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READ—the following paper:—

Letter—from L. E. BUCKLEY, Esq., Vice-Chairman, Lawrence Asylum Committee, Ootacamund.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department (through the Director of Public Instruction, Madras).
Dated—Lovedale, the 16th May 1907.
No.—354.

I have the honour to report that the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum have asked the Rev. Canon J. W. Foley of Bangalore to officiate as Principal and Secretary vice the late Rev. A. W. Atkinson, M.A., pending the appointment of a permanent incumbent.

2. There will be a few days' interval before a reply is received from Canon Foley and until receipt of this, Major-General G. Simpson, C.B., has consented to carry on the current duties of the office.

3. The Committee approve of this proposal subject to the sanction of the Government of Madras which, it is requested, may be notified to them with as little delay as possible.

N.R.O.C. No. 3715-7, dated 28th May 1907.

Submitted to Government.

T. T. LOGAN,
Ag. Director of Public Instruction.

Order—No. 334, Educational, dated 1st June 1907.

The action of the Committee is approved.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Director of Public Instruction.

[SUBJECT.—Appointment of Principal, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.]

Please send up at once any papers relating to Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.

(1) Who appoints the Principal? Do Government appoint him on the recommendation of the Committee or of their own motion?

(2) Under what authority do Government exercise the right of nomination of the Principal and exercise general control over the Institution?

(3) I suppose some of the more recent papers as to Mr. Atkinson's illness, etc., are with Ootacamund records, but please put up a complete file of earlier papers.

H. D. TAYLOR—16-4-07.

(1) Under No. 11 of the rules regulating the constitution and working of the Asylum approved in G.O., No. 689, dated 22nd December 1900, "the Principal shall be appointed by Government on the nomination of the committee, to which he shall be directly responsible and subordinate, etc." So the committee takes the initiative and the Government is the final appointing authority—vide precedents in G.Os., No. 798, dated 7th December 1906, and No. 636, dated 4th November 1901.

(2) The authority for Government's appointing the Principal is at present the rule above mentioned, but as to the right of Government to exercise general control over the institution the papers dating from 1858 when the Asylum was founded have been asked for urgently from the general records, and a complete file will be submitted to the Secretary soon.

Meanwhile the current papers will be examined by me; and the Educational clerk will put up with this note any paper in which the information is available or submit this note as it is for Secretary's information through the Assistant Secretary.

(3) Submitted yes; recent papers relating to Mr. Atkinson's illness are in the Ootacamund records.

C. R. VIJAYARAGHAVA CHARI—17-4-07.

Recent papers about Mr. Atkinson's illness are put up and the file is submitted to the Assistant Secretary.

T.K.—20-4-07.

The other papers will be put up when possible and if necessary.

C. A. SOUTER—20-4-07.

Mr. Buckley has informed me that Mr. Atkinson is suffering from cancer of the kidneys; that he is unable to get about and to attend to active duties and that he proposes to send in his resignation. In these circumstances it seems desirable that the

A | Won't the Committee take action themselves? Committee should advertise for a successor without delay. The Committee may be

G. S. F[ORBES]. asked to advertise as suggested in my note of 30th October 1906 on page 3 of K.W. G.O., No. 710, dated 5th November 1906. The Secretary of State does not appear to be concerned with the appointment. Mr. Buckley suggested that Dr. Bourne might be asked to receive applications in England and to interview the various applicants who might appear suitable.

2. The question of pay is for consideration. The principal should ordinarily be a clergyman of the Church of England, though not necessarily so. But if he is not, a separate chaplain must be appointed.

K.W. G.O., No. 290, Educational, dated 21st April 1906.

in the first instance, be for a term of five years or say Rs. 600—40*—800 or Rs. 650—50†—750 with free quarters. If the Principal be selected in England, he would probably require a first-class passage to Madras. The Provident Fund scheme has not yet been sanctioned for the Asylum but Mr. Buckley tells me that the Committee have accepted the scheme suggested by Government which is not however made applicable to the Principal—*vide* paragraph 2 (2) of G.O., No. 778, Educational, dated 3rd November 1906. The question of leave rules applicable to the appointment would also have to be considered, hitherto there has been no definite understanding on this point which has led to difficulties in the past. Some definite arrangement in this respect seems desirable.

