boards should not be required to devote at least 15% of their income to Educational purposes;

(b) whether Boards have the power to cut down, on the ground that a teacher is not professionally qualified, a grant earned according to the Grant-in-Aid Code, when the Department is satisfied;

(c) whether steps should not be taken to ensure that Boards should work more than they do at present on the Grant-in-Aid System.

8. Whether Primary Education could not be encouraged (1) by a regulation that certain village offices should be restricted to those who have passed the Primary Examination, (2) by an increase in the number of scholarships given on the results of the Primary Examination.

9. The Training of Teachers:—

(a) The Council believes that one of the best ways of improving Primary Education is by extending and improving Normal Schools.

(b) The extension of training for a second year.

(c) The qualifications for admission into Training Schools—*e.g.*, should not the standard of general education be raised?

10. The necessity of large concessions for the next ten years as regards the employment of teachers who do not satisfy the rules as regards qualifications.

11. The extension of aid to schools at present unaided which are working on indigenous lines.

12. Curriculum.—Might not indigenous methods receive more favour? *e.g.*, Tamil Arithmetic, more Tamil Poetry (memoriter).

13. Lowering of the requirements for equipment—*e.g.* the requirement that benches, &c. should be provided for children who at home habitually sit on the floor.

14. Need of encouraging the growth of Fourth Standard classes.

The regulations as to Upper Primary Schools might be advantageously modified as regards

(a) The requirement of a Gymnasium.

(b) The provision that plans, estimates, &c., must be forwarded and approved.

(c) The qualifications of teachers—*e.g.*, might not a teacher who has passed Standard V be allowed to teach Standard IV?

15. Reduction of the proportion of scholars of the backward classes needed for the recognition of a school as one for backward classes.

16. That something should be done to reduce the time which frequently passes after an application for recognition has been sent in before it is granted, which often causes delay in the obtaining of grants.

17. That the Conferences between departmental officials and managers provided for in the Inspector's rules be held more frequently.

18. That steps be taken to secure that the higher inspectorial officials come more into touch with Primary Schools.

19. That a special Inspector for Primary Education be appointed, if possible an expert in Elementary Education, from Europe or America.

20. That an abstract of the rules relating to Primary Education be compiled from the Madras Educational Rules and Grant-in-Aid Code and be published by authority in the Vernaculars.

21. That in the finding sites and erecting buildings for Primary Schools generally freedom be granted from the regulations as to the previous forwarding of plans, estimates and sanitary certificates.

22. Girls' Schools:

(a) That the requirements as to teachers' qualifications be relaxed—*e.g.*, that the requirements in the case of teachers in girls' schools be lower than in boys' schools.

(b) That to make it easier to maintain Upper Primary (and Secondary) classes in Girls' Schools, the regulations as to recognition and grants for these classes be greatly relaxed.

(c) That more scholarships be provided for girls who pass the Primary examination to encourage them to continue their studies.

C. No. 907 From the *DP*

No. 4251 dated 6-6-1903.

SUBJECT.

Conference of Educational Officers.

The Director's proposals in paragraphs 1 & 2 regarding the constitution of the conference and the subjects to be brought before it may be approved. As regards the travelling & daily allowances referred to in paragraph 4, the rates sanctioned in G.O. No 1452 dt 23rd March 1900 may be allowed. This G.O. is in Madras & has been called for. The rates quoted by the Director will be verified before a draft order is prepared.

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The draft placed below may issue.

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C. No. 907, From the 289, No. 4251, dated 6-6-1903

ORDER No. 283, dated 12-6-1903

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The D.P. is authorised to summon a conference, constituted as he proposes, for the purpose of considering the subjects mentioned in paragraph 2 of his letter. ~~The payment~~ Sanction is accorded to the payment to the nonofficial members of the Conference who come from the unfassal travelling & daily allowance at the rates sanctioned in G.O. No 145 G.D. of 23rd March 1900

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of the D.P.'s letter
to the J.P. - Spring 68

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 of the conference who come from the
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