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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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For those who are too far away to use the institute, the work is carried on by neighbourhood gatherings at the following centres : Chintadripettah, Mount Road, Park Town, Black Town, Rayapuram, Royapettah and Perambur. Branches of the student department are also organized among the students of the following institutions : Presidency Training School, Medical College, Doveton, Bishop Gell's, and Northwick Girls' schools.

(2) *The Boarding Home.*—178 passed through the home during 1904 from all parts of India ; students, assistants in shops and offices, those seeking employment and those who need transient accommodation, including nurses, governesses, inspectresses, students attending examinations, etc. More have to be turned away than are taken in, though we are unable to recommend to them other suitable and safe boarding places. At present this home provides only for 20 Europeans and Eurasians. The price charged for board and room is from Rs. 20 up per month. Until now the European and Eurasian students have been accommodated in this home, but it is desirable to separate them into a hostel for students only, as soon as possible. With three exceptions, all the permanent boarders during the past year have been students.

(3) *The Student Hostel.*—Through this hostel the Association has met a great need, as none of the higher institutions of learning in Madras provide boarding accommodations for female students. One central hostel for all schools and for all classes of women students, such as we provide, (which is all that is needed at present) ought to receive the most generous support of the Government. Twelve students were accommodated in 1904 at Rs. 10 per month each. The demand is increasing steadily each year. Several were refused for lack of room.

Sir Henry Bliss, when he announced the institution of grants-in-aid towards the construction of hostels, said that Government strove thereby to save young men from going wrong, who were far away from parental control, and in the very midst of temptations, whose surroundings otherwise were essentially inimical to discipline and morals. He could have said the same of young women students, except that their dangers were far greater and their difficulties well nigh insurmountable unless such provision is made for them.

It is impossible to say how many young women have been helped through these means, at the time of greatest need, or how many have been saved to useful lives who might have gone down in the struggle for existence.

A site near the present location would prove convenient to the tram and the various schools of Art, Music, Medicine, High schools, Normal school, etc.

It is estimated that at least Rs. 75,000 is required to provide for immediate needs. A sum bordering on Rs. 40,000 has been secured by the Association, but the Committee do not feel justified in negotiating for property until they know what help Government is willing to give.

Besides ample recreation grounds, three buildings will be needed :—

(1) An institute containing a large hall, class rooms, reading room, etc.
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The Young Women's Christian Association is the oldest, widest and strongest women's movement in the world. It has organizations at 130 centres in India with about 6,000 members, city and student. The Association, Christian in its management, extends its privileges to all young women of whatever race or belief, who desire to take advantage of them.

That the work of the Association is appreciated by Government elsewhere in India is clearly seen from the following facts :—

Last year the Government of Bengal made a grant of Rs. 15,000 to the Calcutta Association with a promise of more if a larger sum is raised, though they have not enough yet to make a start.

The Punjab Government gave the Simla Association a grant of Rs. 10,000 towards a holiday home for Europeans. Rs. 6,000 was granted toward the land at Rangoon. At Nagpur out of Rs. 3,000 required, the Government gave Rs. 2,000.

These grants were given unconditionally and in some cases unsolicited. At Lahore the Association has been asked to carry on some special educational work at the entire expense of the Government.

In view of the above, the Committee humbly petitions the generous co-operation of the Madras Government by a grant-in-aid of the sum of Rs. 25,000 on condition that the Association spends Rs. 50,000 on the proposed site and buildings, for this public benefit, recognizing the fact that the progress of India is indissolubly bound up with the advancement of India's women.

ENCLOSURE.

General Committee.

Her Excellency Lady Ampthill, Patroness.
Mrs. W. B. Browning, President.
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Mrs. N. Subrahmanyam.

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Miss M. A. Symonds, Assistant Secretary.
Miss E. R. Nicol, Student Secretary.

II

Endorsement No. 367, Educational, dated 3rd July 1905.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for report.

H. D. TAYLOR,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

III

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. A. G. BOURNE, D.Sc., F.R.S., Director of Public Instruction.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—Madras, the 12th October 1905.
No.—Ref. on Cur. 5811.

I have the honour to return endorsement No. 367, Educational, dated 3rd July 1905, and to submit the following report and recommendation.

2. The buildings proposed to be constructed are:—

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The total cost as roughly estimated amounts to Rs. 75,000 and a third grant thereon is applied for.

The necessary plans and estimates have not yet been prepared, but it is understood that the proposed buildings are to be constructed according to a simple design, in brick and stucco.

