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Against the management and the Headmaster.

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THE THIRUNELVELI DISTRICT TEACHERS' GUILD

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AMBASAMUDRAM,

Date 12. 12. 48.



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To

The Director of Public Instruction,
M a d r a s.

Subject-- Security of tenure of teachers--Tirthapathi High School
affairs-- Correspondent's high handed action.

Sir,

A special meeting of the Working Committee of the Guild was held yesterday in the Tilak Vidyalaya, Kallidaikurichi to consider the extraordinary situation in the affairs of the Tirthapathi High School caused by the Correspondent's notice threatening immediate termination of service of Mr. E. H. Parameswaran, Headmaster of the school and the President of the Guild. The Working Committee after long and mature deliberations has appointed a Sub Committee to go into the whole question and take all necessary steps in the matter. In view of the serious situation the Working Committee impelled by a sense of duty to safeguard the interests of the teaching profession has sent you the following express telegram---

PRAY PERSONALLY INTERVENE TIRTHAPATHI HIGH SCHOOL HEADMASTER
AFFAIR STOP CORRESPONDENT'S HIGH HANDEDNESS SITUATION SERIOUSLY
ANTI PROFESSIONAL. TINNEVELLY TEACHERS' GUILD.

May we on behalf of the District Teachers' Guild appeal to you

in all earnestness to intervene effectively to protect the honour
and interest of the teaching profession and the cause of education.

Yours faithfully,
H. Vivekanandan
Secretary.

✓ Copy Submitted to the Hon'ble Minister for Education, Fort.
St. George, Madras.

E & P. H. (B.)

Schools - Secondary - Aided - Tiruthapathi High School,
Ambasamudram - Termination of Service of
Head-master - Report called for.

Representation from the Thirunelveli District Teachers' Guild
d/ 12-12-48.
Memo No 95471 B, /48-1 Edn d/28-12-48.

A copy of the minutes of H. M. (Edn) d/20-12-48 and
a telegram from the Secretary, Tiruchirappalli District
Teachers' Guild on the above subject ^{are} sent to the P.P.G.
His attention is in this connection invited to the
representation ^{d/ 12-12-48} from the Thirunelveli Thimul Thirunelveli
submitted to him by the Thirunelveli District Teachers' Guild
and he is requested investigate the matter and forward
his report at an early date.

To
The P.P.G.
(with a copy of the minutes at
and Telegram at p3 of in
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The telegram ~~was~~ overleaf presumably refers to the dismissal of the Head master of the school.

This ~~case~~ matter has been referred to the B.P.S. for investigation and report in Memo No. 95471 Pw/48. 1 Edu d/ 28-12-48. His report is awaited. This may be added to the file on the subject.

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Dr. N. Lakshmanan,
(President.)

Kuthukkal Street,
Kallidaikurichi,
(Tirunelveli Dist.)
15th January, 1949.

The Hon'ble T.S. Avinasilingam, B.A., B.L.,
Minister for Education,
Fort St. George, M A D R A S.

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Dear Sir,

I am writing this to thank you sincerely for all the kindness and consideration shown towards us, when Prof. Srinivasaraghavan and I interviewed you on Wednesday. After our interview, I feel convinced that the interests of the Tirthapati High School, the teachers and the children are quite safe in your hands. The teaching profession has their greatest guide and champion in you.

The unprecedented situation created in the affairs of this premier institution has given me and several leading men and women, a bad headache during the last few months. I pray God Almighty that under your inspiration and guidance matters may be set right and all anxiety removed from the teachers and students.

I am requesting Prof. Srinivasaraghavan to contact you again if it is necessary. I trust you are all right in health.

With kindest regards,

Yours in the cause of Education,

M. S. Srinivasaraghavan
President, Tirthapati High School,
Ambasamudram.

(Special)

(Extract from "Indian Express" dated 20-1-49)

"Charges" Against Headmaster

Improper, Unwarranted, Says Court

AMBASAMUDRAM, Jan. 14.

The District Munsiff of Ambasamudram Mr. S. Abdul Wahab Sahib, pronounced judgment in the injunction petition filed by Dr. N. Lakshmanan, President of the Managing Committee of the Tirupathi High School, for restraining the Correspondent of the School, Mr. N. Muthukumaraswami Pillai, from further proceeding in the matter of the notice served by him on Mr. E. H. Parameswaran, Headmaster of the School, threatening immediate termination of service.

According to the judgment, four individual members of the Managing Committee have no right to act on behalf of the Committee in framing charges and requiring the Headmaster to submit his explanation. Neither the correspondent nor the Managing Committee can terminate the services of the Headmaster without the previous permission of the District Educational Officer according to the terms of the New Agreement since he has put in more than five years of efficient service.

The judgment also stated that the court was clearly of the view that the conduct of the Correspondent and that of the four members of the Managing Committee, who forwarded the charges to the defendant, was not only improper but was not warranted under the rules framed for the Managing Committee.

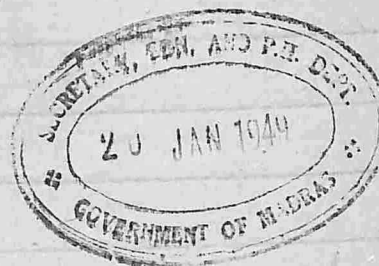
The District Munsiff further observed, "The termination of the service of the Headmaster is undoubtedly bound to affect not only the welfare of the school but will also tend to affect adversely the general body of students whose interests the institution has to protect. Such a thing cannot be made to depend on the whims and caprices of individuals. The conduct of the Correspondent in sending the charges to the Headmaster, ignoring, as it were, both the Managing Committee and also the Educational authorities cannot be upheld."

As the defendant had given an undertaking not to hold the proposed meeting on Dec. 8, 1948, in pursuance of the notice served on the headmaster, the injunction petition was dismissed.—P.O.C.

To Secy., E. & P.H.

I understand that an appeal from this headmaster is pending with the Govt. That matter may be put up immediately. In these matters it is necessary that we should act as quickly as possible. These papers may be put up.

H.M. Education.



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Schools - Secondary - Aided - Thiruthapathi High School,
Ambasamudram - Termination of Service of
Head - master - Report called for.

Memo No 95471 B, /48-2 Edn d/21-1-49.

The attention of the D. P. G. is invited to Govt.
Memo No. 95471 B, /48-1 Edn d/28-12-48 and
he is requested on the above subject and he
is requested to ^{submit} ~~expedite~~ the dispatch of the
report called for therein immediately.

To
The D. P. G.

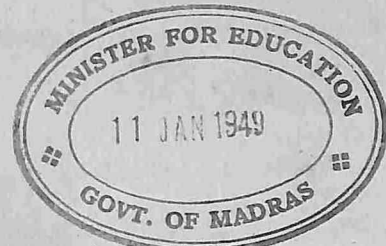
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From

1. Sri. P.A. Ganapathy Mudaliar,
Member, Managing Committee,
Tirthapati High school, Ambasamudram.
2. Sri. D. Maragathasubramania Pillai,
Member, Managing Committee,
Tirthapati High school, Ambasamudram.

To

The Director of Public Instruction,
GOVERNMENT OF A. B. R. A. S.

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Sir,

Please allow us to bring to your kind notice that it is under circumstances of gravest provocation at the hands of the Divisional Inspector of schools, Madura bordering on insult to the dignity and prestige of all the as Members of the Managing Committee, Tirthapati High school, Ambasamudram we are compelled to approach you for redress and justice. Of the seven members in the Committee one is the Ex-officio Headmaster, and the another is a senior member of the staff, three are Graduates of the Madras University, one is a Doctor of standing, two are Honorary Magistrates and all ^{are} respectable persons of the locality with a status, paying income Tax as well as handsome Land ^{Revenue} ~~income~~ and House tax.

The interesys and future of this ancient Institution, the Tirthapati High school with a glorious record for service and efficiency are also at stake because of the one sided interference of an official of high rank as the Divisional Inspector amounting to a blunt introduction of himself as the friend of Sri. E.H. Parameswara Iyer, the Headmaster, and so uncereemoniously accusing the Correspondent and members of the Managing Committee for certain administration procedure they have followed in the interests and fair name of the institution.

This glorious institution the Tirthapati High school, which was once a byword for efficiency and discipline and has won universal ^{admiration} ~~administration~~ has fallen on evil days during the regime of the present Headmaster, especially after he became a member of the S.S.L.C. Board and chief Examiner when there had been two official enquiries with regard to leakage of S.S.L.C. question papers.

Lodged and
added to the
file on the
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It will be remembered that this same Divisional Inspector was the Secretary of the S.S.L.C. Board at that time and so it is believed his friend came off with only the loss of his third year of ~~his~~ office as Chief Examiner.

Since then a thorough demoralisation had set in among the teachers and students in the school especially among the Public Examination going students who had begun to develop a craze and craving for probable questions, leaving aside all inclination to serious study and thorough preparation for examinations. In addition to this there ^{was} ~~as~~ also a phenomenal increase in the No. of students in the S.S.L.C. class, especially supplementary pupils seeking some special advantage by joining our school. This thorough demoralisation was fully reflected in the comparatively low results during the succeeding years after the Headmaster has ceased to be a member of the Board.

When the Managing Committee ~~was~~ called for a report on the deplorably poor results of the Public Examination 1948, 136 had failed out of the 211 sent up, and 126 had failed in English out of the total failures of 136, the Headmaster gave one in which he had stated as one of the causes his unavoidable absence in February owing to his arrest and detention at the Vellore Jail as an R.S.S. suspect, soon after the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi.

The Managing Committee passed resolutions taking his report para by para just to ensure better results for the coming years. Though the Headmaster was present and affixed his signature for the resolutions and carrying out his own suggestions, from that very evening he had begun to set up some of his friends among the teachers to arrange for a meeting of the Teachers' Association ^{wherein} ~~when~~ he presided and induced the teachers there to condemn and vilify the Managing Committee and pass a vote of confidence in him. He waited for more than two weeks till his friend the D.E.O of Tinnevely Sri. Vasudevan who seems to have been his class-mate arrived on the scene, purporting to address the Teachers' Association, when the Headmaster caused a copy of that resolution to be sent to the Correspondent.

The Headmaster did

to create factions among the teachers and members of the Electorate playing upon their caste prejudices and as a result General body Meeting of 19-9-48 was dissolved without transacting any business because of the friends of the Headmaster who were a few and handful but bent upon disruption a report of which has already been sent to the Directors' Office by the Correspondent.

The Managing Committee warned the Headmaster a second time in view of his activities subsequent to 1-8-1948 which were not calculated to promote to interests of the institution. But this also had no effect. On the contrary the Headmaster began openly defying and threatening the Managing Committee giving out at every instance that he could get the support of his friends in the Department against the Managing Committee.

This became quite formidable when the Managing Committee had a meeting of 22-11-48, the agenda for which contained several complaints brought against the Headmaster but there was the D.E.O. who knew when to have his surprise visits, on behalf of his friend of course.

He came down on 22-11-48 just at 3 p.m. while the Managing Committee was to meet at 5 p.m. and so instead of the complaints against the Headmaster which the Correspondent and the Managing Committee were to go through, the tables were turned and the Correspondent was asked to ~~answer~~ answer some alleged irregularity in obtaining the signatures for payment of which the Correspondent had no knowledge at all but some how the D.E.O had of it even while he was at Tinnevely, the day before as the Headmaster had been to him there.

There was no end to the threats that the headmaster was holding out to the committee through his agents who approached all the members of the Committee for the ostensible purpose of a peace and good will mission but went on discrediting the Managing Committee. So the members of the Managing Committee brought together all the complaints as charges which the Correspondent knew in detail and sent them to the Headmaster for explanation. A Meeting of the Managing Committee also was called for on 8.12.48 to consider that explanation.

Now that the headmaster was in ^{dire} need of time to bring in his friends of the Department he managed with the President of the Committee who had supported till now all the actions taken against the Headmaster in the Committee, to rush to Court on some pretext which he was obliged to do at the instance of another friend of the Headmaster.

Giving an explanation that the charges the committee have given against him are unfounded frivolous and vexatious the Headmaster proceeded to bring his friends of the Department into the picture. The Correspondent received a short and crisp note from the D.E.O. that he shall strictly adhere to the terms of the agreement on the eve of his transfer.

Few days after, another communication from the D.E.O. stated that the Correspondent must have the Registers, Records & Minutes Book ready for the Divisional Inspector who would visit the place on 25-12-48. Before that the Divisional Inspector sent his Deputy Inspector and Sri. T.A. Balasundaram (Headmaster, Pattamadai High school) to fetch the Correspondent and Sri. P.A. Ganapathy Mudaliar to Tinnevely for informal talk which from the beginning had one single note of devising a compromise to ^{Save} same Sri. E.H. Parameswara Iyer.

Later at Kallidaikurichi both Sri. P.A. Ganapathy Mudaliar and the Correspondent were taken to the Divisional Inspector on express purpose of arriving at a compromise but it became quite evident that the Divisional Inspector had changed his mind as he began accusing and threatening the Committee instead of negotiating for a compromise.

On the 25th when he came to the school, the Divisional Inspector it seems had with him a copy of the charges which the Committee had given to the Headmaster for explanation and proceeded on to enquire the clerks about the items mentioned therein one after another.

Since the matter has been taken to court of law by the President of the Committee, the Divisional Inspector's investigation into the charges is clearly subjudice but this did not ^{deter} alter him; he has taken statements without the knowledge of the ^{from the Head clerk}

the Correspondent probably ~~from the Headmaster~~ to help his friend the Headmaster in submitting his explanation for the charges.

It seems that in the talks he had with some of the eminent gentlemen of the locality connected with the school, brought there at his own instance through Sri. Sankaramarayana Iyer the Deputy Inspector of schools and Sri. T.A. Balasundaram Iyer Headmaster, Pattamadai High school, the Divisional Inspector had requested those gentlemen again and again to bring about a compromise between the Committee and the Headmaster. He went to the extent of threatening the Committee with supercession and recommend for withholding the Grant if the Committee were not agreeable to such a compromise by dropping the charges against the Headmaster.

It is this one sided interference of the Divisional Inspector together with his threats that ^{are} ~~were~~ bringing to your kind notice for redress and justice. We also request you to arrange for an investigation by any impartial officer of the Department if such an investigation is deemed necessary under the circumstances, before acting upon reports of the Divisional Inspector which we have reason to fear will be one sided and interested.

Ambasamudram,
31-12-48.

Yours faithfully,

A. G. Manapal
M. Karagathasubramanian Pillai

Copy to the Hon'ble Education Minister, Madras.

Divisional Inspector of schools, Madura.

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MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
11 JAN 1949
GOVT. OF MADRAS

The Honourable Minister For Education
to The Government of Madras.

Honoured Sir,

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We, the members of the general body of the management and wellwishers of The Thiruthapathi High School, Ambasamudram, wish to bring to your notice the deplorable state of affairs that prevails at present in the management of the institution. Most of the signatories hereunder have had the benefit of education in this institution and some of us have contributed considerably towards the upbringing of this institution which during the course of over fifty years under able managements has established commendable goodwill.

The present management, ever since it came into office in October 1947, with its crooked notions of safe-guarding its strength, prestige and popularity, have been frequently interfering with the internal administration of the school and its discipline and have been restricting the freedom of the headmaster in matters where he has to be absolutely free, have brought into the staff and in the committee elements of disruption and have been unwisely responsible for the decay of the tone of the institution.

Disgruntled members of the staff past and present have found an easy way into the managing committee, who by their very presence there have created party cliques within the staff itself and have thus rendered good work by the headmaster and his colleagues practically impossible.

At present, certain elements of the public life of the locality have become undesirably communal minded and by propaganda and misrepresentation, have introduced the spirit of communalism into the administration of the school. The constitution of the managing committee of the electorate needs radical changes.

An enquiry into the conduct of the general body meeting on 19th October 1948 will clearly substantiate our point. One member of the managing committee accusing the members of a particular community in the general body, another rising up and vociferously retorting, the correspondent while answering questions put to him by the electorate trying to prevaricate, and on being pressed, pleading riddiness, another member loudly accusing the questioners, the president unable to control, declaring the meeting closed and the whole meeting assembled after expensive publicity given to it terminating in a fiasco - was a sorry spectacle indeed!

A member of the staff who is on the present committee, directly and indirectly participating in the activities of communists, sets up mischievous propaganda against the members of the staff whom he disagrees with and instigates pupils to agitate and is giving constant annoyance to the other members of the staff and the headmaster whom he does not like, and is rendering normal work impossible to the detriment of pupils reading in the institution.

The D.P.G. has been instructed to investigate and submit a report on the matter. His report is awaited. This may be added to the file on the subject.

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We therefore earnestly pray that you be pleased to institute proper enquiries, render the present committee inoperative, set right the constitution, constitute a fresh committee on new lines and prevent the growing unpopularity of the institution without the least delay.

We remain,
Honoured Sir,
Yours faithfully,

SS. Venkataraoa Gyanga
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298 S. V. A. Subbiah. Well wisher. old student & a parent.
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436 S. Aileswaran

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437 A. Srinivasan Iyer,

Retired Teacher. T.H.S. and member of the electorate.

438 A. Marthanda Iyer, parent-

Retired Health Inspector.

439 S. Srinivasan Iyer, Parent

& Retired D.P. of schools

440 G. Rajagopal

441 J.P. Ganesan. Old Student.

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Education Department.

From

96 JAN 1949
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Madras.

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Roc.1026 D3-48 dated 24-1-1949.

Sir,

Sub: Schools - Secondary - Aided - Tirtharathi
High School, Ambasamudram - Management.

ante. Ref: Government Memo 95471 B1/48-1 Edn, dated
28-12-1948.

I submit herewith a copy of the report
H 43-5 impu. R.C.890 B/48 dated 1-1-1949 of the Divisional Inspector
for favour of information.

I am calling for a further report from
the Divisional Inspector of Schools in regard to the
charges against the Headmaster.

In the meantime, I am advising the management
not to take further action against the Headmaster.

Yours faithfully,

S. Krishnamoorthy

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Copy of letter No.Rc.890 B/48 dated 1st January 1949 from the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Mathura Division to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

I have the honour to state that I visited the locality, scrutinized the records and also met a number of persons. As a result of my enquiry, I submit the following report. The report is lengthy, but I wish to place all the facts before the Director, as there are several issues involved:-

2. The Thirthapathi High School, Ambasamudram established in 1896, is maintained by the Ambasamudram Thirthapathi High School electorate is herewith submitted. The management of the school actually vests in a Committee (Managing Committee) consisting ordinarily of seven members of which the Headmaster of the High School is an ex-officio member. The constitution of the Committee is mentioned in the rules and a copy of the rules of the Managing Committee is also herewith submitted. The six members of the Managing Committee are elected by the electorate and they ordinarily hold office for a period of two years, commencing from the 1st October. The present Managing Committee came to office on 1-10-1947 and it consists of the following members:--

1. Dr. N. Lakshmana Iyer, L.M.P. Registered Medical Practitioner, Kalladaikurichi (President)
2. Sri N.Muthukumaraswamy Pillai, Land-lord, Ambasamudram (Secretary & Correspondent),
3. Sri A.Sethuramalinga Mudaliar, B.A., Managing Director, Tenkasi Bank Ltd., Tenkasi,
4. Sri D. Maragathasubramania Pillai, Land-lord, Ambasamudram,
5. Sri P.A.Ganapathi Mudaliar, B.A., L.T., Thirthapathi Land Lord, Ambasamudram,
6. Sri G.Subramania Iyer, B.A., L.T., Thirthapathi High School, Ambasamudram, and
7. Sri E.H.Parameswaran, M.A., L.T., Headmaster, Thirthapathi High School, Ambasamudram, (Ex-officio)

Nos.2, 4, 5 and 6 have come to the Committee for the first time. No.3 is the brother-in-law of No.5.

The present Correspondent of the school has studied upto V Form or so, and though he appears to be a decent good gentleman, he is not capable enough to understand complicated problems and he is mainly led by the two teachers in the Committee (Sri G.Subramanya Iyer and P.A.Ganapathi Mudaliar). Sri D.Maragatha Subramania Pillai is a 'busy body' at Ambasamudram and he has an inborn hatred towards Brahmins and personally he does not like the present Headmaster. I understand that he was once involved in a criminal case of kidnapping, though acquitted. Sri P.A.Ganapathi Mudaliar, B.A., L.T., was a teacher in Thirthapathi High School, Ambasamudram, for about 10 years under the present Headmaster and he resigned his teacher's job with a view to taking up to business. As an Assistant of this School, he has some grievances against the Headmaster and he is also communal-minded. Sri G.Subramanya Iyer is an Assistant of the School, who has been elected by the General Electorate. A few persons represented to me that this teacher (Sri G.Subramania Iyer) as put up by the teachers, who are in the Electorate and supported by the Headmaster, but the Headmaster told me that he did not discourage him. The last election held in 1947 was keenly contested and the teachers of the school (who are in the electorate) including the Headmaster, took active interest in the election. The constitution is defective in several respects; though voting is done by ballot papers (post) the voters need not sign a declaration form; anyone can get a ballot paper and mark it; teachers, their wives and mothers are all in the electorate and they command about 60 to 80 votes. The total number of members in the electorate is about 950 including some minors of whom 123 are members eligible for the Managing Committee - Vide Rule 8. The members are scattered all over India. There is a special rule regarding communal proportion of members in the Managing Committee - vide Rule 7. On certain occasions at the

meetings, a few persons, who were in the former Committee and who were defeated at the election observed that the Headmaster was responsible for their defeat and hence they have an ill-feeling against the present Headmaster.

3. The present Committee began to function from 1-10-1947 and the hitch between some of the members of the Managing Committee and the Headmaster began early in Jan. '48. The several incidents are narrated below:-

(i) The Diamond Jubilee celebration of the school was fixed for Feb. '48 as agreed upon by the Jubilee Celebration Committee and accepted by the Managing Committee, but Sri D. Margatha Subramania Pillai was against and he did not favour the celebration in February. He wrote letters protesting against this and his contention was that it would interfere with the school work, specially in regard to the examination going students. But, what I am able to gather is that since he had no place in the Jubilee Celebration he had a personal grievance.

(ii) In April and May '48, some members of the Managing Committee began to interfere with the annual promotions. Sri H. Visveswaran, B.Sc., L.T., an Assistant of the School informed me that Sri G. Subramania Iyer, a member of the Managing Committee approached him with a request to pass a particular candidate in his paper and he told the teacher that Sri D. Maragathasubramania Pillai was interested in the candidate. Sri H. Visveswaran did not yield; similarly, Sri G. Subramania Iyer, also approached Sri M. S. Renganathan, B.A., L.T., another teacher of the school and requested him to pass a candidate; he too did not yield. The annual promotion list was published on 2-5-48; the Headmaster represented to me that after the publication of the result, the Head-clerk of the school gave him a slip of paper containing the names of eight pupils saying that it was sent by the Correspondent of the school and enquired about the results. This slip was shown to me by the Headmaster. On 22-5-48 the Head-clerk of the school, at the request of the Correspondent, wrote a letter to the Headmaster, who was then at Palghat for the vacation, requesting him to send a supplemental list; this letter contained the following:-

"The Correspondent told me to write to you that if you would send the supplemental list, the gentleman of Ilanji will go to Tinnevely and meet him (the D.E.O) in connexion with the same."

The Head-clerk has accented the letter written by him. The Headmaster did not yield to the request of the Correspondent conveyed to him by the Head-clerk.

(iii) the next stage was the publication of the S.S.L.C. results (1948) Examination). The actual trouble started on 24-6-48, when the Managing Committee, passed a resolution to investigate the poor results at the S.S.L.C. Public Examination. The percentage of eligibles was 36 for 1948 examination as against 54 in the previous year. On 5-7-48, the Managing Committee resolved to get a detailed report from the Headmaster of the causes for the unsatisfactory results, with the suggestions to improve the tone of the institution and also to get a detailed report from individual teachers. The headmaster submitted a detailed report and this was considered by the Managing Committee at its two subsequent meetings on 11-7-48 and 13-7-48. I understand that the Headmaster was actually cross-examined on this matter and at these meetings by the two teacher-members in the Committee and finally the Managing Committee passed a resolution of 2 pages of typed matter - resolution dated 1-8-1948, a copy of which has already been submitted by me with my endorsement Rec. No. 890 B/48 dated 15-12-1948.

