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Govt. of (1885) Madras.

EDUCATIONAL.

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to the Supg. Engr IV Circle.

2. The delay in executing
the alterations to the School
Hospital, sanctioned in
G.O. No 2370 Wd/25 Sept/84,
has been due to want of funds.
The Supg Engineer will report
whether he can provide the
amount required before the
end of the current official
year, by reappropriation
from the grants for other
military works in the circle.

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G.O., 18th November 1885, No. 724.

NOVEMBER.

Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum.

Reviewing the annual report of the — for
1884-85.

With order

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From H. B. GRIGG, Esq., M.A., Director of Public Instruction, Madras, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 21st October 1885, No. 6898.

I have the honor to submit five copies of the twenty-fifth report of the Lawrence Asylum at Ootacamund.

2. On the 31st March 1884 there were 302 boys in the asylum, and as there were 71 departures, including 2 boys sent to the Civil Orphan Asylum, Madras, on account of ill-health, with 69 admissions, the number on the 31st March 1885 was 298.

3. The causes of departure seem more satisfactory on this occasion, but it should have been explained to whom or to what employment the 13 boys, who were over age, went. Regarding the 16 boys who were under age, no cause whatever for their removal is given, as the fact that they were under age is no reason, unless it is intended that they were admitted at an age below that contemplated by the rules. If so, explanation should, I think, have been given. Only 1 boy was dismissed, and it is a subject for regret that 2 boys died, the cause of death being typhoid fever. In connection with this subject, I would specially draw attention to the Consulting Physician's remark that separate hospital accommodation and the segregation of cases of infectious diseases is much needed. The committee, it seems to me, have ample funds in their hands without Government assistance to such a suitable hospital.

4. There were only 30 orphans, but there were 137 fatherless children. The number of children having both parents living was 85—a large proportion. Of the whole number 298, 17 were Roman Catholics.

5. The Eurasian far exceeded the European children in number. There were 33 children of 8 years and under, and only 8 above 16 years; and 7 of these, it is satisfactory to find, were awaiting orders to join the Telegraph department. The eighth boy was in the Tailor's shop. The reduction in the number of over-age lads from 17 to 8 is also satisfactory. It is presumed that the 8 lads referred to under the heading "Telegraph classes" include the 7 described as awaiting orders. The point is not clear. It was anticipated that 12 boys out of 15 would pass the Telegraph Entrance examination. Six boys, who passed in March 1884, joined their appointments in the following month. Altogether the Telegraph department seems to afford a good outlet for the boys, and other outlets would doubtless offer themselves if other special education were given, and I cannot but deplore its virtual absence from the scheme of the institution, except in so far as utilization of the Asylum Press, Madras, may be regarded as, in a small measure, fulfilling this object. It is, however, so far encouraging to find that 9 lads were sent as apprentices to Press against 2 in the preceding year.

6. In spite of drawbacks the Band class seems to have been very successful.
7. Although all the apparatus could not be set up, gymnastic instruction seems to have been conducted very satisfactorily. The number of each class increased to 45, and 180 lads had undergone a course of instruction. The summaries of the tables given show that there has been increase in weight and measurement without exception.
8. There is nothing new to be said on the subject of the Tailor's, Carpenter's, and Smith's shops, and the boys, as usual, perform domestic work. I do not regret the abolition of the afternoon class in the Tailor's shop, because the result was not the training of tailors, and thus the class had no just *raison d'être*.
9. The gifts and prizes received by the institution show that a generous interest is taken in it by many on the welfare of this important institution.
10. I note that the new latrines have been handed over by the Public Works department.
11. The results of the Middle School examination were very good, those of the Lower Fourth Comparative examination fair, and those of the Third Class Comparative examination an almost complete failure. This is put down to the difficulty of the paper in Arithmetic, but allowance was made for this in the assignment of marks. The results of the Upper and Lower Primary examinations were very good.
12. The changes in the subordinate staff amounted almost to the entertainment of a new establishment. This does not appear to be satisfactory, especially as some of the persons employed left after very short service. I would draw attention to the Inspector's remarks on the staff.
13. I observe that although extra expenses were incurred under Clothing and other heads, the total expenditure was less than in the previous year. The cost per boy, however, was greater than in the previous eight years, excepting 1877-78.
14. There was some slight gain in the Carpenter's and Smith's shops, and judging by local rates also in the Taylor's shop.
15. There was a loss under the head of Gardening, Live-stock, Plantations, &c.

Female Branch.

16. There was no change in the number (59) on the rolls, 15 pupils having left, while the same number was admitted. There were only 2 girls above 16 years of age. The number of orphans was very small, only 7, and 29 were fatherless children. Eight of the girls were Roman Catholics.
17. The expenditure was the lowest for eight years excepting 1881-82, and the average cost was the lowest without exception. The saving chiefly falls under Clothing, which is generally greater in alternate years, but there was also a saving under Education and Household.
18. The Higher examination for women was a failure. For the Middle School examination 6 passed out of 7 with 4 in the first class—a very good result. The Special Upper Primary examination yielded 50 per cent. or fair.
19. The prizes were numerous and well chosen, and, as usual, a number of ladies have contributed towards them handsomely.
20. The needlework done by the girls was of a very useful character and showed much variety.
21. The total receipts on account of the Male branch were Rs. 1,23,602-4-10 and the total expenditure Rs. 1,20,571, leaving a balance in favor of Rs. 3,031-4-10, (although no donation was received from the Madras Asylum Press) after carrying Rs. 20,000 as a saving to fixed deposits. This item appears to have been incorrectly included under Expenditure. It will be observed that in the past three years the Male Asylum has accumulated no less than Rs. 30,000 exclusive of the closing balance. The expenditure, it is noted, was raised by the grant of a personal allowance of Rs. 150 a month to the Principal. The total receipts in the Female branch were Rs. 27,727-3-10

and the total expenditure Rs. 17,730-4-1, leaving a balance of Rs. 9,996-15-9 exclusive of Rs. 20,000 in deposit, the savings of the past two or three years. In this brief space the asylum has, in the two branches taken together, accumulated about Rs. 60,000 and this sum, to all intents and purposes, comes out of the grant-in-aid of Rs. 48,000 received. I am disposed to think that the accumulations should be expended in providing the additional accommodation necessary for the girls' branch, as I understand all applications for admission cannot now be complied with, and in providing a hospital, or that the India grant should be reduced. The asylum ought not to make a profit out of grants from the Indian treasury.