3. The institution was visited by the Inspectress on the 9th September last and it is reported that classes in typewriting and shorthand are conducted all the year round three times a week, the number of pupils being 15 and 16 respectively. Instruction is also imparted at different times of the year in dress-making, fancy needle-work, cookery and physical culture, the number of pupils at present being 15, 20, 22 and 16.

4. There is a library and reading-room containing 560 volumes and a large number of periodicals.

5. Attached to the institution there are at present (1) a hostel for Indian women students containing 8 inmates and (2) a bording home for Europeans and Eurasians with 15 boarders. The boarders and the hostel inmates are mostly students attending the Presidency College, Presidency Training School for Mistresses, the Medical College, Doveton Girls' School and the School of Music. Two are teachers, two shop assistants and one a Zenana missionary.

6. The institution appears to be doing a certain amount of useful work of an educational and quasi-educational nature and it has the support of many ladies in Madras who spend considerable time and trouble over it. Under their guidance the institution may be trusted to exert a healthy influence on the members. If the detailed plan and estimates are found suitable and if money can be allotted without detriment to more purely educational purposes a grant might be given.

Order—No. 857, Financial, dated 15th December 1905.

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(True Extract.)

M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General, } order only in manscript.
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Copy to the Educational department.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 857, FINANCIAL, DATED 15TH DECEMBER 1905.

[SUBJECT.—*Grant-in-aid to the Young Women's Christian Association, Madras.*]

Previous papers.

G.O., 97, *Educational*, 18*th Feb.* 1897.
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„ 571 „ 9*th Sept.* „
„ 110, *Financial*, 5*th Feb.* 1900.
„ 269, *Public*, 20*th March* 1902.
„ 52, *Educational*, 4*th Feb.* 1903.
„ 455, *Financial*, 18*th July* „

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„ 1201, *Revenue*, 26*th Nov.* „
„ 846, *Financial*, 12*th Dec.* „
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„ 378, *Educational*, 5*th June* 1905.
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I

From the General Secretary, Young Women's Christian Association, Madras, dated 9th June 1905.

The General Secretary to Young Women's Christian Association applies for a grant of Rs. 25,000 in order to enable the Association to purchase a suitable site and erect permanent buildings for the use of the Association.

2. The Secretary urges that—

> "the Association is the oldest, widest and strongest women's movement in the world. " It has organizations at 130 centres in India, with about 6,000 members, city and " student. The Association, Christian in its management, extends its privileges to all " young women of whatever race or belief who desire to take advantage of them."

3. The following are the three principal means through which the Association carries on its work:—

(1) The institute (head-quarters).
(2) The boarding home.
(3) The student hostel.

4. The General Secretary reports that a sum of about Rs. 40,000 has already been collected, that provision for immediate needs is estimated to cost at least Rs. 75,000 and she explains fully how it is proposed to spend this sum of Rs. 75,000.

5. Paragraph 2 of the Financial department note on page 1 of K.W., G.O., No. 210, Financial, dated 15th March 1904, gives a list of cases in which Government have sanctioned grants-in-aid to private institutions which are more or less of a philanthropic and educational character. The case which seems analogous to the present demand is the Young Men's Christian Association and the papers in G.O., No. 189, Educational, dated 19th March 1898, contain a full discussion on the grant-in-aid of that Association. It will be seen that the building grant sanctioned by G.O., No. 571, Educational, dated 9th September 1898, was admissible under the Educational Grant-in-Aid Code.

6. It is submitted that the present application is one which seems to be for disposal in the first instance by the administrative department concerned.

A.S.—19-6-05.
S.D.—19-6-05.

Chief Secretary—

It does not seem to be desirable to give a grant on general grounds as there are other philanthropic and religious institutions which would soon base claims on such a precedent. The grants to the Young Women's Christian Association in Bengal, Punjab, etc., to which reference is made in the concluding portion of the Miss Hill's letter were probably educational grants-in-aid, but we cannot be sure without enquiry. Submitted that the case may go to Educational at this stage.

C. M. SCHMIDT—23-6-05.

They are said to have been given unconditionally.

H. D. TAYLOR.

The first thing I would suggest is that G.O., No. 189, Educational, dated 19th March 1898, with its notes should be printed. It is an important order and forms a precedent which will often be referred to.

Let this be printed sharp.

H.D.T.—29-6-05.

2. As regards the matter the opinion of Educational department is requested in the first instance. The grant can, I think, only be justified as an Educational grant.

Please note hereon.
H.D.T.—29-6-05.

