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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From the Honourable Mr. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D., Director of Public Instruction, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 18th September 1896, No. 10257.

I have the honour to bring to the notice of Government that some friends of the late General R. M. Macdonald, a former Director of Public Instruction, raised a fund years ago to perpetuate his name by the award of prizes similar to those given by him to the students of the Northern Circars for some years while he was in service. Though the fund was started and a sum of money was collected, no active steps were taken for some years to carry out the object of the movement. Most of the leading supporters of it are now dead. But Mr. Metcalfe, Principal of the Rajahmundry College, one of the promoters of the movement, wrote some time ago that it was the intention of the donors to make such arrangements as might appear more suitable to perpetuate General Macdonald's name. If possible, it was intended to continue the prizes, which were given by him for several years before his retirement, to encourage education in the Northern Circars. G.O., No. 112, Educational, dated 3rd May 1865, gives full particulars regarding the prizes which were given by General Macdonald.

2. The money collected was in the hands of Mr. Monro, who was then Inspector of Schools in the Northern Circars and subsequently in the South, and was invested in the Post Office Savings Bank in his name to the credit of the Macdonald Prize Fund. This office knew nothing of the matter until Mr. Monro brought it to my notice in 1890 when I was acting as Director, and requested that the account might be transferred to my name. I gave my consent to the transfer and called for the pass-book. The book, which was in Mr. Monro's name in the Kodaikānal Post Office (Madura district), was received by Mr. Grigg and was in his possession for a long time. It was however mislaid and there was necessarily some delay before a new one could be opened and the book transferred to the Madras Post Office in my name.

3. A set of rules for regulating the award of these prizes was prepared by me and was approved by Messrs. Monro and Metcalfe, who represent the original subscribers. On the 1st April 1895 the total amount available including interest was Rs. 3,333-3-0, of which Rs. 1,529-12-0 was withdrawn in November last and paid over to the University to meet the cost of the University prize. With the interest for 1895-96, the balance on hand on 1st April last was Rs. 1,887-6-3, and I beg to request that this sum may be invested in Government promissory notes in the name of the Director of Public Instruction and the Accountant-General *ex-officio*. Excluding the premium for the purchase of the Government paper, the amount available for investment will be approximately Rs. 1,700, which, at 3 per cent., will yield Rs. 51 per annum. Though the rate of interest is now $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., it is not improbable that it will shortly fall to 3 per cent, and I have accordingly fixed the value of the prizes at what would accrue at this rate. I beg also to submit the draft rules, which were approved by Messrs. Monro and Metcalfe, and request that the early sanction of Government may be obtained for the acceptance of the money and the approval of the draft rules.

ENCLOSURE.

Major-General Macdonald Prize.

The rules of award are—

First prize.—A purse of Rs. 25 to be awarded to the female candidate who, among the female candidates from recognized High Schools in the Northern Circars, passes highest in the Matriculation Examination of the Madras University.

Second prize.—A silver bracelet, worth about Rs. 15, to be awarded to an Uriya of the Ganjam or Vizagapatam district who has received his education in a recognized school in the Northern Circars and who stands first among Uriya candidates from the Northern Circars at the Lower Secondary Examination. He must not have gained the bracelet on any previous occasion.

Third prize.—A silver bracelet, worth about Rs. 10, to be awarded to a native of the Hill tracts of Goomsur and Chinnakimedi who has received his education in a recognized school in the Northern Circars and who stands first among natives of the Hill tracts of Goomsur and Chinnakimedi passing the Primary Examination.

These prizes shall be awarded by the Director of Public Instruction.

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A. T. ARUNDEL,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

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