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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR GOVERNMENT EXAMINATIONS

Recording letter from the Director of Public Instruction in reply to certain points noted in the G.O., reviewing the -- for the year 1893-94.

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NOTE FOR THE ~~UNDER~~ SECRETARY.

This was detained here to get the wording of the order altered but as the Under Secretary has not attended office since the holidays & is busy with other papers at home, I submit this to you with the following note.

This explanation is received from the D.P.I. & not from the Commr.. The reason for it is given in the letter. The D.P.I. is not concerned with the falling off in the number of candidates for the Elementary Examn. & so he has not explained it. As the G.O. is not to go to the Commr. the wording of it may be altered thus; —

"Recorded with the remark that no explanation has been given regarding the falling off &c."

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Office of the Director of
Public Instruction,
Madras, 14 February 1895.

No. 1692.

From

The Honorable Mr. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc.,
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras,

To

The Honorable The CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my reply to para 4 of G.O., dated, 28 September 1894, No. 726 Educational.

2. Government desired to have further particulars as to the extent to which the Lower Secondary Examination is resorted to as a substitute for the Seventh Standard results grant Examination. With regard to this I beg to submit that the Commissioner could not well embody all the required information in his report, in asmuch as he, as Commissioner, has

has no cognisance of some of the matters on which Government desired information. But in para 60 of the Report on Public Instruction the results of the Lower Secondary Examination are dealt with from information derived from the Commissioner's Report, and in paras 64 and 114 the results of the Seventh Standard Examination by the Inspecting officers are commented on. From these two paras it would appear that whereas 119 results schools sent up 892 pupils to the Lower Secondary Examination of whom 215 passed; 124 results schools sent up for the Inspecting Officer's Examination 732

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boys of whom 248 were successful. Moreover, 146 girls were presented for the Inspecting Officer's Examination of whom 80 passed. From the statements furnished by the Inspecting officers it is not quite certain whether some of them may not have included in their return the results of the Lower Secondary Examination along with those of the Seventh Standard Examination. In future this will be made clear. Endeavours will also be made in future Reports on Public Instruction to give the desired information as to the localities of the schools which adopt the one examination or the other; but it will hardly be possible to obtain reliable information

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as to the circumstances which lead to the one Examination or the other being chosen.

3. As for the question of making the Lower Secondary Examination a compulsory substitute for the Seventh Standard Examination, I am not in favour of any steps being taken in this direction. In my letter, No. 12162, dated 13th December 1894, dealing with the question of the levy of fees from pupil candidates for the Primary Examination, I gave reasons against the levy of a fee for an examination on the results of which a grant in aid depended. The same reasons apply to the Lower Secondary Examination, with even greater force, the fee being higher. If, on the one hand, the Examination is to be made compulsory and is to take the place of the Seventh Standard Examination for results grants, then no fee should be charged from pupil candidates belonging to results schools. If, on the other hand, the examination is to remain optional as now, no one can complain if a fee is charged for admission. If a certificate of having passed is considered of some value the admission fee will be paid willingly; if it is considered of no value nothing but evil can result from compelling

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compelling parents to pay the fee and send their children up for the examination. When this Examination took the place of the Middle School Examination, Government issued repeated orders that it was not to be made compulsory for Lower Secondary Schools and classes. In accordance with these orders absolute freedom is allowed to Managers of Results schools to send up or not to send up a part or the whole of their Third form pupils. The only restriction imposed is that Managers are not allowed to send up

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Para 10 of GO $\frac{351}{20-6-89}$
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the same pupil or pupils for both the Lower Secondary Examination and the Inspecting Officers' Examination. At one time I thought of recommending that Managers of results schools should be called upon to decide to send up the whole of their Third form pupils either for the Lower Secondary Examination or for the Inspecting Officers' Examination. But on further consideration, I have come to the conclusion that such a restriction is uncalled for, inasmuch as very few managers wish to send up a part of their Third form

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for the one examination and a part of it for the other.

2. To make this a compulsory Examination for the Third form of Results schools would be, in my opinion, a retrograde step — a lessening of that greater freedom and elasticity which in recent years it has been the aim of Government and of the Director to promote. The probability is that, if left to themselves, managers and pupils of results schools will before long universally prefer the public examination with its manifest advantages to the

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comparatively private examination conducted by Inspecting Officers. A strong inducement in this direction will be found in the circumstance that all scholarships are now awarded on the results of the Lower Secondary Examination and not on those of the Inspecting Officers' Examination.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
D Duncan
Director of Public Instruction

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From

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras,

To

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY
TO GOVERNMENT,
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Order

Recorded with the remark that the Commr. has not given the explanation regarding the falling off in the number of subject-candidates for the Elementary Examn. in Agriculture which was asked for in para 7 of G.O. d/ 25 Sept 94, No. 726, Ed.

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This was detained for G.O. d 13th March 1895 No 220 Ed.

As pointed out in the office note attached the explanation is due from the Commissioner, while the G.O. goes only to the D.P.I. It seems ∴ better to record this without remarks & send a separate reminder to the Commissioner calling for the explanation

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