M. HAMMICK—29-6-05.

Secretary— EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The current may meanwhile be referred to the Director of Public Instruction for report?

A. GALLETTI—30-6-05.

Yes.

H. D. TAYLOR—1-7-05.

A draft is submitted for approval.

T.K.—1-7-05.

Issue.

A.G.—3-7-05

[Endorsement, No. 367, dated 3rd July 1905—**II**.]

III

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 12th October 1905, *No.* 5811.

The Director states that no plans and estimates have yet been prepared. He recommends that "if the detailed plans and estimates are found suitable and if money can be allotted without "detriment to more purly educational purposes, a grant might be given."

But we must have plans and estimates before we can take action.
H.D.T.

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3. Out of (1)—the institute—the hall and probably some of the other rooms also will not be entirely set apart for educational purposes. If so, a grant will not be payable under the Grant-in-Aid Code for the whole cost of the building.

The boarding home for Europeans and Eurasians is apparently for non-students, as there will be a hostel for students. If so, no grant will be payable on behalf of this building.

The hostel will be entirely for students and a grant will be payable towards the whole cost of it.

4. The Secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association may be informed that if on receipt of the plans they are found suitable the Government will consider the advisability of paying a grant not exceeding one-third of the cost of the portion of the buildings devoted to purely educational purposes. This was what was done in the case of the Young Men's Christian Association buildings—G.O., No. 189, Educational, dated 19th March 1898.

The first thing Miss Hill has to do is however to obtain detailed plans and estimates.

P.T.T.—17-10-05.

Secretary—

A.G.—23-10-05.

Honourable Member—

H.D.T.—24-10-05.

Why is an educational department wanted in this institution? Surely there is provision in existing schools for all the classes which the institution recognizes? Is this so? Ask Director of Public Instruction.

G. S. F[ORBES]—26-10-05.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The only one of the subjects definitely taught in a girls' school in Madras is dress-making and that at the Presentation Convent, Black Town.

2. I understand that shorthand and typewriting are taught in classes connected with the Eurasian and Anglo-Indian Association, but we know nothing of these officially. The Association is not aided and is unconnected with the department.

3. Little can be said therefore as to the provision which does actually exist but even if these more or less amateur classes continue to be conducted by the Young Women's Christian Association an extensive or expensive building is not required for them.

4. The classes are not recognised, that is to say, the institution is not a "school" coming under the Grant-in-Aid Code.

5. As for the hostel for students, if the matter reaches the stage of the approval of plans it would be for the Association to show that the accommodation proposed to be provided was likely to be fully utilized by *bona fide* students.

A. G. BOURNE—2-11-05.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Honourable Member—

The Director of Public Instruction seems to doubt the *bona fide* position of the institute as an educational institution, and, upon the information before us, there is no justification for a grant-in-aid from "Education".

2. Should a reference be made to Bengal and other administrations referred to in Miss Hill's letter as to the nature of the grants made to the Association, and the educational work carried out by the Association at the centres specified?

H.D.T.—3-11-05.

Office—
Better put the paper about Canon Sell's school and the Presentation Convent school in the case before sending it on.
A.G.—3-11-05.

Please see G.O., 378, Educational, 5th June 1905.
P.T.T.—4-11-05.

I don't think we can give anything from "Education."

G. S. F[ORBES]—6-11-05.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Chief Secretary—

Educational are not prepared to make a grant to the Young Women's Christian Association. Should enquiry be made (demi-officially) of Bengal and Punjab as to the nature of, and grounds for the grants made there.

C.M.S.—9-11-05.

Hon'ble Mr. Stokes, C.S.I.—

I do not think there is reason for asking for reports of what has been done elsewhere unless Government are prepared to make a grant merely on the ground that this Association does exercise an influence for good and so should be encouraged. There is no doubt the work of the society is a good one. A grant towards the building of a hostel and home might be justified.

M.H.—9-11-05.

His Excellency the Governor—

I cannot but think that this is an institution doing work deserving of help. It is not racial or sectarian. I think there can be no doubt that it occupies a field of work which can be reached in no other way. So far as I have been able to learn, it is doing good work well. I think a grant should be made towards buildings suitable for the work.

