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TRIPLICANE, MADRAS,

Dated 1st September 1945.

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SECRETARY, ... 3-9-45 GOVERNMENT ...
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To

The Hon'ble Sir Thomas Austin, C.S., K.C.I.E.,
Adviser to H.E. the Governor of Madras,
Fort St. George, MADRAS.

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your kind notice that a vacant site measuring nearly 50 grounds situate within a distance of 100 yds. of our present rented school premises is immediately available for the construction of a school house, hostel and playgrounds for our girls' High school. The said site is comprised in R.S.No.870/2, Triplicane Division. The said site is the property of the Triplicane Parthasarathi Swami Koil Devasthanam. The aforesaid site is bounded on the north by Ice House Road, now called Dr. Besant Road, on the East by Irusappa Gramani St., on the South by inhabitants' houses and on the West by Barber's Bridge Road.

2/An application is being made to the Board of Supervision and Trustees of the Devasthanam to grant us a long lease of the said site to enable us to construct our school building, hostel and playgrounds for our institution. The application is supported by the principal residents of Triplicane. We have no doubt that the Trustees and the Board of Supervision will be inclined to grant us our application.

P.T.O.

In the event however of their declining to do so, we have no other alternative but to approach the Government to intercede on our behalf and acquire us the said site under the Land Acquisition Act.

As we hear that the Government are having in hand a scheme for the acquisition of vacant sites in the City of Madras for purposes of public utility, we are anxious that our urgent and immediate necessity to acquire the site in question should be brought to your kind notice so that the same may be considered at the proper moment.

In this connection we cannot do better than to quote the words of Her Excellency Lady Hope,

> "I know what excellent work the school is doing in the very congested quarters it has at present and feel sure that with ample accommodation it will rise to even greater heights. It would be a great pleasure to me when after the war is over that new buildings, and adequate playing grounds were forthcoming."

and the words of Sir Thomas Austin, I.C.S., K.C.I.E., Adviser to H.E. the Governor of Madras,

> "I hope that the school will soon get more fitting accommodation which it greatly needs and it will continue to prosper."

In the circumstances I request that our prayer to acquire the site in question for our school will receive the kind and sympathetic consideration of the Government of Madras.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

W. Thirumalachar

FOUNDER SECRETARY & CORRESPONDENT

Copy to
The Collector of Madras,
The Director of Public Instruction.

SOUVENIR

OF OUR

"SECOND HAPPY WEEK"

A. F. W. DIXON, Esq., I.C.S.,
(Commissioner, Civil Supplies)
President.

April 1945.

THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (GIRLS),
TRIPLICANE.



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The National High School (Girls),
TRIPLICANE.

"HAPPY WEEK"

OPENING DAY

Our Annual Second Happy Week, was inaugurated by A.F.W. Dixon, Esq., I.C.S., Member, Board of Revenue and Commissioner, Civil Supplies at our New Hall on the 9th April 1945 in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering of parents, departmental officers and residents.

In welcoming Mr. Dixon, Mr. N. K. Thirumalachari, Founder Secretary of the institution said, "In one word let me be permitted to say that he represents the best tradition of the Indian Civil Service. He is a born gentleman. In his presence the atmosphere will be surcharged with nothing but joy. He is specially competent to inaugurate the Happy Week."

The children of the school gave an interesting variety entertainment after which Mr. Dixon made the following speech.

"I am grateful to my old friend Mr. Thirumalachari for inviting me to preside over the opening day of the "Happy Week" of the National High School for Girls, Triplicane. Mr. Thirumalachari's happy week programme at the end of the school year is, I believe, a unique event in South India. In a way it reminds me of the famous May week of my old Alma Mater, the University of Cambridge, when examination worries over, the under graduates and sometimes their parents and sisters too enjoy the happiest of happy weeks, a little more frivolously than you do here perhaps, as the main functions are the inter-college boat races on the river, cricket and tennis matches, and a series of college balls. In this school you perhaps go one better because you relate your Happy Week to the studies you have engaged in during the year, and emphasize the truth that education itself if properly conducted should be a happy and enjoyable process, and that happy children will make better citizens than sad ones.

I consider that Mr. Thirumalachari and the staff of this school have every reason to be proud of the great progress of

this institution which, though started less than four years ago, has now become one of the most successful in the Province. In considering the success of this school and the progress of girls' education generally, one's thoughts inevitably turn to that very great Educationist the late Sir Meverel Statham. Mr. Thirumalachari himself has told me that this school, like so many other Girls' schools in this Province, owes its existence to the initiative and then the support of Sir Meverel. I do not think I am over-stating the case when I say that, in losing Sir Meverel we have to mourn the passing of one of the greatest men of our generation in South India. He possessed organising and administrative ability of a high order, but others have possessed that; what raised him above the level of other good organisers and administrators, was his burning zeal and enthusiasm which impelled him to devote every ounce of energy and every minute of his time to the great cause to which he had devoted his life. He was not a man like most of us who gives a part of his time and energy to his work, and leaves a part for family life and for recreation. He gave us, in South India, the whole of his talents, his energy and his enthusiasm and in doing so he laid down his life for the cause which he loved.

He devoted himself primarily to two great causes—the removal of illiteracy and the promotion of girls' education. We know what he was able to do in ensuring that children who attended elementary schools should not leave until they had attained literacy. He imposed a strict standard and by largely eliminating wastage in elementary schools, he succeeded in producing a marked increase in the number of literates through out. Shortly before we lost him he had presented to Government a great scheme for universal primary education, so the influence of his work will continue in post-war years. We know too what great work he did for girls' education. He realised that the secret of progress in India was to educate the mothers of the future and the result of his labours was a remarkable advance in girls' education throughout the Presidency. One of the most promising of all the institutions which he sponsored is the one in which I stand today.

The other person to whom I feel I should make special reference today is Mr. Thirumalachari himself. Though a busy practising lawyer, he has been able to do a remarkable amount of useful work for the furtherance of education in Madras. I learnt something of his enthusiasm for education

when I was the Deputy Secretary 14 years ago, and now I find that his enthusiasm far from waning has increased and the scope of his activities widened. Progress in education has in the past owed much to such enlightened non-officials and will continue to do so in the future.

So it is with special pleasure that I inaugurate the Happy Week of a school associated as it is and has been with the name of a very great professional educationist, and a very enthusiastic amateur. I hope that this Happy Week celebrated at a time when the dark clouds of war are lifting and the sun is shining through, will be the happiest you have ever experienced and that this school will continue to progress and extend still further the services it renders to the people of Triplicane.

I have much pleasure in declaring the Happy Week and the Exhibition open.

Before bringing the function to a close, he announced the following message, from Mr. N. K. Thirumalachari.

"To perpetuate in a fitting manner the memory of Sir Meverel Statham whose services to the cause of education in general, and of women's education in particular, are unique, I have resolved to raise a sum of Rs. 25,000 from his countless friends and admirers, and offer the same to the Governing Body, of this school, for the construction of a central Assembly Hall in the proposed New Buildings of the Girls' High School, and to name it after him. I have no doubt that having regard to the significant part played by Sir Meverel in founding this school, the offer will be gratefully accepted.

As a token of my personal tribute to his respected memory, and one of his humble admirers, I offer a sum of Rs. 1,001 to the said special fund."

Sd. N. K. Thirumalachari.

Mr. Dixon then announced his donation of Rs. 200 towards Sir R. M. Statham Memorial Hall Fund.

Mrs. Sarasvathy, the Headmistress, of the school proposed the vote of thanks.

With the singing of Mangalam the function came to a close.

MUSIC DAY

The Music day of the Happy Week was celebrated under the distinguished presidency of Mr. S. Venkateswaran, I.C.S., Yarn Commissioner to the Government of Madras. Mr. S. Venkatesalyengar, on behalf of the Governing Body, in welcoming him referred to his great administrative qualities which earned for the Presidency a first class name in the matter of control of textiles. He further referred to his great interest in Music, and fine arts which was amply justified in the establishment of Mylai Sangeetha Sabha of which he is the President. The following programme was gone through.

1. **Orchestra:** The first item was an orchestra, marked by a flute with a Varnam, a Krithi and a Note and it was played well.

2. **Dance Solo:** The Second item was a solo dance by Kumari K. Mythili of I Form. She exhibited all the talents of a prospective dancer.

3. **Group Singing:** The third item was a group song which was of a very high order.