In this connexion, I may observe that the percentage of eligibility at the S.S.L.C. Public Examination in the School from 1932 to 1947 varied from 41 to 87 and in 1948 alone it went to 36% - this is an isolated case of low percentage for the past 17 years during the period of the present Headmaster. In 1948, the failure was mainly in English and VI Form had five sections and English was handled by four other Assistants besides the Headmaster. The Headmaster was taking only English Prose in all sections. The form averages in English for the five sections were as shown below:-

VI A	28%	Sri B.S. Yegnanarayana Iyer,
B	33	,, A. Kanthimathinatha Pillai,
C	31	,, T.S. Narayana Iyer,
D	31	,, G. Subramania Iyer,
E	46	,, T.S. Narayana Iyer.

E Section had English as medium of instruction. It is not therefore fair to hold the Headmaster mainly responsible for poor results in 1948, which is an isolated case. There are several contributory factors for poor results in an institution. Though the Managing Committee resolved on 5-7-48 to obtain a detailed report from individual teachers, it did not get them and the Committee pursued the matter only against the Headmaster and passed the resolution dated 1-8-48. This shows that the Committee has been partial in its attitude. The Headmaster submitted to this resolution. The resolution dated 1-8-48 deals with promotions, discipline, way of improving the tone of the school etc. which are within academic sphere and internal administration of the school. The Committee even asked the Headmaster by this resolution to submit a monthly progress report - this is humiliating. By this resolution, the Committee actually violated the following in the terms of the agreement of the Headmaster:-

"That the said teacher in his capacity as Headmaster shall be responsible for the internal management of the school and academic work of the school and shall exercise such powers as may be necessary for the due discharge of the duties."

This new clause has been incorporated in the revised form of agreement mainly with a view to avoiding internal interference by the managements. Further, in the rules relating to the Managing Committee, it is laid down that the Headmaster shall be responsible for the Organization, efficiently, discipline and such other matters that concern the internal management of the school. Though the Managing Committee has also a responsibility for the efficient running of the school, it cannot interfere in the manner as in the resolution dated 1-8-48. It shows that the resolution has as its background a personal motive and it is beyond the powers of the Managing Committee.

(iv) On 5-8-48, the Teachers' Association of the school, passed the following resolution:-

"This meeting assures the Headmaster and the Managing Committee of the school that the members will do everything in their power to further improve the efficiency and tone of the school."

This meeting also reiterates its confidence in the Headmaster and assures him that the members of the staff will whole-heartedly co-operate with him in any programme of work as they have been doing hitherto." The above resolution was objected to by Sri G. Subramanya Iyer only at the meeting, but all the other teachers including the brother of the Correspondent, agreed. The meeting was presided over by the Headmaster. Sri G. Subramanya Iyer protested against this resolution and sent a representation to the management. On the face of the resolution, there is nothing objectionable.

(v) On 6-8-48, there was a meeting of the Managing Committee and the Headmaster co-operated. At this meeting Sri G. Subramanya Iyer gave a letter protesting against the resolution passed at the Teachers' Association meeting referred to above.

(vi) On 31-8-48, there was a meeting of the Managing Committee, the President and the Headmaster were absent at the meeting; the Headmaster told me that he was not well and hence could not attend the meeting. At this meeting, the Committee passed the following resolution:-

"The Managing Committee regrets to note that the Headmaster has granted casual leave for 8 teachers at a time (for 21-8-48)".

The total number of teachers is 39 (14 L.Ts and 25 Sec. grades) and casual leave was granted to 8 (4 L.Ts plus 4 Sec. grades). I understand that 21-8-48 was a religious festival day at Kallidaikurichi and teachers coming from that area applied for casual leave and the Headmaster made other arrangements to carry on the work. Under the Rules of the Managing Committee, all casual leave to the staff shall be granted by the Headmaster. The Headmaster was therefore within his rights; 21-8-48 was a Saturday and the Headmaster made it a working day in view of the three previous days' holidays and as the annual inspection of the school was programmed to commence on the 23rd. This is another instance to show how the Managing Committee tries to find fault with the Headmaster. The Headmaster was not given even an opportunity to explain his view point and this shows the spirit of personal prejudice against the Headmaster.

Again, at this meeting, the Managing Committee passed a resolution regarding the annual report of the school for 47-48. The original draft annual report contained the extracts from the annual inspection report of the Dt. Educational Officer regarding the Dist. Edl. Officer's impression on the organisation and supervision work of the Headmaster and also the Director's (Dr. S.R.U. Savoor, Director of Public Instruction visited the school on 2-9-47) impression about the school. It has been the usual practice to incorporate such remarks in the annual report. I have seen the several reports, but this year the Managing Committee deviated from the usual procedure and deleted all such references. The draft report contained the following sentence:

"The Director of Public Instruction (Dr. S.R.U. Savoor) expressed his appreciation of the work done by the school and the manner in which the general assembly was conducted."

Even this was deleted. When I asked the Correspondent, he said that they were not in conformity with the Committee's resolution passed on 1-8-48. Anyhow this was a very unusual procedure; malice is evident.

(vii) On 19-9-48 the general body meeting was held with Dr. N. Lakshmana Iyer as President. In view of the above acts of the Managing Committee, the attendance was good at the General Body meeting this year. The Correspondent read the annual report as passed by the Committee. Some members of the General body wanted that the usual reference from the Dt. Educational Officer's report should be incorporated; this was not acceptable to certain section and then there was heated discussion, and feelings were aroused. Sri P.A. Ganapathi Mudaliar, B.A., L.T., a member of the Managing Committee observed that the Brahmins had come to the meeting in large numbers to support the Brahmin-Headmaster and this was resented by many; confusion prevailed and the President had to dissolve the meeting. The Headmaster also left the meeting. A few members present met again and formally adjourned the meeting. No general body meeting to pass the report has since been held. Under Rule 17 of the Rules of the General Electorate, the report has to be passed by the General body.

(viii) The Managing Committee had met again on 22-9-48 and passed the following resolutions:-

"Subjects: 1. To consider the situation that has arisen after

the passing of the resolution at the special meeting of the Managing Committee dated 1st August, '48 and the relationship between the Headmaster and the Managing Committee and take necessary steps in the interest of the institution. 24

Resolution:-

The Managing Committee regret to note the actions of the Headmaster which are in the opinion of the Managing Committee calculated to the purpose of the resolution/defeat of the Managing Committee passed on 1-8-48 and hope that the Headmaster will act in the best interest of the institution and co-operate with the Managing Committee in all their efforts in that directions; and the Managing Committee resolve to take suitable action against the Headmaster if he fails to do so.

Subjects:-

2. To consider the action of the Headmaster in having abruptly left the General body meeting on 19-9-48 without informing the Correspondent, while the other members of the Managing Committee, the Correspondent and the majority of the electorate members present were there.

Resolutions:

The Managing Committee feel that the Headmaster ought to have been present. The Headmaster was not present at the meeting and his explanation was also not obtained before passing the above resolutions.

The Managing Committee did not take any action in the above meeting against Sri G. Subramanya Iyer about whom the Headmaster had already sent a complaint to the Correspondent.

(ix) Another meeting of the Committee was convened on 22-11-1948 and the President, the Correspondent and the Headmaster were present, but, for want of quorum, the meeting had to be adjourned. The other members kept away deliberately. Since then no meeting of the Managing Committee has been held.

(x) In the last week of November 1948, when the Headmaster was away from the station (had gone to Madras to attend the Senate meeting), the Correspondent took away all the school records (S.S.L.C. records, term fee register, Transfer certificate files etc.) with the connivance of the Assistant Headmaster and the Head-clerk of the school; these records were scrutinized by the four other members of the Committee with the full knowledge of the Correspondent. The school records were returned after two days. As a result of the scrutiny, the four members of the Managing Committee (Sri P.A. Ganapathi Mudaliar, D. Maragatha Subramania Pillai, A. Sethuramalinga Mudaliar and G. Subramanya Iyer) framed series of charges against the Headmaster (Sri E.H. Parameswaran) and sent to the Correspondent on 4-12-1948. On the same day (4-12-48) the Correspondent sent the charges with a covering letter to the Headmaster stating that he agrees with his colleagues and asked the Headmaster to show cause in writing within three days why his services should not be terminated. This was the climax. A copy of this communication is submitted herewith. The President was not at all consulted and the matter was not placed before the Managing Committee. According to Rule 13 of the Rules of the Managing Committee, only the Managing Committee shall have the exclusive right of appointing the members of the staff, clerks and servants, of fixing their pay and of terminating their services. The Headmaster informed the Correspondent on 7-12-48 that the procedure adopted was illegal and ultravires and that the allegations contained in the charges are absolutely unfounded, frivolous and vexatious. On the same date, Dr. N. Lakshmanayyar, President of the Managing Committee filed a suit against the Correspondent, questioning the legality, validity of his action and prayed for an injunction; the Court granted a temporary injunction against the Correspondent directing him not to

proceed further. This is the present position. But for the President's action, the Managing Committee with its majority might have passed a resolution terminating the services of the headmaster.

From a perusal of the above Proceedings of the Managing Committee and the procedure followed for framing the charges it is very much obvious that the members of the Managing Committee have been actuated by malice against the Headmaster, but as they form a majority, they feel that they can do anything, ignoring the President.

4. There had been other cases of interference in the internal administration. -

(i) On 14-10-48 Sri D. Maragatha Subramania Pillai wrote a letter to the Correspondent, which was sent to the Headmaster questioning the basis and principles of grouping pupils in the several sections of Form III.

(ii) The Correspondent wrote to the Headmaster on 11-11-48, alleging that there is no brahmin boy in one section of Form III.

(iii) On 6-1-48 (wrongly dated as 6-1-47) the Correspondent wrote to the Headmaster about the time-table and also about the combined classes.

From the above instances, it is clear that the Correspondent was interfering too much in the internal administration and academic work of the school. This is definitely against the terms of agreement and the rules of the Managing Committee.

5. I have met and discussed this matter with the following persons: -

1. Dr. N. Lakshmana Iyer, President,
2. Sri N. Muthukumarasamy Pillai, Correspondent,
3. Sri P. A. Canapathy Mudaliar, B.A., L.T., Member of the Managing Committee.
4. Sri Maragatha Subramania Pillai,
5. Mrs. A. Lakshmi Ammal, M.L.A.,
6. Sri K. M. Lakshmana Iyer, Advocate, former Correspondent.
7. Sri A. N. Rajangam Iyer, Advocate, former Member of the Committee.
8. Sri Natesa Iyer (Associated with the school for 15 years as President and Correspondent of the School)
9. Sri K. L. Iyengar, Ambasamudram,
10. Sri R. V. Krishnaswami Iyer, Advocate, Ambasamudram.
11. Sri P. S. Krishna Iyer, former Correspondent and former Member of the Committee.
12. Sri Sivagnana Pillai, Advocate (Retd) (Associated with the school for about 15 years).

The President feels that the members are actuated by personal prejudice. Nos. 2 to 4 feel that the Headmaster should go, 3 and 4 are determined to get rid of the Headmaster; they feel that the school has gone down on account of the Headmaster and that they have no confidence in the Headmaster.

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Mrs. Lakshmi Ammal, M.L.A., expressed to me that the Headmaster was known to her for the past several years and that the present situation has been brought by the Managing Committee. Nos. 6 and 7 told me that when they were in the Committee, they informed the Headmaster orally about certain defects in the school and requested the Headmaster to rectify them; these two persons are obsessed with the idea that the Headmaster was responsible for their defeat in the last election; No. 6 - Sri K. M. Lakshmana Iyer - met me in 1947 at Ambasamudram, but he had nothing to speak against the Headmaster. Sri Rajangam Iyer's brother is the Head-clerk of the school, who is not very loyal to the Headmaster; Nos. 8 to 11 feel that the present situation has been brought about by the Managing Committee. No. 12, Sri Sivagnanam Pillai said that the Headmaster was doing good work and for the last 2 or 3 years the school had slightly gone down; he

desires a change, but he is anxious that the interests of school should not suffer; at the same time, he informed me that the present Committee cannot be said to have the confidence of the Ambasamudram public. He is the father-in-law of Sri D. Maragatha Subramania Pillai, a member of the Committee. There are supporters to the Headmaster and a few against him. Though I was at Ambasamudram for two days, the above persons only met me.

I could not meet the local Tahsildar, as he was away, but I contacted the local Circle Inspector of Police and he was of opinion that much of it is due to local faction and not mainly to the Headmaster. He expressed that the Headmaster is generally popular, but the present atmosphere is very bad.

6. A deputation of the Dt. Teachers' Guild, Tirunelveli consisting of the Rev. Sathia Samuel, A. Sundaram Iyer, H. Visveswaran and V. Venkatakrishnan, also met me and explained to me the efforts made by them to bring about a settlement. Their negotiation broke down as the President wanted a letter of regret or apology from the Correspondent for the illegal procedure he has adopted. The deputationists represented that the services should be protected against such unscrupulous methods adopted by the management.

7. I also suggested to the members of the Committee to compose their differences specially in the interests of the school and of the examination going pupils and some members of the Committee, especially Sri P. A. Canapathy Mudaliar, are not inclined even to meet the President. The relationship is much strained and at present there is too much of feelings and emotion. The Correspondent is willing for any amicable settlement, but he is not able to get his other friends with him.

8. In this connection, I may state that some members of the Committee feel that the present Headmaster has betrayed them. The Managing Committee after much deliberation (the subject was discussed at four meetings besides the report of a sub-committee) resolved to introduce the Government scales of pay on 11-3-48 with effect from 1-6-47. The arrears of pay from 1-6-47 to 29-2-48 had to be disbursed, consequent on the decision. In March '48, the acquittance of teachers was taken (on 29-3-48) without actual payment and till the date of annual inspection of the school in August '48, no disbursement was made though the acquittance was taken in March, '48 and the amount including in the financial statement for 47-48. The District Educational Officer, when he went for inspection in Aug. 48, knew about this and he mentioned this in the T.I.R. on page 9 - he made the following remarks:

"Acquittance in advance of payment has been made in one case. This should be avoided."

In my review of the T.I.R., I asked the Dt. Edl. Officer to examine this question in detail and send a special report. The special report of the Dt. Edl. Officer contained in his letter dated 30-11-48 is herewith submitted. The irregularities committed by the management will be clear from the Dt. Educational Officer's report. Some members of the Managing Committee actually suspect that the information regarding advance acquittance should have been given to the Dt. Edl. Officer by the Headmaster and hence they feel that he has betrayed them. Even granting that the Headmaster conveyed the information to the Dt. Edl. Officer, it cannot be taken as a charge of betrayal against the Headmaster, and he has spoken only the truth. The acquittance was taken on 29-3-48 and the Headmaster tells me that on that day, he was at Madras in connexion with the Senate meeting and after his return, he also signed in the acquittance as he had no other go, if he had to continue in the school. The disbursement of arrears was actually made on 8-11-48, after the enquiry. The management is at fault and this is a serious fraud and but for the detection by the Department, the Management would not have paid the teachers and the Government could have been cheated. This is a very serious irregularity for which the Management alone is responsible, as the benefit goes to the manage

9. Another irregularity has also been noticed. A special dearness allowance was sanctioned by the Director in his Pros. No. 251 D2/47-48 dated 10-2-48 - the amount involved is Rs. 256-11-0. Though the bill was cashed on 10-3-48, the amount was actually disbursed only on 9-12-48. The oral explanation is that it was an oversight.

10. There are irregularities in the award of concessions under 32 Grant-in-aid Code - Please see the Dt. Edl. Officer's report dated 30-11-1948. The awards are not in accordance with the scheme approved by the Director.

11. The salaries of teachers have not been fixed in the revised scales of pay in accordance with the rules. There is discrimination in refixing the pay.

12. Without caring for the finances of the school, the Government scale has been adopted and the Management is unable to pay the annual increments. For want of funds, salaries are disbursed irregularly.

13. Sri G. Subramania Iyer, an Assistant of the School stood for election to the Managing Committee without the permission of the Managing Committee. This is irregular. The Association of this teacher-member, subordinate to the Headmaster, in joining with the other members of the Committee in framing charges against the Headmaster is a gross act of indiscipline. Such conduct should not have been tolerated. The Managing Committee failed to take action against him on the complaint of the Headmaster, which encouraged him to revolt against the Headmaster. He applied for medical leave for one month from 20-10-1948, leave has not been sanctioned and the ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 2nd. leave application for extension was sent direct to the Correspondent. These acts are responsible for the disharmony in the staff as members of the Managing Committee freely associate themselves with some teachers. The administration of the school has gone down at present for which the Headmaster alone cannot be held responsible as he cannot deal with the staff now.

I understood from the Circle Inspector of Police that Sri G. Subramania Iyer, stood for election to the Co-operative Store in 1946 and with the help of the communists he was elected. His name was put in the election notice along with the other communists. He was considered as a communist candidate. In this case, he did not obtain permission of the Managing Committee for election. The Circle Inspector informed me that his reputation is as a communist though at present he is not active.

14. Though at present the Department is not concerned with the charges framed against the Headmaster, yet to understand the gravity, I asked the Headmaster to give his remarks and a copy of which is herewith enclosed. A very serious charge alleged is the receipt of illegal gratification - Charge III(g). The Headmaster has denied it. He even informed me that he is willing to submit himself for a departmental enquiry on this matter or even to go to a Court of Law to vindicate his honour. I have examined the other charges and they cannot be conclusively proved at a proper enquiry.

15. Sri E. H. Parameswaran, joined this school as Headmaster in September 1931 and for the past 17 years, he has been working as Headmaster. I have gone through the Proceedings of the Managing Committee and he has not even been warned once. Only the present Managing Committee has begun to take action. The strength of the school has increased from 430 in 1931 to 1000 in 1948. All the inspection reports speak well of his work and very many distinguished visitors have visited the school and expressed their satisfaction. There has not been a single instance of strike in this school.

The main defect with the present Headmaster is that he is not very firm and strong; if he had been stern then also he would have been mis-understood; the locality is such; the Headmaster and the staff have been taking interest in the elections; to avoid this, the constitution should be amended. In the interest of the institution and specially at this juncture, when pupils have to be coached for the examination, a smooth atmosphere is essential and the manage-

ment should try to secure this. But it is too much to expect this from the present management.

16. Though there is a strong case, to declare the management as unsuitable, on account of the mal-administration narrated above, yet to avoid further bitterness, I suggest the following:-

(i) The present charges framed by the members and sent to the Headmaster by the Correspondent should be withdrawn or dropped.

(ii) The Correspondent should secure the co-operation of the President,

(iii) The Headmaster should write to the Correspondent and the Managing Committee offering hearty co-operation and assuring them to do his best to improve the tone of the school,

(iv) The Correspondent should give an assurance that he will not interfere with the internal administration of the school and academic work and the resolution dated 1-8-48 regarding the S.S.L.C. results should be deleted from the Proceedings,

(v) Sri G. Subramanya Iyer should immediately resign from the Managing Committee and express regret for his conduct.

His continuance in the school should be examined by the Managing Committee with reference to his alleged communistic activities.

(vi) There should not be any victimisation of any member of the staff. This is considered necessary with reference to the present situation,

(vii) The constitution should be amended so as to exclude any teacher present or past, of this school from being in the Managing Committee; to exclude the teachers of this school from the general electorate - a Committee may be constituted to consider the amendments to the constitution which should be approved by the Director.

(ix) The financial position of the school is not stable. The management should take steps to improve the finances.

(x) The Director of Public Instruction may express displeasure at the present situation created mainly by the Management and also severely warn the management for the financial irregularities (acquittance etc.)

These suggestions may immediately be put before the management on the pain of withdrawal of recognition of the school. Taking the total situation into account, it is desirable to adopt the above suggestions.

(True Copy)

Thiruvananthapuram

for Director of Public Instruction.

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M A D R A S.

The Tirthapati High School, Ambasamudram is an ancient institution nurtured by great men with the great tradition and a name throughout the Presidency. Unfortunately under the present headmaster Sri.E.H.Parameswaran, it has reached a stage of indiscipline, inefficiency and financial strain below which no institution can go. This sorrowful state is mainly ~~by~~ due to the indifference, wilful neglect and disobedience and inaction of its present Headmaster.

2. Successive committees have been trying to rectify the defects and retain to the institution its old name and fame and glory but have failed because of the irresponsible attitude of the headmaster. The present Committee had to take drastic action as it found that to tolerate the situation any longer with a view to keep off the real situation from the public gaze and thus retain the fair name, would only be to keep the body going with the soul dead and killed beyond repair.

3. Naturally as a consequence, ~~educated~~, clever and time serving that the headmaster is he got to play all his tricks, both in intellegience, influence and even using caste prejudices to his advantage. He has even dragged the institution to court through his supporter, the president of the Committee whose vision has been blurred by repeated versions of caste hatred created by the headmaster.

4. The various ~~action~~ acts of omissions and commissions, the indifference to work and the utter neglect of ~~his~~ his duties and the scant regard he paid to the interest of the pupils, parents and the fair name of the institution nay to his conscience and sense of duty which the high position he held ought to dictate to him, and the ~~other~~ ^{utter} disregard to constituted authority such as the correspondent and the Managing Committee have all ~~has~~ been catalogued and admitted by him before the Committee on 1-8-48, and later when he pleaded for time for improvement both of the institution and of himself. In spite of his promises, instead of making amends for his ~~past~~ past and see the institution prosper he created ~~split~~ in the staff, setting up one

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after the other, setting them up against the management by making them question the action of the management and by passing resolutions of the Teachers' Association.

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His utter disregard for finance will be evident from the agitation he engineered for the last 4 years culminating in the grant of Government scales although he knew that the finances cannot stand it. The previous committee withstood his financial gymnastics but the present committee out of its ^{sympathy for the teachers and pressure from them} ~~inexperience~~ and out of ~~a sense of a~~ ^{a sense of} false pulling together had to yield, with the result that it has become impossible to pay its staff the usual monthly pay. The tender financial reserves gathered at great pains by successive managements have been eaten up and there is now practically nothing to fall back upon. In his zeal to get what he wanted he has even misled the committee to walk dangerous and slippery paths and then exposed them to the authorities to wreak his grudge against the management. He has even carried the District Educational Officer with him to mislead the committee in the adoption of the Government scales of pay as will be evident from the report of the District Educational Officer in 1947.

6. To catalogue all the faults, omissions, neglect and calculated affront to constituted authority by the headmaster, it is not possible in this short memorandum and I crave leave to request perusal of the charges framed by 4 members of the committee and given notice to the headmaster. It may be the committee was not right in the procedure adopted to terminate his services as the judgment of the District Munsif Court shows but it will not be ~~like~~ too much to say that several complaints detailed therein are all too serious and none to be tolerated in the headmaster of any premier institution. The scant regard shown by him to the finances of the institution in spite of Government orders will be amply evident from a perusal of the balance of collection outstanding for the five years due from pupils who attended school for the school year and sat for the Annual Examination shown hereunder.

1942 - 43.	Rs 123-12-0.
1943 - 44.	Rs 145-10-0.
1944 - 45.	Rs 127-10-0.
1945 - 46.	Rs 59- 2-0.
1946 - 47.	Rs 317- 0-0.

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The properties of the school have suffered all due to his neglect and the discipline of the school has nothing to his credit. The attention he pays to the welfare of the pupils entrusted to his care both intellectual, moral and physical is practically nil. So much so the school which boasted on high and unique results in the past and was able to keep up its head aloft among its sister institution has now to hang down its head in shame.

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Nodoubt the strength of the school is kept up but that is only due to the large increase in schoolgoing children but it may not be too much to say that the pupils and parents are not getting their money's worth by way of instruction. The management in spite of its efforts are not able ~~to~~ ^{much} to do much in the matter, and cannot with the present headmaster.

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He has created a split among the staff and the coterie behind the headmaster always having the upper hand. He has ^{as} already pointed out, set them against the management, made them always discontented and has failed to infuse ~~in~~ in them the spirit of service much needed above anything else in an educational institution.

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Lastly it is submitted that to improve the headmaster is rather next to impossible and the committed is left with the only option to terminate his services to do justice to the institution whose interest they have at heart or if that is ⁱⁿ any way made impossible by the action of the department and the unmerited support that it may give ~~them~~ him to give up their post of responsibility and duty and thus to allow the institution to sink. This catastrophe, it is prayed, you ~~will~~ ^{or} will save and not uphold the cause of a most undeserved servant ^{or} all to yield to the clamour of the teaching profession, if there be such one.