2. What the amount of the grant should be it is difficult at present to settle. Part should in my opinion take the form of a building grant in Educational towards the buildings. That the hostel supplies an Educational want cannot be disputed. The number of female students in Madras is considerable and every argument which can be put forward for hostels for boys applies to this case. The female students are not concentrated in one institution in sufficient numbers to enable special accommodation to be provided for them there but they certainly are in sufficient numbers to call for central accommodation such as is proposed. The Director of Public Instruction's report is an admission, apparently grudgingly made, both of the need and the propriety of the grant. What the amount of the grant to the hostel should be will depend, I gather, on the plans and estimates. The same apparently is true of the institute. I consider that the first step should be to call for the plans and estimates of these buildings to which a grant so far as admissible under the Grant-in-Aid Code might be promised.

3. But in addition I think a general grant of say Rs. 5,000 might be made. Grants are made and rightly made to the Friend-in-need Society. This Association also is general in its usefulness to all classes of the community.

G. S[TOKES]—11-11-05.

I fully agree with the Hon'ble Mr. Stokes.

A[MPTHILL]—4-12-05.

Hon'ble Mr. Forbes, C.S.I.—

M.H.—5-12-05.

I have no objection whatever to a *general* grant of Rs. 5,000 as proposed; indeed I cordially agree to it.

2. As to a grant-in-aid under the Code I would *promise* nothing but would ask Director of Public Instruction for further information and plans and estimates and proposals, bringing any aid under the Code.

3. What we do in aid of this institution will be very closely watched by other institutions—*e.g.*, some of the Bishop's sectarian schemes—in order to found a like claim, so we must be very careful in the Educational department.

4. I presume that no question can arise that the institution while Christian is unsectarian in every way in its methods and designs.

G. S. F[orbes]—8-12-05.

A draft order is submitted sanctioning a grant of Rs. 5,000 to the Young Women's Christian Association, Madras, for general purposes.

2. After the issue of the order the file may, it is submitted, be forwarded to the Educational department with reference to paragraph 2 of the Hon'ble Mr. Forbes' note, dated 8th December 1905 above.

It will suffice if Educational gets copy of Government order with copy of notes.
C.M.S.

V.G.K.—9-12-05.

Chief Secretary—

Draft submitted for approval.

C.M.S.—9-12-05.

Hon'ble Mr. Stokes, C.S.I.—

Draft submitted.

M.H.—11-12-05.

I approve the Financial order.

I presume further action will be at once taken in Educational on the lines of Hon'ble Mr. Forbes' note as well as my own. I would wish to see the further progress of the matter.

G. S[tokes]—12-12-05.

Educational to see above note.

M.H.—13-12-05.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Seen and returned.

Will Financial please communicate copy of the notes with the order and three copies of the notes when printed?

H.D.T.—14-12-05.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Issue the order and attend to the request of Educational department.

C.M.S.—15-12-05.

[G.O., No. 857, Financial, dated 15th December 1905.]

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for Chief Secretary

To the Accountant General.
,, General Secretary, Y.W.C.A., Madras.
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These classes can be largely increased in number, variety and usefulness as soon as accommodations permit.

For those who are too far away to use the institute, the work is carried on by neighbourhood gatherings at the following centres : Chintadripettah, Mount Road, Park Town, Black Town, Rayapuram, Royapettah and Perambur. Branches of the student department are also organized among the students of the following institutions : Presidency Training School, Medical College, Doveton, Bishop Gell's, and Northwick Girls' schools.

(2) *The Boarding Home.*—178 passed through the home during 1904 from all parts of India ; students, assistants in shops and offices, those seeking employment and those who need transient accommodation, including nurses, governesses, inspectresses, students attending examinations, etc. More have to be turned away than are taken in, though we are unable to recommend to them other suitable and safe boarding places. At present this home provides only for 20 Europeans and Eurasians. The price charged for board and room is from Rs. 20 up per month. Until now the European and Eurasian students have been accommodated in this home, but it is desirable to separate them into a hostel for students only, as soon as possible. With three exceptions, all the permanent boarders during the past year have been students.

(3) *The Student Hostel.*—Through this hostel the Association has met a great need, as none of the higher institutions of learning in Madras provide boarding accommodations for female students. One central hostel for all schools and for all classes of women students, such as we provide, (which is all that is needed at present) ought to receive the most generous support of the Government. Twelve students were accommodated in 1904 at Rs. 10 per month each. The demand is increasing steadily each year. Several were refused for lack of room.

Sir Henry Bliss, when he announced the institution of grants-in-aid towards the construction of hostels, said that Government strove thereby to save young men from going wrong, who were far away from parental control, and in the very midst of temptations, whose surroundings otherwise were essentially inimical to discipline and morals. He could have said the same of young women students, except that their dangers were far greater and their difficulties well nigh insurmountable unless such provision is made for them.