3. As to the temporary arrangements to be made pending the selection of a permanent successor Mr. Buckley suggested that Government might be able to arrange for some chaplain of the establishments to be granted leave for three months or so with permission to take up the duties.

4. The Government cannot however move directly in the matter, and a communication from the Committee must be awaited. No time should however be lost in advertising. As to the temporary arrangement referred to in paragraph 3 *supra*, the Ecclesiastical Department may perhaps be consulted.

H. D. TAYLOR—22-4-07.

I don't think that we need address the Committee asking them to nominate a successor to Mr. Atkinson. We have no official information on the point; and it is for the Committee to move.

File circulated to-day.

H. D. TAYLOR.

2. There was a meeting of the Committee last Saturday (?) previous to which Mr. Buckley came to see me. I mentioned to him that having regard to the finances of the institution, the pay would probably have to be cut down to say Rs. 700 or Rs. 750. He seemed to think that having regard to the advantages of the post—free house, etc.—that pay ought to be ample. He suggested Rs. 750 rather than Rs. 700 as, if the Provident fund, which it is proposed to establish, is sanctioned the Principal's contribution would be about Rs. 50 a month.

3. I do not see much good in a progressive pay.

4. As to temporary arrangements we discussed the appointment of a chaplain temporarily, or of a suitable missionary of the Church of England accustomed to educational work.

5. I do not think we need take any action till we get a report from the Committee as to the situation. When they nominate they might propose two or three names, if available.

G. S. F[ORBES]—23-4-07.

A communication from the Committee may be awaited.

2. With reference to the Honourable Member's query at A it is submitted that the allowance of Rs. 950 drawn by Mr. Atkinson is personal to himself. Before the Committee could advertise it would be necessary for them to obtain Government sanction to the scale of salary suggested.

3. With reference to B, it is submitted, as pointed out in my note *supra*, that in the Provident Fund rules, as remanded to the Committee, the rules are not applicable to the appointment of Principal. The Committee's reply to the reference has not yet been received.

H. D. TAYLOR—24-4-07.

The question of including the Principal in the Provident Fund benefits might be looked into again. I believe the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum are anxious to secure the Principal some pensionary benefit.

G. S. F[ORBES]—30-5-07.

The proposal to appoint Canon Foley for six months has been received and circulated to-day. Extract this and add to the file regarding Provident Fund sent back to office to-day. Also draft a

reference to the Committee asking whether they consider it desirable that the provisions of the proposed Provident Fund should be extended to the Principal?

H. D. TAYLOR—30-5-07.

Action taken on above on separate file.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—31-5-07.

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 28th May 1907, No. 3715.

The following telephonic message will be sent to Mr. Buckley:—

"Please state what salary the Committee proposes to give Canon Foley as Officiating Principal, Lawrence Asylum, and terms advertised for a permanent incumbent."

H. D. TAYLOR—30-5-07.

Reply.

Rs. 500 and residence.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—30-5-07.

The action of the Committee may be approved.

H. D. TAYLOR—30-5-07.

Approved. (Mr. Buckley's reply does not make it clear whether Rs. 500 applies also to the permanent incumbent or only to Canon Foley. Probably it does, but he is so casual that one can't be sure.)

G. S. F[ORBES]—30-5-07.

The action of the Committee is approved.

A. L[AWLEY]—1-6-07.

Draft please.

H. D. TAYLOR—1-6-07.

The draft below is for approval.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—1-6-07.

As Mr. Buckley's telephonic reply is so vague, it is impossible without committing Government to a definite statement to say more.

C. A. SOUTER—1-6-07.

Quite enough. It is all that the Committee ask for. Issue.

H. D. TAYLOR—1-6-07.

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Copy of telephonic message from L.E. Buckley,
Esquire, I.C.S., Collector of the Nilgiris,
to H.D. Taylor, Esquire, I.C.S., Ag. Secretary
to Government, Educational Department, dated
4th July 1907:

Canon Foley joined duty as acting Principal
and Secretary of the Lawrence Asylum on the after-
noon of July 2nd.

Type please and send copy to H.M. for *inform*.

H.D.T.
4-7-07.

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