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No. 3. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th April 1874, No 920 :—

Read the following letter from G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Nellore, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 18th March 1874, No. 331 :—

ADVERTING to the Revenue Board's foot-note of the 2nd instant, on Government Order, Financial Department, of the 20th ultimo, No. 285, calling for *full* information regarding the re-construction at a cost of Rupees 2,090 of the School-house at Venkatagiri, I have the honour to report as follows :—

2. On the introduction of the Local Fund Act into this district, a Rate-school mainly supported by the Rajah, and receiving a grant-in-aid from Government, already existed at Venkatagiri. This school occupied a tiled building belonging to the Rajah, containing only four apartments.

3. On the formation of the Union, the Rajah, who declined any longer to maintain the school, was requested to make over to the Local Fund Board the existing school-building, with its appurtenances, for the Union School. The proposal was acceded to, and the Rajah received the acknowledgments of the Local Fund Board.—Resolution No. 114 of 1872-73.

4. The building, however, though centrically situated and well adapted for its purpose, was incommodiously small, much dilapidated, and sadly needed repair. Some idea may be formed of the repairs and additions required from the subjoined extract (paragraphs 6, 7 and 8) of a Report received at the time from the Deputy-Collector of Naidupett.

5. On my requisition, the Deputy-Tahsildar and Secretary of the School Committee at Venkatagiri submitted an Estimate, framed by himself, amounting to Rupees 1,200, for pulling down and reconstructing the existing building. This Estimate was forwarded for revision by the Local Fund Board* to the District Engineer, who furnished a revised Estimate, amounting to Rupees 2,090, which has since been sanctioned by both the Local and Revenue Boards.

* Resolution No. 181 of 1872-73.

6. This amount, Rupees 2,090, at first sight may appear large for a building required for a Local Fund School; but when the size and importance of the school, as described in the last report,† (copy submitted) are considered, the grant does not seem disproportionate to the requirements of the institution.

† From Deputy Inspector of Schools, Nellore, No. 326, dated 1st September 1873.

7. It may be open to question whether the Local Fund Board were right in originally taking over so expensive a school; but the school was in existence, and the Rajah refusing to continue to maintain it, it would have at once collapsed but for the interference of the Local Fund Board, as also was the case with the very similar school at Naidupett.

8. They are both flourishing schools which should doubtless be kept up, but the Local Fund Board would have no objection to transfer to the Government their present liabilities in connection with them.

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*1st May* 1874.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Extract from Proceedings of Local Fund Board.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Copy of Letter from Deputy Inspector of Schools, Nellore Circle.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to G. O., Financial Department dated 20th February 1874, No. 285.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
*Secretary.*

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1874, No. 748.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
*Acting Chief Secretary.*

Exd. J. Wright.

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or partly removed; the entire roofing and the walls where they are weak thoroughly repaired; a verandah, thatched or tiled, erected on both sides of the opening in the Centre lengthwise; and glazier fixed on the roofing at proper intervals to throw in light. 2 large windows may also be opened in the back wall for ventilation. All the classes will then be within the view of the Head Master. No windows can be opened in the side walls, as there are rooms on both sides.

3. There is a well in the 2½ yard. The flooring around this well is a little sunk, and appears dangerous. Either the well should be filled up or the flooring there immediately repaired."

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/True Extract./

Yours

President

No. 326

Deputy Inspector's Office,
Ratnapalem, 1st September 1873.

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From C. Kotayya
Deputy Inspector of Schools
Tellore Circle

To H. Forbes Esqr. M. A.
Inspector of Schools
2d. Division.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the Anglo-Vernacular Union School, Venkatagiri.