It is impossible to say how many young women have been helped through these means, at the time of greatest need, or how many have been saved to useful lives who might have gone down in the struggle for existence.

A site near the present location would prove convenient to the tram and the various schools of Art, Music, Medicine, High schools, Normal school, etc.

It is estimated that at least Rs. 75,000 is required to provide for immediate needs. A sum bordering on Rs. 40,000 has been secured by the Association, but the Committee do not feel justified in negotiating for property until they know what help Government is willing to give.

Besides ample recreation grounds, three buildings will be needed :—

(1) An institute containing a large hall, class rooms, reading room, etc.
(2) A boarding home for Europeans and Eurasians,
(3) A student hostel in two sections—
  (*a*) for Europeans and Eurasians,
  (*b*) for Indians.

The Young Women's Christian Association is the oldest, widest and strongest women's movement in the world. It has organizations at 130 centres in India with about 6,000 members, city and student. The Association, Christian in its management, extends its privileges to all young women of whatever race or belief, who desire to take advantage of them.

That the work of the Association is appreciated by Government elsewhere in India is clearly seen from the following facts :—

Last year the Government of Bengal made a grant of Rs. 15,000 to the Calcutta Association with a promise of more if a larger sum is raised, though they have not enough yet to make a start.

The Punjab Government gave the Simla Association a grant of Rs. 10,000 towards a holiday home for Europeans. Rs. 6,000 was granted toward the land at Rangoon. At Nagpur out of Rs. 3,000 required, the Government gave Rs. 2,000.

These grants were given unconditionally and in some cases unsolicited. At Lahore the Association has been asked to carry on some special educational work at the entire expense of the Government.

In view of the above, the Committee humbly petitions the generous co-operation of the Madras Government by a grant-in-aid of the sum of Rs. 25,000 on condition that the Association spends Rs. 50,000 on the proposed site and buildings, for this public benefit, recognizing the fact that the progress of India is indissolubly bound up with the advancement of India's women.

Enclosure.

General Committee.

Her Excellency Lady Ampthill, Patroness.
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Mrs. S. W. Organe, Vice-President.
Mrs. R. H. Elliot, Vice-President.
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Miss M. Ewart.
Mrs. Firth.
Mrs. Heaton.
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Mrs. D. D. Murdoch.
Mrs. J. G. Smith.
Mrs. N. Subrahmanyam.

Workers.

Miss M. B. Hill, General Secretary.
Miss L. Guitner, Co-Secretary.
Miss M. A. Symonds, Assistant Secretary.
Miss E. R. Nicol, Student Secretary.

II

Endorsement No. 367, Educational, dated 3rd July 1905.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for report.

H. D. Taylor,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

III

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. A. G. Bourne, D.Sc., F.R.S., Director of Public Instruction.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—Madras, the 12th October 1905.
No.—Ref. on Cur. 5811.

I have the honour to return endorsement No. 367, Educational, dated 3rd July 1905, and to submit the following report and recommendation.

2. The buildings proposed to be constructed are:—

(1) An institute to contain a hall, class rooms, reading-rooms, etc.
(2) A boarding home for Europeans and Eurasians.
(3) A hostel in two sections—
  (*a*) for European and Eurasians.
  (*b*) for Indians.

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The total cost as roughly estimated amounts to Rs. 75,000 and a third grant thereon is applied for.

The necessary plans and estimates have not yet been prepared, but it is understood that the proposed buildings are to be constructed according to a simple design, in brick and stucco.

3. The institution was visited by the Inspectress on the 9th September last and it is reported that classes in typewriting and shorthand are conducted all the year round three times a week, the number of pupils being 15 and 16 respectively. Instruction is also imparted at different times of the year in dress-making, fancy needle-work, cookery and physical culture, the number of pupils at present being 15, 20, 22 and 16.

4. There is a library and reading-room containing 560 volumes and a large number of periodicals.

5. Attached to the institution there are at present (1) a hostel for Indian women students containing 8 inmates and (2) a bording home for Europeans and Eurasians with 15 boarders. The boarders and the hostel inmates are mostly students attending the Presidency College, Presidency Training School for Mistresses, the Medical College, Doveton Girls' School and the School of Music. Two are teachers, two shop assistants and one a Zenana missionary.

6. The institution appears to be doing a certain amount of useful work of an educational and quasi-educational nature and it has the support of many ladies in Madras who spend considerable time and trouble over it. Under their guidance the institution may be trusted to exert a healthy influence on the members. If the detailed plan and estimates are found suitable and if money can be allotted without detriment to more purely educational purposes a grant might be given.