4. **Vara Veena Dance:** One pupil was dressed like the Goddess of Learning, Sri Sarasvathy, and a group of girls offered puja in a rythmic devotional manner with all tenderness of Bharatanatya. The Varaveena githam was played by a girl on Veena.

5. **Vocal:** Sow R. Ranganayaki of V Form gave a vocal performance accompanied by violin and mridangam which proved a real feast to the audience.

6. **Krishna—Gopi Dance:** Gopies were suffering from the separation of Sri Krishna. They were extolling the divinity of Sri Krishna by singing songs. They repented for their mistakes, if any committed. Lord Krishna appeared on the scene and rejoiced with them. The Krishna-Gopi Dance by the first form girls was quite novel, being organised in a new model.

The rest of the items also, including a Puja dance by Premavatsala III Form, a Hindi Dance by Prema V Form and V. M. Sulochana, III Form and an English Song were all quite up to the mark. In general all the items of the day were equally appreciated by the audience.

Names of girls who participated in the Orchestra:—

1. T. V. Rajam, 2. S Annapurani, 3. K. R. Chandra, 4. B. S. Seethalakshmi, 5. S. Kalyani, 6. Seetha, 7. Sundari, 8. Renganayaki, 9. Mythali, 10. Jeyalakshmi, 11. M. C. Renganayaki.

Names of girls who participated in the Krishna-Gopi dance:—

1.	A. S. Durga	*Krishna*
2.	A. Lalitha	*Gopi*
3.	S. Syamala	"
4.	L. K. Pattammal	"
5.	K. Indra	"
6.	K. Jeyammal	"
7.	K. Jeyalakshmi	"
8.	K. Mythili	"
9.	V. Vijayalakshmi	"
10.	M. A. Suganthavalli	"

The President of the evening, Mr. S. Venkateswaran I. C. S., while thanking the Governing Body for giving him an opportunity to visit this growing school and to spend two hours usefully enjoying good music items got up by the girls of the institution, expressed his appreciation in no small measure. He congratulated the pupils on their excellent performance.

> "We want more of these schools, not only more girls' schools, without exaggeration, more schools of this ideal type. It is not merely sufficient to put through the curriculum their bookish education. It would be criminal folly not to utilise the talents of the pupils. You have afforded opportunities for many girls to show their talents to my great delight, the natural talents our girls possess. It is a very good augury and the good fortune of the pupils to have Sarsvathy as Headmistress. This associates with the name of Sarasvathy, the Goddess of Music and Learning".

Dr. T. S. Tirumurti the President of the School proposed a hearty vote thanks. The function of the day came to a close with the singing of Mangalam.

தமிழ் நாள்

எமது இரண்டாவது சந்தோஷவாரக் கொண்டாட்டத்தில் தமிழ் நாள் 11-4-45 புதன்கிழமையன்று கடைபெற்றது; ஸ்ரீ K. ராஜாவையர் B.A. B.L., அவர்கள் தலைமைவகித்தனர். கடவுள் வாழ்த்துடன் தமிழ் நாள் ஆரம்பமாயிற்று. கீழ்க்கண்ட நிகழ்ச்சிகள் தமிழில் கடைபெற்றன.

1. எங்கள் தாய்: உலகந் தோன்றிய நாளிலேயே தமிழ்த் தாயும் தோன்றினள் என்பது தமிழர் கொள்கை அன்றுமுதல் பலராலும் போற்றப்பட்ட அவளுடைய உத்தம இயல்புகளை இனிமையாகப் பாடிப் புகழ்ந்தனர் எட்டுப் பெண்கள்.

R. சரோஜினி IV பாரம் P. லலிதா II பாரம்
K. R. சந்த்ரா III ,, K. பத்மா ,,
K. K. சரோஜினி II ,, N. சுலோசனு ,,
A. M ஜயலக்ஷ்மி II ,, K. R. லலிதா ,,

2. பிரசங்கம்: ஒரு சிறந்த கட்டுரை எழுதல் அறிஞர்க்கு எளிது. உணர்ச்சி ததும்ப அவ்விஷயத்தை எடுத்துக்கூறிக் கேட்போர் மனத்தில் பதியவைத்தல் அரிது. அத்தகைய அரிய காரியத்தை எல்லோரும் வியப்புற நிகழ்த்திய மாணவி வஸந்த விஜயா (IV பாரம்) என்பவர்.

3. தமிழர் நிலை: பாரதியார் 'யாமறிந்த மொழிகளிலே' எனத் தொடங்கி எழுதிய பாடல்கள் இன்றைய தமிழர் நிலையை விளக்கும் சொற் சித்திரங்கள். அவற்றைக் கேட்போர் மனம் உருகும்படி இன்னிசையுடன் பாடியவர் முதல் பார மாணவியர் எழுவர்.

4. குற்ரால மலைவளம்: தமிழில் குறவஞ்சி நாடகங்களுள் தலைசிறந்தது குற்ரலக் குறவஞ்சி. 'மலைவளம் கூறல்' என்பது ஒரு பகுதி. அப்பகுதியிலுள்ள சில பாடல்களைப் பண்ணுடன் பாடினவர் எட்டு மாணவியர்.

K. R. விஜயலக்ஷ்மி, இந்திரா, A. M. S. லீலாமணி, செங்கமலம் — III பாரம் — M. S. ஜயலக்ஷ்மி, V. மோஹனு, M. C. வேதவல்லி, K. ருக்மணி

அப்பாடல்களின் பொருளைத் தமது அபிநயத்தால் எல்லோருக்கும் நன்ரக விளங்கச்செய்தனர் இரு மாணவியர்.

D. பிரேமா V வகுப்பு K. மைதிலி I பாரம்

5. சிங்கள் சிங்கி: குறவன் குறத்தி தர்க்கப் பாடல்கள் குறவஞ்சி நாடகத்துக்கே தனியழகைக் கொடுக்கக்கூடியவை. அப்பாடல்களைப் பாடி பாடி ஆனந்திக்கச்செய்தவர் பத்து வயதுகூட நிரம்பாத ஐந்தாம் வகுப்பு மாணவிகள் இருவர்.

ஜயா V வகுப்பு R. சரோஜா V வகுப்பு

6. ஒரு ஹாஸ்யக்காட்சி: நடிகர்கள்—K. V. கனகலக்ஷ்மி I பாரம், ராஜராஜேஸ்வரி I பாரம், D. பிரேமா V வகுப்பு.

7. ஒரு சிறு நாடகம்: உண்மை பக்தி எது என்பதை விளக்க எழுதப்பட்டது. 'அகத்தூய்மையே ஆண்டவனை ஆகர்ஷிக்கும் தன்மை வாய்ந்தது' என்பதைத் தமது நடிப்பினால் நன்கு எடுத்துக்காட்டினர் கீழ்க்கண்ட மாணவியர்.

V. துளசி IV பாரம் S. R. மங்களம் IV பாரம்
R. வேதவல்லி ,, K. சரோஜா V பாரம்
R. முத்துலக்ஷ்மி ,, S. கல்யாணி III பாரம்
V. வேதவல்லி ,, L. வஸந்த விஜயா IV பாரம்

தலைவர் தமது முடிவுரையில் 'இக்கலாசாலைப் பெண்கள் கலாபிவிருத்தியில் வளர்பிறைபோல் ஓங்கி வளர்கிறார்க ளென்றும், அவர்களுக்குக் கல்வியளிப்பது உலகிலேயே ஒரு மகோன்னிதமான அருஞ்செயலாகு மென்றும் இக்கலாசாலைக்குத் தக்க இடமில்லை யென்றல் அது மிகவும் பரிதாபகரமான விஷயமென்றும், ஆனல் பெரியோர் மனம் வைத்தால் அந்நிலை கூடிய விரைவில் நீங்கிவிடு மென்றும் அதற்கு எல்லோரும் கைகொடுத்து நிறையப் பொருள் தருதல் வேண்டுமென்றும், பெரியோர்முதல் சிறுவர்ஈறாக அனைவருமே இப்புண்ணிய சேவையில் பங்கெடுத்துக்கொள்ள வேண்டுமென்றும் மிகவும் இனிமையாகப் பேசினர்.

8. தமிழ் வாழ்த்து: மேற்கண்ட நிகழ்ச்சிகளுடன் தமிழ் நாள் இனிது நிறைவேறியது.

TELUGU DAY

Under the distinguished presidency of the Advocate General Mr. P. V. Rajamannar, the Telugu Day of the Second Happy week of the school was celebrated with great eclat. There was a large and distinguished gathering of parents, well-wishers of the institution.

