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19TH SEPTEMBER 1895, No. 66, ECCLESIASTICAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 22, Ecclesiastical, dated 26th March 1889.

ABSTRACT.—Approving and transferring to the Public Works Department the estimates for extending the cemetery attached to St. George's Cathedral; and accepting the recommendations of the Committee referred to, regarding the two sites for proposed new general cemeteries.

READ—also the following paper:—

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. M. J. MOORE, C.I.E., President, Municipal Commission, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 20th May 1895, No. 293-H.

In forwarding the accompanying copies* of correspondence between myself and the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, I have the honour to invite attention to G.O., No. 22, Ecclesiastical, dated 26th March 1889.

2. The Archdeacon seems to have ignored the fact that the new cemetery at Saidapet was never intended to be restricted to the Church of England. It was intended for all inhabitants south of the Coom.

3. Besides the Cathedral and Quibble Island it was intended to replace the following:—

Church of the Lady of Purification, R.C., Meersaibpet, Jana Janakhan road which should be closed—vide my report on the condition of cemeteries for 1893-94.

Luz Church Cemetery, R.C., Luz Church Road.
Discanse Church, R.C., Yellapatha Madah Covil street.
Mai de deos, R.C., St. Thomé, Peria Pulley street.

Besides these there should be a portion allotted to Non-Conformists.

4. It was in view to sites being allotted to the different denominations that my letter, No. 113, dated 18th April 1895, was written.

5. The objections taken by the Archdeacon as to distance were fully considered by the Committee as will be seen from their report which was approved by above-quoted Government order.

6. If sanitation is to be subordinated to sentiment, I have nothing further to say.

7. As to roads, there are main roads through the proposed cemetery and I am quite prepared to make such by-roads as may be necessary when I know where they have to be made; this can only be done after allotment to the different denominations.

8. I do not consider a wall to be necessary and I cannot accept the contention that the municipality has to build a wall. In this connection I would invite a reference to G.O., No. 296 M., Local and Municipal, dated 29th March 1887.

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Examined by *hll*

9. Section 392 of Act I of 1884 merely lays down that the Commissioners shall provide a convenient and fitting place for burial. This I consider has been done and I would therefore beg that Government will be pleased to pass such orders on the subject as they deem fit.

ENCLOSURES.

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. M. J. MOORE, C.I.E., President, Municipal Commission, to the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, dated 18th April 1895, No. 113-H.

I have the honour to request to be informed when it will be convenient to you to take over the new cemetery at Saidapet.

From the Venerable W. W. ELWES, M.A., Archdeacon of Madras, to the President, Municipal Commission, dated 3rd May 1895, No. 2113.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 113-H., dated 18th April 1895, and to state that I am not prepared to make any move towards taking over the whole or any portion of the piece of ground proposed for a new cemetery at Saidapet, unless I receive orders from Government to do so.

2. I have the honour also to point out that it seems to me neither necessary, advisable, nor possible that burials should take place at present at Saidapet.

3. It does not seem to me *necessary*; for the only two cemeteries in which members of the Church of England are buried, which would be relieved, are the Cathedral Cemetery and the Quibble Island Cemetery, and both of these have sufficient room for burials for some years to come. Moreover, they are neither of them situated in a crowded part of Madras, while there is nothing whatever in the history of the past to justify the idea that these cemeteries are in any way detrimental to the health of the people.

4. It is not in my opinion *advisable* that people should be obliged to bury their dead in the proposed cemetery while there is room in the Cathedral and Quibble Island Cemeteries, for there would naturally be raised a strong feeling in the minds of those who have relatives and friends buried in these cemeteries—if they were compelled to bury any other relatives and friends elsewhere—and in a cemetery far away from the present cemeteries and far away from their homes. It would fall specially hard upon the poor people, if they were put to the considerable extra expense which would be involved in burials taking place at Saidapet, while they would feel much the difficulty caused by the distance to their often visiting the graves of their relatives and friends.

5. It is not in my opinion *possible* that burials should take place in Saidapet at present. I believe that I am right in saying that the Government requires the municipality to "construct" cemeteries. I have not been lately to Saidapet, but I have no reason to suppose the ground is in a different state to what it was when I visited it last. It was in my opinion in no sense "constructed." There was no wall round the whole or any portion of the ground and this is usually considered necessary for such a cemetery as it is proposed to have at Saidapet. Further at parts the ground required to be levelled, roads and paths to be made and the whole ground required to be laid over in such a way as to make it a fit and suitable resting place for the burial of the dead.

No. 1113.

Transferred to the Ecclesiastical Department.

12th August 1895.

To the Ecclesiastical Department.

(Signed) W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 19th September 1895, No. 66, Ecclesiastical.

The Government is of opinion that a wall should be built round the new cemetery at Saidapet by the municipality and that the reafter the Venerable the Archdeacon should take over charge of the whole of the ground pending orders as to its distribution.

2. It is observed that this is one of the General Cemeteries approved of by Government in G.O., No. 22, Ecclesiastical, dated 26th March 1889. It should therefore be divided between the Church of England, the Roman Catholic and the Non-Conformist communities. For this purpose the Government will be obliged if the undermentioned gentlemen will form a Committee to consider and report on the claims of the various religious classes of the community for whose use the cemetery is intended:—

The Venerable the Archdeacon.

,, Most Revd. Archbishop Colgan, D.D.

,, Right Revd. Dr. H. Jose Reed da Silva.

,, Revd. John Beard.

3. The necessity for dividing walls round the different divisions may conveniently be considered by the Committee. A suitable vestry in which the clergy could await funerals will no doubt be needed. As the Church of England portion will not be brought into use for some time, so much of the works as may be specially required for it (if any) need not be taken in hand at present.

(True Extract.)

W. Francis
Chief Secretary.

To the Gentlemen named.

,, Local and Municipal Department.

Exd. J. W. Oliver.

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