Order—No. 857, Financial, dated 15th December 1905.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction a grant of rupees five thousand (5,000) to the Young Women's Christian Association, Madras.

2. The Accountant-General will be requested to place the amount at the disposal of the General Secretary of the Association.

3. In order to meet the grant, an additional allotment of Rs. 5,000 is made to the head "32-A. Miscellaneous—Donations for Charitable purposes—Charitable Institutions," from the balance of the sum of Rs. 30,000 resumed by G.O., No. 766, Financial, dated the 11th November 1905.

(True Extract.)

for *Chief Secretary.*

To the Accountant-General,
,, General Secretary, Young Women's Christian Association, Madras, } order only in manscript.
Copy to the Educational department.

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Subject - GRANT-IN-AID TO THE YOUNG
------- WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,
MADRAS.

Financial Department.

C.No. 1364, From the General Secretary, Y.W.C.A., Madras
dated 9-6-05.

The General Secretary to Young Women's Xn Association applies for a grant of Rs. 25,000 in order to enable the Association to purchase a suitable site and erect permanent buildings for the use of the Association.

2. The Secretary urges that -

> " the Association is the oldest widest and
> "strongest women's movement in the world. It has
> "organizations at 130 centres in India, with
> "about 6,000 members , city and student. The
> "Association christian in its management,
> "extends its privileges to all young women of
> "whatever race or belief who desire to take
> "advantage of them".

3. The following are the three principal means through which the Association carries on its work.

1. The Institute (Headquarters)
2. The Boarding Home
3. The Student Hostel

4. The General Secretary reports that a sum of about Rs. 40,000 has already been collected, that provision for immediate needs is estimated to cost at least Rs. 75,000 and she explains fully how it is proposed to spend this sum of Rs. 75,000.

5. Paragraph 2 of the Financial department note on page 1 of K.W. G.O.No. 210, Financial, dated 15th March 1904 gives a list of cases in which Govt have sanctioned grants-in-aid to private institutions which are more or less of a philanthropic & educational character. The case which seems

analagous

analagous to the present demand is the Y.M.C.A. and the papers in G.O.No. 189, Educational, dated 19-3-98 contain a full discussion on the grant-in-aid of that association. It will be seen that the building grant sanctioned by G.O. No. 571, Educational, dated 9th September 1898 was admissible under the Educational Grants-in-aid Code.

6. It is submitted that the present application is one which seems to be for disposal in the first instance, by the administrative department concerned

A.S.
19-6-05.
S.D.
19-6-05.

For the C.S.

It does not seem to be desirable to give a grant on general grounds as there are other philanthrophic and religious institutions which would soon base claims on such a precedent. The grants to the Y.W.C.A. in Bengal., Punjab &c to which reference is made in the concluding portion of the Miss Hill's letter were probably Educational grants-in-aid, but we cannot be sure without enquiry. Submitted that the case may go to Educational at this stage.

They are said to
have been given
unconditionally.
p.8 Ct. file.
H.D.Taylor

C.M.Schmidt
23-6-05.

The first thing I would suggest is that G.O. Educl. 189,d/ 19-3-98 with its notes should be printed. It is an important order and forms a precedent which will be often referred to.

Let this be printed
sharp.
H.D.Taylor
29-6-05.

As regards this matter the opinion of Educational Department is requested in the first instance. The grant can I think only be justified as an Educational grant .

M. Hammick
29-6-05.

To Educational u.o.

Educational Department

Send to Press at once.
A.Galletti
30-6-05.

Orders are solicited as to whether G.O.No. 189 Educational, d/19-3-98 should be printed first.

T.K.
30-6-05.

Secretary

The current may meanwhile be referred to the D.P.I. for report.

A.Galletti
30-6-05.

Yes

H.D. Taylor
1-7-05.

A draft is placed below for approval.

T.K.
1-7-05.

Issue

A. Galletti
3-7-05.

(Endorsement No. 367, dated 3-7-05)

From the D. P. I., No. 5811, dated 12-10-05.

The Director states that no plans and estimates have yet been prepared. He recommends that "if the "detailed plans and estimates are found suitable "and if money can be allotted without detriment to "mere purely educational purposes a grant might be "given".

But we must have plans & estimates before we can take action.
H.D.Taylor

2. The buildings contemplated are -

(1) An institute to contain a hall, class rooms and reading rooms. &c.

(2) A boarding home for Eruropeans and Eurasians

(3) A hostel in two sections - (a) for Europeans and Eurasian and (b) for Indians.