Mr. S. Venkatesa Iyengar in welcoming the President referred to his great learning, culture and character and the enthusiasm for all that is best in our ancient land. He said that he was a great student of Telugu literature in particular and spent all his spare hours in original research. The children went through the following programme.

1. Scenes from "Varavikrayam"

ACTRESSES:

Purushottama Rao	...	M. Susila IV B
Bhramaramba	...	V. Mangalam IV B
Kalindi	...	Premavatsala III A
Kamala	...	G. S. Sulochana III C
Perayya	...	I. Rengamani III C
Lingaraju	...	B. S. Sitalakshmi III A

STORY: *Scene I*—Purushottama Rao vexed after a long hunt for the matrimony of his daughter Kalindi, meets Perayya, a purohit and comes home with him and asks him to fetch a bridegroom.

Scene II—Lingaraju, the miser, is lecturing on how to hoard money Perayya comes and after a talk with him fixes the marriage of Kalindi with Lingaraju's son.

2. Group singing by:

K. R. Chandra	III	Form
S. Kalyani	III	,,
T. V. Rajam	II	,,
Premavatsala	III	,,
Jayalakshmi	V	,,
Annapurani	V	,,

3. **Comic song—(Bus song) by** I. Rengamani III C
4. **Oration—on "Bhagirathi" (River Ganges) by** K. Kamala V Form
5. **Scenes from "Krishna Leela"**

ACTRESSES:

Chanda	...	P. Suguntalu II C
Kamala	...	R. Annapurana II C
Padma	...	C. Renganayaki II C
Atta	..	N. Sarada II C
Yasodha	...	K. Sita V Form
Krishna	..	C. V. Ramanamma I B

STORY: Krishna steals butter, milk etc. daily from chanda's house. Chanda's mother (Atta) accuses her daughters-in law, Kamala and Padma about the theft. According to chand's suggestion that night all sleep together Krishna stealthily comes and smears butter to the mouth and hands of Atta and runs away. Kamala and Padma blame Atta. Next night also all sleep together when Krishna comes and puts butter in Chanda's mouth. Kamala and Padma, having woken up, laugh at the sight. They capture Krishna and lock him up in a box and complain to Yasodha about the matter. Yasodha denies the statement saying that Krishna was at home and calls for him. He appears there. All, astonished, open the box and see none inside.

The President in his remarks congratulated the children on the exemplary performance they gave that evening and paid a warm tribute to the selfless services of the Headmistress and the staff in getting up such an intersting programme. He expressed that it was a matter for congratulation that the school has, in a very short period of 4 years, grown from strength to strength. He admired the hand-works and drawings that were exhibited.

Mr. N. K. Thirumalachari, Founder Secretary, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the distinguished President and congratulated him on his new appintment as High Court Judge. He hoped that with the encouragement shown by persons of the type of Mr. P. V. Rajamannar, the school will grow from strength to strength.

The function terminated with the singing of Mangalam.

SANSKRIT DAY

On the Tamil New Year's Day new life and full vigour was given to the sanskrit language by the Sanskrit girls of our school when celebrating the Sanskrit day of our Second Happy Week. Mr. M. Subbaraya Iyer presided over the day's

celebration. The day had been devoted for the exhibition of our Sanskrit girls' histrionic talents in understanding, acting and staging dramatic, poetic and prose pieces in Sanskrit Literature.

1. The programme of items was as follows. The function commenced with an invocation to God.
2. When the Prayer was over Rao Bahadur Dr. T. S. Tirumurti welcomed the President.
3. Group song was sung by A. S. Kokila, T. K. Alamelu, N. K. Vedavalli and R. Indra.
4. A piece from Yogavasishta was selected for oration and was presented by S. S. Kokila of IV Form to the audience.
5. An extract from Mahendra Pallava's "Matta Vilasa" adapted by our Sanskrit Pandit Sahitya Siromani Sri. V. Srinivasa Sastri was acted excellently.

Cast

T. R. Mangalam V Form	...	Kapalika
N. K. Vedavalli V Form	...	Devasoma
V. Kousalya IV Form	...	Bhikshu Naganandhin
N. Jayalakshmi IV Form	...	Mad Man.

6. S. S. Kokila of IV Form sang a song.
7. A small playlet, translated from Tamil into Sanskrit "The Uncelebrated Marriage" was acted by III Form girls.

Cast

K. R. Chandra.....
M. A. Rajalakshmi.....

8. A conversation stressing the importance of female education was made by a couple of girls of III Form.
9. Vasantha Vijayal took the audience to the unalloyed blissful world of Sri Jayadeva by her Bharatanatya, selecting pieces from Ashtapathi.
10. "Asvathama" a piece from Veni Samahara of Bhattanarayan was enacted by the girls of IV Form.

Cast

V. Kousalya	..	King Dhuryodhana
M. C. Renganayaki	...	Karna, King of Anga
S. Ananthalakshm	...	Asvathama, son of Dhrona
T. R. Mangalam	...	Kauravas.

Gist of the play: After the death of commander-in chief Dhrona, Asvathama was ambitious enough to get the post. The post was already promised to Karna by king Dhuryodhana. Out of jealousy a quarrel arose between Asvathama and Karna. In consequence of this Asvathama

threw his sword swearing that he would never touch it before the death of Karna. At this time Karna went out to rescue Duschasana from Bhima.

The President expressed in his speech, his agreeable surprise on witnessing a full three-hours entertainment in Sanskrit which is a difficult language for most of us. He said that it was really a matter for admiration and congratulation that all the items were got up only in Sanskrit and the presentation with regard to pronunciation, understanding and acting were so excellent that a feeling in every one was infused to learn the language. The pin drop silence throughout the programme of the day was a proof as to how the audience enjoyed the performances of the small girls whose lantent talents deserved every encouragement and ought to be exhibited on occasions like this. He congratulated the Managment, the Headmistress and the staff for providing the girls with such oppotunities to display their talents. He spoke high of the exhibition of handworks, paintings, drawings which he saw and admired. He felt that the standard of Sanskrit was very high and no where he has seen such a performance in pure sanskrit with so much ease and corret pronunciation as the girls of this school has attained in their teens.

Mr. N. K. Thirumalachari thanked the President of the evening and said that though the grils were rich in learning and highly talented they were poor & needed the help of persons like the distinguished president. He explained to the President and the gathering how the school is suffering for want ot space to house the children properly and appealed for funds.

With the singing of Mangalam the function came to a close.

ENGLISH DAY

The conclusion of the Annual Second Happy Week was marked by the splendid performance on the English Day by the pupils of the school in English.

G. L. Lobo, Esq., Deputy Director of Public Instruction, the President of the evening was welcomed by Mr. N. K. Thirumalachari, Founder Secretary of the School.

The pupils entertained the president and the audience with vocal and Instrumental music. V. Rajeswari of VI Form gave a recitation on "Mother India".

The V Class children performed an excellent rythmic drill with gramaphone on the back-ground.

"Invitation to Immortality" a playlet in English was enacted by the following girls.

Scientist	—	R. Rajalakshmi V Form
Scientist's wife	—	R. Indira "
Devi Bala (Film Star)	—	T. S. Sarojini "
John Bull	—	T. K. Rajam "
Hitler	—	K. Saroja "
Worker	—	L. Vasanthavijayal IV Form

SYNOPSIS :—

To a scientist come three persons, each demanding the Elixir of Life.

"I am woman. I am beauty", says the film star.

"I am the benefacter of mankind" says John Bull.

"I am myself", thunders Hitler.

But the scientist spurns their overtures and gives the Elixir of Life to someone else—a humble man who has come to white-wash the room!

And yet the humble man is the only one who does not need the 'Invitation to Immortality' He says "I am already immortal".

In a world of fantasy he is the only reality.

Mr. Lobo congratulated the students on their fine performance and said that the Happy Week celebration would give the parents an opportunity to know what their children had learnt.

Referring to Elementary Education he said that the great difficulty, in Elementary Education was lack of trained teachers, proper equipment and good buildings. The Madras Government was trying to get universal elementary education in this province within 15 years. However due to lack of accommodation they were going to restrict the number of students. This year they would be able to train up more than 2,000 teachers. Till the required number of trained men are available they must depend upon untrained men.