M. Muthukrishnan
Correspondent,
Tirthapati High School, Ambasamudram

Enclosures :-

1. Charges framed by members of the Managing Committee and his reply.
2. Resolution of the Committee dated 1-8-48 with the headmaster partaking of the meeting.
3. The memorandum submitted by the headmaster to the committee acknowledging his defects and the measures to rectify.

Proceedings of the Adjourned special meeting of the
Managing Committee held on Sunday the 1st August 1948 at 5 P.M.

Members Present.

Messrs:

- (1) Dr. N. Lakshmana Ayyar (President)
- (2) N. Muthukumaraswami Pillai (Correspondent)
- (3) A. Sethuramalinga Mudaliar, B.A.
- (4) P.A. Ganapathi Mudaliar, B.A.L.T.,
- (5) E.H. Parameswara Ayyar, M.A.L.T.,
- (6) D. Maragathasubramania Pillai.
- (7) G. Subramania Ayyar, B.A.L.T.,

S U B J E C T.

Consideration of the Headmaster's Report about the
Public Examination results and suggestions for improving the
tone of the school together with the clarifications obtained.

R E S O L U T I O N.

The typed resolution appended herewith is passed.

(Sd) N. Lakshmanan,
President.

- (Sd) P.A. Ganapathi Mudaliar.
(Sd) D. Maragathasubramania Pillai.
(Sd) A. Sethuramalingam.
(Sd) G. Subramania Ayyar.
(Sd) N. Muthukumaraswami Pillai.
(Sd) E.H. Parameswaran.

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The Managing Committee having gone through the report of the Headmaster and having held discussions with him in three successive meetings relating to the general teaching conditions and level of discipline as obtaining in our school resolve to record their opinion that the unsatisfactory results of our school in the S.S.L.C. Public Examination 1948 were in a large measure due to the want of proper discipline and better tone of the school in general.

The Managing Committee feel strongly that the Headmaster in his report has tried to explain away many things without meeting squarely the points raised by the Managing Committee. Therefore the M.C. desire to offer their remarks on the various points referred to by the Headmaster in his report as they were found vague.

The Managing Committee are of opinion that apart from some of the common and usual causes such as the low standard of pupils, wholesale selection etc., as mentioned by the Headmaster the real causes affecting the school results were the prevalence of indiscipline and the resultant want of response on the part of the pupils to the teachers' efforts. the pupils were neglecting their studies and playing truant to their classes with impunity because there has been a complete absence of control over those erring students. The M.C. also desire to make it clear that the Headmaster has not effectively checked such things then and there.

The Managing Committee propose to take up one by one the explanations offered by the Headmaster in his report:

1. The Headmaster says that wholesale sending up of students to the Public Examination was one of the causes for the poor results and ordinarily he could have stopped atleast 25 % of the pupils that is about 50 pupils. The Departmental circular restricted the powers of the Headmaster to detain students to only 10 % but the Headmaster did not stop even

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 - (2) N. Mathuramdasan Pillai (Correspondent)
 - (3) A. Sathyanarayana Reddy, B.A.
 - (4) P.A. Ganapathi Reddy, B.A., B.L.
 - (5) E.H. Parameswara Aiyar, B.A., B.L.
 - (6) D. Narayanaswamy Pillai
 - (7) G. Subramanian Aiyar, B.A., B.L.

RESOLUTIONS

Consideration of the Headmaster's report about the Public Examination results and suggestions for improvement and tone of the school to be in the light of the observations.

RESOLUTIONS

The types of selection should be revised.

(1) N. Lakshmanan

President

- (24) P.A. Ganapathi Reddy
- (25) D. Narayanaswamy Pillai
- (26) A. Sathyanarayana Reddy
- (27) G. Subramanian Aiyar
- (28) N. Mathuramdasan Pillai
- (29) E.H. Parameswara Aiyar

that percentage allowed as he thought it was to be the Golden Jubilee year. Whatever it might be the circular affects all schools and most of the schools in the presidency sent up all their VI.F. pupils and while in spite of this wholesale selection in most of schools the presidency average of the eligibles was 50 %. Our school did manage to secure only 36 % of eligibles.

In Para 9 of his report he says that there was an attitude of indifference towards studies on the part of many of the pupils and inspite of repeated warnings the pupils did not work.

The Managing Committee wonder why when the Headmaster was aware of the general indifference of many pupils towards studies and the failure of his warnings to rouse them, he should have sent up all the pupils though he could have stopped 10 % according to the Departmental circular.

Moreover the Headmaster tries to take shelter for this under the paragraph cited by him from the reports of the S.S.L.C. Board. The M.C. expect that the Headmaster should see that pupils of such low attainments are not allowed into the VI. Form in future.

The Headmaster says that owing to a variety of causes undeserving pupils were allowed to find their way into the VI.F. One of those causes was the liberal policy pursued in the matter of promotion such as promoting all girls, second year pupils and overaged pupils. This resulted in deterioration of the standard in VI.Form pupils. On further elucidation he brought out that the starting of new High Schools at Kallidaikurichi and Vikramasingapuram led him to give liberal promotions to keep up the strength of our school. He also said that many of the parents and the M.C. wanted such liberal promotions. The M.C. wonder how all these can constitute valid reasons for liberal promotions.

The Headmaster should not have allowed himself to be influenced by teachers having private tuitions to be liberal in the matter of promotions.

On further questioning he admitted that there were cases of pupils copying and attempts at copying during examinations. He further admitted that old students and higher class students attempted to help pupils sitting at examinations. He said that such cases were very few and when brought to his notice the students concerned were punished in several ways - by stopping their promotions and giving corporal punishments in one or two cases. The M.C. regret that it is their painful duty to point out here that the Headmaster minimises the number of cases of copying and attempts at copying. The M.C. have information that many pupils even those of II and III Forms not to speak of higher forms attempt to copy and in many cases succeed and only a few cases have been detected and even in such cases the Headmaster did not award such punishments as would instil in the minds of pupils that copying or attempt at copying is a serious offence and create an impression in them that it is a dishonest and foul practice leading one ^{to} very serious consequences affecting his future. The M.C. feel that owing to successful copying by a number of pupils the marks they obtain at examinations do not form a correct index of the capacity of pupils and hence promotions were liberal. In spite of the feeling among many teachers that promotions should be strict boys could not be detained as many of them could secure marks by such means. The M.C. feel strongly that the Headmaster should see that such practices on the part of the boys should be put an end to completely by awarding deterrent punishments, such as sending away such pupils found copying or attempting to copy.

In para 3 he says "the large number of students in VI. Form (40 to 45) and the consequent difficulty on the part of the teachers to give pupils the requisite individual attention also contributed to the unsatisfactory results". When questioned he admitted that truancy was prevalent among boys

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and want of sufficient accommodation for 40 to 45 boys was one of the reasons contributing to the cases of truancy. The M.C. are ware that the Headmaster has been and is in the habit of holding two or even three sections of the VI Forms together in one classroom to teach his lessons. He has admitted the fact before the M.C. and we wonder how he was able to prevent truancy on the part of pupils on such occasions of holding a congregational class of three sections not to speak of inconvenience to the pupils. The M.C. feel strongly that such practices on the part of the Headmaster should be stopped in future.

In para 4 he tries to explain away the issue saying that had the valuation of English been a bit more liberal many of our pupils would have got eligibility. But the fact is that in spite of the strict valuation the presidency average of eligibles is 50 % as against the 36 % of ours.

In para 5 the Headmaster writes " lesser attention paid by pupils in general to English on the mistaken impression that English could not have the same importance now as it had before previous to the attainment of freedom" as one of the causes for the low results. The M.C. cannot accept this plea. Even granting there was such an impression in the minds of the boys it must have been a common feature in all schools and the Headmaster did not explain why our school average of eligibles is so low while the presidency average is more than 50 % and almost all the failures are in English alone.

In para 6 he speaks of 'his unavoidable absence in the month of February etc., His absence was only for 10 days. as regards English the Headmaster took only Prose for VI Form and in his absence his work was taken up by other masters who were incharge of VI. Form English work. The M.C. requests the Headmaster and teachers to finish their portions periodically and in time.

and want of sufficient accommodation for 40 to 45 boys was one of the reasons contributing to the state of things. The M.C. are aware that the Headmaster has been and is in the habit of holding two or even three sessions of the VI Form together in one classroom to teach his lessons. He has admitted that first before the M.C. and we wonder how he was able to prevent a turn-out on the part of pupils on such occasions of holding a congregational class of three sessions not to speak of more. The M.C. feel strongly that such practices on the part of the Headmaster should be stopped in future.

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The Headmaster gives as one of the reasons which probably led to the poor average in English absence of the usual amount of written work. When questioned what the usual written work was he gave out that about 24 composition exercises were used to be given and last year teachers were not able to give all the exercises. He also said that one of the masters handling VI Form English Composition gave much less than what ought to have been given and in spite of repeated memos did not send to the Headmaster the composition note books. The M.C. regret that the Headmaster did not take any action on the particular teacher for not having done his duty properly. The M.C. learn from this instance that the Headmaster for reasons known only to himself did not exercise sufficient control over the teachers.

The Headmaster gives another reason which has contributed to the large number of failures in English that is reduction of 2 periods of a week. This could not have affected the written work of the pupils. Plenty of home work could have been given.

In para 8 the Headmaster says "the general unrest among the members of the teaching profession all over the province" as one of the causes for the poor results. This was a phenomenon common to all the schools in the province. There is nothing peculiar to our school. The M.C. are not inclined to accept this as a valid plea.

The explanation that there was a general indifference towards studies on the part of pupils can not be accepted. The pupils not taking to studies in spite of repeated warnings by the Headmaster is deplored.

The Headmaster at the end of his report about the causes leading to the poor results gives the M.C. an assurance that he will take necessary steps to ensure good progress and discipline. He adds that he and his assistants have already

taken some measures to produce good results and raise the tone of the Institution with satisfactory results. The M.C. expect that the efforts of the Headmaster and his assistants, will be sustained and continuous so as to produce the promised result.

As regards the suggestions of the Headmaster for improving the tone of the school the M.C. offer their following remarks:

1. "Making the staff contented and happy". This is an oft repeated platitude. As far as our school is concerned the members of the staff are regularly paid and much better off in many respects than their brethren in other aided institutions. They are getting the Government scales of pay and also enjoying security of tenure.

2. Tutorial System: There is nothing new about this but only it should be made effective by following the lines adopted in some of the institutions which produce very good results year after year.

3. Introduction of periodwar attendance: By this method the pupils who play truants to class and absentees without leave for part of a day can be found out. The M.C. feel that it is more important that the truants and absentees should be suitably dealt with then and there. The system of punishments must be uniform and rules in regard to attendance must be very strictly enforced as the progress of a pupil is due in a large measure to his regular attendance.

4. Supervision by masters: This system may be effective to some extent but the M.C. doubt very much whether such a system is in vogue in other schools. The teachers will certainly report the names of truants, mischief makers and absentees if the rules of conduct are strictly enforced. The masters must be supplied with a copy of the rules and also a note book. It must be sent to the Headmaster and the Headmaster should sign it and return the same to the teachers concerned.

5. A code of rules of conduct issued: Generally a code of rules are issued year after year at the beginning of the school year. The rules are in the memo book. Neither the Headmaster nor the teachers nor pupils seem to have taken them seriously since the rules were seldom enforced. . But the M.C. feel that the Headmaster should create an atmosphere of confidence among the teachers so that they can take any erring pupil to task in the larger interests of the school.

6 & 7. As regards, the suggested amenities the M.C. will be glad to provide the school with them when finances permit.

8 & 9. The suggestions 8 and 9 may well be tried by the Headmaster and his assistants to the advantage of the pupils. The Headmaster should inculcate in the pupils sense of regard for their masters and obedience to rules of conduct.

10. The reference in para 10 is apt. The M.C. will be glad to adopt the reorganised system of school activities. But here also the M.C. desire to emphasise the need for proper discipline which alone can make the scheme a success.

In view of the above the M.C. expect the Headmaster to take necessary measures to obtain the desired result that is, proper discipline among pupils, members of the staff and servants and better results in the examinations and an all-round improvement in the general tone of the High School whose fair name and prestige is all that we seek to maintain unsullied. The Headmaster is further requested to report every month on the steps taken and results obtained.

(Sd) N. Lakshmanan,
President.

(Sd) N. Muthukumaraswami Pillai,
Correspondent.

1. 8. 1948.

Report on the results of the S.S.L.C.Public Examination
of March, 1948.

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Out of 211 Candidates that were presented for the S.S.L.C.Public Examination of March, 1948 two students were absent from the examination and three appeared for one or two subjects only. Of the remaining 206 candidates 74 were declared eligible for University courses of study, the percentage of eligibles being 36.

The number of candidates that were declared eligible from each of the sections is as follows:-

VI.F.A.13, B.16, C.12, D.14., E.19 Total ...74

The Presidency average and the school average at the Public Examination in the several subjects are given below.

Subjects.	Presi- dency.	School.
English	35	32
Tamil	43	42
Sanskrit	51	37
Elementary Mathematics	51	52
Elementary science	47	54
History and Geography	36	36
C.Mathematics	47	44
Physics	34	36
Chemistry	43	43
History	28	35
Book-keeping	33	43
Type-writing	50	52

Subjects in which the Presidency average is higher than school average English, Tamil, Sanskrit and C.Mathematics.

The following are in my opinion the chief causes for the low percentage of passes in the recent S.S.L.C.Public Examination 1948.

1.Sending up all the students for the Public Examination . As a special case all the pupils who were studying in VI.Form last year were sent up for the Public Examination irrespective of their merits,

2.Poor ability of a large number of candidates: Out of the 200 and odd candidates that sat for the examination about 25% were of exceptionally poor ability and should not ordinarily have been allowed to appear for the examination. In the reports issued by the S.S.L.C.Board about the performance of candidates in the Public Examination year after year it has been pointed out that "most of the pupils were ignorant of the elementary principles of grammar and syntax. Poverty of expression, lack of knowledge about the sequence of tenses and unconscionable types of bad spelling were the general

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defects in most of the answer books. One is astonished how such candidates who could not compare favourably with even II.F. students were presented for the Public Examination. These remarks from the Government report on the S.S.L.C. Examination are to a large extent true about 50 to 60 candidates from our school. They were allowed to find their way into the VI. Form because of the very liberal policy we have been following in the matter of promotion during the last few years. On account of a variety of causes undeserving pupils are promoted from class to class and consequently there has been a deterioration in standards. It has been our general policy to promote all girls, second year and over aged pupils from class to class. The one sure way of improving the results and toning up is to stiffen the principles of promotion in every standard and send up only deserving pupils to the higher classes without any considerations of the sex, age, number of years in a class etc.,

3. The large number of students in the VI. Form the want of accommodation in some of the class rooms to seat all the 44 or 45 pupils and the consequent difficulty on the part of the teachers to give up pupils the requisite individual attention also contributed to the unsatisfactory results.

4. An analysis of the marks list shows that the school average in English is 32, that the class average at the school is also 32 and about 35 students have failed in English only, This is to be regretted in view of the fact that during the last 20 years our school average in English has never gone below the Presidency average. It will not be out of place to state here that if the marking in English had been a bit more liberal about 10 students who are now near the border line would have come out eligible.

5. One general cause for the unsatisfactory results in English this year was the lesser attention apaid by pupils in general to the study of English on the mistaken impression that with the attainment of freedom on the 15th August, English could not have the importance it had previously for the examination. An erroneous impression somehow got into the heads of a large number of students that even with a lower standard in English it would be possible to get eligibility. Many of

Report on the results of the S.S.L.C. Public Examination
of March, 1948.

Out of 217 Candidates that were presented for the S.S.L.C. Public Examination of March, 1948 two students were absent from the examination and three appeared for one or two subjects only. Of the remaining 202 candidates 74 were declared eligible for university courses of study and the percentage of eligibility being 36.

The number of candidates that were declared eligible from each of the sections is as follows:-

VI. F. A. 11, B. 16, C. 15, D. 14, E. 19 Total ... 75

The Presidency average and the school average in the Public Examination in the several subjects are given below.

School	Presi- dency	School
English	32	32
Tamil	32	32
Mathematics	32	32
Science	32	32
History and Geography	32	32
Physical	32	32
Chemistry	32	32
Botany	32	32
Book-keeping	32	32
Typewriting	32	32

Subjects in which the Presidency average is higher than school average English, Tamil, Mathematics and Science.

The following are in my opinion the chief causes for the low percentage of passes in the recent S.S.L.C. Public Examination 1948.

1. Bonding up all the results for the Public Examination. As

a result of this all the pupils who were staying in VI. Form last year

were sent up for the Public Examination irrespective of their marks.

2. Poor quality of a large number of a candidate out of the 200

and one candidate sent up for the examination about 200 were at

approximately four-fifths and should not be admitted to the exam.

allowed to appear for the examination. In the absence of the

... I.L.C. board about the percentage of candidates in the exam.

in which the results were given it has been pointed out that

the pupils were not ignorant of the elementary principles of

... of knowledge of the subjects of the examination.

of the results of the examination.

our teachers and I tried our best to remove such a wrong impression.

6. I have been told by a number of friends that one strong reason of the low results is to be found in my unavoidable absence from school for a number of days in the month of February 1948. The Members of the Managing Committee are aware of the circumstances leading to my enforced absence from the school. While I could not therefore give the usual drive in the month of February and arrange for the special coaching of the S.S.L.C. pupils, my absence naturally created a lot of confusion in the minds of the staff and the student students and led to inevitable distraction from their normal work. Closely following this, I had to face a number of domestic calamities on account of the deaths of three of my relations with the result that I could not devote the usual amount of personal attention to the VI. Form students in the month preceeding the Examination. I sincerely feel that but for this un-precedented situation, the results would have been much better.

7. I mention below some of the reasons which have probably led to the low average in English (a) absence of the usual amount of written work (b) reduction in the number of periods for teaching of English this reduction did not give sufficient time for written work.

8. Another factor which probably contributed to the unsatisfactory results is to be found in the general unrest which existed amongst the members of the teaching staff profession all over the Province and naturally among the staff here also during the year.

In addition to all these causes there was an attitude of indifference towards studies on the part of many of the pupils. In spite of repeated warnings many pupils did not work hard and concentrate their attention on their studies.

The low percentage of passes in the public examination this year has caused the greatest pain to me, and the teachers and I are determined to leave no stone unturned to see that our results improve in the coming year. The Teacher's Association has met and decided upon taking the necessary steps for improvement and to make a combined and co-operative effort to bring about record results and improve the tone of the Institution.

I give below a few suggestions for improving the tone of the school.

1. Making the staff contented and happy.
2. Tutorial system ~~as~~ for the VI. Form pupils from the beginning of the year and greater contacts between the teachers and the Parents. At the meeting of the Teachers' Association last week it was decided to introduce the Tutorial system from the beginning and a scheme is being drawn up.
3. Introduction of the periodwar attendance to check truancy on the part of the pupils. This has been already introduced and is found ~~taxa~~ very satisfactory.
4. Supervision by Masters during each one of the periods. This has been already introduced and is found effective.
5. Issuing a code of disciplinary rules for the pupils and the strict enforcement of the rules. This ~~was~~ has been already done and is found to be effective.
6. Provision for greater amenities to the students such as a Tiffin shed where all the pupils can conveniently take their meal.
 - b. Better provision for the supply of drinking water.
 - c. Better sanitary arrangements.
7. Provision of better accommodation for the lower classes and provision of furniture. Two of the classes have been made to squat on the floor during the last few years and suitable furniture has to be immediately provided.
8. Organisation of a general assembly every morning before the beginning of the school session. Such an assembly well organised and conducted with solemnity will bring into homogeneity the scattered disposition of the large number of pupils and help considerably to improve the school tone.
9. Organisation of school activities:- sports, dramas, folk dances, excursions, scouting, social service squads, safety squads, Junior Red Cross group etc., which will give opportunities for the various talents of the pupils and make the school a centre of attraction and affection for all the pupils and weave them away from habits of indiscipline.

10. The Hon'ble Minister for Education has been saying repeatedly that the re-organised Secondary School course will bring about a regulation in the field of education and the new scheme if worked in the proper spirit will prove a panacea for all kinds of indiscipline in the schools of the province. The new scheme contemplates that Secondary Education must be through activities intended to bring about the best in our children, and that the school should become an active Social centre. The citizenship classes which have been introduced and the proper organisation of our school for the re-organised secondary school course will surely give the school a very healthy tone. Our teachers and I have decided that we should do our very best to make the new education programme a success.

As I said at the meeting of the Managing Committee on last Monday We, teachers have been taken back by the unexpectedly low results in the last Public Examination and shall do everything in our power to show better results and improve the tone of the school which is dear to every one of us. With a spirit of harmonious co-operation between the staff, the Managing Committee, the parents and the students it is easily possible to achieve the desired results.

In conclusion I once again assure the Managing Committee that we shall do our best this year to produce better results in the S.S.L.C. Public Examination, 1949.

(Sd) E.H. Parameswaran,
Headmaster.

Tirthapathi High School,
Ambasamudram.

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In continuation of his statement about the causes for the unsatisfactory school results in the recent S.S.I.C. Public Examination the Headmaster clarified some of the points:

1. Sending up all the students for the Public Examination. The Headmaster stated that all the students were sent up for the Public Examination of 1948 as a special case as it was the Golden Jubilee year. All the VI Form teachers were consulted about the matter and the decision to send up all was unanimously arrived at a conference of High school masters in December. He also referred to the Government circulars and orders on the subject of detentions.
2. According to S.S.I.C. reports, at least 10% of the pupils in the Presidency sent up for the Public Examination were below the High school standard. About 50 to 60 pupils in our school were of very poor ability and were unfit to be sent up for the Public Examination. This is partly due to the very liberal policy of promotion.

The liberal policy in promotions was in the Headmaster's opinion due to a variety of causes, some of them being;

- a) Liberal Policy pursued almost everywhere. Parents and Public wished that promotions should be on a liberal scale.
- b) On account of the starting of the High School at Kallidaikurichi and Middle school at Vickramasingapuram, it was decided that our promotions should be on a liberal scale so that our strength might be kept up in the several classes.
- c) the indirect influence of private tuitions. He advocated the institution of a scientific system of private tuitions for backward pupils.

In this connection, the Headmaster said that there was a tendency for mal-practice at examinations. Certain cases had been reported to him last year by the teachers and he had given corporal punishments to two or three pupils of the Middle school classes. Two students who attempted to copy in the Annual Examination were not given promotion.

3. The Headmaster explained that the large number of students in VI Form made it difficult for the teachers to bestow the necessary individual attention on the pupils. About 20 pupils had been refused admission in 1947 into VI Form as their progress was not satisfactory.

work of which five were in the evenings outside school hours. The

chart showing the extra work done by each of the masters had not been maintained last year. The system of dividing a class into 3 or 4 batches and sending them to the other sections did not work very

4. Lesser Attention paid by students to English. This was a general

satisfactorily with remark. The percentage of passes for this year was 50 and our percentage was 36. The Headmaster said that a tutorial system was instituted in January 1948 for VI Form pupils but the system did not work very well. No written work was insisted upon under the tutorial system last year.

5. With regard to written work, the Headmaster said that the usual amount of written work for the year in VI Form was 24 or 25 written compositions besides short papers, weekly tests and homework - Some classes did not do the specified number of composition exercises last year. More of written work was not possible in English and other subjects last year on account of the reduction in the number of periods in English, Science, History etc., . The eight period system which had been followed in the previous years gave more scope for written work. The eight period system had been introduced into this school in accordance with the instructions of the District Educational Officer.

The Physical Education teachers had generally 26 periods of work of which five were in the evenings outside school hours. The chart showing the extra work done by each of the masters had not been maintained last year. The system of dividing a class into 3 or 4 batches and sending them to the other sections did not work very satisfactorily with regard to the High school classes. It was therefore not proposed to continue the system ordinarily in the High school classes.

With regard to the leave rules, the Headmaster said that probably the majority of teachers had almost exhausted their casual leave during 1947-48 and that he proposed to introduce the system of leave applications in printed forms this year.

PERIOD OF UNREST AMONG TEACHERS. The unrest was general throughout the province. In our school the question began to agitate the minds of teachers from March or April 1947 and the state of suspense and uncertainty continued unfortunately till the end of March 1948.