3. Out of (1) (the institute) the hall and probably some of the other rooms also will not be entirely set apart for educational purposes. If so

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a grant will not be payable under the grant-in-aid Code for the whole cost of the building.

The boarding house for Europeans & Eurasians is apparently for non-students as there will be a hostel for students. If so, no grant will be payable on behalf of this building.

The hostel will be entirely for students & a grant will be payable towards the whole cost of it.

4. The Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. may be informed that if on receipt of the plans they are found suitable the Govt. will consider the advisability of paying a grant not exceeding one third of the Cost Of the portion of the buildings devoted to purely educational purposes. This was what was done in the case of the Y.M.C.A. buildings G.O.No.189 Educl.d/19-3-1898.

The first thing Miss Hill has to do is however to obtain detailed plans and estimates.

P.T.T.
17-10-05.

Secretary

A. Galletti
23-10-05.

H.D. Taylor
24-10-05.

H. M.

Why is an educational department wanted in this institution. Surely there is provision in existing schools for all the classes which the Institution recognises ? Is this so ? Ask D.P.I.?

G.S. Forbes
26-10-05

H.D. Taylor
28-10-05.

D.P.I. u.o.

Reply U.O.No. 59/2-11-05/

Office of D. P. I.

The only one of the subjects definitely taught in Girls School in Madras is Dress making and that at the Presentation Convent Black Town.

I understand that Shorthand and Typewriting are taught in classes connected with the Eurasian and Anglo-Indian Association but we know nothing of these officially. The Association is not aided and is unconnected with the department. Little can be said therefore as to the provision which does actually exist but even if these more or or less Amateur classes continue to be conducted by the Y.W.C.A. an extensive or expensive building is not required for them.

The classes are not recognised, that is to say, the institution is not a "school" coming under the grant-in-aid Code.

As for the hostel for students, if this matter reaches the stage of the approval of plans, it would be for the association to show that the accommodation proposed to be provided was likely to be fully utilised by bona-fide students.

A.G. Bourne
2-4-05.

The D.P.I. seems to doubt the bona fide position of the Institute as an Educational Institution, and upon, the information before us, there is no justification for a grant -in-aid from "Education".

Should a reference be made to Bengal and other administrations referred to in Miss. Hill's letter, as to the nature of the grants made to the Association, and the Educational work carried out by the Association at the centres specified.?

H.D.Taylor
3-11-05.

Office
Better put the paper about Canon Gell's school and the Presentation Convent School in the file before sending it on.
A.G.
3-11-05.

Please see G.O. 378 Educl., d/ 5-6-05.

H.M

I do'nt think we can give anything from ~~ix~~ "Education"

G.S.Forbes
6-11-05.

To
Financial u.o.

H.D. Taylor
7-11-05.

Financial Department

C.S.

Educational are not prepared to make a grant to the Y.W.C.A. Should enquiry be made D.O. of Bengal and Panjab as to the nature and grounds for the grants made there (see page 7 C.F.)

C.M.Schmidt
9-11-05.

I do not think there is reason for asking for reports of what has been done elsewhere. Unless Govt. are prepared to make a grant merely on the ground that this Association does exercise an influence for good and so should be encouraged. There is no doubt the work of the society is a good one. The grant towards the building of a hostel and ~~xx~~ home, might be justified.

M.Hammick
9-11-05

Hon Mr. Stokes C.S.I.
H.E. the Governor.

We have copies of the last [illegible] there [illegible]
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Subject:- Grant in aid to the Young Women's Christian Association, Madras.

I cannot but think that this is an institution doing work deserving of help. It is not racial or sectarian. I think there can be no doubt that it occupies a field of work which can be reached in no other way. So far as I have been able to learn, it is doing good work well. I think a grant should be made towards buildings suitable for the work.

What the amount of the grant should be it is difficult at present to settle. Part should in my opinion take the form of a building grant in Educational towards the buildings. That the hostel supplies an Educational want cannot be disputed. The number of female students in Madras is considerable and every argument which can be put forward for hostels for boys applies to this case. The female students are not concentrated in one institution in sufficient numbers to enable special accommodation to be provided for them there, but they certainly are in sufficient numbers to call for central accommodation such as is proposed. The D.P.I's report is an admission, apparently grudgingly made, both of the need and the propriety of the grant. What the amount of the grant to the hostel should be, will depend, I gather, on the plans & estimates. The same apparently is true of the Institute. I consider that the first step should be to call for the plans & estimates of these buildings to which a grant so far as admissible under the Grant-in-aid Code might be promised.