Regarding the scheme for giving free midday meals he said Government were going to make a small beginning this year at the rate of one anna per child. Many institutions have already said that it was not possible do anything with this sum. However he felt that if a man could get a decent packet of food at the railway station for two annas, why a child could not be given something decent for one anna. This would be restricted to children who are compelled to have elementary education.

Continuing, Mr Lobo said that although the late director Mr. Statham wanted to abolish English in Elementary education, the cry for it had been so great, especially from villages so that

they were forced to introduce it as a subject for the E. S. L. C. Examination. In this connection he suggested that teachers should converse with their pupils in English if they want their English to be improved. He condemned the idea of paying too much attention to grammar. The framers of the English syllabus were responsible for this. He advised the teachers to use the book entitled "Basic Education" by Mr. Myers to which Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru had written a preface. It contained about 850 select words commonly used in conversation. By such methods they could make their children read and write simple English. The most unfortunate thing in our country was that people expected everything to emanate from Government. In England and other countries, the system of radio education, etc. were conducted by private institutions.

The President then announced a donation of Rs. 250/- from Mr. Subbuseshan, Principal, Madura College, to be utilised for giving a prize to the best out-going student to be associated with the name of "Alamelu" mother of the Founder Secretary. He also announced a donation of Rs. 100 from the same gentleman towards the Statham Memorial Hall Fund.

Srimathy Sarasvathy, Headmistress, who proposed a vote of thanks appealed to the public to contribute liberally to the Building Fund and also to the Fund organised to perpetuate the memory of the late Sir Meverel Statham.

The function terminated with a Mangalam.

OUR EXHIBITION

The Second arts and crafts exhibition organiscd by the School was also opened by A. F. W. Dixon, I.C.S., Esq., Commissioner, Civil Supplies. The various handwcrks done by the pupils during the year were exhibited which evoked the admiration and appreciation of the visitors. The paitings, and pencil drawings done by the Master in charge and the pupils were much appreciated by the visitors and President of each day of the Happy Week, made a special mention of the work done by the pupils and appreciated their latent talents. The handwork teacher Miss. Annie Rajamonie and the Drawing Master Mr. M. K. Seshadri received the warmest congratulations from the presidents of the week and from the visitors.

Loyal Press, Triplicane,—700—1.8.45.

Sir R. M. Statham Memorial Hall Fund

Government House,
Ooty, 25th April 1945.

Dear Mrs. Sarasvathy,

I am delighted to hear of your appeal for a central Hall to be called after Sir Meverel Statham, and I do hope that it will meet with very great success. I know what excellent work your school is doing in the very congested quarters it has at present, and feel sure that with more ample accommodation it will rise to even greater heights.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,
GRIZEL HOPE.

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Fort St. George,
Madras, 24th April 1945.

Dear Mr. Thirumalachari,

I am delighted to hear that you are taking steps to perpetuate the memory of Sir Meverel Statham. He has given his very best to the Province. I wish you all success in your efforts.

Yours sincerely,
T. AUSTIN.

Please Subscribe Liberally.

The National Education Society (Regd.)

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The National High School

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SERVICE SACRIFICE LOVE

OPINIONS

NO. 82-83, T. P. KOIL STREET
TRIPLICANE :: MADRAS

OPINIONS

I took part in the Anniversary celebration of the Triplicane National Girls' School in September 1941 and was impressed by the self-sacrifice and efficiency of those connected with the management and the gratifying results of the teaching imparted in the Institution. It supplies a real need and deserves active encouragement from all lovers of education on right lines.

C. P. RAMASWAMI AIYAR,
26-9-1941 Diwan of Trivandrum.

I fully endorse the words of my master.

N. CHANDRASEKHARA AIYAR,
6-10-1941 Judge, High Court, Madras.

I have had several occasions to note the good work which is being done by the National High School, (Girls) Triplicane.

I congratulate the management on the increasing measure of success which has year after year been attained by this school in a most important and intelligent centre of Madras.

Sd. V. V. SRINIVASAN,
22-3-43 Retd. Judge, High Court, Madras.

girls the duty and greatness of Hindu Woman. I wish the institution all success.

18-4-44 A. V. MEIYAPPAN.

I had the pleasure of presiding over the "Sanskrit Day" of the Happy Week of the school on Sunday the 16th. I was told that the Sanskrit programme was something of an experiment. It included scenes from Kadambari, Raghuvamsa, Mudraraksasa and Uttara Rama Charitra. The acting by the little girls was splendid and their pronunciation of sanskrit was clear and correct. I congratulate the school on the Sanskrit training which it gives to all the girls from the First Form upwards. It is this, more than anything else, which makes the school truly national.

I had also the pleasure of going round the exhibition and was struck with the beauty and the delicacy of the girls' handiwork. This school deserves every encouragement which the Hindu public can give it.

D. S. SARMA,
Retired Principal,
12-4-44 Pachaiyappas College, Madras.

I had great pleasure in presiding on the Telugu Day of the Happy Week of this admirable school and in observing the splendid way in which the school is being run.

The Telugu programme got up by the girls was of very high order and excellence.

The school deserves much more help and encouragement than it seems to have been getting from the public.

I appeal particularly to the Telugu public to come forward with their generous help for this very deserving institution which lacks accommodation badly. Wishing the school all success

Mrs. S. V. RAMAMURTI.

I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to this school and was most grateful for the cheque given to me for the entertaining of Indian Troops. I also witnessed a delightful entertainment and was very impressed with the high standard reached by the girls in their musical items, the handiwork, particularly the drawing and painting spoke much for the skill and patience of the teachers. It would be a great pleasure to me when after the war is over that new buildings, and adequate playing grounds were forthcomieg. My best wishes and congratulations go to the management, the Headmistress, and staff and the pupils of this excellent school.

GRIZEL HOPE

6-4-1945 (Her Excellency Lady Hope)

I much enjoyed inaugurating the Happy Week today and to see the Exhibition. I congratulate the management and the staff on the wonderful progress which the school has made in less than four years and on the success the students have attained in examinations.

I wish the building fund all success.

9-4-45 Sd. A. F. W. DIXON.

I had the honour of presiding over the Music day today. It filled me with great pride and hope to see the girls do so well in the intricate and difficult arts of our carnatic music and Bharata Natyam. I congratulate the Headmistress and the staff of the High School on the convincing evidence of their efficiency and enthusiastic service in this institution. The Governing Body may well be proud of their school which is already a model in many ways. The provision of a suitable building and playgrounds is a crying need and I trust that the public of this province will respond to the appeals for funds that have been made. Tne school is bound to grow from strength to strength and it is up to us to help it to realise its potentialities and make it contribute all that it can to enrich the cultural life of this Province.

10-4-45 Sd. S. VENKATESWARAN.

I was pleased to find in this institution the begining of a great centre of education for girls in Madras. It is a pity that philanthrophy in Madras has not seen to it that this school is housed in its own building.

26-4-45 Sd. K. M. MUNSHI.

I have paid two visits to the institution and I have nothihg but admiration and praise for the manner in whcih the institution is run. I can only venture to express the hope that it will countinue to expand in the same proportion as it has done in the past and that the support of the Govt. and the public will flow in ever increasing abundance.

26-4-45 Sd. K. RAJAH IYER.

I had the great pleasure of presiding and participating in the anniversary celebrations of this very good Girls' School in 1944. I hope not much time will be lost in giving this institution its own building and grounds.

18-2-45. (Sd.) C. RAJAGOPALACHARI.

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Education & P.H. Department (B).

C.No.39064. LAND ACQUISITION - The National High School for Girls, Triplicane - Acquisition of a site for construction of a school house, hostel and playground.

From the Founder Secretary and Correspondent, The National High School for Girls, Triplicane, dated the 1st September 1945.

MEMO NO. B/45-1 Edn., dated 1945.

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p. 1 cf.

The Correspondent, The National High School for Girls, Triplicane, is requested to ~~inform~~ report at an early date the result of the application made to the Board of Supervision and Trustees of the Parthasarathi Swami Koil Devasthanam, Triplicane. for the lease of the site referred to in his letter cited above.

x para 2 on p. 1 cf.

7/9/45.

TO
The Founder Secretary
and Correspondent,
The National High School
for Girls, Triplicane.

Note.- It is clearly too soon to make the enquiry when all that is mentioned in the letter of 1.9.45 is that the management was making an appln to the Devastanam Bd: for the lease of the land. A2 apparently means that we may await the result of the appln which the management will doubtless intimate to Govt in due course

Letter No. 39064-B/45-1 Edn. dt. 13.9.45.
Rcd

To The Secretary & correspondent,
The National High School (Girls)
Tanjore.