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A decision was arrived at by the Managing Committee on July 2nd 1947, but some of the senior masters felt that justice was not done to them and that the rules could have been more liberally interpreted. There were difference of opinion with regard to the interpretation of the rules.

9. ~~That~~ The attitude of indifference was to be noticed all over the province. In our school the problem became more marked on account of the large number of supplementary students (about 55) in the class. ~~They~~ They could have been sent out if their progress was unsatisfactory but that would be an extreme step. Greater contact between the parents and teachers would remedy this defect. It would be better to send away pupils who were found to be incorrigible.

The increase in the strength of the school during recent years was in the Headmaster's opinion due to

- a) Popularity of the institution.
- b) Hostel accommodation and facilities.
- c) Military concessions.
- d) Concessions to Harijan pupils.
- e) General increase in all over the Province.

He was also of opinion that we should be more strict with regard to class promotions and that the maintenance of class marks should be insisted upon as the examination marks could not always be regarded as a correct index of the boy's ability.

Suggestions for improving the tone of the school.

1. Making the teachers contented and happy.
2. Regarding the tutorial system the Headmaster said that it would be very effective if the system was worked in all earnestness from the beginning of the year. He said that the scheme would be brought into force even in July and that the teachers would be instructed to insist upon written work from the pupils entrusted to them.
3. Period War Attendance:- The Headmaster said that pupils who were absent for one period would be marked absent for half a day and those who were absent for two more periods would lose a full days attendance. The system of supervision by masters during this year has been found very effective and such supervision would not ordinarily affect the legitimate work of the masters.

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5. With regard to the disciplinary rules for pupils the Headmaster stated that they would be enforced strictly during the year.
6. The regular holding of the General Assembly and the training given according to the re-organised Secondary school course would considerably improve the discipline and tone of the school. The General Assembly was to be held before the commencement of the classes and necessary steps would be taken to prevent late coming.
7. Another thing which was also absolutely necessary was parental co-operation. This could be brought about by teachers establishing greater contacts with the parents. Letters should be addressed to the parents if the pupil's conduct or progress was found to be unsatisfactory. The Headmaster concluded by saying that true discipline could be brought about in a spirit of healthy co-operation between the teachers, the parents, the management and the students.

(Sd) N.Lakshmana Ayyar,
President.

(True Copy)

From

Sri. N. Muthukumaraswamy pillai,
Correspondent, Tirthapathi High School,
Ambasamudram.

To

Sri. R.H. Parameswara Ayyar, M.A.L.T.?
Headmaster, Tirthapathi High School,
Ambasamudram.

Sir,

Charges have been framed against you by four members of the managing committee. I am in ~~opinion~~ complete agreement with my colleagues in framing charges and I forward the same for your explanation. You should show cause in writing with in three days from the receipt of the charges why your services should not be terminated forthwith on the grounds of wilful neglect of duty, defiance of authority gross insubordination and misconduct etc. Silence or delay on your part in regard to the submission of your explanation shall mean your total acceptance of these charges and you have nothing to offer by way of explanation. If you desire a personal hearing you will be given an opportunity at the time of the meeting of the managing committee which will be held on

I am,

Ambasamudram

Yours faithfully,

4th. Dec. 48.

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Correspondent.

Headmaster, The Lincoln High School,
201 E. M. Paternoster Avenue, N.A.L.T.

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Yours truly,
J. M. Smith

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1. Sri. P. A. Ganapathy Mudaliar, Member, Managing Committee
T. H. School, Ambasamudram.
2. " D. Maragathasubramania Pillai, Member, Managing Comm
T. H. School, Ambasamudram.
3. " A. Sethuramalingam Mudaliar, Member, Managing Committee
T. H. School, Ambasamudram.
4. " G. Subramania Ayyar, Member, Managing Committee,
T. H. School, Managing Committee.

The Correspondent and Secretary,
Tirthapathi High School, Ambasamudram.

Read letters from Sri. D. Maragathasubramania Pillai and Sri. G. Subramania Ayyar dated 19--10--48 and other 16--11--48 and other connected papers.

Sir,

Whereas the Headmaster had made voluntary admissions of several instances which have proved beyond doubt, the Headmaster's wilful neglect of duty, ~~him~~ ~~more~~ still the Managing Committee at their meeting of the 1st. August 1948 allowed him time to rectify and improve.

Subsequently during the month of September 1948 also, the Managing Committee have given him a second warning to that effect, by a resolution in their meeting of 22nd. September 1948.

But we now feel that the Headmaster has not at all profited himself by the lenience and consideration shown by the Committee in his favour. He has not carried out his own suggestions, much less the Rules and Regulations of the Department, to improve the tone and standard of the school. But instead he has been systematically working against the interests of the institution, defying the Committee as well as the express rules and orders.

Since our meeting of 1st. August, 1948 we have received innumerable complaints against the Headmaster. So in the interest and in the fair name of the Institution, we think that charges should be framed against the Headmaster and if the explanation offered is not satisfactory, we think his services should be terminated forthwith.

So, we frame the following charges against the Headmaster and

request you to send the charges to the Headmaster, call for his explanation and place the matter before a meeting of the Managing Committee as early as possible:---

CHARGES.

I. You, the Headmaster, Tirthapathi High School, Ambasamudram, in spite of the repeated warnings of the Correspondent have brought Financial Loss to the institution, by your wilful neglect of duty and by your gross non-adherence to the Rules and Regulations of the Department.

(a) You have allowed arrears in School Fee collections every month amounting to Rs. 500/ and above during all these years and have not removed the names of the defaulters as per rules of the Department or taken any further steps towards expediting such collections.

(b) You have allowed the defaulters to continue their studies for months together without payment of arrears or the current month-fees, with the result that they were allowed to take their examinations and such boys whether promoted or detained were allowed to continue their studies in the succeeding school-year without payment of their arrears of fees; but only paying the fees for the new period. The following are a few instances of such cases:---

1946---47---Arrears collected in 1947---48.

VI. C. 212. Nilakantan. R.	VI. E. 212. Sivasubramanian. G.
V. D. 363. Madaswami. M.	V. A. 255. Shanmugham. V.
IV. C. 526. Sankaran. M. S.	I. D. 1074. Ramalingam. N.
1031. Muthukrishnamurugan (Arrears still not paid)	

Arrears collected after several months.

1947---48.

VI. B. Sheikh Mohiddeen. P. I.,	July fees paid in October, 1947.
III. B. Muthuswamy. V.	" " to October paid in Oct. 47
VI. C. Anantaraman. S.	August fees paid in October 1947.
I. C. Ramasubramanian. H.	" " " "

1946---47

1946-47 Maruthappan. A.

September fees paid in January 47.

II. A. Sundararajan, M.

November fees paid in February 47.

I. B. Arumugam. N.

January fees paid in March 47.

1945---46.

VI. B. Ganesan P.

August fees paid in November 45.

IV. G. Antonj A.

November fees paid in February 46.

III. C. Chellakutti

" " " "

II. C. Mohamed Ali.

September fees paid in March 46.

1944---45.

VI. B. Viswanathan S.

November fees paid in January 45.

V. B. Ponnuswamy P.

" " " February 45.

III. B. Swamivalanathan

" " " "

1943---44.

VI. A. Somasundaram. N.

August fees paid in October 43.

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September " January 44.

" "

October & November fees paid in Feb. 44

V. A. Alexandra

June to October fees paid in Oct. 43

III. B. Navaneethakrishnan. G. July & August fees paid in " "

(c) Because of serious lapses in the matter of fee collections, the following amounts that should have otherwise been an income to the School, had remained uncollected at the time when the Transfer Certificates were issued:-----

1948--49.

IV. Form. Vetrivel. M.

Rs 7---0---0

III. Form. Pichumoni. T. S.

Rs 22---0---0

I. Form. Renganathan. S.

Rs 4---0---0

I. Form. Tyagarajan. S.

Rs 8---0---0

I. Form. Esakky. G.

Rs 16---0---0

cl. 5. Maharajan. S.

Rs 11---4---0

Sheik Mohiddeen P. I. (Special fees not collected)

Rs 7---4---0

1947---48.

V. F. Doraisamy. M.

Rs 30---0---0

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Narayanan. G. V.

Rs 12---0---0

IV. F. Selvarajan. P.

30---0---0

IV. F. Souniamurthi

Rs 24---0---0

" Hariharasubramanian. S.

Rs 12---0---0

Ganapathy. M.

Rs 7---0---0

Raman. K.

Rs 7---0---0

Nachappan. N. only half the Short Term
fees for 45--46 collected1946--47.

IV. C. S. Sankaranarayanan

Rs 16---0---0

" K. Sankaran

Rs 16---8---0

" R. Arulappan

Rs 5---8---0

III. S. Mohandoss

Rs 10---8---0

(d) You have caused loss to the Management by allowing supplementary pupils to attend and appear for more than one subject while getting fees for one subject only. The following are a few instances:----

1947---48.

V. Narayanan paid fees for one subject only but has appeared for English and Science.

1946---47.

Venkatasubramanian. R.	} Paid for one } subject only	} Appeared for English & Hist & Geography } " for English & Mathematics
Ramiah. K.		

(e) You have been collecting a fine of $\frac{1}{4}$ anna per Rupee for arrears of School Fees instead of one anna per Rupee according to the M. E. R.

(f) You have not taken steps so far regarding a resolution passed by the Managing Committee as early as 1946 for the speedy recovery of Library Books lost or otherwise not returned.

(g) Many were the valuable pictures and rare specimens of artistic beauty that adorned the English Hall, History Hall and the Sadasiva Iyer Hall, until a few years back but to-day most of them are missing. Ever since the electric installation of the School and Hostel Buildings theft or disappearance of these materials such as bulbs, wires, switches etc. from there have become a normal feature. You, as the proper guardian and custodian of

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school properties have failed to do your duty and stop this loss to the management.

11. By your wilful neglect of duty, you have brought dislocation in the normal working of the institution and brought discredit to the fair name of the school and indiscipline among the teachers and students.

940*(A) you have entertained during last October in 1947 Sri N. Venkataraman as physical instructor without getting relieved from him his relieving certificate, from the Sivagiri school where he was serving then, even though the previous correspondent definitely directed you not to entertain him without getting him a relieving certificate from him. This shows your utter disregard for authority and well established Rules of service.

(b) Because N Venkataraman could not get the Relieving certificate he was given casual leave for a fortnight to enable him to go to Sivagiri and the required certificate, thereby causing dislocation of work in the institution.

(c) You have granted casual leave for more than ten teachers at a time on 21-8-48, knowing full well that you cannot manage the classes with the rest of the teachers.

(d) You have failed to supervise the consolidated Pupils' attendance Register, since the month of April 1948. You have not even looked into the said Attendance Register for class 5, and forms 1 to 111, in which not even names of the pupils have been written for the month of April 1948.

(e) Attendance has not been properly marked and maintained for the month of 1948 also.

111. By your mis conduct you have proved yourself unworthy of the trust that the managing committee have placed in you.

(a) You have not reported to the committee your detention in the Vellore Jail either before your release or after or even before at the time of joining duty but (1) You have taken the Salary and Headmaster's allowance for the period, in complete violation of the G.O. NO. M. S. 273--Education --10 th. February 48, which G.O. you have never brought to the notice of the committee with the definite motive so that (3) you have been Persistently taking the

absent from the station and Sri T. S. Narayana Ayyar has acted in his place. 105

(b) You have not properly supervised and scrutinised the accounts of the Governmental Hostel attached to our school as its superintendent, thereby making all borders complain the high rates and mismanagement there.

(c) One Harijan student of VI Form, P. Shunmugam by name wanted admission in the Government Hostel and wanted You to forward his application to the Government for residential Scholarship. With the object of not admitting him with the caste Hindu student you have persuaded him to remain outside, promising him the scholarship and making him believe that it is to his advantage to do so.

Accordingly his application has been recommended even though he was not a boarder at that time. Knowing that your fraudulent device has come to light, you have admitted him in the Hostel towards the close of October 1948. This one instance is sufficient to prove your caste prejudices, your manipulation of records and your base means to achieve your objects.

(d) Under your supervision and administration the tone and discipline of the school have gone so low that (1) a parent by name Sri M Arumugha Mudaliar has written to the District Educational officer for action and interference regarding an affray at the school between his boy who was injured and another of the same class. (2) another guardian of a pupil by name Sri A. P. Krishnan has given a letter to Sri D. Maragathasubramania Pillai Member of the managing committee about the indecent behaviour of a certain boy student towards a girl pupil within the school premises and how the Headmaster was very reluctant to take action. This whole incident you have denied before the members of the Managing Committee.

(e) The mismanagement in the students' Co-operative Stores whose permanent President you are has come to such a pass that the arrears of payments to Book Depots for years together have made them cast aspersions on the fair name of the High School as for instance the recent letter from Messrs. P.T.I.S. Book depot, from Bangalore dated 22nd November 1948. Besides the sale of S.S.I.C. Text books has been taken away from the co-operative stores

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and on this account and other itas , they have been several trans-
actions of money between you and the stores , all of which go to
to show that all is not well with the student's co operative stores
and the responsibility for the same must rest with you ad the perm
anent resident .

(f) Wilful damage to school property by students even after reported
to you by the correspondent has not been investigated and culprit or
culprits punished .This indifference and reluctance to deal properly
with the mischievous elements have much ti do with the deterioration
in the tone and standard of the school.

(g) You have received illegal gratification from the parent of a student
by name Ganapathy Alwar Promising to get for his son a pass in the
S.S.L.C. Public examination 1947. Coming to know that this reached the
ears of the managing comittee ,you have paid him back Rs 15. a few days
back promising to pay the balance requesting him not to press the mat-
ter further.

iv. You as the secretary of the Golden Jubee comittee have
collected a large amounts from students and outside and you have
not so far reported anything to the managing comittee, regarding
the collection made and how tey are made, thereby you have failed
to discharge your duties as subordinate of the comittee.

(b) In the name of the Golden Jubee comittee you have com-
pelled students who were given during March 1948 the balance of money
due ti them under Rule 32 concession to pay back a portion of what
they have got ,ther by depriving them of their enioing the full
benifit.

v The school calender makes mention of Ramaswami -Gomathi Schoar-ship
but nothing is to be found any where regading the terms of the
Endowment and the amount endowed. In spited- of repeated queries from
the comittee you have not chosen the particulars. Further you have
not got the signatures of the recepients of this sholar-ship in
the Scholar-ship Register mainted for the purpose but when asked
you say that you have got a separte register for this shholar-ship
alone. The comittees are at loast to know what all this mistery is due
to.

Vi. You are systematically defying the authority of the Managing Committee and disobeying its instructions and orders. You are attempting to bring a difference between the staff and the management.

(a) As per resolution of the managing committee passed on 1-8-48. with you as one of the signatories you have submitted your monthly reports regarding the steps taken and the improvement effected in the tone and discipline of the school which you have not cared to submit so far.

(b) You have openly defied the committee and shown your in subordination by setting up the teachers' association and presiding over their meeting to pass a vote of confidence in you, by an open show of hands, three days after the passing of the first August Resolution in the managing committee. This you have done in spite of the protests of Sri. G. Subramania Iyer, a member of the association and the Managing Committee and further you had caused a copy of that resolution to be sent to the correspondent on a particular day two weeks after the actual meeting of the Teachers because the District Educational Officer was on a casual visit to the school on that day.

(c) You have recommended from the clerical staff for retrospective payment, with your note for sympathetic considerations to the correspondent and the Committee, knowing full well that the Management cannot grant their request and also that the District Educational officer has in his inspection Report mentioned the need for reduction and economy in this respect.

(d) In order to create dissensions among the members of the staff and misunderstandings between them and the committee, you are deliberately inducing some of the teachers and obtaining application from them for higher pay and increments even after the managing committee have passed a resolution on the matter and knowing full well that the management cannot grant their request.

Vii. You have been purposely misleading the committee in almost all procedure and then by making the department question the committee for your faults of omission and commission and a case in point is the Director's notes on the concessions under rule 32 of the grant in aid code. It is pointed out that on though the Rate of concessions under rule 32 of the grant in aid code had declared to be half the concessions.

and on this account and other like, there have been several trials
actions of money between you and the staff, all of which go to
show that all is not well with the staff's co-operative efforts
and the responsibility for the same must rest with you and the board
of management.

(1) Willing damage to school property by students even after reported
to you by the correspondent has not been investigated and culprit or
culprits punished. This indifference and reluctance to deal properly
with the mischievous elements have much to do with the deterioration
in the tone and standard of the school.

(g) You have received illegal gratification from the parent of a student
by name Ganapathy Aiyar promising to get for his son a pass in the
S.P.L.O. Public Examination 1947. Going to know that this reached the
ears of the managing committee, you have paid him back 15. Also days
back promising to pay the balance requested but not given the same
yet further.

iv. You as the secretary of the committee have
collected the money from students and outside and you have
not so far reported anything to the managing committee, regarding
the collection made and how pay is made, thereby you have failed
to discharge your duties as an officer of the committee.

(h) In the name of the Golden Jubilee committee you have con-
vinced students who were given during March 1948 the balance of money
due to them under rule 32 concession to pay back a portion of what
they have got, thereby depriving them of their enjoying the full
benefit.

v. The school calendar makes mention of management-committee-ship
but nothing is to be found anywhere regarding the terms of the
management and the amount endowed. In school or reported questions from
the committee you have not shown the guidelines. Further you have
not got the signatures of the members of this committee in the
the school-ship register entered for the purpose but when asked
you say that you have got a separate register for this school-ship
alone. The committee was at loss to know what all this meant. It is one

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This is highly irregular. You have misled the sub-committees formed for the grant of concessions, by not placing before them the materials required, for granting concessions, thereby making yourself responsible for the irregularity noted above and for the loss of Rs900 and odd to the institution. This amount has since been refunded to the students. By your conduct you have deprived deserving poor students the benefit of Rule 32 Concessions for this current year, because no concessions could be given now, owing to the excess over 10% limit in the previous year.

VIII. We are definitely given to understand that you have applied a Job in the tutorial college, Egmore and secured an order by wire during August 1948, appointing you on a salary of Rs250 per mensem. You have done this without the knowledge of the correspondent or the Management, quite in contravention to the terms of the agreement you have signed with the management, punishment for the same being dismissal.

IX. Tamil is the Regional Language of the school but you are not proficient in Tamil. Since Tamil has become the first language, you cannot efficiently supervise the class work and go through Notes of lessons on all subjects except perhaps in English.

We have framed these charges against the Headmaster and request you to send these to the Headmaster, call for his explanations- and place the matter before the meeting of the Managing Committee.

Ambasamudram

4th Dec. 1948.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

S.D. P.A. Ganapathy Mudaliar.

" D. Maragatha subramania Pillai

" A. Sethuramalingam.

G. Subramania Ayyer-

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7th Dec. 1948.

From--
Sri.E.H.Parameswaran, M.A.,L.T.
Headmaster,
Tirthapati High School,
Ambasamudram.

To
The Correspondent,
Tirthapati High School,
Ambasamudram.

Sir,

In reply to your communication dated 4th December 1948, I respectfully wish to submit that the procedure, contained in your letter, of some members of the Managing Committee framing charges and the same being forwarded by the Correspondent is not contemplated in the terms of the agreement entered into between the Correspondent of the school and me.

I am advised that the procedure is illegal and ultravires.

The allegations contained in the said communication are absolutely unfounded, frivolous and vexatious.

In the circumstances I do not feel called upon to give a reply to the charges in your communication.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd) E.H.Parameswaran.
Headmaster.

Ambasamudram.
7-12-48.

(True Copy.)

From The
Students Theerthapathi High School,
A M B A S A M U D R A M.

Through
The pupil Leader of School,

To
The Minister in-charge of Education,
MA D R A S.

Respected Sir,

We, the following students of Sixth and Fifth
Forms of Theerthapathi high school Ambasamudram, most humbly
request you to take necessary action to make our beloved Head-
master's (E.H. Paramasvaran M.A.L.T.), post ^{Securely} to ~~perment~~ in this
school till he retires from his service not only for the welfare
of this ^{SCHOOL FOR} but the welfare of all the Students' also.

(True copy of the Student's signature)

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| 10. P. Sarangapani. | 54. N. Govindan. |
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| 19. R.S. Ranganathan. | 63. K.S. SankaraKrishnan. |
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| 22. K. Ganapathi. | 66. S. Thomas. |
| 23. S. Mud. Kasaem. | 67. S. Kalasam. |
| 24. S.S. Raman. | 68. Ali Shaik manzore. |
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Ambasamudram,
 6/2/49.

Respected Sir,

On behalf of our school S.S.L.C. Students I
 most humbly request you to take necessary actions to make
 the position of our Head Master to be ^{SECURE} permanent in this
 school for the welfare of all the students and the school.

I have the hounour to be,
 Sir,

Your most obedient student,

SCHOOL PUPIL LEADER.

P. N. A.

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To

The Honourable Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
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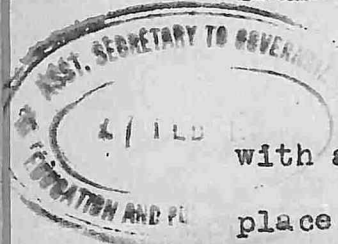
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Submitted,

The Tirthapati High school, Ambasamudram is an institution with a great tradition and name. It has been occupying a foremost place and position in the Presidency and has been catering to the needs of the students of the various places near by in Tinnevely, Ramnad and Madura Districts. The position has been the result of arduous, earnest and selfless work of its former Headmasters, Sri. T.S.Sadasiva Ayyar, B.A.L.T., in particular.

For the last so many years it has been steadily going down both in its tone and character. This is in no small measure due to the attitude of indifference and the lack of interest and zeal of its present Headmaster. It may not be improper and incorrect to say that it had been living on its past glory and prestige and it has for the past 2 or 3 years come to a stage when some thorough shaking up was found necessary to save it from utter extinction.

The present Headmaster has not been taking much pains in the direction of maintaining the tone and prestige of the Institution. A stage of blissful contentment and lethargy has been reached and all his time and energy are being devoted to external affairs to boost his position in the educational world, leaving the school to drift as best as it could. The Public and the Management have been watching the downward trend and urging for a shake up but to no purpose. This attitude of the Public has been taken note of by the Headmaster and he has been covering up his sins and omissions by public propaganda and position in Educational bodies, membership to the Senate and position in the guilds and other Public bodies. Had he devoted a tithe of the time and energy he devotes to the public cause, to the interest of the institution, it would not have reached the present position it is now in.

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Unfortunately the institution has nothing to boast for at present There is utter lack of discipline and control both among the students and Masters. Cleavages have been created only to suit his purpose to make one stand by and support his position. There is ~~anyingx~~ anything but school and study atmosphere. The incessant cry for more pay and less work has been much in evidence and in spite of all appeasement on the part of the Management, the students and parents have not been getting what is their due. The reputation of the school has fallen low. In short it has reached a stage when the public and the Management of the school thought that reform was absolutely essential.

The present Management seems to have taken steps in the matter and instead of responding favourably to it the Headmaster has, it seems created an uproar by setting up all methods at his command to resist it. The question of communal tinge, teachers' cause in danger, security of tenure, and the question of jurisdiction, have all been raised before the public and authorities.

We submit there is nothing of the sort in the matter. The public and the Management are concerned with the prestige and tone of the institution and there has been no communal affair in the matter or the security of tenure and the like. Every sound Management ought to safeguard the interest of the institution and if in the way it has to encounter opposition of vested interest, which won't move in the right direction, it is but proper that such interest should be put down and silenced. We have reasons to believe that ^{much} ~~much~~ propaganda in the above direction has been made both in the press and the public but we hope that these things won't weigh with the department.

We have been watching the course of events and we assure that there has been nothing of any communal tinge in the matter - or for the matter of that the teachers being oppressed by the -

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the management. It is only a legitimate method of the management to shake their servants from lethargy into action and to a realisation of their sense of duty and service.

AMBA SAMUDRAM,

20 -2-1949.

- 1. O. Raghupathy L.M.
Registered Medical Practitioner
Ambasamudram
- 2. C. Subhaskar
Retired Postmaster
Ambasamudram
- 3. K.P.S. Subramaniam Pillai
Land Lord. Ambasamudram
- 4. K.A. Sivasubramanian Pillai
Retired Pleader &
Ex President of the Seemadai Teluk Board

+ one who served the Institution as member & correspondent of the Managing Committee for a period of more than twenty years.

