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[Despatch Abstract.]

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GIRLS.

Requesting the Director of Public Instruction to report whether it would not render the scholarships that are now open to girls more popular were they awarded on the results of the fourth standard examination instead of the Primary examination as at present.

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Government Scholarships

Primary Examination

	Rs
First year	1 per mensem
Second year	1½ " "
Third year	2 " "

Sixty special scholarships of the monthly value noted in the margin, tenable from year to year for three years shall be awarded annually on the results of the Primary Examination to enable Muhammadan and Caste Hindu girls of promise to prosecute their studies to a higher standard. The scholarships shall be distributed as noted in the margin; but if the scholarships allotted to a class are not appropriated by that class, the unappropriated scholarships may be awarded to candidates belonging to any of the other classes.

Muhammadans	15
Brahmans	15
Non-Brahman Caste Hindus	30
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The conditions of award shall be as follows:

(1) The candidate shall ordinarily have been a pupil at the time of the examination in a recognized school or schools.

(2) Except in the case of widows, the age of the candidate shall not have exceeded 14 years at the date of the examination

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(3) The candidate's parent or guardian shall undertake that she shall prosecute her studies in a recognized Lower Secondary school in British territory until after the annual standard examination for which she is reading.

(4) Scholarships shall not be awarded unless at least two pupils are reading in the form or standard to which the candidate belongs.

(5) Not more than three new scholarships shall be awarded annually in any school.

(6) The scholarships shall be renewed and increased in the second and third years on the results of the Fifth and Sixth standard examinations respectively.

(7) Should the no. of candidates exceed the no. of scholarships preference will be given to the pupils who obtained the highest no. of marks in the Primary Examination.

(8) Applications in the prescribed form shall be sent by the Manager or Head Teacher of the School to the Inspectress of the circle not later than the 15th of March in each year.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras, 15th February 1896.

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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,

In its order No 243, Educational, dated 30th July 1891, Government instituted on certain conditio small scholarships in Government girls schools and made them tenable on the results of the Lower Prima Upper Primary and Special Upper Primary Examinations, and as the abolition of these examinations rendered it impossible to award scholarships on the conditio originally laid down, they have been given up from 1893. 188

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2. Eighty-four scholarships were provided in the Government Scholarships Notification* of January 1893 to enable female pupils passing the Primary Examination to prosecute their studies to the Lower Secondary Examination, and it was consid that Girls passing that Examination from Government

* please see place marked in the bound vol of the Gazette file put up. Page 121 - Part II of the Gazette of 31 Jany 1893

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Government Schools would be entitled to the Scholarships thus notified. The number was reduced to sixty in the Notification of 1894.× But very few girls qualified for such scholarships by passing the Primary Examination, and the bulk of the scholarships remained unappropriated. Forty scholarships of the value of Rs 2 in the first year, Rs 2½ in the second year, and Rs 3 in the third year were provided in the Notification† of 1895; but very few Muhammadan or Caste Hindu girls applied for them. Both the Inspectresses of Girls' Schools are strongly of opinion that special Scholarships should be provided, with fewer restrictions than those contained in the General Scholarships Notification, to induce Muhammadan and Caste Hindu girls passing the Primary Examination to prosecute their studies to a higher standard, and I am inclined to think that some encouragement is necessary in this direction. The Inspectresses would institute 100 scholarships; but I would limit the number to sixty for the present, as they will be in addition to the 40 scholarships reserved for girls in the General Scholarships Notification. The total annual cost, if all the scholarships were appropriated, would be Rs 60 × (1 + 1½ + 2) × 12

× vide page 526 of Part II of the Gazette D 3rd April 1894

† vide page 35 Part I B of the Gazette D 29th Jany. 1895

vide page 63 Part I B of the Gazette D 18th Feb. 96

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or Rs 3240 at the rates recommended by the Inspectresses; but the actual expenditure will not likely exceed Rs 2500 per annum. But during 1896-97 the charge will not exceed Rs 720, even if all the Scholarships ~~have been~~ are taken up and it can be met from the increased provision of Rs 1000 in the budget for scholarships. (Vide my remarks on page 33 of the budget for 1896-97).

A draft notification is submitted for approval.

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,

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THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY
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Subject.

Scholarships

Recommending the institution of 60 — awardable on the results of the Primary Examination to induce Muhammadan and Caste Hindu girls to prosecute their studies to a higher standard.

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For orders.

It is practically admitted that the present scholarships fail in their object as few of them are taken up. The D.P.I. says that the scholarships now proposed have fewer restrictions than those in the General Scholarship Notifn. & so may be expected to be more quickly taken up. The main differences are (1) that in the Gen. Schol. Notn. ~~residence~~ attendance for a year previous at a primary school is a condition of grant, whereas in the present Notn. it is only necessary that a candidate should be a pupil at a recognised school at the time of the examn. (2) the age limit is raised from 13 to 14 and (3) the scholarships are to be revived & increased in the 2nd & 3rd years on the results of the 5th & 6th standard examns.

These changes do not seem very sweeping or likely to make the scholarships much more attractive.

It would perhaps seem likely that girls do not care to go to the Primary Examn. Centres for such small sums.

The objections to awarding the scholarships on the result of the 4th standard examn. instead of on those of the Primary Examn. are probably that the standard would not be uniform, & that the D.P.I. is endeavouring to get all grants awarded on the result of the Prim. Examn. & to discourage the 4th standard examn.

But this is a very special case & female education wants much encouragement. — May the D.P.I. be asked therefore if it wd. not produce more candidates if the scholarships were awarded on the results of the 4th stand. examn.?

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The scholarships which are now open to girls appear to have signally failed in attaining the objects for which they were instituted, & large numbers of them remain unallotted year after year. The D.P.I. urges that the scholarships the introduction of which he now advocates are saddled with fewer restrictions than those offered in the General Scholarship notifn, and are thus likely to be more popular but the Govt. is unable to discover any such radical differences in the conditions attached to the two classes as would appear likely to result in this increased popularity. It appears that the real cause of the failure of pupils in girls' schools to take up these scholarships in sufficient numbers has not yet been correctly gauged, & the Govt. is inclined to the belief that it is to be found in the unwillingness of parents to allow their daughters to attend at sometimes distant centres to undergo the Primary Examn. on the results of which they are now awarded. The D.P.I. will accordingly be requested to report whether it wd. not render the scholarships more popular were they awarded on the results of the 4th Stand. Examn. instead of the Prim. Examn. as at present.

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