Leasing or acquisition of a site belonging to the Parthasarathi Swami Koil Devasthanam for the Construction of school house, hostel & playground.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 1.9.45 addressed to Sir Thomas Austin on the above subject.

Yours,

ANNEXURE V.

(REFERRED TO IN RULE 9.)

Designation.	Station.	Rate of special pay per mensem.	Remarks.
		Rs.	
1. Sub-Assistant Surgeon, Tuberculosis Institute.	Madras City.	30	
2. Sub-Assistant Surgeon, Tuberculosis Hospital.	Do.	30	
3. Sub-Assistant Surgeon, Ophthalmic Hospital.	Do.	30	For charge of Pathological Laboratory.
4. One of the Sub-Assistant Surgeons attached to the Central Jail, Rajahmundry.	Rajahmundry.	25	As medical officer and warden of the Junior Certified school, Rajahmundry.
5. Two Sub-Assistant Surgeons, Medical school, Kayapuram.	Madras City.	30	As warden of the hostel attached to the school.
6. One Sub-Assistant Surgeon, Medical school, Coimbatore.	Coimbatore.	25	Do.
7. One Sub-Assistant Surgeon in the Tanjore Medical school.	Tanjore ..	25	As warden of the hostel attached to the school. To be raised to Rs. 30 when all the accommodation in the hostel is occupied.
XXII Draftsmen		50—1—60. 65—4—85. 40, 40—1½ —55—1—	
XXIII Mechanics and Assistant Mechanics.		65. 125—5—150. 60—3—75. 45—2—65. 35—1—45.	
XXIV Electricians		25—1—30. 60. 70—2½—100. 40	
XXV Engine Drivers		45—2—65. 35—2—55.	
XXVI Sergeant (General Hospital) ..		75.	
XXVII Work Mistress		60—4—80—5 —90.	
XXVIII Weaving Master		40—2—50.	
XXIX Head Overseer		100—5—150.	
XXX Deputy Overseer		80—4—100.	

X-ray work.			
11. Sub-Assistant Surgeons employed as Lecturer in Medical schools for men.	Madras City.	55	
12. Do.	Tanjore and Coimbatore.	30	
13. Sub-Assistant Surgeons employed as Assistant Lecturers in the Lady Willingdon Medical school.	Madras City.	55	
14. Sub Assistant Surgeon in charge of Leper annexe attached to the Central Jail, Salem.	Salem	25	
15. Sub-Assistant Surgeon, Mental Hospital.	Madras City.	55	
16. Do.	Vizagapatam and Cuttack.	30	
17. Sub-Assistant Surgeon in charge of Ophthalmic Hospitals.	..	50	
18. Sub-Assistant Surgeons employed in localities declared by Government to be unhealthy.	..	..	
19. Senior Compounder, Government Hospital.	..	..	
20. Compounders employed in localities declared by the Local Government to be unhealthy.	..	..	
21. Midwives employed in localities declared by the Local Government to be unhealthy.	..	15	
22. Ward Sisters, Mental Hospital.	Madras City.	20	
23. Nurses in all Mental Hospitals.	..	20	

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
12 SEP 1945
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Rights of Industries and Labour Resolution No. S. 211, dated 6th Dec. 1929, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to direct that the following amendments shall be made to these rules which shall remain in force for the duration of the current war :—

Rule (1) *Read* "Rules 7, 7 (A) and 8" for the words "Rules 7 and 8" occurring in this rule.

Add the following as Rule 7 (A) after existing Rule 7 :—

Rule 7-A.—The purchasing officer shall obtain by indent on the India Store Department, London, all articles not produced in India and required to be purchased for the public service, stocks of which are not available in the country or could not be made available within the time such articles are required to be brought into service.

In all such cases the purchasing officer shall, before forwarding the indent, place on record his reasons for not effecting the purchase in accordance with the preceding rules and also sign on the indent a certificate in the following form :—

"I certify that from enquiries made I am satisfied that the article/articles included in this indent is/are not at present available in stock in India and cannot be made available within the time such articles are required to be brought into service.

Purchasing Officer."

II

Extracts of paragraphs 1 and 2 of the letter from the Government of India (Department of Commerce), dated 19th May 1940, No. 18-S-War (5)/39.

I am directed (to refer to the letter from the late Department of Industries and Labour No. S. 420, dated the 12th October 1931, and) to forward, for information, ten copies of the Government of India's Resolution in the Department of Commerce No. 18-S and I (2) War/40, dated the 24th February 1940, publishing certain amendments to the rules regulating the purchase of stores required for the Central Government and Provinces other than Governors' Provinces.

2. The Government of Madras will no doubt consider the desirability of issuing similar amendments to the rules prescribed by them with such modifications as may be necessary. The Government of India will be glad to receive in due course three copies of any amendments that may be issued.

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The National High School (Girls)

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
19 NOV 1945
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(Secretary & Correspondent)
Mrs. S. Sarasvathy
Headmistress.

Dated 15th November 1945.

To

Her Excellency The Hon'ble Lady Hope,
Government House, MADRAS.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY

Early in September this year we addressed the enclosed communication to the Hon'ble Sir Thomas Austin and in that connection we were anxious to interview Your Excellency and request Your Excellency's kind help in the matter.

Since that date we submitted our application to the Triplicane Parthasarathi Swami Koil Devasthanam who are the owners of the site in question to grant us a long lease of atleast 25 grounds out of the total of 54 grounds available there. The management of the temple is vested in two bodies viz., in the Board of Supervision consisting of 7 members and the Board of Trustees consisting of 3 members. While the Board of Supervision was pleased to recommend the sanction of the lease, the Board of Trustees with the exception of Rao Bahadur V. Ranganatham Chettiar has been evading the decision on the matter and in spite of our persistant appeals to them to deal with this matter and to grant us a long lease in time to enable us to submit our application to the Government for Building Grant, we regret to inform Your Excellency that our appeals to that Body appear to be in vain and there does not seem to be any machinery excepting the one provided under the Land Acquisition Act to compel them to part with their site for our purpose. We now feel (from the plans which we have pleasure to show Your Excellency) that 25 grounds are required for the school house while another 25 grounds may be required for hostel and for playgrounds to the children so that the entire site of 54 grounds will be required for us.

We are inclined to think that the Trustees may

not deal with us sympathetically in this matter and leave us to the alternative of acquiring the entire site by the Government on our behalf under the powers given to the Government under the ~~powers x g x x x x x~~ the Madras Land Acquisition Act.

In this connection we would also like to mention that from the sketch which we have appended herewith the construction of the school at the site in question will meet the demands of high school going children coming not only from Triplicane but also from the northern half of Mylapore, Mirsahibpet, Royapettah and Eastern side of Gopalapuram and from Mount Road, Pudupet, Narasingapuram, Chintadripet. The site is ideal with plenty of traffic facilities. There is tram service both from Mylapore and from Triplicane to the place in question. There is, besides, an excellent bus service right from Mambalam through Mylapore to the site so that children will find it very convenient and easy to receive the blessings of higher education at a considerably cheap cost.

We would therefore request Your Excellency to persuade the Government to give us every assistance in the matter of acquisition of the entire site for us.

Thanking your Excellency most sincerely for your Excellency's kind interest in the welfare of our school.

Yours faithfully,

K. Thirumalachari

Saraswathy

Enc:-

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Schools - Private - The National High School for girls, Triplicane - Acquisition of a site for constructing a school house + hostel and for providing a playground —

CNO 39064/45

From the Secretary & Correspondent, The National High School for Girls, Triplicane Dt 15-11-45

Memo 39064/B/45 — 2 Edn Dt 26/11/45

A/26/11/45

A copy of the letter from the Secretary and Correspondent of the National High School for girls, Triplicane, read above, is forwarded to the DPI for very early remarks. He is requested to report whether the site comprised in R.S. no 870/2 Triplicane Division

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proposed for acquisition is suitable for the construction of buildings for the school and if so what is the minimum extent of the site required (1) for the construction of buildings for the school and hostel and (2) for provision of playground. He is requested to obtain a rough valuation of the land from the Revenue Dept and to report whether he recommends the acquisition of the site for the school and if so, what is the amount of grant ~~that~~ will have to be paid towards the acquisition of the site & whether the management is in a position to meet its share of the cost. It may also be ascertained whether the scheme for the construction of buildings on the site is ready & if so what is the estimated cost of the scheme.