K. Sathyanarayana
Pleaver &
Ex correspondent

T. S. Sathyanarayana
Pleaver & member
of the Seemadai Teluk Board
Ambasamudram.

U. S. Sathyanarayana
Pleaver for Govt.
Ambasamudram.

M. Matena Pillai
Ex President who served
in the institution for more
than ten years as member
& President

S. Sathyanarayana.
Special Magistrate of the 1st class Bench.
Cris. T. Sathyanarayana. Member of the Seemadai Teluk Board.
High School. Seemadai Teluk Board.

P. S. Sathyanarayana
Pleaver & member
of the Seemadai Teluk Board
Ambasamudram.

DR. P. M. Sathyanarayana (Palakuram)
Dental Surgeon
Ambasamudram

M. R. Sathyanarayana
- Vakil.
Ex committee member of the
school for one term
two years.

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Schools - Secondary - Aided - Tirthapathi High School,
Ambasamudram - ~~Termination of service of~~ ^{Action against the} Head-master.

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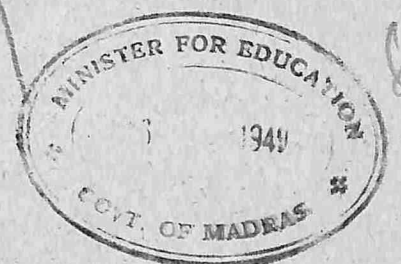
From the D.P.G. Rec. 1026. Dg/48 d/24-1-49.

Memorandum No 95471-13148-3 Etn 81 19/3/49.

The D.P.G. is requested to state whether a further report in respect of the termination of service of the headmaster ~~and management~~ of the ~~the~~ Tirthapathi High School, Ambaramadram, has since been received from the Divisional Inspector of Schools and if so to forward it ~~at~~ with his remarks.

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THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
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THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
FORT ST. GEORGE, MADRAS.

Subject:- Schools -- Secondary -- Aided -- Tirthapathy
High School, Ambasamudram - Action against
the Headmaster - report.

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Reference:- Govt. Memo No.95471 B1.48-3,Edn., dated
19--3--1949.

The Divisional Inspector has reported that he would visit the place again in April and submit his report before the end of the month.

As already reported in para 3 of my letter Roc.No.1026 D3/48 dated 24--1--1949, the management have been advised not to proceed further in the matter of terminating the services of the Headmaster pending final orders from the Director.

Yours faithfully

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For Director of Public Instruction.

Sg/s26/3.

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Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, dated 2nd June 1949.



TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, MADRAS.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
MADRAS.

Subject: Secondary - Aided - Tirthapathy High School, Ambasamudram - Action against the Headmaster - report.

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Education Department.

From The Director of Public Instruction,
M a d r a s

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, M a d r a s

R.O.C.No. 1026-D3/48 dated 2nd June 1949.

Sir,

SCHOOLS--Secondary--Aided--Tirthapathy High School,
Ambasamudram--Action against the Headmaster.

- p-3 ante Reference:--Government Memorandum No.95471-B1-48 dated 28.12.1948.
- p-41 ante 2.Letter Roc.No.1026-D3/48 dated 24.1.1949 of the Director to the Government
- p125 ante 3.Government Memorandum No.95471-B1-48-3-Edn., dated 19.3.1949.



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Vide memorandum
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While forwarding a copy of the notes of the proceedings of the General Body Meeting held on 19.9.1948, the President of the managing committee of the Tirthapathi High School, Ambasamudram, complained of a steady deterioration in the school atmosphere. Further representations in the form of letters and telegrams from various sources continued to pour in and it was seen that there was much of faction and feud in respect of the school and its management, and the general public appeared to be practically divided into two camps. The Head Master of the school was reported by one party to have identified himself with the other, and representations and counter-representations about this also were received by me. The Government also referred one such representation to me (Vide Government Memorandum No.95471-B4-48 dated 28.12.1948). The Divisional Inspector was therefore ordered to make a full enquiry and submit a detailed report.

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2 The Divisional Inspector's first report was received by me on 7.1.1949 and a copy of it was submitted to Government in my letter dated 24.1.1949. From the report it appeared that the position crystallised itself into a tug of war between certain members of the management and the Head Master, the former seeking to get the latter out.

Some members of the management considered themselves entitled to frame charges against the Head Master and give him notice of termination of services. On this, the local District Munsiff's Court was moved which declared that the management's party was to that extent acting beyond their powers. - 19 ante

3 The Divisional Inspector was now asked by me ^{further} to report in detail on the accusations or charges against the Headmaster, and in particular, about a question of advance acquittance and illegal gratification.

4 The Divisional Inspector of Schools submitted his report in his R.C.No.890-B/48 dated 28.4.1949 and a copy of this is enclosed. On going through the various representations and the official reports of the Divisional Inspector, I am led to believe that both the Headmaster and the management are considerably to blame for the present state of affairs which, if continued, would certainly bring the institution into disrepute.

5 The Headmaster was accused of being a party to false acquittance. The Divisional Inspector though exonerating the Headmaster from blame is compelled to remark that he was a rather weak. The Headmaster's confidential note to the Correspondent shows that he was aware of what he was doing and with a full knowledge of the gravity of the offence he himself signed the acquittance. The Headmaster cannot therefore in my opinion be acquitted of complicity regarding false acquittance. The Headmaster is not free similarly from all suspicion in regard to the second charge of illegal gratification.

The parent's statement suggests that the Headmaster was prepared to go out of his way for the pupil provided atleast his expenses could be paid. That the parent approached the Headmaster is not denied, and money is acknowledged to have passed through his hand. It is now sought to be made out that this money was intended as a remuneration for the two teachers who undertook private tuition for the pupil. But just why the Headmaster ~~allows~~ should have accepted this amount on their behalf, just why he didnot ask the parent to settle the accounts directly with the teachers concerned, is not understandable.

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6 On the other hand, the management themselves have been found to be too interfering in matters which are solely within the Headmaster's province and thereby undermining the authority and influence of the Headmaster.

7 In the circumstances, I am informing the correspondent that neither he nor the managing committee should interfere in school matters which under the Madras Educational Rules are exclusively within the Headmaster's jurisdiction and that his action in framing charges which were not approved by the Committee was irregular. Likewise, I am warning the Headmaster for the irregularities to which he has been a party, that action under the Madras Educational Rules would be taken if they should recur.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

For Director of Public Instruction.

Copy of letter R.C.No.890-B/48 dated 28th April 1949 from the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Mathurai Division, Mathurai to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Subject:--Schools--Secondary--Aided--Thirthapathi High School, Ambasamudram.

Refce.:--Director's Proceedings R.C.1026-D3/48 dated 17.2.1949.

The enquiry was conducted with reference to Proceedings Roc.No.1026-D3/49 dated 17.2.1949 of the Director of Public Instruction on the letter dated 13.2.1949 of the Correspondent, Thirthapathi High School, Ambasamudram with a view to assess:--

1. the complicity of the Headmaster Sri E.H.Parameswara Iyer with the advance acquittance taken from the staff of the school for the arrears of salary due to them in consequence of the adoption of the government scales of pay for teachers with effect from 1.6.1947,

2. the truth in the charge of illegal gratification accepted by the Headmaster from the parent of a student for getting him a pass in the S.S.L.C.Public Examination, 1947.

2. The enquiry was conducted at Ambasamudram in the premises of the High School from the 6th to 10th both days inclusive. The District Educational Officer, Tirunelveli West was also present throughout. 41 teachers including the Headmaster have signed in the advance acquittance and 37 teachers including the Headmaster now available on the staff of the school were examined with reference to (1) and their statements recorded. All the statements have been serially numbered. Four teachers are not in the service of the school now. Besides, the clerks of the school were also examined.

With reference to (II) the father of the student was examined. His statement was recorded. His accounts were scrutinized and relevant extract taken therefrom enclosed. The explanation from the Headmaster was taken after statements were recorded from the two teachers concerned with the student and the hostel where he stayed during the period of study in the school.

3. With reference to (I) the following are the findings:--

1. As alleged by the Correspondent and his colleague in the managing committee, in their letter dated 13.2.1949, the Headmaster did not lead the clamour and agitation among the teachers for the adoption of Government scales of pay, but when the managing committee decided on 2.7.1947 to adopt the local board scales of pay, the Headmaster pressed for the adoption of the Government scales of pay for teachers. Beyond discharging his duties as ex-officio President of the Teachers' Association of that school, in presiding over the meetings of the Association, there is nothing on record to show that he led the clamour. On the other hand, the statement of Sri H.Visveswaran, No.12, who was the Secretary of the Teachers' Association and the minutes of the meeting produced by him for perusal definitely disproved the allegation that the Headmaster led the clamour. The memorandum prepared by the Sub-Committee appointed by the Teachers' Association to go into the question was not even submitted to the managing committee through the Headmaster.

2. There is nothing on record of the minutes of the managing committee to show that the Headmaster pressed for the retrospective effect of the Government scales of pay from 1.6.1947. The minutes of the meeting of the managing committee do not bear out the allegation that the Headmaster pressed for the adoption of the scales from 1.6.1947.

3. As regards the allegations that the Headmaster suggested that the acquittance may be obtained in advance and that he undertook to obtain such advance acquittance from teachers, it is amply disproved by the practically unanimous statements of the great majority of teachers in their statements recorded in our presence.

The statements Nos. 1 to 11 enclosed by the Correspondent in support of their allegations that the Headmaster undertook to obtain the advance acquittance from teachers are all stereotyped and lose their value on the face of the statements made by them in our presence. No. 1, Sri Yegnarama Iyer, Assistant Headmaster of the school has definitely gone back on his statement dated 13.2.1949, about the part of the Headmaster in obtaining the signatures of teachers in the acquittance roll. This is very significant. No. 2, Kanthimathinatha Pillai is consistent in his statement, though he holds the Correspondent responsible for the salary due and not the Headmaster. No. 3, Sri G. Subramania Iyer elected teacher-member of the Managing Committee is also consistent with the statement dated 13.2.1949. He admits that it is the management that pays their salary. As a teacher of 14 years standing and activities both in and outside the school, he is aware that the advance acquittance is an irregular act but pleads extenuating circumstances, but a man of his experience and individuality and as he is a member of the managing committee, no extenuating circumstance can hold good; he is not speaking the truth. He certainly knows more than what he says or is prepared to say, that he cannot sign on the assurance of the Headmaster for amounts not actually received by him. No. 4, Chockalingam Pillai resiles from the attitude taken by him in the statement dated 13.2.1949. This is also to be noted. He appears to have ~~rely~~ relied more on the 'loan' idea than the assurance of the Headmaster and he also now states just like the majority of other teachers that the procedure (loan) not followed and entries seem to have been made in some other way in the account. His statement to the Correspondent cannot therefore be taken as correct.

Nos. 5 to 7 have now denied that the Headmaster asked them to sign the acquittance. These teachers have also gone back on the statement given to the Correspondent. The statement of No. 6 recorded before us, of Sri Appan Iyengar explains the circumstances and the manner in which statements Nos. 4 to 11 were obtained by the Correspondent for being enclosed with his letter dated 13.2.1949. He is a very disingenuous and simple man and his attitude is about the normal that obtains in any aided institution. He says that it is Sri G. Subramania Iyer, the teacher-member of the managing committee that gave the assurance on behalf of the committee and not the Headmaster and this statement implicating Sri G. Subramania Iyer has been corroborated by a few other teachers. No. 5 has stated that he gave the statement to the Correspondent as he did not want to displease the Correspondent. All the above teachers have stated that the statements were taken in the Correspondent's house and they have been taken under some coercion. Nos. 8 to 10 are consistent in their statements that is on the assurance given by the Headmaster that the amounts due will be paid and that they may sign in advance. So, of the eleven statements taken by the Correspondent only 5 have now adhered to the statements and this is also significant.

The statement of No. 11 Sri Sivarama Iyer, Head Clerk of the school is very conflicting and inconsistent. He accepts the entry under date 29th March, '48 "miscellaneous receipts" etc. in a different ink in the cash book of the management and his writing, but disowns the responsibility for it and throws it on the Headmaster and the Correspondent. The experienced clerk that he has been of the school under so many successive Correspondents, knows, but is not prepared to admit that the responsibility for such an entry in the management cash book cannot be divided with the Headmaster. He was, however, again questioned subsequently in the presence of the Headmaster about this entry, but he did not give any reply. The management cash book, which is a separate one from the school records contains also other transactions (Elementary school, general electorate expenses etc.) and the Headmaster has no responsibility for the maintenance of this book. This account book, which is separate from school accounts, is also not audited. The clerk-Sivarama Iyer is a very unreliable type of person and he is also partly responsible for some of the mischief. He is a tale-bearer.

Statement No. 36 Sri S. Sankarasubbu, another clerk, is very illuminating on the whole case and disproves the statement of the Head Clerk. He is very definite about Sri G. Subramania Iyer having assured the teachers on behalf of the management but he is not sure of the Headmaster having given such an assurance to any teacher.

Statements Nos. 12 to 39 with the exception of No. 20 of Sri M. Somasundaram, all depose that it is the Head Clerk and Sri G. Subramania Iyer, teacher-member of the Committee that assured the teachers of post-payment of the arrears amounts due to them and persuaded them to sign in advance. The consensus of opinion among them is that the Headmaster never gave them the assurance on behalf of the managing committee and that he never persuaded them to sign in advance. But it was the Head Clerk conveying the instructions of the Correspondent and Sri G. Subramania Iyer, that persuaded them to sign in advance. The statement of No. 20 - Sri M. Somasundaram - a remote cousin of the Correspondent, states that it was the Headmaster's assurance that made him sign in advance though he admits that he is not ultimately responsible for the payment. He takes the same attitude as No. 2 K. Kanthimathinatha Pillai. It is also important to note that he also mentions the idea of "18an" but it was not treated as loan.

Statement of No. 27, Sri Tyagarajan, the present Secretary of the Teachers' Association, throws light on what happened after the advance acquittance of March, '48. No. 29, Sri N. Venkataraman corroborates the Secretary's statements past and present.

The statement of No. 31 - Sri S. Venkataraja Iyer - deserves mention as it comes from the oldest member of the staff of the school having served it for 35 years and for nearly twice the period of service of the Headmaster. He has seen a succession of managing committees and Correspondents of the school. The present Correspondent - Sri. Muthukumaraswami Pillai, Sri P. A. Ganapathy Mudaliar and Sri Maragathasundaram Pillai, members of the managing committee are all his old pupils and he is sincerely repentent for his part in having helped Sri G. Subramania Iyer to get elected to the managing Committee. He is sorry that he should have turned to be the 'evil genius' of the committee and feels that his continuance in it will not be for the good of the school. This is very important.

25 teachers have deposed orally that the acquittance was signed on the assurance conveyed to them by the Head Clerk Sri Sivarama Iyer under instructions from the Correspondent and that it would be treated as loan; of these six teachers have also stated that Sri G. Subramania Iyer, teacher-member of the Committee also conveyed the decision of the committee to treat it as a loan and that teachers might sign in advance. Only six teachers have stated that the Headmaster assured them about the payment. Five teachers have stated that they signed because they saw that the others had signed. There is no record of any kind to prove the complicity of the Headmaster and hence the oral evidence alone has to be reckoned with. The oral evidence is overwhelmingly to the effect that the Head Clerk conveyed to the staff the instructions of the Correspondent and that Sri G. Subramania Iyer also advised teachers to sign. There is also evidence to show that the Head Clerk is the confident of the Correspondent and he used to convey his instructions. So, the allegations that the Headmaster undertook to get the signatures of the teachers in advance in the acquittance cannot be substantiated.

4. As regards the allegations that he misled and misguided the management into a false position with so many years' experience

behind him, the following are borne out:-

i. There is nothing on record to prove the allegations that he pleaded for the retrospective effect from 1.6.1947 of the Government scales of pay, knowing the financial implications of the measure at the fag end of the year. In the absence of such a record to support the allegations of the Correspondent, the statement of the Headmaster corroborated by that of Sri H. Visveswaran, will have to be admitted viz. that the Headmaster opposed the adoption of their scales of pay with retrospective effect from 1.6.1947 both in the sub-committee of the managing committee and in the meeting of the managing committee. The Headmaster, who opposed it before his teachers at the risk of his popularity with them, would not have hesitated to do it in the managing committee. If only he had insisted on having his dissent recorded, it would have all gone well with him. But one important factor to be noted in this connexion is the fact that this charge, which is a very serious one, was not included by the four members of the Committee, in the charge sheet against the Headmaster - please see Charge VII. The Correspondent and the four members were aware of the fact that the department has taken cognisance of this irregularity, but they did not include it as a charge. This was done only after the decision of the Court and after the issue of the Director's Proceedings R.C.1026-D3/48 dated 24.1.1949. Even when the District Educational Officer asked the Correspondent to explain on the review of the inspection report of the school, the Correspondent did not get these statements from the teachers. It is only an after thought. Further, the relationship between the Headmaster and the committee was not very cordial from 1948 and the committee could have recorded the Headmaster's advice in the minutes book, if he had actually advised them improperly. In the absence of the 'dissent' recorded by him in the minutes, the Correspondent and his colleague Sri P.A. Ganapathi Mudaliar now get the charge against him. The Headmaster has been weak in this matter and has not insisted on his dissenting note to be recorded.

(ii) The Headmaster has now stated as follows:-

"It was suggested by Messrs. G. Subramanya Iyer and P.A. Ganapathy Mudaliar that the Correspondent might raise a loan on the Government securities. They suggested and the Correspondent agreed that if funds were not available, advance acquittance might be obtained from all the teachers for the amounts due before 31.3.1948 and the amounts should be treated as loans from the teachers to be repaid as soon as funds became available or when the teaching grant was received. I did not oppose as it was definitely understood that the amounts should be treated as loans from the teachers, if the Correspondent did not succeed in raising the required loan. The suggestion regarding advance acquittance never came from me and I did not undertake to get such acquittance from teachers".

This is generally supported by the oral evidence of the majority of teachers and under the rules of the managing committee the Correspondent has the power to raise temporary loans for the payment of salaries to staff.

(iii) Till the advance acquittance from all the teachers was obtained on 29.3.1948 this understanding to treat the amount as 'loan' seems to have been observed but somebody seems to have violated it by not showing it as 'loan' either in the books of the managing committee or that of the school. The Correspondent could not plead ignorance or inexperience and disown responsibility in this regard. This is an elementary rule of accounting money that one owes should be shown as liability. Far from doing it, he has shown it as "miscellaneous receipts" in the managing committee's accounts and failed to show it as such in the school accounts. This is deliberate and should have been done under advice from sources other than the Headmaster.

(iv) It is a fact that the Headmaster also signed as on 29.3.1948, on his return to the school on the 3rd or 4th April. But it was only when he found that all but he had signed and that even subscriptions to the teachers' provident fund in the amounts disbursed on 29.3.1948 had been deposited on 30.3.48 in the absence of the Headmaster; the management advancing the teachers' share as well as its share of the deposits on behalf of the staff including himself. He says that he still hoped that the understanding as regards the amount as 'loan' from the teachers held till the Head-Clerk showed him the entry in the managing committee's cash book as "miscellaneous receipts" and asked him to sign it under instructions from the Correspondent.

(v) He signed the financial statement and the applications for advance grant. His statement that he did so, so as not to delay it and that he could prevail on the Correspondent still to have the entry in the cash book (managing committee's) entered as 'loan' and reconciled as such in the books of the teachers' association (also vide statements of both H. Visveswaran and Tyagarajan) Nos. 12 and 27, the Secretaries of the teachers' association past and present respectively). The Headmaster also signed the application for advance of grant from Government as in the previous years and this year he had special reasons to sign it as the committee could keep its understanding only with the receipt of the advance grant.

(vi) In this affair, but for his action in refusing to sign the cash book of the managing committee till it was shown as loan according to the understanding, it is difficult to say what would have happened when the advance grant arrived. That he was not a party to any other arrangement thought of subsequent to 29.3.1948, is evident from his action. The teachers were prepared to have it as a "loan" only and were ready to take it back when the grant received in October 1948.

(vii) It may also be stated that both the Head Clerk and the other clerks have stated that acquittance cannot be prepared without the knowledge and consent of the Correspondent and the Headmaster has no power to make any disbursement. A few teachers have also stated to this effect. Small payments have been made even on 29.3.1948 and the Provident Fund contribution including the teachers' contribution (subsequently recovered) were advanced by the Correspondent; so the Correspondent assumed the entire responsibility.

(viii) The Headmaster had shown 'weakness and meekly' submitted to the resolutions of the managing committee of which he was himself a member ex-officio. He had chosen to do and, was party to the lesser evil of the two - signing for a amount not received at all, to signing in advance for an amount to be paid at a future date. His draft explanation dated 16.10.1948 (No. 11-A) amply bears it out. His position as with most of his ilk under private and aided management is unenviable - with his staff clamouring for more pay and management not having funds enough to meet the enhanced salary bill. But his bonafides are above question and his statement may be accepted. In this connexion, I may state that in the St. Joseph High School, Chingleput, all the teachers including the Headmaster were giving acquittance for a higher amount and receiving lesser amount for a number of years - a very serious offence. No action was taken against the Headmaster and the teachers - vide Director's Proceedings Rc.No.783-D3/47 dated 17.1.1949.

4. With reference to Charge No.III(g) i.e. illegal gratification accepted by the Headmaster from the father of a student of the school for securing a pass in the S.S.L.C. Public Examination, '47, the Correspondent was first asked to produce the evidence available. He submitted a statement dated 10.11.1948 given by Sri N.A. Krishna Mudaliar - vide the statement enclosed. Sri N.A. Krishna Mudaliar of Veeravanallur was summoned to meet the Divisional Inspector at 8.30 A.M. on the 10th - copy being sent to the Correspondent. He acknowledged the summons on the 8th, but did not turn up till 11-45 A.M. on the 10th and pleaded lack of conveyance from his village only four miles from Ambasamudram on a

on a good metalled road having regular bus service, waited in the school from 8.30 to 10 A.M. My confidential information is that he was at Ambasamudram even on the previous night in his relation's house but he was not inclined to appear before me. He was however brought to my residence at 11.45 A.M. by the Head Clerk of the school. His statement was recorded and his accounts book examined and extract taken. Attention is invited to his statement. Even in the first statement given to the Correspondent on 10.11.1948 he has stated that his boy wrote the S.S.I.C. Public Examination in March, '47. He has repeated this in his statement made before me. The March, '47 examination was cancelled on account of leakage of question papers and there was re-examination in April, '47.

The following are the findings:-

1. It is a fact he gave Rs. 55/- to the Headmaster,
2. It was not given as bribe or illegal gratification, even according to his own statement,
3. The amount was given as honorarium for the troubles taken by two teachers to give the student tuition arranged for by the Headmaster.
4. The entry in the accounts book of the merchant in his ledger definitely states that the amount was for 'tuition teacher'. It is very significant that the Headmaster's name is not entered in it, though the father is very conversant with his name, only the ultimate recipients of the amount is entered.

5. The statements of both Mr. H. Visveswaran and A.R. Krishnan 44 and 45 corroborate the entry in the books of the father and the explanation of the Headmaster No. 46 is satisfactory. It is not usual in such cases to pass receipts between private parties and the parent has no grievance whatever as regards the payment he made for the education of his son.

6. He sincerely regrets that what he said in 'joke' with Sri P.A. Ganapathi Mudaliar, a member of the managing committee and whose brother's daughter was given in marriage to his son in 1948 should have been exploited and twisted to such serious extent. He has stated that but for Sri P.A. Ganapathi Mudaliar, he would not have gone to the Correspondent and signed in the statement.

7. He is a simple, guileless villager doing business in yarn and does not even remember whether his son first appeared for the S.S.I.C. from M.D.T. Hindu College School, Tirunelveli. He follows Tamil Calendar and does not know the English calendar unless he is told. His statement brings out his 'nature' inspite of what his friends should have told him to say. This charge has also not been provided and I am constrained to observe that such a serious charge should have been framed in such an irresponsible manner with a view to discrediting the Headmaster.