But in addition I think a general grant of say ₨5,000 might be made. Grants are made and rightly made to the Friend-in-need Society. This Association also is general in its usefulness to all classes of the community.

G.S.
11-11-5.

I fully agree with the Hon'ble Mr.Stokes.

A.
4-12-5.

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Hon'ble Mr.Forbes C.S.I.

M.H.
5-12-5.

I have no objection whatever to a general grant of ₨5,000 as proposed; indeed I cordially agree to it.

2. As to a Grant in aid under the code I would promise nothing, but would ask D.P.I. for further information & plans & estimates & proposals, bringing any aid under the Code.

3. What we do in aid of this institution will be very closely watched by other institutions - e.g. some of the Bishop's Sectarian schemes- in order to found a like claim; so we must be very careful in the Educational Deprtt.

4. I presume that no question can arise that the Institution while Christian is unsectarian in every way, in its methods & designs.

G.S.F.
8-12-5.

A draft order is submitted sanctioning a grant of ₨5,000 to the Y.W.C.A., Madras, for general purposes.

2. After the issue of the order the file may, it is submitted, be forwarded to the Edl. dept. with reference to para.2 of the Hon'ble Mr.Forbes' note d/ 8-~~11~~-5 ~~on page 9~~ supra. 12

C.S.

Draft submitted for approval.

C.M.S.
9-12-5.

Draft submitted.

~~H.M.~~ M.H.
11-12-5.

Hon'ble Mr.Stokes.

* Issued as G.O. no. 857 Finl. D/ 15-12-05.

I approve the Finl. order.*

I presume further action will be at once taken in Educational, on the lines of Hon'ble Mr. Forbes note as well as my own. I would wish to see the further progress of the matter.

G.S.
12-12-5.

Cw 1809.

Please abstract H.M's' notes before sending out.

H.D.T.
14-12-5.

A typed copy of the Hon's' later notes is submitted. Would it not be better to wait for the Financial order before a draft to the D.P.I. is prepared?

14/12/5

Yes 14/12/5

From the Financial Deptt. No. 857 dated 15th December 1905.

The Financial Department order has been received. The draft placed below is submitted ~~below~~ for approval.

20/12/5

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21/12/05

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I have revised the draft

21/12

Issue

22.12.05

[E. & L. / 50.]
3,000—5-9-03.

~~NOTE FOR THE Deputy Registrar.~~

~~It is respectfully submitted that~~ a manuscript copy of the Financial order ~~below~~ read above was received in this Department on the 19th December 1905 and necessary action taken thereon ~~orders [illegible] passed~~ — G.O. no. 844 Edl., dated 23rd December 1905. Flag H. For orders as to whether the printed copy now received along with the notes may be stitched with G.O. no. 844 Edl. d/ 23rd December 1905, the present current number being cancelled.

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Yes but we may first ask Fin'l whether in sending these copies the usual practice is not to send copies with the signatures printed on them — Otherwise mistakes are likely to occur.

PJ 20/1/6

[E. / 6]
1,000—12-11-08.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 9791, From the Financial deptt. no. 857, Dated 15-12-1905.

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N.L.R.
20-1-6.

Yes but we may first ask Financial whether in sending spare copies the usual practice is not to send copies with the signature printed on them. Otherwise mistakes are likely to occur.

P.T.T.
20-1-6.

The Deputy Registrar has since ordered that this need not go to Financial. Hence this has been withheld.

NLR
22/1/6

S.a.H
Please note & see that the needful is done.

NLR
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Communicated to the D.P.I.

2. Th~~e Director should request the~~
~~General Secretary~~ If the Young Women's
Christian Association, Madras, considers that it can claim ~~aid~~ under the Grant in aid Code ~~it may be requested aid~~ a ~~grant~~ towards the construction of the proposed hostel or other permanent buildings, ~~it~~ the D.P.I. may ~~the~~ request ~~the~~ the assocn. to submit ~~to have~~
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~~Association prepared and submitted to~~
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D.P.I.
finds that any aid is admissible und
~~in respect of the hostel accommodation or the buildings~~
~~the Grant in aid Code, it will be open~~
he should ~~obtain and~~ report the matter for
~~him to~~ furnish ~~further information in~~
~~connection with aims of the~~
~~regard to the association and to~~ submit
the orders of the Govt with such ~~proposals~~

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recommendation as the case may admit ~~proposals for the grant of such aid.~~

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To the D.P.I. (L&O)

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