[signature]
24.11.45

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26/11/45

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To The DPI with copy of letter on p. 2-89.

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E & PH. (B) DEPARTMENT.

~~REMINDER.~~ Education Branch.

To The Director of Public Instruction

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
12 JAN 1946

~~have the honour to invite~~
I am directed to invite attention to Govt. Memo
No. 39064-B/45-2 Edn, dated 26/11/45 and to
~~to request that the reply to it may be expedited~~
request that this reminder may be returned ~~at once~~ with information as to—

(1) the stage at which the matter now is,
(2) the date by which a reply may be expected, ~~and~~
~~(3) the circumstances which have caused the delay.~~

Office E & PH.

[signature]
Signature.

Station F. S. G.

Asst. Secy to Govt.
Designation.

Dated

SUBJECT. 1071
Schools - Private - The National High School for girls, Triplicane - Acquisition of a site for constructing a school house and hostel.

[P.T.O.

The National High School (Girls)

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TRIPLICANE, MADRAS.

Dated 31st Jany. 1946

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To

The Hon'ble Sir Thomas Austin, I.C.S., K.C.I.E.,
Advisor to Government of Madras,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Dear Sir,

Re: Acquisition of site R.S.No.870/2 Ice House Road, Triplicane, for construction of a building to house the National High School (Girls), Triplicane.

As we desire to represent to you in person certain important and urgent matters in connection with the above, we request that you may be pleased to receive a deputation of our Governing Body on any day and hour convenient to you,.

Thanking you for favour of your kind early reply,

Yours faithfully,
N.K. Thirumalachari
FOUNDER-SECRETARY.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. 24 JAN 1946

To The Secretary to Govt.
Education & Public Health Dept.

Resubmitted.

The matter is under Correspondence
The valuation statement from the Rev. Dept.
is awaited. A reply will be submitted
shortly on receipt of the statement.

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to Director of Public Instruction

25/1/46

E&PH (B) Dept.

The Reply to the DPI may be
awaited till 25/2/46.

24.1.46

28/1/46

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	Education Department		
From (Name)	Dr.S.R.U.Savoor, M.A., D.Sc., I.E.S.,	Received	Registered
Designation	Director of Public Instruction,	To	
Station	Madras.	The	Secretary to Government, Education & P.H.Department, Madras.

Enclosures:

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
8 FEB 1946
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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Rc. No. 1066 D/45 dated 2-2-1946. 194 .

Sir,

Sub: Acquisition - Building - National Girls High School, Triplicane, - Acquisition of site for construction of a school house and hostel and for providing a playground.

Ref: Govt.Memo No.39064-B/45-2 Edn. dated 26-11-45.

The National Girls High School, Triplicane, is located in a rented building and has no playground of its own. The strength of the school is 552 and in the course of the next five years it will be in the neighbourhood of 700. There is a very good proportion of children from Backward class communities. It is managed by a registered association.

To provide suitable accommodation and playground the management proposes to acquire a site of about 50 grounds. As the school is in one of the most populus centres of Madras and is in real need of suitable accommodation and playground, the proposal of the management to acquire the entire site is recommended for acceptance.

2. The various particulars required by Government are given below:-

(a) the proposed site is well situated and quite suitable for school purposes. As it is on the bus and tram route it is easily accessible to pupils of different localities.

(b) (i) the minimum extent of land required for the school and hostel buildings including wardens' quarters is about 30 grounds; and (ii) that for the playground purposes is about 20 to 25 grounds.

(c) A copy of the primary valuation of the proposed site as furnished by the Collector is herewith enclosed. The rough valuation of the site of 50 grounds including 15% solatium is about Rs.57,500/- at Rs.1000/- per ground plus solatium. As it is reported that the extent of the land available may be about 54 grounds, I recommend that the whole plot be acquired, in which case the total cost will be about Rs.62,100/- or Rs.62,000/- in round figures. The amount of grant will be Rs.28,750/- or Rs.31,000/- according as 50 or 54 grounds are acquired.

(d) As regards the management's share, I herewith enclose an extract of the letter from the Correspondent of the school explaining the management's position. The management is prepared to bear a portion of the cost of acquisition.

3. It is reported that the scheme for the construction of buildings on the site is ready and that the estimated cost is 6 lakhs.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Copy of letter from the Correspondent, The National High School (Girls) dated 16th January 1946 to the Inspectress of Girls Schools, Madras.

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3 & 4. Should the management be required to meet any portion of the cost of acquisition, they are prepared to meet half the cost. They however desire to state the following:-

The institution was started about 4 years ago with a strength of 150 pupils and it has now grown to a strength of nearly 800. This figure is exclusive of the refusal of a large number of applicants for want of any accommodation. The day to day administration of the school has been met only from fee collections and Government grant. By economic husbanding of the resources the Management has been able to save and purchase equipment, scientific appliances etc. at a cost of nearly 15,000/- rupees. Towards the school Building Fund they have been able to raise so far nearly Rs.40,000/-. Unless the building operations commence at once so that some accommodation at least will be available in July 1946 when the school reopens after the Summer recess the Management will be faced with a critical situation. The present rented habitation is far from satisfactory from every point of view. The children are crowded together in improvised class rooms. Atleast the higher forms should be transferred to separate accommodation.

If the Management were allowed to use the funds in their hands at present and such funds as they hope to get from public-minded citizens as soon as the site is put in their possession they will be able to provide the necessary minimum accommodation by June 1946, when the school will reopen after summer recess.

In the above circumstances the management earnestly requests the Government that they may be pleased to acquire the site atonce, thus enabling the Management to proceed with the building operations immediately.

The Management will undertake to repay in yearly instalments half the amount of acquisition. The acceptance of this suggestion by the Government would render possible the prophetic words of Her Excellency the Hon'ble Lady Hope,

"It would be great pleasure to me when after the war is over that new buildings, and adequate playing grounds were forthcoming".

Sould however the Government feel that we must immediately bear a portion of the cost of acquisition of the site, we are prepared to do so. In this connection we may state that several friends and well-wishers of the school including timber merchants and contractors have promised their liberal help as soon as the Government acquires the site and gives the same to the Management. There is no other site available in the entire locality except the one proposed to be acquired.

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Copy of letter from the Collector of Madras, Madras No.L.Dis. 10542/45-C.1. dated 24th January 1946 to the Director of Public Instruction, MADRAS.

Land acquisition - Madras City - Mylapore - R.S.No.870/2- Provision of a school house etc. - National Girls High School - Triplicane - Primary valuation.

As desired by the Founder Correspondent of the school with reference to letter No.RC.411-A/43, dated 17th December 1945 of the Inspectress of Girls Schools, TV circle, Madras, I write to inform you that the probable cost of land alone for about 50 grounds required for the school purpose would work out to approximately Rs.(57,500) Fiftyseven thousand and five hundred only at Rs.1000/- per ground, plus 15% solatium.

(TRUE COPY)

for Director of Public Instruction.

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E & P N (6)

Schools. The National High School for girls, Triplicane
Acquisition of site for construction of school house
and hostel and for providing a playground

From the Secretary. the National High School (Girls)
Triplicane dated 31.1.46

From the DPI RC no 1066 D/45 & 22.46.

Memo 390648/45 - 3 Edn dated 23/2/46

with reference to his letter dated 16.1.46 to
the Inspectress of Girls' Schools. Madras, the Secretary
and Correspondent, the National High School (Girls)
Triplicane, is requested to report urgently whether
the management is prepared to deposit Rs 31.000
being one half of the estimated cost of the acquisition
of the site - Rs. no 870/2 - Ice House Road, Triplicane,
before land acquisition proceedings are
commenced and whether it will be able to pay the
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balance of cost when required by the ~~collector of~~ Land Acquisition ~~Madras~~ Officer ~~and in any event~~ before the final award is passed. His attention is in this connection invited to the procedure laid down in rules 53 & 53-A of the Grant-in-Aid Code in respect of building grants under which the scheme, if approved, will be included in the list of approved works and will ~~be~~ eligible for a half grant if & when funds become available.

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Despd by spl. Messenger @ 2 23/46

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3/ The Secretary & Correspondent, the National High School (Girls) Triplicane, is informed that the Fourth Adviser will receive the deputation of the Governing Body in his office room in the Fort St George at 12 Noon on the 25th inst.