5. I may, however, state that the Headmaster has been weak and careless. He certainly has not shown any moral turpitude or delinquency both with the management and the father of the S.S.I.C. student. He has done very good work in the school and he had no trouble with any of the previous managing committees. Ever since the present committee came to function, trouble started - vide my letter No. 890-B/48 dated 1.1.1949.

6. The managing committee, a good majority of it has proved itself to be both incompetent and unbusiness-like and has shown a lamentable lack of responsibility in managing the affairs of the school. An incident like this is the first in its annals and has already shaken

its good name in the educational field. The school has suffered through factions as a result of this episode and presents a neglected and indifferent appearance. The present committee has forfeited its rights to manage the school and may not be recognised under Rule 12 of the Madras Educational Rules. The Committee has mis-managed the school and its finances. The committee is unable to pay the annual increments to teachers due on 1.6.1948, the difference in the arrears of Dearness Allowance and the salary for the month of March, '49 in full.

The articles of the association of the committee may be so revised or amended as to make it impossible for a recurrence of the troubles as for instance on the following basis:-

1. No member of the teaching staff present or past other than the Headmaster may be permitted to be on the managing committee,
2. The Headmaster may be ex-officio but he shall have no right to vote. He shall be purely an advisory expert on the committee,
3. There shall be a minimum period of membership, say, a year for an elector of the electorate to entitle him to vote at the election for members of the committee. I have already reported about the constitution.

The present Correspondent may also be declared unsuitable to hold the post for the following reasons:-

- i. Interference with the annual promotions in 1947,
 - ii. Interference in internal administration of the school,
 - iii. Failure to take action against Sri G. Subramanya Iyer and consequent indiscipline in the school,
 - iv. Advance acquittance,
 - v. Sending the charges framed by the members of the committee to the Headmaster. The District Munsif has declared his conduct improper; he has observed as follows:-
- "On the materials placed before me I am clearly of the view that the conduct of the defendant and that of the other four members of the committee who forwarded the letter of the defendant framing charges against the Headmaster is not only improper but is also not warranted by the rules framed for the Managing Committee".
- vi. General incapacity to manage the affairs of the school.

I also recommend that the sum of Rs. 2,745/- may not be admitted for purpose of grant, as a penalty.

/True copy/.

M. S. Subramanian
For Director of Public Instruction.

From

Dr. N. Lakshmanan, L.M.P.,
President, Managing Committee,
Tirthapati High School,
North Car Street, Kallidaikurichi.

To

The Hon'ble Minister for Education,
Fort St. George, M a d r a s.



Respected Sir,

Sub: Tirthapati High School affairs.

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High School:-

As President of the Managing Committee of the

T.H.School I beg leave to bring to your kind notice and
consideration the following facts regarding the Tirthapati

(1) Mr.E.H.Parameswaran, M.A.,L.T., has been the
Headmaster of the School from 1931 and he has had a distin-
guished record of work to his credit. He has been the Editor
of the Scholar, Palghat and President of the Thirunelveli
District Teachers' Guild for a number of years and represen-
tative of the Headmasters of the Province in the Madras Univer-
sity Senate for the last 14 years. He has now been reelected to
the Senate at the top of the polls. He has won the encomiums
from successive D.E.Os and distinguished visitors to the
school during the last 18 years. He has won the love of the
pupils and the teachers and esteem of successive correspondents
and members of the Managing Committee of the School.

(2) Two of the members of the present Managing
Committee Mr. G.Subramania Iyer, B.A.,L.T., a member of the
staff and Mr. P.A.Ganapathi Mudaliar, B.A.,L.T., an ex-teacher
of the school actuated by personal motives began to give
trouble to the Headmaster from the beginning of last year.
The Correspondent Mr.N.Muthukumaraswami Pillai could not
understand educational rules and always suffered from a sort
of inferiority complex and allowed himself to be led by these

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members. Consequently the relations between the Headmaster and some members of the Managing Committee became very strained. On the pretext that S.S.L.C. Public Examination results were unsatisfactory the Correspondent convened a series of meetings of the Managing Committee and cross-examined the Headmaster.

(3) On 1-8-48 the M.C. passed a long resolution on examinations, promotions, discipline etc., though the H.M. pointed out that these were purely academic matters outside the jurisdiction of the Managing Committee.

(4) The Correspondent began giving pin-pricks to the Headmaster and the staff daily and harassing him. The climax was reached when the correspondent served on 4-8-48 ~~xxx~~ a notice with threat of termination of service on the Headmaster together with charges. These charges were never placed before a meeting of the Managing Committee but were previously prepared by Messrs. G.Subramania Iyer and P.A. Ganapati Mudaliar. I as president was completely ignored and neither the charges nor the notice of termination of services were shown to me.

(5) Representations were made by me, Mrs. Lakshmi-sankara Iyer, M.L.A., the staff and the pupils and the Tinnevely District Teachers' Guild to the D.P.I., and the Govt. praying for intervention to stop the unjust action of the Correspondent.

(6) I had two long interviews with Mr. P.N. Chamu Nair, Divisional Inspector of Schools, Mathurai who conducted an enquiry first in December and then in April and requested him to save the school by preventing the Correspondent's arbitrary and high-handed action and vindicate the Honour of the Headmaster who had rendered meritorious service to the school. I had an interview with the Hon. Mr. T.S. Avinashilingam Chettiar, Ex-Minister in the second week of January and he assured me "The interests of your Headmaster and the Staff are quite safe in my hands and the hands of the Government."

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Representations were also made to the Hon. A.B. Shetty and he promised to do justice and to safeguard the interests of the teaching profession.

(7) Now I feel it my duty to bring these facts to your kind notice in order that justice may be done by our popular Government. In January a monster petition was presented to the Honourable Minister for Education by about 500 members of the T.H. School Electorate and Well-wishers of the school praying the Government to dissolve the Managing Committee which has proved its incompetence and constitute a fresh committee. A copy of the monster petition is submitted herewith.

(8) At the time of the Divisional Inspector's visit and inspection of the school records in December, 1948, I gave an account of the whole affair and the vexatious interference of the Correspondent and individual members of the Managing Committee in the academic work of the Headmaster, such as interference in promotions, ~~xxx~~ dictating methods of punishment etc. I also gave him in writing several instances of maladministration on the part of the Correspondent, chief of them being:- (a) Interference with promotions, (b) Taking away records from the school to the Correspondent's house during the H.M.'s absence at Madras, (c) Failure to take action against G. Subramania Iyer, teacher of the school for open definance of the Headmaster, (d) making available school records etc. clandestinely to his friends to frame charges against the Headmaster.

Along with leading members of the public like K.V. Anantanarayanan, P.S. Sankara Iyer, A. Natesan, K.M. Lakshmana Iyer, K.A. Sivagnanam Pillai, all Ex-Correspondents of the school who interviewed the Divisional Inspector and placed the interests of the school before him I had fondly hoped that the Divisional Inspector and the D.P.I. would take suitable action against Mr. G. Subramania Iyer and the Corres-

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Correspondent. But nothing of the kind has happened and some of the members of the Managing Committee feel that they can do anything with impunity.

When the teachers and the public were expecting orders from the Government the Divisional Inspector came for a second enquiry in April. He conducted a thorough enquiry for about a week and examined all the members of the staff regarding advance acquittance. I have already represented to the Divisional Inspector about this advance acquittance. The facts are as follows: 1. It was taken by the Head Clerk under instructions from the Correspondent. 2. The Headmaster was not in station on the day. 3. The Headmaster opposed the very idea of retrospective effect being given to the salaries at the Managing Committee meeting as liquid cash was not available. 4. The Headmaster opposed the entry made by the Correspondent in the accounts book and has not signed in the accounts book.

This irregularity was not put down in the 'charges' framed against the Headmaster. Finding that the charges they had already framed were flimsy and could not stand they were trying other means to send away the Headmaster from the school. The Divisional Inspector had called upon the Managing Committee to submit an explanation for advance acquittance. The Correspondent thinking that he can escape by fastening the blame on the Headmaster and get the Headmaster into trouble explained to the Director that advance acquittance was taken only by the Headmaster. A thorough examination of the records will show that the Headmaster is thoroughly innocent of the matter. The Divisional Inspector who enquired told me that the Correspondent and the Head Clerk alone are responsible for the irregularities.

I feel it my duty to bring to your kind notice the extracts from the judgment of the Learned Dt. Munsiff of Ambasamudram in the injunction petition filed by me to -

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to restrain the Correspondent of the school from proceeding further in the matter of the notice served on the Headmaster on the basis of the charges framed by four individual members of the committee. I had to take the extraordinary steps of resorting to a Court of Law not only because I felt that the Education Department seemed to be moving slow to protect the interests and security of tenure of a veteran Headmaster like MM E.H. Parameswaran but also because I realised along with the public that our beloved school would be ruined for ever by the malicious action of the Correspondent.

"According to the Judgment" four individual members of the Managing Committee have no right to act on behalf of the Committee in framing charges and requiring the Headmaster to submit his explanation. Neither the Correspondent nor the Managing Committee can terminate the services of the Headmaster without the previous permission of the District Educational Officer according to the terms of the New agreement since he has put in more than five years of efficient service."

The Judgment also stated that the Court was "clearly of the view that the conduct of the Correspondent and that of the four members of the Managing Committee, who forwarded the charges to the defendant, was not only improper but was not warranted under the rules framed for the Managing Committee."

The District Munsiff further observed, 'The termination of the service of the Headmaster is undoubtedly bound to affect not only the welfare of the school but also tend to affect adversely the general body of students whose interests the institution has to protect. Such a thing cannot be made to depend on the whims and f caprices of individuals. The conduct of the Correspondent in sending the charges to the Headmaster, ignoring as it were both the Managing Committee and also the Educational authorities cannot be upheld.'

(P.T.O.)

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I therefore humbly pray that you may be pleased to call for all the papers and be pleased to protect the interests of Education and the teaching profession

(1) by endorsing the decision of the Court regarding the illegal nature of the charges against the Headmaster by individual members of the Managing Committee.

(2) by directing the Correspondent and the Managing Committee not to interfere in academic matters and the internal administration of the school like promotions etc.

(3) by expressing severe displeasure of the several actions of the Correspondent against the interests of the school as seen from the reports of the D.E.O and the Divisional Inspector;

(4) by directing the Managing Committee to take immediate action against G.Subramania Iyer for his acts of indiscipline and for framing charges against his own Headmaster,

(5) and by ordering the adoption of new rules for the school and the constitution of the Managing Committee on a non-communal basis.

I remain,

Honoured Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. Murugesu
President,
Managing Committee.

Dated 5.6.1949.

✓ Copy forwarded to:
Secretary, Education & Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

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THE HONOURABLE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION,
to
THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Honoured Sir,

We, the members of General body of the management and well-wishers of the Tirthapathi High School, Ambasamudram, wish to bring to your notice, the deplorable state of affairs that prevails at present in the management of the institution. Most of the signatories hereunder have had the benefit of education in this institution and some of us have contributed considerably towards the upbringing of this institution which during the course of over fifty years under able managements has established commendable goodwill.

The present management ever since it came into office in October, 1947, with its crooked notions of safeguarding its strength and prestige and popularity have been frequently interfering with the internal administration of the school and its discipline and have been restricting the freedom of the headmaster in matters where he has to be absolutely free, have brought into the staff and in the committee elements of disruption and have been unwisely responsible for the decay of the tone of the institution.

^{Dignitaries}
~~Distinguished~~ members of the staff past and present have found an easy way into the Managing committee, who by their very presence there have created party cliques within the staff itself and have thus rendered good work by the headmaster and his colleagues practically impossible.

An enquiry into the conduct of the general body meeting on the 19th September will clearly substantiate our point. One member of the managing committee accusing the members of a particular community in the general body, another rising up and vociferously retorting, the Correspondent while answering questions put to him by the electorate trying to prevaricate and on being pressed pleading giddiness another member loudly accusing the questioners, the president unable to control declaring the meeting closed and the whole meeting assembled after expensive publicity given to its termination in a fiasco/-was a sorry spectacle indeed!

A member of the staff who is on the present committee directly and indirectly participating in the activities of ^{the} communists

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sets up mischievous propoganda against the members of the staff who ~~who~~ disagrees with and instigates pupils to agitate and is giving constant annoyance to the other members of the staff and the headmaster whom he does not like, and is rendering normal work impossible to the detriment of pupils reading in the institution.

We feel sure that if the present managing committee is not dissolved and if the objectionable clauses in the constitution of the committee are not rescinded this hoary institution built up by the sacrifices and wholehearted devotion of many in the past would fast come into ruin.

We therefore earnestly pray that you be pleased to institute proper enquiries render the present committee inoperative, set right the constitution, constitute a fresh committee on new lines prevent the growing unpopularity of the institution without the least delay.

We remain,
Honoured Sir,
Yours faithfully.

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Schools - Secondary - Aided - Tirthapathy High School,
Ambasamudram - Action against the ^{management and the} Headmaster -
Orders passed

Petition from St. Teacher's Guild, Thirunelveli d/12-12-48
From the D. P. J. Roc. No. 1026 B3/48 d/24-1-49 and
2-6-49.

Order No. 2006 Edn dated. 22/6/49
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The Govt. agree with the D.P.J. that, in view of the fact, that the management and the headmaster of the Tirthapathy High School, Ambasamudram ^{have} ~~had~~ already been warned, no further action is ~~immediately~~ ^{with a view to ensure} called for in the matter. ~~If the school is not run smoothly even after this warning,~~ ^{smooth working,} the Director may take steps to have the articles of the association of the committee amended on the lines suggested by the Divisional Inspector of Schools and to declare the present correspondent of the school as unfit to hold the

post.
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Secondary - Ambasamudram - Thirupathi High School
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From the B. P. S. at Ambasamudram
to the B. P. S. at Ambasamudram

dated

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The fact that the management of the Thirupathi High School, Ambasamudram, has been mismanaged and that the school is in a state of financial ruin is a matter of public knowledge. The management of the school has been mismanaged and the school is in a state of financial ruin. The management of the school has been mismanaged and the school is in a state of financial ruin. The management of the school has been mismanaged and the school is in a state of financial ruin.

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From

Dr. N. Lekshmanan,
President, Thirupathi High School Managing Committee,
Ambasamudram.

To



The Honourable Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
Madras.

Sub: Schools - secondary - Thirupathi High School.

As President of the Managing Committee of the Thirupathi High School, Ambasamudram, I once again crave your kind indulgence to place the following facts before you in the interest of the institution.

On 17th June, 1949 I submitted a memorandum to you regarding the affairs of the school and prayed that you may be pleased to protect the interest of the institution by

(1) Expressing the Government's displeasure of the several actions of the Correspondent.

(2) By directing the Management to take disciplinary action against Mr. G. Subramania Iyer, B.A.L.T., for misbehaviour and for framing charges against his own Headmaster.

(3) and ordering the adoption of new rules for the school and the constitution of the Managing Committee of the school on non-communal basis.

2. I am very glad that in response to representations the Government passed final order in their G.O.M.S.No.2006 dated 22nd June, 1949 directing that the articles of association of the Managing Committee of the school should be amended to ensure smooth running of the school. The Director also in his proceedings R.O.C.1026 dated 3/48 dated 29-6-49 ordered that the constitution and the rules should be suitably amended and required the District Educational Officer, Tinnevely West to enquire into the conduct of Mr. G. Subramania Iyer, assistant of the school and report about the desirability of taking action against him.

3. We are highly thankful to the Government and the Director of Public Instruction for passing the above orders and we felt that you had placed the well-wishers and staff of the school under a deep debt of gratitude by the adoption of suitable measures for ensuring the smooth working of the school.

4. It is however my painful duty to bring to your kind notice that the proposals of the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Mathurai, Division in accordance with the orders of the Government and the Director of Public Instruction have been unceremoniously turned down by the meeting of the General-body held on 18-9-49. From the start

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start there was no proper atmosphere for a calm and consideration of the proposals.

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5. The Divisional Inspector communicated his p
Correspondent of the school on 25-7-49 stating specifi
a view to ensure smooth working of the institution and
instructions from the Government the Director of Public
desires that the rules should be amended. But these pr
coming from the Divisional Inspector were never treated
consideration and respect which they deserved.

6. The Correspondent shelved the whole question b
document to himself. The Correspondent never convened a
the Managing Committee to consider these proposals. Without
the members of the Managing Committee of these important
he proceeded to fix the dates for election to the new Man
Committee on the 25th August, 1949.

7. I had to protest against his procedure and cal
to arrange for the consideration of the amendments to the
proposed by the Department.

8. At the meeting of the General-body the whole ques
made a party question and the members who have been got dow
purpose were given a whip to vote against the proposals. I
Ganapathi Mudaliar the Correspondent who ought to have move
proposals on behalf of the department not only failed to do
questioned the very authority of the Government to make such
He openly expressed that he doubted the bonfide of the commu
He pointed out that he did not know the contents of the commu
that ground advised rejection of the proposals.

9. The two important suggestions
(1) for deleting the communal ratio in the
Committee and taking the caste of the Headmaster into consider
and (2) for making it impossible for members of the staff of th
to become a member of the Governing body of the school were vot
by a majority. The reactionary elements have triumphed and the
is placed in an horrible situation.

10. On behalf of the large body of the intelligent elec
have built up the institution and in the interest of the smoo
of this premier institution, I humbly pray that the Government
insist on the acceptance of the two most important clauses con
in the suggestions of the department. The proper constitution
managing body is a condition of recognition and grant and it
to the Director of Public Instruction and Government and it
the Managing Committee of the school should be properly direc
by deleting the rule 7 of the Electorate rules.

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Rule No.7 of the Electorate.

The number of Brahmin and Non-Brahmin member Committee shall be in proportion to the number of Brahmin and Non-Brahmin Voters on the date on which the application for Election to the Managing Committee are called for. If number of the candidates belonging to either community stand for election the seat or seats may be filled up by from the candidates belonging to the other community. In the proportion, the exofficio member (Headmaster) shall to represent the community to which he belongs. In case the proportion, fractions less than half will be rejected more than half will be deemed as one. If there be two "lots will be cast to decide which "half" should be "one".

11. It is equally important that teachers and clerical school should not be allowed to become members of the Managing Committee. The Government will be doing the greatest service to the school by insisting that no employee of the school become a member of the Managing Committee.

12. It is not proper that Mr. G. Subramania Iyer, Assistant Teacher of the school who has been guilty of insubordination and whose conduct is the subject of a departmental enquiry should be allowed to stand for election to the Managing Committee once again to become a member of the governing body.

My prayer therefore is that you may be pleased to consider the whole situation and pass orders:

1. Directing the deletion of the communal Rule No. 7.
2. Directing that no present member of staff besides the Headmaster should be a member of the Managing Committee.
3. By ordering the inclusion of the rule that there should be a minimum period of one year membership that the members are allowed to vote in election to the Managing Committee.
4. By ordering acceptance of such other conditions as may be conducive to the smooth running of the institution.

Kallidaikurichi.
27th September, 1949.

I have,
Sir,
Yours obediently,

M. Manair

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Document No. 75703 B/49-1 Edn. dated 7-10-49

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction

early remarks.

(By order)

V. Ramaswami
Assistant Secy to Govt.

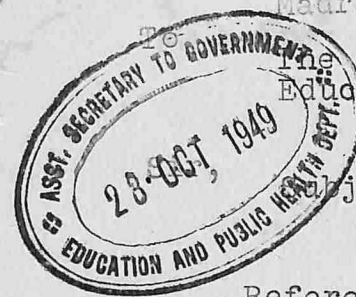
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Roc. No. 1026-D3-48

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, Dated 19-10-49

From

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.



The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.

Subject: Schools - Secondary - Aided - Tirthapathy High
School, Ambasamudram, - Revision of rules for
the constitution of the managing committee
Reference: Government Endorsement No. 75.703-B1-49 dated
7-10-49 on letter dated 27-9-49 from
Dr. N. Lakshmanan, President.

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I shall offer my remarks on receipt of the further
report promised by the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Mathura
in regard to revision of the rules for the constitution of the
managing committee of the school.

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Yours faithfully,

The B.P.S.'s further report may be awaited
till 19-11-49.

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V. Ramaswami
for Director of Public Instruction

From

Dr. N. Lakshmanan,
President, Managing Committee,
Tirthapati High School, Ambasamudram.

To

The Hon'ble Minister for Education,
Govt. of Madras, Fort St. George, Madras.

Honoured Sir,

As President of the Managing committee of the Tirthapati High School, Ambasamudram, I beg leave to submit the following memorandum for your kind and sympathetic consideration.

1. On 5.6.1949, I submitted a representation to you on the affairs of the Tirthapati High School and prayed that suitable orders may be passed in regard to the extraordinary situation that had developed in the school last year.

2. Since sending my representation on 5.6.49, draft orders have been passed by the D.P.I. and communicated to the Correspondent and the Headmaster. It was expected by leading members of the public that the D.P.I. and the Govt. would effectively intervene and make it impossible for the Correspondent and the committee members to play with the affairs of the school and the security of tenure of the staff. I am sorry to bring to your kind notice that the orders have caused great disappointment and dissatisfaction and it has therefore become my duty in public interest to place the following facts before you with your kind indulgence.

3. On 4.12.48, the Correspondent, and some individual members of the managing committee framed charges against the Headmaster issued a notice threatening immediate termination of service and thereby created a crisis in the affairs of the school. The Court declared the procedure illegal. It was expected that the D.P.I. pass severe strictures on this unwarranted action of persons placed in authority or at least express strong displeasure at their action.

4. It was also expected that the D.P.I. would take strong action against Sri G. Subramania Ayyar, B.A.L.T., Assistant of the school and members of the managing committee. He has been guilty of indiscipline and defiance of the H.M.'s authority.

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He has been largely responsible for all the troubles in the school and ~~xxx~~ his framing charges against the headmaster was the highest act of indiscipline in the school. Written complaints were made by the Headmaster to the Correspondent and also to the D.E.O. Tinnevely. I also placed these facts before the Div. Inspector when he came for enquiry in Dec. There is a strong feeling that such acts of indiscipline should be discountenanced strongly.

5. The Director's order says that the Headmaster is not free from blame in regard to the irregularities reported against him and he is warned that action will be taken against him if they recur. Probably the Director's order relating to the Headmaster is based on the representation submitted by the Correspondent of the school, in Feb. 1949, and the final memorandum submitted by him by the 20th May. Neither the representation nor the memorandum was placed before the meeting of the managing committee and so the Headmaster had no opportunity to answer the imaginary charges contained in these documents which were sent on the responsibility of the correspondent alone. It is said that the correspondent had charged the Headmaster with complicity for advance acquittance. In this connection I wish to place before you the following facts regarding advance acquittance, for your careful consideration.

a. The whole managing committee at its meeting on 7.3.49, passed the resolution to give increased salaries to the teaching staff with retrospective effect.

b. The Headmaster objected to the grant of increased salaries with retrospective effect at the managing committee meeting.

c. The Headmaster was not present at the station on the 29th when the signatures were obtained.

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(d) The Correspondent first assured the Headmaster that the amounts would be treated as loans to be paid as soon as funds became available or the teaching grant was received but later on went back on his promise.

(e) The above subject was raised at the meeting of the Teachers' Association and the Headmaster communicated the assurance of the Correspondent that the Management would treat the amount as loans.

(f) There would have been no irregularity at all if the amount had been treated as loan as promised by the Correspondent.

(g) But the Correspondent and the Head Clerk bungled and entered the amount of Rs. 2,700 and odd as 'Miscellaneous Receipts' without anybody's knowledge in the Managing Committee accounts Book. The Headmaster objected to the entry and took the Head Clerk to task for making an incorrect entry. The Head Clerk said that he had acted under the instructions of the Correspondent. The Headmaster protested against the entry and did not sign at the bottom of the page in the accounts for March, 48.

(h) All these facts were fully corroborated at the time of the Divisional Inspector's detailed enquiry in the first week of April, 1949.

(i) More than 36 teachers were examined by the Divisional Inspector. A thorough examination of the depositions of the members of the staff would prove beyond doubt that the only persons responsible for the muddle regarding the advance acquittance are the Correspondent and the Head clerk of the School. For reasons known only to themselves they entered the item as 'Miscellaneous Receipts' instead of entering it as loans from teachers.

6. I am convinced beyond doubt from an actual knowledge of facts that the Headmaster acted in good faith. If there was any irregularity on his part he was the victim of circumstances and the whole managing committee

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Correspondent in particular should be held responsible for the irregularity. I wonder how the Correspondent can escape responsibility on such matters.