2. The numbers and classification of the School are as follows.

| | On the rolls. | Present |
|---|---|---|
| 5th. class. | 4 | 4 |
| 4th. Do. | 8 | 8. |
| 3d. Do. | 7 | 7 |
| 2d. Do. | 6 | 6 |
| 1st. Do. | 20 | 18 |
| Vernacular Do. | 28 | 27 |
| | 73 | 70 |

3. Standards - A uniform scheme of studies based on the Director's published last year, and approved by you, having been introduced into the middle class schools, viz:

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the circle, all of which are under the Local Fund Board, the classification of the anglo-vernacular department in this school corresponds with the same. So the 5th Class is the preparatory matriculation Class.

4. Teaching Staff:

| | | Examination passed. | Salary. | Grant |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| D. Vydyanathayya. | Headmaster. | F. A. Exam. | Rs. 50. | Rs. 25 |
| S. Dakshinamoorthy. | 2 1/2 D. | Matriculation | " 20. | None |
| M. Chengiah. | 3 3/4 D. | None | " 10 1/2. | Do. |
| Munganna. | 4th D. | Do. | " 8. | Rs. 2 1/2 |
| | | | " 88 1/2. | " 27 1/2 |

5. Results of the 5th class. Their English reading needs much improvement. They should read more distinctly and with greater modulation. Their explanation is only moderately good, but their dictation fair. The arithmetic and algebra are pretty fair, but Euclid and geography poor. They acquitted satisfactorily in Telugu.

4th class. They read their English fairly. They could explain only the words and phrases but not the sentences. They do not seem to have been exercised in written translation, in which they have sadly failed. They are extremely deficient in grammar and parsing. They are bad in arithmetic, fair in history and Telugu; very poor in geography but good in English and Telugu dictation. Thus it will be seen, that this class has failed in most of the subjects.

3rd class. Their English reading is only moderately good. Their explanation pretty fair. Their grammar and parsing fair. They are poor in Telugu reading and bad in English and Telugu writing, arithmetic and geography. This class also is deficient in most of its studies.

2nd class. Though only passable in English and Telugu reading, they are good in other subjects.

1st —. Their English reading and writing are passable, but their arithmetic poor. In Telugu only half the class could read properly. In explanation and subject matter they are very deficient, but in writing fair.

Vernacular Class. This class comprises

3 sections. The highest is deficient in reading and arithmetic, but good in writing. The others answered tolerably well in the little they did.

6. General result.— Comparing the classes, it will be seen, that while the 5th, 2d, and the lower sections of the vernacular class answered satisfactorily in most of their studies, the others on the contrary, failed in most of theirs. As the latter studies are taken principally by the head, second, third and vernacular masters, they are responsible for them. The head master would attribute the defects in question, to my inspecting the school, so soon after the introduction of the new scheme of studies, already alluded to, only a month and a half having elapsed since then. But this circumstance was borne in mind, throughout the examination, in putting the questions, which were of a general character. The above argument could not therefore be considered to answer fully for the deficiencies pointed out. I am therefore of opinion that the said masters did not discharge their duties, as earnestly as they ought. Though there are some palliating circumstances in favor of the head master, in as much as the 5th class mainly taken by him, is better than the unsuccessful referred to, and in favor of the vernacular master, owing to the large size of his class, there are few to plead for the 2d and 3d masters. It might therefore be deemed expedient to warn the head master from neglecting any part of his duty and to impose some fine on the 2d and 3d for shewing that carelessness or inefficiency would not be left unnoticed.

7. Discipline.— In this respect, I observed much laxity, which I hope will be corrected.

8. School Committee.— As the Secretary was not present at the inspection, the defects of the school could not be personally represented to him. I do not however, by this mean that he was indifferent in the welfare of the school.

I am not for too much interference of the Commissioners in its instruction and discipline, which, I think, should be left entirely to the head master by whom it should rise or fall: If it improves there is no necessity of meddling, if it does not, I do not believe that any amount of interference would be remedial. There is no other alternative than his dismissal.-

9. Furniture.- The same as mentioned in my last report.

10. School house.- The school is held in a commodious rented house, pending the erection of a new building.-

I have &c.

(Signed) C. Kotaiya
Deputy Inspector.

(True copy)

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