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To
The Secretary & Correspondent
The National High School (Girls)
Triplicane

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The National High School (Girls)

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GOVERNING BODY
Rao Bahadur
T. S. Tirumurthi
Capt. C. R. Pattabhiraman
Dr. Rama Iyengar
S. Venkatesa Iyengar
S. ~~XXXXXX~~ Ramaswami Naidu.
~~K. Ramiah Chetti~~ K.R.Ramanujam
N. K. Thirumalachari
(Secretary & Correspondent)
Mrs. S. Sarasvathy
Headmistress.

82-83, T.P. KOIL STREET,
TRIPLICANE, MADRAS.

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
26 FEB 1946
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dated 26th February 1946.

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The Secretary to the Government,
Public Health and Education Department,
Fort St., George, Madras.

Sir,

Ref: Memorandum No.39064 B/45 -3 Edn. dated 23rd February 1946.

Sub: Schools--The National High School for girls, Triplicane, Acquisition of site for construction of school house and hostel and for providing a playground.

With reference to your above communication I have the honour to state that the Management is prepared to deposit Rs.31,000/- immediately and that they will also pay the balance of cost whenever required by the Land Acquisition Officer before the final award is passed. In the circumstances I request that early orders may be passed directing the Collector of Madras to proceed with the Land Acquisition.

2 As required by the Rule 53 and 53 A of the Grant-in-Aid Code a formal application for the sanction of half of the building site value will duly be submitted to the Director of Public Instruction.

3 With reference to the interview fixed at 12 Noon of the 25th inst., before the Fourth Adviser, I have the honour to state that the letter conveying the intimation of interview was received by us only just now today, the 26th Feb. at 8-30 a.m. after the day and hour fixed for deputation. It is our misfortune

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that the letter was not received by us in time. But, however, we shall feel it a privilege if the adviser will be good enough to fix any other date convenient to him to receive the deputation of our Governing Body.

Thanking you,

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

K. Thirumalachari

Founder-Secretary.

Copy to:
The Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

E & P.L. (B 1)

Land Acquisition - The National High School (Girls) Triplicane -Acquisition of site for construction of school house and hostel and for providing playground.

From the Secretary, The National High School (Girls) Triplicane, dated 15-11-45 and 26-11-46.

From the D- P.I. Rc 1066 D/45 dated 2-2-46

Memorandum No 39064/B1-5 dated 14/8/46

The management of the National Girls' High School, Triplicane has proposed to Govt the acquisition of the site R.S. No 870/2 Lee House Road, Triplicane, measuring about 54 grounds for use as a site for the construction of a school house and a hostel and for providing a playground for the school. The cost of the acquisition is estimated at Rs 62,000 including the 15% solatium. The Collector of Madras is authorized to take steps in consultation with the management to acquire the land on the management depositing half the estimated cost of the

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acquisition (Rs 31.000) in advance and the balance of the cost when the Collector calls for it and in any event before the award is passed. It should be clearly understood that this authorization does not commit Government in any manner in the payment of a grant towards the cost of the acquisition.

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To

The Collector of Madras.

D.P.I.

Dispd 14-3-46

Secretary, The National High School (Girls) Triplicane.

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Schools - The National High School (Girls), Triplicane Acquisition of site for construction of schoolhouse and hostel and for providing a playground

From the Secretary, The National High School (Girls), Triplicane dated 26.2.46

Memo. No. 39064-B1/46-1 Edn dated 14/3/46.

The Secretary and Correspondent, the National High School (Girls), Triplicane, is informed that the Fourth Adviser will receive the deputation of the Governing Body in his office room in the Fort St George at 11 Am on Tuesday the 19th inst.

Advr 14/3/46

To Dispd 14-3-46

The Secretary & Correspondent The National High School Triplicane, Madras.

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.
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SCHOOLS - Private - National High School (Girls), Triplicane - Scheme for acquisition of sites for constructing a school house and hostel and for providing a play-ground - Inclusion in the approved list - Sanctioned.

From the Secretary, the National High School (Girls), Triplicane, dated the 15th November 1945.
From the Director of Public Instruction, R.C.No.1266D/45 dated the 2nd February 1946.

ORDER MS.NO. 630 EDUCATION, DATED 21-3- 1946.

The Government sanction the inclusion in the list of approved works of the scheme for the acquisition of a site (R.S.No.870/2, Triplicane measuring 54 grounds) for constructing a school house and hostel and for providing a play-ground for the National High School (Girls), Triplicane, at an estimated cost of Rs.62,000/-. While this approval does not convey any guarantee of grant, it will render the institution eligible for a grant upto one half of the cost not exceeding Rs.31,000/- under the provisions of the Grant-in-Aid Code, if and when funds become available provided that all the conditions prescribed in the Code are duly complied with.

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para 2 on p.19 c.f.

2. The Director of Public Instruction is requested to forward the application of the management for a grant towards the acquisition of the site with his recommendations in regard to the amount of grant payable in respect of (1) the acquisition of about 30 grounds for use as a site for school and hostel buildings and (2) the balance of 24 grounds for the provision of a play-ground, having regard to the principles laid down in respect of grants for the latter purpose in G.O.No.1018 L.E. dated the 31st May 1930 and G.O.No.540 L.E. dated the 19th March 1935. He is also requested to submit in due course proposals for the provision of funds for payment of grants to the management towards the cost of acquisition of the site.

To
The D.P.I.
The Secy, N.H.S. (Girls), Triplicane.

EDUCATION & P.H. DEPARTMENT (B).

SCHOOLS - Private - The National High School for girls, Triplicane - Proposals for the acquisition of site for constructing a school house and hostel and for providing a playground.

From the Correspondent, The National High School for Girls, Triplicane, dated the 1st September 1945.
From — Do — dated the 15th November 1945.

The National High School for girls, Triplicane, is now located in a rented building in T.P. Koil Street Triplicane. The management of the school wants to acquire a site measuring 54 grounds belonging to the Parthasarathi Swami Koil Devasthanam situated very near the school for the construction of buildings for the school and hostel and for provision of playground. As the Board of Trustees of the temple are not likely to agree to a long lease of the site for the purpose, the Correspondent of the school suggests that the land may be acquired by the Government under the Land Acquisition Act and alienated to the management of the school and requests the Government to give the necessary assistance in the matter.

2. It appears from the Correspondent's letter that the management wants a grant both towards the cost of acquisition of the site and the construction of buildings thereon. Being a girls' school, the restrictions in regard to building grants for secondary schools imposed in G.O. 1915 Edn. dated the 9th December 1941, will not apply. The application for grant should be split up into two parts (1) Acquisition of site for the construction of buildings and hostel and (2) Acquisition of site for providing a playground of the school. The

extent of land required for each of the purposes should be limited to the minimum requirements as the cost of acquisition would be heavy and the Trustees may object to the acquisition of the whole site. It is necessary to obtain a valuation of the land from the Revenue Department and to find out whether the site is considered suitable for purposes of the school both from a sanitary and educational point of view. It is also necessary to ascertain what is the estimated cost of construction of buildings on the site for which it is proposed to apply for a grant and whether the management is in a position to meet its share of the cost of the whole scheme.

3. The application has not been made through the Director of Public Instruction. It may be sent to the Director for remarks in the first instance and he may be requested to obtain the necessary information from the management of the school.

4. The file may be circulated to A2 with reference to his minute on page 7 C.F.

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USR 21.11.45 The correspondent has not asked specifically for a grant towards the cost of acquisition and the construction of buildings. But he is sure to come up with such a request also. It seems that the D.P.I.'s remarks may first be obtained. / May be done.

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT. 28 NOV 1945 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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A2. Yes

28/11/45

A draft memo is submitted below for approval.

USR 24.11.45

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[Memo 39064 B/45-2 Edn dated 26.11.45]

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CNO 6507/46. From the Secretary & Correspondent, the National High School for girls, Triplicane dt 31-1-46

The Secretary & correspondent of the National High School for girls, Triplicane requests permission for a deputation of the Governing Body of the school to wait on A2 in connection with the acquisition of a site for the construction of buildings for the school. The DPI's reply to the reference on pp 9-10 cf has not yet been received and he has stated that the matter is under correspondence.

The file may be circulated to A2 with reference to his minute on p 13 cf.

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Tell him that the will be considered when D.P.I.'s report has been received.

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pp 14-15 cf C.No.6640/46. From the D.P.I., R.C.No.1066-D/45 dated 2-2-46.