7. In the light of the above facts I share the strong feeling with many responsible gentlemen that there has been unfortunately a miscarriage of justice. It is also felt that the order from the Director instead of solving the serious problem in the school and protecting the interests of the Headmaster and the teachers will give a new handle to the misguided members of the Managing Committee to proceed afresh against the Headmaster and some of the teachers.

8. I therefore humbly pray that the Government may be pleased to review the draft orders of the Director and protect the interests of Education,

- i) By exonerating the Headmaster of all the flimsy charges and condoning any irregularity that may have inadvertently occurred.
- ii) by expressing severe displeasure of the several actions of the Correspondent against the interests of the school as seen from the reports of the D.E.O. and the Divisional Inspector.
- iii) by directing the Managing committee to take immediate action against G. Subramania Iyer for acts of indiscipline and for framing charges against his own Headmaster
- iv) and by ordering the adoption of new rules for the school and the constitution of the Managing committee on a non-communal basis.

I remain,
Honoured Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

West Car Street,
Kallidaikurichi,
17th June, 1949.

P r e s i d e n t.
Managing Committee.

an elector of the Electorate to entitle him to vote at the election for copy of R.C. 1046 A/48 dated 14.8.49 of the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Mathurai. 79

Sub: Schools--Secondary--Tirthapati High School, Ambasamudram--amendments of to constitution.

Ref: G.O. No. 2006 Edn. dated 22.6.49 and Director's Pros. R.O.C. 1026 D 3/48 dated 29.6.49. P15042R

With a view to ensure smooth working of the institution under the instructions from the Government, the Director of Public Instruction desires that the rules of the Association viz. "The Ambasamudram Tirthapati High School, Electorate" should be amended and the revised rules approved by the General body.

The following amendments are however suggested for consideration by the Association :

1. Rule 7 of the Association relating to the communal representation in the Managing Committee be deleted.
2. No employee present or past other than the Headmaster shall be eligible for election to the Managing Committee.
3. The Headmaster may be an ex-officio member but he shall have no right to vote and he shall be purely an advisory expert on the committee.
4. There shall be a minimum period of membership, say one year, an elector of the Electorate to entitle him to vote at the election for members of the Managing committee and
5. No voting paper shall be valid unless the voter had signed declaration form as in the case of University elections.

The District Educational Officer is requested to get the amendments placed before the Association and submit a revised copy of the rules. It is also open to the Electorate to make any other amendments to the rules if necessary.

This may be treated as urgent.

Sd. P.N. Chamu Nair,
Divisional Inspector of Schools,
Mathurai Division.

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R.C. 1046 A/48 dated 14.8.49.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

FROM

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS

TO

The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Dept.
Madras.



Roc.1026 D3/48 dated 8-12-49

Sir,

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Sub:--Schools--Secondary--Aided--Tirthapathy High
School, Ambasamudram--Constitution of the
managing Committee--Revision of rules.

Ref:--Government Memorandum No.75,703 B.1.49 dated 16-11-49

I have called for some additional information from
the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Mathurai.

I shall submit my report on receipt of complete
particulars from him.

E.P.H.(B.)

Yours faithfully,

S. P. Sankaralingam
12/12/49

For Director of Public Instruction

The Director's further report may be
awaited till 8-1-50.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, M A D R A S.
R.O.C.NO.1026-D.3/48 Dated 3-2-1950.



for

Subject:

Schools - Secondary - Aided - Thirthapathi High School, Ambasamudram - Constitution of the Managing Committee - Amendment to Rules.

Ref: Government Endorsement No.75703-B.1/49-1 Education dated 7-10-49 on letter dated 27-9-49 from Dr. N.Lakshmanan, President of the School Committee.

RETRANSMITTED.

2. With a view to ensure smooth-working, the management were advised to amend the articles of the association of the Committee, in accordance with G.O.Ms.No.2006 Education dated 22-6-1949. The management are not agreeable to the suggestions except in regard to the adoption of the of the voting paper as in the case of University elections. (Stam(S) of p.4 below)

3. It seems necessary to delete rule 7 of the rules framed for the constitution of the Thirthapathi High School, Ambasamudram (printed copy attached herewith), to disqualify an employee, other than the Headmaster to stand for election to the Managing Committee and to keep the Headmaster as an advisory expert on the Committee without voting powers. It also seems necessary to amend rule 5(b) so as to declare only general body member of atleast one year standing to stand for election to the Managing Committee.

4. The school being one registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1860, without the rules for the constitution of the Managing Committee being approved, the management are required to have the rules framed as amended hereunder, in consultation with the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, on pain of withdrawal of permanent recognition, under rule 12(d) of the Madras Educational Rules.

AMENDMENTS:

1. Rule 7 of the Association relating to the communal representation in the Managing Committee may be deleted.
2. No employee, other than the Headmaster, shall be eligible for election to the Managing Committee.
3. The Headmaster may be an ex-officio member, but he shall have no right to vote and he shall be purely an advisory expert of the Committee.
4. There shall be a minimum period of membership, say one year, for an elector of the electorate, to entitle him to stand for election for membership on the managing committee.
5. No voting paper shall be valid, unless the voter has signed a declaration form as in the case of the University elections.

D. S. Sankaranarayanan

for Director of Public Instruction.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Madras.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, M. A. D. N. S. S.
A.O. No. 1025-D. 248 dated 8-2-1950.

Subject:

Constitution of the Managing Committee - Amendment to Rules.



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Ref: Government Endorsement No. 75708-B. 1189-1 dated 8-2-1950
7-10-48 on letter dated 27-9-48 from Mr. N. Lakshminarayana
President of the School Committee.

RETRANNITTED.

2. With a view to ensure smooth working, the Managing Committee is advised to amend the articles of the Association, the amendments in accordance with A.O. No. 1025-D. 248 dated 8-2-1950. The amendments are not agreeable to the suggestions expressed in regard to the election of the voting power as in the case of University elections.

3. It seems necessary to relate to the election of the Managing Committee for the constitution of the Tirthapathi High School, Tenkasi. (Printed copy attached herewith) to be elected by the Managing Committee and to keep the Managing Committee as an advisory body. The Committee without voting powers. It is suggested that the Managing Committee should be elected by the Managing Committee and to stand for election to the Managing Committee of at least one year standing to stand for election to the Managing Committee.

4. The school being one registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1860, without the rules for the constitution of the Managing Committee being approved, the Managing Committee is advised to have the rules framed and submitted to the Government for approval. The Managing Committee is advised to consult with the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Madras, on the point of withdrawal of permanent registration, under the Societies Registration Act of 1860.

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Tirthapati High School Electorate, 84

AMBASAMUDRAM.

RULES.

1. The Association shall be called "The Ambasamudram Tirthapati High School Electorate".

2. The object of the Electorate shall be to maintain and improve the Tirthapati High School and the Hindu Elementary School, Ambasamudram.

THE ELECTORATE.

3. Every person who pays a subscription of Rs. 50/- shall be eligible to be admitted as a member of the Electorate. All applications for admission as members shall be in the prescribed form and be addressed to the Secretary of the Managing Committee. No person shall be entitled to exercise the privileges of a member if he has not paid the full subscription fixed for membership, and unless he has been enrolled as a member before the date on which applications for election to the Managing Committee are called for. Subject to the provisions of rule 4 every member of the Electorate shall be entitled to exercise the right of membership in the Electorate during his life time.

3. (a) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing any person who has paid Rs. 35/- or who pays Rs. 50/- for the Golden Jubilee Fund or the Technological Institute Fund shall become a member of the Electorate.

4 (1) None of the following persons shall be eligible to become members of the General Body or the Managing Committee.

- (a) Any one who has not completed the age of 21
- (b) An adjudicated insolvent.

- (c) A lunatic or a person of unsound mind.
- (d) A dumb mute.
- (e) A leper.
- (f) One sentenced to imprisonment for offences involving moral turpitude.

N. B. (The disqualification under clause (f) shall have no effect if the sentence of imprisonment had been undergone more than five years before the date of the commencement of membership)

(ii) Any member who becomes disqualified under any of the above sub-clauses shall cease to be a member of the Electorate or the Managing Committee. Such member shall not be entitled to the refund of the amount paid by him.

THE MANAGING COMMITTEE.

5. (a) The entire Management of the schools shall vest in a Committee consisting ordinarily of seven members of which the Headmaster of the High school shall be an exofficio member. In addition to the seven members, the Life members who become qualified under rule 6 shall be Life members of the Committee.

(b) The six remaining members of the Managing Committee of whom at least two shall be persons holding a degree of any university shall be elected by the electorate and they shall ordinarily hold office for 2 years commencing from the 1st October. They shall also be eligible for re-election subject to the provision of rules 4 and 9.

6. Any person paying a sum of Rs. 2500 or more either in a lump or in instalments, the amount of each instalment not being less than Rs. 500/- shall become a Life Member of the Managing Committee but he shall not be entitled to exercise the privileges of the Life Membership until the full amount is paid.

The sum thus collected shall be the 'Endowment Fund' of the Electorate. There shall be not more than three Life Members at any time.

7. The number of Brahmin and Non-Brahmin members of the committee shall be in proportion to the number of Brahmin and Non-Brahmin voters on the date on which the applications for Election to the Managing Committee are called for. If sufficient number of the candidates belonging to either community do not stand for election the seat or seats may be filled up by election from the candidates belonging to the other community. In fixing the proportion, the exofficio member (Headmaster) shall be held to represent the community to which he belongs. In calculating the proportion, fractions less than half will be rejected and more than half will be deemed as one. If there be two "halves", lots will be cast to decide which "half" should be "one".

8. Every person who has paid or pays Rs. 100/- or above on or before the 25th of August and every member who pays on or before the 25th August before the date of election in addition to the amount he has already paid a sum as would bring the total to Rs. 100/ shall be eligible for election to the Managing Committee. With regard to bye-elections the qualifying amount should have been paid on or before the 25th August preceding the election. The amount paid for the Golden Jubilee Fund or School Fund or Technological Institute Fund shall be considered payment under this rule.

9. Each elected member of the Managing Committee shall pay to the Association a sum not less than Rs. 25/- in a lump for each year or part of a year he is in office. The payment for the first year shall be made within two weeks from the date of commencement of office and the payment for the second year shall be made on or before the 1st of October of the

year succeeding the election. Seven days' notice of the due dates of payment shall be given to the members by the Secretary. The period of seven days will be reckoned from the date on which the Secretary issues the notice. In the case of default the defaulting member shall cease to be a member of the Managing Committee during the remaining portion of the term, and he will be entitled to stand for election whether for such remaining portion of the term or for any of the subsequent terms of office, only on payment of arrears.

10. Any vacancy occurring among the elected members of the Managing Committee shall ordinarily be filled up within a fortnight by election by the remaining members of the Managing Committee from among those who are eligible to be in the Managing Committee, provided the period of vacancy does not exceed six months. In other cases the vacancies shall be filled up by election by the Electorate within 2 months of the date of vacancy. Such elected members shall hold office only during the unexpired portion of the term of membership giving rise to the vacancy.

11. The Managing Committee shall elect from among themselves a President and a Correspondent. The President and the Correspondent of the Managing Committee shall be the President and the Secretary respectively of the Electorate.

12. The Managing Committee shall ordinarily complete the election of members to the Managing Committee before the expiry of its term of office. If for any reason such election cannot be conducted before the 1st of October, the existing Managing Committee shall continue to hold office till the next committee begins to function, in which case the life of the New Managing Committee shall be only for the unexpired portion of the two years term of office beginning from the 1st of October prior to its election.

13. The Managing Committee shall have the exclusive right of appointing the members of the staff, clerks and servants, of fixing their pay and of terminating their services.

14. If any member of the Managing Committee other than the Life members absents himself from meetings of the Managing Committee for four consecutive months in spite of due notice of those meetings, he shall cease to be a member of the Managing Committee. But the Managing Committee may restore him to the membership on his application.

15. The approval of the general body shall be obtained by the Managing Committee on the following matters.

15 (a) Acquisition of landed properties for the schools for more than Rs. 500/- or for investments in lands, or other immovable properties for more than Rs. 500/-

(b) Construction reconstruction, renewal, repairs or extensions of buildings whose estimated value is more than Rs. 2000/-

(c) Alienation of landed properties of the schools except by way of security to the Government for purposes of grant.

and (d) Any extraordinary expenditure exceeding Rs. 500/-

16. The Secretary of the Association shall summon a meeting of the Electorate whenever necessary or within two months whenever a requisition by not less than 20 (twenty) members of the Electorate is made to him specifying the subjects relating to the general policy of the school.

17. The Managing Committee shall prepare a report on the working of the institution for the previ-

shall be declared elected. In case of equality of votes among the contesting candidates, the result shall be decided by casting lots at the said meeting.

FUNDS.

24. (a) The permanent fund of the school shall be called the Tirthapati High School Endowment Fund. It shall be invested in such Government securities and such banks who are members of the Reserve Bank as the Managing Committee may from time to time decide.

(b) The corpus of this Endowment Fund as well as that of the Endowment Fund of the Electorate under rule 6 shall not be encumbered or charged with any liability or utilised for any purpose whatsoever, but the annual interest of this Fund may be spent by the Managing Committee for the object mentioned in Rule 2.

(c) The permanent Endowment Fund of the Tirthapati High School shall be raised to Rs 25,000/-

25. The Secretary shall maintain separate accounts in respect of the Electorate Funds.

GENERAL.

26. These rules shall come into force from 8-4-45 but nothing in these rules shall in any way affect the duration of office or constitution or acts of the present Managing Committee.

27. The above rules shall not be modified, amended or cancelled or abrogated within six months from the date on which they come into force, nor shall they be so modified, amended or cancelled or abrogated except by a resolution at a meeting of the General Body by not less than 4/5 of the members present therein.

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Ambasamudram - Constitution of the managing body -
Amendments to the articles of association - Instructions
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Read :- G.O. Ms. No. 2006 Edm d/22-6-49

From Dr. N. Lakshmanam, President, Tirthapathy High School
Committee, Ambasamudram d/17-6-49 & 27-6-49

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From the D.P.G. Rec. No. 1026 D3/48 d/3-2-50

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Memo No. 75703 B/49-4 Edm dated 16-3-50.

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The D.P.G. is informed that he may insist on
the amendments suggested by him to the ~~constitution~~
~~association~~ of the Tirthapathy High School ~~Electors~~
Ambasamudram, ^{in consultation with the R.C.'s} being carried out for fear of withdrawal
of recognition under clause (d) read with clause (a)

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Rule 12 of the Madras Educational Rules

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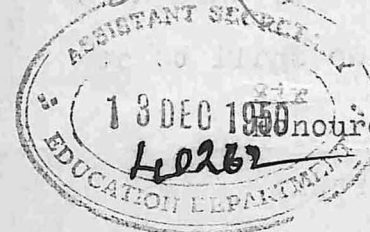
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Sri K.M. Lakshmana Ayyar, B.A.,
Correspondent,
Tirthapati High School,
Ambasamudram.

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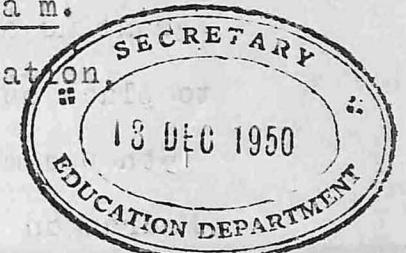
The Hon'ble Minister for Education,

M A D R A S.



Respected Sir,

Subject: Schools - Secondary Aided - Tirthapati High School, Ambasamudram - Constitution of Managing body - Amendments to the articles of the association.



As regards the amendment to the constitution of the Managing Committee of the School by deleting the communal proportion, I placed the communication of the Government from the Divisional Inspector of Schools Madura at its meeting held on 26-11-1950. There was a long discussion and the suggestions were considered very carefully by the members of the Committee.

There was a unanimity of feeling in the Committee that the Government should be requested to reconsider the order and not press the deletion of Rule 7 of the Electorate Rules. After mature deliberation, the Committee passed a resolution authorising Messrs P.A. Ganapathi Mudaliar, President and K.M. Lakshmana Ayyar, Correspondent to interview the Hon'ble Minister for Education in order to place before them the views of the General Body of the Electorate regarding the deletion of Rule 7 and request them not to insist upon the particular amendment being carried out. As was pointed out in my communication dated 24-9-50 to the Divisional Inspector, such a rule is found in the constitution of many Educational Institutions including the Hindu College, Tinnevely and the Committee feels that there is therefore no need to insist upon the removal of such a rule in the case of this school alone.

P.T.O.

3 I therefore request that you may be pleased to grant us an interview on any day that is convenient to you to place our representations in the matter. Any date after 15th December will be convenient to us and we shall be at Madras on the appointed date.

I request the favour of an early reply.

Yours faithfully,

K. S. S. S. S.
Secretary and Correspondent.

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Ambasamudram - Amendments to the constitution
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Ambasamudram d/9-12-50

Enclt. No 40262 B/50-1 Edn. d/28-12-50.

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TIRTHAPATI HIGH SCHOOL,

AMBASAMUDRAM.

27th. December 50.



P.A.Ganapathi Mudaliar, B.A.L.T.,
P R E S I D E N T.
Sri. K.M. Lakshmana Ayyar, B.A.B.L.,
C O R R E S P O N D E N T.
Tirthapati High school, Ambasamudram.

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To The ~~Minister for Education~~
The Director of Public Instruction,
M A D R A S.

Subject:- Schools -Secondary- Aided- Tirthap,ti High
school, Ambasamudram- Constitution of
Managing Body- Government Memo No.75703 B/49
Education dated 16-3-50.

Submitted:-

On behalf of the Managing Committee of the Tirthapati
High school, Ambasamudram, we have the honour to wait on
deputation on you and to submit the following Memorandum
regarding the amendment to the rules of our school Electorate.

The Government memo No. 75703 B/49 dated 16-3-50 was
communicated to us by the Divisional Inspector, Madura, R.C.
No. 683 B/49 dated 11-4-50 on 15-4-50. A reply to ^{the} same was
sent to the Divisional Inspector of schools, Madura on 29.6.50
through the District Educational Officer, Tinnevelly west,
Tinnevelly. To this a further communication was received
insisting on all the amendments suggested to be carried out.

We have the honour to submit that among the amendments
suggested the following were carried out in the General Body
meeting on 24-9-50 and in deference to suggestions after a
great deal ^{of} persuasion ~~curtailed the~~, although some of them
curtailed the vested rights of persons and were even retro-
grade.

- (1) No employee, other than the Headmaster, shall be eli-
gible for election to the Managing Committee.
- (2) The Headmaster maybe an ex-officio member but he shall
have no right to vote and shall be purely an advisory
expert of the Committee.
- (3) There shall be a minimum period of membership, say one
year, for an elector of the Electorate, to entitle
him to stand for election for membership on the Mana-
ging Committee.

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Schools - Secondary - Aided - Tirthapathi High
School, Ambasamudram - Amendments to the
constitution of the managing body.

from the Correspondent, Tirthapathi High School, Amba - M-1-2 of
Samudram d/ 9-12-50

Memo No

The Correspondent, Tirthapathi High School,
Ambasamudram is informed that the H.M. (E&L) does not
consider it necessary to receive any deputation from the
managing committee ~~on the above subject~~ and that
orders will issue in due course in the matter on the
representation of the managers.

To

The Correspondent
The D.P.O.

It may be of significance that these amendments could not be carried the previous year, in the General Body meeting.

The amendment relating to the ~~deletion of the~~ deletion of the communal proportion could not be carried in the meeting as the general sense was against such a change. After this meeting on the 24th September 1950 a communication was received in reply to our representation dated 29-6-50, insisting on the carrying out of all the amendments. The matter was placed before the meeting of the Managing Committee knowing full well the sense of the General Body in two successive years' meeting and even before, and the Managing Committee authorised to wait on deputation and to request the Government not to press the amendment regarding the deletion of the communal proportion.

The general body (i.e.,) the Electorate consists of the intelligencia of the place and of the Presidency scattered throughout. Attempts to do away with the communal proportion from advanced and ultranationalist minded failed to influence the Electorate in previous years. Later on, two successive years (ie) in 1949, 1950 the amendment could not be carried as the sense of the Electorate was not in favour of it. As submitted in my letter 29-6-50 many respectable and Educated people are of the opinion that the time is not yet ripe for such a change. While from an idealistic and advanced view such a change is the right one, WE beg to submit that mental understanding and confidence between the communities have not developed to such an extent as to do away with the communal proportion altogether.

The rule as to communal proportion itself was an adjustment between the communities and was introduced into the Constitution some ^{twenty} years back; a necessity for the same having been felt, to ensure smooth and harmonious working and understanding. The proportion is only in the constitution of the Managing Committee and has been ^{Conducive} ~~conducive~~ to the smooth and efficient working of the institution. The Proceedings of the managing Committee have been very smooth throughout and no decision have ~~as a result~~ been taken on communal lines. On all important occasions there has been unanimity in the proceedings of the Committee.

The communal porportion is on the other hand an effective

check one against the other and was as said above introduced later into the constitution a necessity for the same having been felt. Even among the ^{less educated} ~~illiterate~~ in the Electorate the said rule has informed ^{us} a sense of confidence and safety. The scheme has been working smoothly and a change at the present has not been felt necessary as will be seen from the sense of the Electorate at the last 2 years meetings.

A change as contemplated may give rude shock and will have the effect of unsettling things. It may make the Election to the Committee to be communal for fear one community may go unrepresented in the Managing Committee. At present seats are assured for the communities under the constitution.

Notice may also be taken of the fact that communal reservation is still maintained in the services and other matters and that public sense is against cancellation of the same in the interest of proper representation of each community. We may also be permitted to bring to your kind notice that such a proportion exists even in the case of Educational Institutions such as The Hindu College, Tinnevely and they continue the same.

With the march of time communalism may go and we will also do away with the communal ^{pro}portion in the Managing Committee. ~~Then~~. The present atmosphere in general politics and the want of development in mutual confidence among the communities do not necessitate a change as proposed.

Under the circumstances we request you to consider the above aspects and not to insist on the deletion of the communal proportion at present.

S. G. M. A. M. M. M.
PRESIDENT.

K. S. S. S. S.
SECRETARY & CORRESPONDENT.
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Schools - Secondary - Aided - Tirthapati High School,
Ambasamudram - Amendments to the constitution of
the managing body.

From the correspondent, Tirthapati High School, H-5-94
Ambasamudram d/ 9-12-50 and 27-12-50
H-1-24

Memo No 40262 BfSD-2 Edn. d/ 4-1-51.

order in on on p 2 n.

The correspondent of the Tirthapati High School,
Ambasamudram is informed that the management
may make its representations on the above subject to
the D.P.G.

To
The correspondent, Tirapati
The D.P.G. Hm sel.
Ambasamudram.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

From

The Director of Public Instruction,

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The Secretary to Government,
Education Department, M a d r a s.

R.C. 3371 G3/50 Dated 4-1-1951.

Sir,

Subject:-

Schools- Secondary aided- Thirthapathi High School-
Ambasamudram- Constitution of the Managing Committee- Amend-
ment to articles of the Association- Request for deletion of
the amendment (1) relating to communal representation-
Recommended.

Mr 164-165 of (V)
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Amendment (1) on
p 163 of (V)
Mr 15-16 infra
In their memo No. 75703 B/49-4 Edn. dated 16-3-1950 Govern-
ment have informed me that I may insist on the amendments sug-
gested in the endorsement R.C. 1026 D.3/48 dated 3-2-1950 to
the Constitution of the managing committee of the Thirthapathy
High School Ambasamudram being carried out in consultation with
the Registrar of Co-Operative Societies on pain of withdrawal
of "Recognition" under clause (d) read with clause (a) of Rule
12 of the Madras Educational Rules.

2 The Correspondent reported that all the amendments pro-
posed in the Government memo except the one relating to the
deletion of the communal representation were accepted in a
meeting of the General Body of the Electorate and rules amended
accordingly.

3 Now the President and the Correspondent who interviewed
me in this connection presented a Memorandum, a copy of which
is herewith submitted. The Correspondent stated that the spirit
of harmony prevails among the members of the Managing Committee
and that the institution is working satisfactorily. He feels
that the deletion of the communal rule in the constitution of
the Managing Committee should not be insisted on. He fears that
if this were insisted on it would give rise to communal bitter-
ness and hostility, the effects of which would be felt by the
school itself. He desires, therefore, that his request for the
deletion of the amendment (1) Rule (7) of the Association relat-
ing to the Communal representation should be coupled with as a
special case. *coupled*

4 I recommend that Government may be pleased to consider the
request of the Correspondent and pass necessary orders in the
matter.