Please see the D.P.I.'s letter on pp.14-15 c.f. He recommends the proposal of the management of the National Girls' High School, Triplicane, to acquire the site comprised in R.S.No.870/2, Triplicane Division, measuring about 54 grounds for the construction of buildings for the school and hostel and for the provision of a play-ground. The probable cost of acquisition of the entire site is estimated at Rs.62,000/-. Under rule 51 of the Grant-in-Aid Code, grant may be sanctioned towards the cost of acquisition of land for school, hostel and play-ground purposes. As this is a girls' high

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high school, the restrictions in G.O.No.1915 Edn., dated the 9th December 1941, will not apply. The Director of Public Instruction may be asked to include the scheme for the acquisition of the site in the approved list immediately. This will render the management eligible for a half grant not exceeding Rs.31,000/- under the provisions of the Grant-in-Aid Code if and when funds become available.

2. The management will have to deposit the entire amount of Rs.62,000/- before acquisition proceedings are started and it will receive the Government grant only after the lands are acquired and funds are provided in the budget for the payment of the grant. As the management has not got sufficient funds at its disposal, it has been suggested that it may be permitted to repay in yearly instalments half the cost of the acquisition. It is not possible to comply with this request. On the representation of the management of the National Girls' High School, Mylapore, the Collector of Madras was authorised in Memo No.5332 (S)-2 B Edn., dated the 1st June 1942, to take steps to acquire the land for the play-ground of the school on the management depositing half the cost of the acquisition in advance and the balance of cost when the Collector called for it and in any event before the award was passed. At the same time the management was given to understand that the authorisation would not commit Government in any way to the payment of a grant towards the cost of the acquisition. Similar concession may be allowed in the present case also.

3. It is not clear what matters the management wants to represent in person to the Adviser in connection with the acquisition of the site.

4. The file may be sent to Finance U.O. for perusal and remarks

remarks, if any, before orders are taken as to whether the Adviser will receive a deputation of the Governing Body. As the D.P.I.'s reply has been received, no reply need be sent with reference to Sir Thomas Austin's minute on p 3 ante.

Fin (Exp. B)

Please see the notes on pp 1-5 above. The proposals of E & H. at 'A' and 'B' on p 4 above may be agreed to in this dept. (For a precedent please see G.O. 1390 Edn dt 1-10-42 and the orders in Memo. 5332(5)-2B Edn dt 1-6-43.)

The cost of land acquisition is estimated at Rs 62,000 & this amount should, under the rules, be deposited in full by the management of the school before acquisition proceedings are started. E & H, however, propose to permit the management to deposit one half of the cost in advance & the other half when called upon to do so by the Collector before the award is passed. The Govt. grant will be paid only when funds become available. (In the usual course, the proposal for giving a grant will have to be considered as a Part II scheme [illegible] the case stands.)

The first question to be considered is whether the management of the school is in a position to deposit the entire amount (Rs 62,000) before the award is passed by the Collector. This does not appear to be the case - see the correspondent's letter on p. 13-C. The management has to depend upon public subscriptions & donations. Before proceeding further with the proposal for land acquisition, E & H. may be requested to ascertain definitely whether the management will be able

and ~~willing~~ prepared to pay the entire amount before the award is passed.

Another question that arises for consideration is whether, having secured the land, the management will be able to put up the necessary buildings in a reasonable time. The building scheme is estimated to cost Rs 6 lakhs. Assuming that the Govt. will contribute half (the) cost the management will have to provide the other half, viz Rs. 3 lakhs, unless there is some assurance that they will be able to do that in a reasonable time, no purpose will be served by the immediate acquisition of a large extent of land (54 grounds.) If it is found that the management has no adequate resources to undertake a large building scheme at a cost of Rs 6 lakhs, the extent of land to be acquired now will have to be restricted to suit a less ambitious building scheme. E & P.H. may be requested to examine this point also.

This point need not be raised in Fin. in view of "y" at page 15 cf

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Memo. 808 EB-1 16.2.46

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E&PH(B)

Please see the portion marked 'M' in the Finance Deptt's note on page 5 ante.

A draft memo is submitted below for approval. The file may be circulated to A4 with refer: to 'R' on p 5 ante.

KSK 19.2.46

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12 noon. 25/2/46 A4.

22/2/46

With reference to A4's minute above, a para has been added to the draft memo. It may now be issued.

They didn't arrive.

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OSM 28/2/46

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. 18 FEB 1946

SECRETARY, E.L. AND P.H. DEPT. GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS 22 FEB 1946

SECRETARY, E.L. AND P.H. DEPT. GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS 25 FEB 1946

(B) (30)

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
(B)

pp19-20 cf

From the Secretary and Correspondent, The National High School, (Girls), Triplicane, dated 26--2-46.

The Secretary and Correspondent of the National High School (Girls), Triplicane, reports that the Management is prepared to deposit Rs.31,000/- immediately and that the balance of cost of acquisition will be paid whenever required by the Land Acquisition Officer before the final award is passed. He requests that early orders may be issued directing the Collector of Madras to proceed with the land acquisition. He has promised to send the application for a half grant towards the cost of the acquisition of the site through the D.P.I. Pending the receipt of the application, a Memo may be issued to the Collector of Madras to take steps for the acquisition of the land on the lines of the memo on pp.15-16 c.f. of G.O.No.1390 Edn., dated 1-10-42, if it is decided to place the scheme on the approved list. The file may be sent to Finance U.O. with reference to 'M' on p.5 ante.

May be done by (K)

2. With reference to the request contained in para 3 of the letter, orders of A4 may be taken on receipt of the file back from Finance.

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KSK 26-2-46

OSM 26/2/46 S

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Fin (Exp. B)

(Previous Fin: note on pp 5 6 above)

With reference to portion M of this dept's note on pp 5-6 above, the school authorities have agreed to ~~pay~~ deposit Rs 31,000/- immediately and the balance of cost whenever required by the L.A. Officer before the final award is passed. In the circumstances the proposal of E & H at 'K' above may be agreed to in this dept.

E&PH U.O. No. 39064-B/46-4 Edn 28/2/46.

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Memo. 1331 EB-1 6.3.46.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FINANCE DEPARTMENT 1 MAR 1946

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. 7 MAR 1946

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E & P.H. (B1)

The case relates to the proposal of the management of the National High School (Girls), Triplicane, to acquire the site R.S. No 870/2 Ice House Road, Triplicane, measuring 54 grounds for the construction of school house and hostel and for providing a playground at an estimated cost of Rs 62,000. The D.P.I. recommends the proposal. It is proposed to sanction the inclusion of the scheme in the 'Approved' list to render the management eligible for a half grant not exceeding Rs 31,000 under the provisions of the Grant-in-Aid Code if and when funds become available and to authorize the Collector of Madras to take steps to acquire the land on the management depositing half the estimated cost of the acquisition (Rs 31,000) in advance and the balance of the cost whenever required by the Land Acquisition Officer before the final award is passed on the understanding that the authorization does not commit Govt in any manner to the payment of a grant towards the cost of acquisition. Finance have agreed to the proposal. As the management requests that early orders may be issued directing the Collector of Madras to proceed with the land acquisition, a draft memo is submitted below for approval.

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Vide A4's minute concerning the memo on pp 15-16 cf (K)

p 7 ante p 19 cf

The file may be circulated to A4 and A1 for orders. With Reference to para 3 of the letter from the Secretary of the school/on page 19 C.F. ~~a draft memo is submitted below for approval.~~ orders of A4 may be taken as to whether he will receive a deputation of the Governing Body of the school and if so, when.

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Tuesday 19th 11. AM. Secrt.
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May be approved
13.3.46

14.3.46

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
14 MAR 1946
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

[Memo no 39064 Bor/45-5 Edn dt 14.3.46] Taken out for copy

With reference to A4's minute at X above, a draft memo is submitted below for approval

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[Memo no 39064 A1/-5 dt 14.3.46] p 21 cf
[~~Memo no 39064 Bor-6~~ dt 14-3-46] p 23 cf

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I saw the deputation today. They merely wanted to thank Govt. for sanctioning the acquisition & to press for the inclusion of the scheme in the approved list for payment of half grant as soon as funds become available. Orders may be issued accordingly if not already issued. The scheme is a worthy one deserving of Govt. support as it relates to a Girls School which from small beginnings has grown to a large size in the short space of 5 years — war years at that.

19.3.46

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
19 MAR 1946
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

A draft order is submitted below for approval

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