Yours faithfully,

J. O. Pantanah

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Copy of letter dated 27th December 1950 from the President and Correspondent of Tirthapati High School, Ambasamudram to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
The proportion is only in the constitution of the Managing Committee and has been conducive to the smooth and efficient Sub:- Schools- Secondary- Aided- Tirthapati High School, Ambasamudram- Constitution of Managing Body- Government Memo No. 75703 B/49 Education dated 16-3-1950.
Submitted:- The communal proportion is on the other hand check one against the other and was as said above introduced On behalf of the Managing Committee of the Tirthapati High School, Ambasamudram, we have the honour to wait on deputation on you and to submit the following Memorandum regarding the amendment to the rules of our Electorate.

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Under the circumstances we request you to consider the above aspects and not to insist on the deletion of the communal proportion at present.

J. D. Power
for Director of Public Instruction.

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In the circumstances stated, the Govt. accept the recommendation of the D.P.S. that the management of the Tiruthapathy High School, Ambasamudram may be permitted to retain the existing provision in its constitution relating to communal representation on the Managing Committee.

To The D. P.
The Correspondent,
Tirthapathy High School
Ambasamudram.

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From

Dr. N. Lakshmanan,
Ex-President, Tirthapati High School Managing Committee,
West Gar Street, Kallidaikurichi.

To

The Hon'ble Minister for Education,
Fort St. George, Madras.

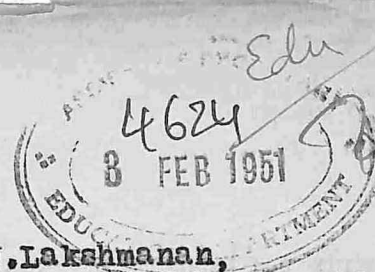
Sir,

Subject: Schools -- Secondary -- Tirthapati High School--
Ambasamudram --Amendments to the constitution.

Ref: G.O. No.2006 dated 22 - 6 - 1949 and Director's Proceed-
ings R.O.C. 1026 D 3/48 dated 29-6-'49 communicated to
me by the District Educational Officer, Tinnevely West.

On behalf of the enlightened members of the T.H.S.Elec-
torate and old boys of the school I beg to submit this humble
representation to the Government regarding the failure of the
correspondent of the Tirthapati High School to carry out the
instructions contained in G.O.2006 dated 22-6-'49 and Govt.
Memorandum 75703 B 49 dated 16 - 3 - '50 communicated in the
Proceedings of the D.P.I. No. 1026 D3/48 dated 4-4-'50.

I beg to submit to you that the Govt. Order No.2006 was is-
sued as a result of a very thorough investigation into the
affairs of the school conducted by Sri P.N.Chamu Nair, B.A.L.T.,
Divisional Inspector of schools, on the spot for a number of
days. The Divisional Inspector was probably convinced that
communalism was the bane of the school and that every question
was being looked at from a communal angle by a section of the
members of the managing Committee of the school. The Depart-
ment had therefore rightly suggested in the best interests
of the Management, the staff and the students of this ancient
institution that the communal rule (Rule 7) in the constitution
of the Managing Committee of the school should be dropped
and that the Headmaster should be an expert adviser and Ex-
officio member of the Managing Committee without having the right
to vote. These proposals if carried out in earnest would con-
duce to the progress and prosperity of the institution.



It is a matter for the greatest regret that the Govt. Orders have not been complied with though it is now more than 18 months since G.O. 2006 was passed in June 1949. I beg to submit that no earnest attempt was ever made by the Managing Committee to carry out the very helpful suggestions of the Government. On the contrary the then Correspondent Sri P.A.Ganapathy Mudaliar tried to hush up the matter and did not even show the correspondence to anybody in August 1949. Only after I received a copy of the communication from the D.E.O. did the matter see the light of the day. At the meeting of the General body of the Electorate in September 1949, Mr. P.A.Ganapathy Mudaliar, the then Correspondent, deliberately gave a wrong lead by saying that neither the Government nor the D.P.I. had power to suggest amendments to the rules of the Electorate which was a sovereign body.

The Government then reconsidered the whole question and in their Government order 75703 of 16-3-'50 ordered that the D.P.I. should insist upon the amendments being carried out in consultation with the Registrar of Cooperative Societies on pain of the withdrawal of recognition of the school.

The Government order was duly communicated to the authorities of the school but it was never considered by the Managing Committee with the consideration and respect due to the instructions of the D.P.I. and an order issued by the Government. The managing Committee did not even consult the Registrar of Cooperative societies in accordance with the wholesome advice tendered in the G.O. The Correspondent and the Managing Committee have consistently tried to circumvent the orders of the D.P.I. and the Government for reasons best known to themselves.

It is a pity that at the meeting of the General body in September 1950 Mr. K.M.Lakshmana Iyer, the Correspondent of

the school and Sri P.A.Ganapathi Mudaliar, the President acted as the advocates of the opposition side and condemned the proposals of the Government order. The old ^{argue-}arrangements about the sovereignty of the General body were repeated before the General body which consisted mostly of the staff of the Tirthapati High School who could not stand up and give expression to their views. In spite of the advice of Mr. R.V. Krishnaswamy Iyer, B.A.B.L., Advocate and others the Managing Committee of the school gave a wrong lead to the General body and appealed to the House not to agree to the deletion of Rule 7.

Curiously enough, Mr.K.M.Lakshmana Iyer, the Correspondent appealed to the House to respect the wishes of the Government regarding the other amendments and relating to the Headmasters powers, rights of teachers etc. and at the point of bayonet forced the House to agree to the above amendments.

Any intelligent person can see that the deletion of the communal rule is the pivot of the Govt. Order and it is sheer mockery for anybody to contend that the Managing Committee have accepted all the other amendments except the vital one and thereby carried out the Government Order.

We are given to understand that after having flouted the Government Orders the Correspondent of the school and some other members met you in deputation early this month to prevail upon you not to insist upon the deletion of the communal ^Wrole in the constitution of the Managing Committee. I beg to submit that this rule is ante-diluvian and may have been all right for educational institution under the British Bureaucratic regime. But it cannot have a place in the constitution of a temple of learning in Free Bharat. It even offends the Fundamental rights granted in the constitution and is bound to have a demoralising influence on the minds of the teachers and children who are to worship in the temple of learning.

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The Tirthapathi High School Electorate may be a sovereign body and the Government may have no power, as the Management says, to change the hearts of the ~~managers~~ members. But the D.P.I. and the Government cannot divest themselves of their responsibilities in the matter of the proper constitution of the Managing Committee under Rule 12 of the M.E.R.

As an ex-President of the Managing Committee of the school and as a friend and well-wisher of the school I humbly request you to be pleased to go through the papers carefully and insist upon the Management of the school carrying out all the amendments suggested in G.O. No. 75703 B49 dated 16-3-'50 and the proceedings of the D.P.I. R.O.C. 1026 D3/48 dated 4-4-'50.

In all sincerity I feel such a course is absolutely necessary for the proper growth and development of the school and that the Departmental Officers will be stultifying themselves if they yielded to the pressure from the Correspondent of the school, and agree now to withdraw all their well-thoughtout suggestions. I request that the deletion of the Communal rule be insisted upon in accordance with the G.O. not only as a matter of principle but in the best interests of the institution.

Yours faithfully,

Kallidaikurichi
27-1-1951.

Ex-President, 27-1-49,
T.H.S. Managing Committee.

Copy submitted to the Director of Public Instruction,
Cathedral Post, Madras.

Copy submitted to the Divisional Inspector of Schools,
Madurai.

Secretary, E. & P.H.

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Please see herewith a representation from the Dt. Teachers' Guild. I have also heard about this matter of Mr. Parameswaran being sent out of the school in spite of long and devoted service. The matter may be enquired into and put up.

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H.M. Education.

E & P.H. (B.)

The representation at p 12f addressed to the D.P.I. and the telegram at p 3cf may be perused. With reference to the minutes of H.M. (Edn) above, a draft memo is submitted for approval.

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[Memo No. 9541 B, 48-1 Edn. d/28-12-48]

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C.No. 3380 from the President Thirthapathi High School,
Ambaramudram d/15.1.49.

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The letter from the president, Thirthapathi High School at p 7cf, the presenting and the minutes of H.M. (Edn) at p 9cf may be perused.

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2. With reference to the minutes of H.M. (Edn) at p 9cf it is submitted that no appeal has been received from Sri E. H. Parameswaran against the proposed terminating his services to have been dismissed in spite of his long service in the Thirthapathi High School, Ambaramudram. Various representations and protests against the alleged high handed action of the management have however been received and the D.P.I. has been requested to investigate the matter and submit a report. He has not yet forwarded

his report. He may be reminded to expedite its submission. A draft memo is submitted for approval. no appeal against termination of services of the Headmaster management lies to govt. The file may be circulated to H.M. (Edn) with reference to his minutes at p 9 of. after the issue of the memo.

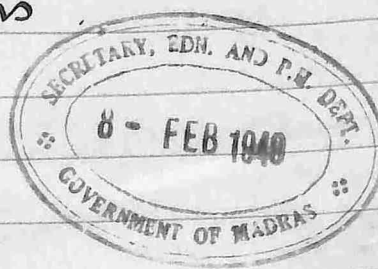
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

[C.No. 5385 From the D.P.G. Roc 1026 D3/48 d/24.1.49]

Please see the interim report from the D.P.G. He has stated that he is advising the management not to take further action against the Headmaster and that he is expecting a further report from the Divisional Inspector of Schools. in regard to the charges against the Headmaster. The final report from the D.P.G. may be awaited.

by 28/1/49
by 1-2-49
S 28/1/49
H.M. (Edn) - a.i. - 28/1/49
The correspondence has been made and made certain representations are sent here with. A alone may be accepted
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A petition since received from the students of the Thiruthapathi High School, Ambasamudram has been added to the file. Pending the final report from



the D.P.G. no further action seems called for on the representation. The Director's final report may be awaited till 24.2.49.

by 9/2/49
by 11/2/49
The Director's final report has not yet been received. He may be reminded. The draft reminder submitted below is for approval.

by 10/3/49
by 18/3/49
[Issued as Memo No. 95471 B. 48-3 Edn. d/19.3.49]

p 125 of C.No. 24095. Telegram from old students.
p 127 of C.No. 24868 from the D.P.G. Roc. No. 1026 D3/48 d/25.3.49.
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* p 127 of The telegram from the old students of the Thiruthapathi High School and the interim reply from the D.P.G. at pp 127-129 of may be perused. The Director's final report may be awaited till 25.4.49.

by 31/3/49
by 31.3.49
H/131-133 of C.No. 42684 from the D.P.G. Roc. N 1026 D3/48 d/2.6.49.

The D.P.G. has forwarded the report of the Divisional Inspector, Mathurai on the proposed termination of services of the Headmaster of the Thiruthapathi High School, Ambasamudram. In his H/135-141 of remarks on the report, the Director has stated that the crisis developed only because of the existence of two factions in the school viz the management on the one side and the headmaster on the other. The Director considers that both the sides are guilty of certain irregularities, and consequently responsible

for the undermining of the efficient running of the School. Taking into consideration the various factors of the case, the D.P.G has warned the management and the head-master severely that action under the M.E.R. will be taken if there is no improvement in the situation. The Director presumably considers that the ~~In view of the~~ situation does not warrant any stronger measure. In view of this, no further action is called for in the matter. The papers may be recorded after perusal by H.M. (Edn) with reference to the minutes of the previous H.M. (Edn) at p 1 ante and p 9 cf.

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The relations between the Headmaster and the management of this school have been strained and the latter gave a notice to the former, terminating his services which was cancelled by the Civil Court.

The enquiry held by the Divisional Inspector of Schools (pp. 135-141 c.f.) reveal that the Headmaster owing to weakness was party to financial manipulations indulged in by the management. The Divisional Inspector exonerated the Headmaster from the charge of corruption. He recommends action against the management. The D.P.I. has suggested that the management and Headmaster have been warned and no further action is immediately necessary. We may agree.

H.M. (E.&L.)

I agree. ai

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I doubt whether smooth working is possible for long. So I think action on the lines suggested by the Inspector at H. on p 141 should be pursued.

p 133 cf

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A petition since received from the President of the Managing Committee of the High School has been added to the C.F. (H. 139 to 141) (cf.)

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Please see the orders in circulation at p 4 ante. The Director may be informed that no further action is immediately called for in the matter.

A draft order is submitted for approval. Subject to orders the latter portion of the minutes at p 4 ante has also been incorporated in the order.

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Schools - Secondary - Aided - Tirthapathi High School,
Ambasamudram - Constitution of the managing Committee.

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Read :- G.O. Ms. No. 2006 Edn d/ 22-6-49
From Br. N. Lakshmanan, President, High School committee,
Hb-9 of Ambasamudram d/ 17-6-49 & 27-9-49

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From the D.P.G. Roc. No. 1026 D3/48 d/ 3-2-50

The Tirthapathi High School, Ambasamudram is a private institution, managed by an association registered under the Societies' Registration Act of 1860, namely, the Tirthapathi High School Electorate. During the School year 1948-49 several representations were received against the management's proposal to terminate the services of the headmaster of the School, Sri E.H. Parameswaran. The D.P.G. had caused detailed investigations ^{was} made in the matter by the Divisional Inspector, Mathurai. ^{From} ~~the~~ ^{it was found} ~~the~~ Divisional Inspector's report that the headmaster and the members of the managing committee ~~the~~ had aligned themselves in opposite camps ^{both} were party to certain irregular financial transactions in contravention of Departmental rules. The administrator administered a ~~warning~~ warning to the Headmaster and the management against any recurrence of such irregularities. The Director considered that in view of the warning given to the parties concerned, no further action was necessary in the matter. The Govt. concurred in his views but directed that he may take steps to get the articles of the association of the Electorate suitably amended to prevent the growth of party factions in the committee and to ensure smooth working of the School - vide G.O. Ms. No 2006 Edn d/ 22-6-49.

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M-135-141 of (R)

D.P.G.

para 7 on p133 of (R)

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his representation is
dated 17-6-49, i.e.
prior to the issue of the
G.O. mentioned above.
He does not
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question - vide
para 2 on p14.

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2. Dr. N. Lakshmanan, President of the High School committee has since represented against the orders of the Director warning the headmaster against recurrence of irregularities to which he has been a party. The President requests that the Headmaster should be completely exonerated of all implications in the matter and that more stringent action should be taken against the management, which he contends, has reduced the school to its present plight. He has also reported that the management has not taken any steps to amend the rules of the Association.

to have the managing committee reconstituted on sound and non-communal lines.

3. As regards the action taken against the headmaster, attention is invited to the report from the Divisional Inspector and the findings of the Director thereon at pp 135-141 of and 131-133 of respectively of G.O. Ms. No. 2006 Edn d/22-6-49. The Divisional Inspector has observed that the headmaster was weak enough to be party to certain financial manipulations indulged in by the management in contravention of the Departmental rules. In view of this, the Director considered it necessary to warn the headmaster against the recurrence of such irregularities. Attention is also invited to the notes and orders in circulation on p 4 of (R) wherein the action of the D.P.G. has been upheld. In as much as the headmaster has been only warned ~~and no action seems~~ ^{and as he had been party to certain irregularities,} called for on the representation that the headmaster should be exonerated of all implications in the mismanagement of the school.

4. In respect of the reconstitution of the committee and the amendment of the articles of association of the Electorate, the D.P.G. has reported that the management is not willing to carry out the suggestions for amending the rules except the one regarding the adoption of the voting paper as in the University elections. The Director has therefore recommended that the management should be required to have the rules framed on the lines of the amendments suggested by him on p 13 of in consultation with the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, on pain of withdrawal of permanent recognition under rule 12(d) of the Madras Educational Rules. In the circumstances reported, it is for consideration whether the Director's recommendation may be accepted and the management ordered to take early steps to have the rules amended on the lines suggested by him. It is stated that the correspondent of the school has questioned the authority of departmental officers to make the suggestions. The file may be sent to legal D.O. for remarks, ~~as to whether~~ ^{as to whether} Govt may direct the management to amend the rules of the High School Electorate as proposed by the D.P.G. (in para 4 on p 13 of)

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X on p 139 of (R)

H 132-133 of (R)

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As stated in the margin overleaf, this need not be H. 6-9 of framed.
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75703 B/49-3 Edn.
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LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

Rule 12 of the Madras Educational Rules empowers the Director of Public Instruction to withdraw the recognition of a secondary school if he is not satisfied, among other things, with the constitution of the managing body. The amendments suggested by the Director of Public Instruction are intended to facilitate the proper constitution of the committee and the smooth working of the institution.

The Director of Public Instruction can insist on the amendments being carried out on pain of withdrawal of recognition under cl.(d) read with clause(a) of rule 12 of the Madras Educational Rules.



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Legal Memo 318/50
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(W. M. S. P. S.)
p 4 of BK No 151

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(D. S. S. S.)

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The proposal in this file is to reconstitute the managing body of the Tirthapathi High School, Ambasamudram, to ensure the smooth working of the institution. The notes from page 1 ante may be perused. The D.P.G. has reported that the management is not willing to carry out the five suggestions for amending the rules except the one regarding the adoption of the voting paper as in the University elections. Legal Dept. are of the opinion that the Director can insist on the amendments being carried out on pain of withdrawal of recognition under clause (d) read with clause (a) of rule 12 of the Madras Educational Rules. As the amendments suggested by the D.P.G. are intended to facilitate the proper constitution of the committee and the smooth working of the institution, the Director may be requested to insist on the amendments being carried out on pain of withdrawal of recognition as pointed out at X above.

2. The file may be circulated to H.M. (E & L) for orders with reference to his minutes on p 4 of of G.O. 2006 Edn dated 22-6-49 and on p 6 of.



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I agree to X above
H.M. (E. & L.)
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Edm. (B)

14-12-57 From the correspondent of the Tiruthapathi High School,
Amباسامುದ್ರام 9-12-57

On a representation received from the Tirunelveli District Teachers' Guild against the proposed termination of services of the Headmaster of the Tirthapathi High School, Ambasamudram, the D.P.G. had reported that the crisis developed on account of the factions within

A on p141 of (V) the managing body and that the articles of association and para 4 on p163 of (V) of the "Electorate" ~~may~~ might be suitably amended to prevent the growth of such factions and to ensure smooth working of the school. As it was reported that the management was not willing to carry out the Director's suggestions for amending the constitution of the associations, pages 164, 165 of (N) instructions were issued in Memo No. 75703 B/49-4 Edn 2/16.3.50 that the Director might insist on the amendments being carried out on pain of withdrawal of recognition accorded to the school.

2. It has now been represented by the Correspondent of the school, that one of the amendments suggested by the D.P.G. viz deletion of Rule 7 of the Rules relating to the Communal representation in the managing committee need not be insisted upon. The managing committee, it is stated, has authorised two of its members to represent to H.M. (E & L) ^{and Head,} in person for the retention of the rule on the ground that a similar provision exists in the constitution of many educational institutions.

3. It may be true that the constitution of several educational institutions might embody a rule regarding communal representation in the managing committee as it existed in the present case. The question of amending the constitution of the "Electorate" ~~body~~ of the School had to be considered ^{in view} ~~in view~~ of the

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need for ensuring the smooth working of the school and on account of the factions within the managing committee. The amendments to the Constitution suggested by the Director were meant to achieve this object. In view of this it would appear that the management's request for the retention of Rule 7 relating to communal representation does not deserve any consideration. However the views of the Director may be called for in the matter. A draft endorsement is submitted below for approval.

4. It is presumed that H.M. (E&L) does not consider it necessary to meet the deputation. If so the Correspondent may be informed accordingly. A draft memo is submitted for approval. For orders as to circulation.

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If any interview is to be allowed it may be after the Director's remarks are received on the present representation.

The draft to the D.P.G. may issue. The management also may be told to withdraw representation to the D.P.G.

A further representation received from the management has been added to the current file. With reference to the minutes of H.M. (E&L) above a draft memo is submitted below for approval.

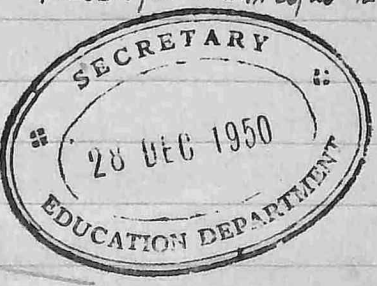
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For orders
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H.M. (E&L)
H.M. (E&L)
Issued as Endt No 40262 B/50 - 1 Edn d/28-12-50.



[Issued as Memo No. 40262 B/50.2 Edn d/4.1.51.]
C.No. 761. From the D.P.G. Re. No. 3371 G3/50 d/4.1.51

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para 3 on p13 f

para 7 on Mr 15-16 f

para 6 on p15 f

para 4 on p13 f

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para 4 on p13 f
para 2 on p13 f
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and p163 f of V
para 3 on p13 f

Please see the letter from the D.P.G at p13 f. It is reported that the President and correspondent of the Tirthapati High School, Ambasamudram, met the Director and personally represented against the amendment suggested to rule 7 of the Association relating to communal representation in the managing committee. The deputationists to have pointed out in their memorandum that the smooth working of the committee was never endangered by the provision relating to communal representation. While the proposed amendment represents the ideal which will become inevitable in due course, the management represents that the general body is averse to the proposal at present. In the interest of the smooth working of the institution they request for the retention of the existing provision in the constitution relating to communal representation. The D.P.G. has previously endorsed the views of the management and has recommended that the proposed amendment to the rule relating to communal representation need not be insisted upon. It is stated that perfect harmony prevails in the institution and as it is represented that it is likely to be jeopardised if the amendment were insisted on, the Director's recommendation may be accepted particularly as the management has carried out all the other amendments. It may be pointed out that this amendment in question was suggested only to ensure smooth working of the institution. However as it has been reported that conditions are quite happy even as it is, there seems to be no need to insist upon the carrying out of the amendment especially as it is anticipated that it might rekindle the factions. In the circumstances explained, it is for orders whether the management may be permitted to retain the existing provision in its constitution relating to communal representation on the Managing Committee.

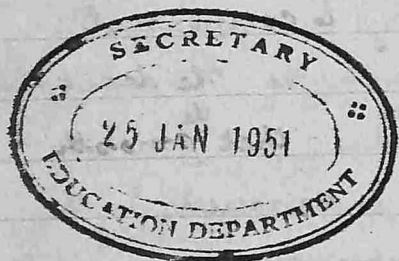
The file may be circulated to H.M. (E&L) for orders.
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allowed to function with the existing communal representation. If difficulties arise in future the condition already imposed may be enforced.

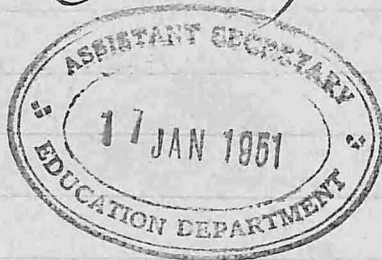
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A draft memo is submitted for approval. After issue the papers may be filed with the G.O. at ⑤.

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[Issued as Memo No. 40262 B/50-3 Ednd/25.1.51]

C. no. 4624 From the Ex-President of the Managing Committee of the Tiruthapatti High School, Kallidai Kurichi d/27.1.51. H-19-21cf

The former president of the managing committee of the Tiruthapatti High School, Ambasamudram has represented that the rule regarding communal representation on the managing committee of the school should be deleted from its constitution. The question whether this amendment to the constitution of the managing committee should be insisted upon has been considered recently on the representation of the correspondent of the school and the present president of the committee. In consultation with the D.P.G., the Govt. revised the previous orders in the matter and have permitted the retention of the rule regarding the communal representation on the managing committee of the school.

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No action necessary

As this decision has been taken only to ensure the smooth working of the institution, it does not appear necessary to reopen the question again particularly as the revised orders have been issued only as late as 25.1.51. In view of this no action seems necessary on the representation at H-19-21cf. The papers may be filed with the G.O. at ⑤. For order & circulation

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No action necessary Hon (E.R.)



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