22. As a matter unconnected with the report, I may mention here that in their letter printed with G.O., Educational, dated 20th April 1885, No. 251, the Government have sanctioned the admission into the institution of the orphan children of Volunteers. I may also state that under G.O., No. 186, dated the 19th March 1885, Educational, the rules for admission are to be thoroughly revised.

23. The medical history of the Female branch is very satisfactory, but there were 215 admissions (including 13 boys who remained) into hospital from the Male branch, and, as already intimated, there were 2 deaths. However, only 11 boys remained in hospital at the close of the year. Complaint is again made by the medical authorities about the want of proper hospital accommodation, and about an improved water-supply so far as the Male branch is concerned.

24. The Inspector's report will be found printed along with the committee's report on the institution. On the whole, Mr. Garthwaite says the results of his examination, as regards the Male branch, were creditable to the masters. As regards the Female branch he says the results were highly satisfactory. The remarks made regarding the employment of additional masters in lieu of the Military element on the subordinate staff are deserving of particular attention.

ORDER—dated 18th November 1885, No. 724, Educational.

With his letter read above the Director submits the report of the Lawrence Asylum at Ootacamund for the year 1884-85. The Director has reviewed the report very fully, and it is now only necessary to notice the following points.

2. The financial working of the institution was satisfactory, but it is noticed that the cost per head of the boys was greater than in the previous year by Rs. 28. There was a very considerable decrease, however, in the cost per head of the girls. His Excellency the Governor in Council agrees with the Director in thinking that the accumulations, referred to in paragraph 21 of his letter, should be devoted to the provision of increased accommodation and other improvements. The committee will be directed to submit proposals to this end to Government at an early date. It was certainly never intended that the State grant-in-aid should be so large as to allow of yearly savings, and either the benefits must be increased or the grant reduced.

3. The Government regret to learn of the outbreak of typhoid fever in the asylum. The delay in executing the alterations to the hospital, sanctioned in G.O., dated 25th September 1884, No. 2370 W., Public Works, will be dealt with in the Public Works department. The Government agree with the Director in thinking that some of the surplus funds in the hands of the committee might usefully be expended in the provision of a separate ward for infectious diseases.

4. The Telegraph classes seem to have been productive of good results, and the Government again strongly commend to the attention of the committee the advisability of starting similar classes for instruction in other technical subjects. The gymnasium was well attended, and the results, which are set forth in great detail, appear to be satisfactory. The improvement of the gymnasium room would form a very legitimate object for the expenditure of a portion of the accumulated funds already referred to. The remarks of the Inspector, Mr. Garthwaite, on several of the teaching staff and his suggestion to replace some of the sergeants now entertained by assistant masters are commended to the attention and consideration of the committee.

5. The Director should expedite the draft set of rules called for in paragraph 11 of G.O., dated 19th March 1885, No. 186, Educational.

6. The thanks of Government will be given to the gentlemen on the committee for their services during the year.

(True Extract.)

W. WILSON,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

- " Committee of Management, Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum.
- " Public Works department.
- " Military department.
- " Accountant-General.

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G.O., 26th Nov. 1885, No. 1107 L.F.

No 2895 Wd/ Dec 4. 1885
NOVEMBER.

Ootacamund-Gudalur Road.

Communicating to the Accountant-General and the President, District Board, Nilgiris, memorandum from the Public Works department stating that the expenditure incurred on the — should not be taxed in respect to the Provincial charge for the scrutiny of Local Fund projects.

Supply Engr. the Circle
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From L. R. BURROWS, Esq., President of the District Board, Nilgiris, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Accountant-General, Madras), dated Ootacamund, 8th October 1885, No. 219.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that the following works were executed by this District Board on estimates examined and passed by the Public Works department in accordance with the order of Government, dated 22nd March 1880, No. 609:—

Name of work.	Government Order sanctioned.	Amount expended.		
		RS.	A.	P.
1. Ootacamund-Gúdalúr road ..	No. 1285 W., dated 23rd May 1884 ..	48,389	3	11
2. Coonoor-Karteri road ..	Board's Proceedings, No. 5862, dated 26th June 1884 ..	1,649	11	0
3. Re-roofing Apothecary's quarters, Gúdalúr ..	Board's Proceedings, No. 1020, dated 20th March 1884 ..	2,699	6	3
Total ..		52,738	5	2

2. By order of the Accountant-General a sum of Rs. 2,721-11-6 has been debited against this board on account of this expenditure, being the proportion of the lump amount of Rs. 21,250 contributed annually by all District Boards for the examination of estimates by the Public Works department.

3. Referring to the orders of Government, dated 16th April 1884, No. 808, Financial, passing the Local Fund budget for 1884-85, it is observed that the works Nos. 1 and 3, though carried out by the District Board, are paid for by Government by allotments from Provincial. I have therefore to request to be informed whether the expenditure on works Nos. 1 and 3 should be taxed, it being, in fact, Government money which has been expended and not District Board's.

L.F.D. No. 99.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. As under G.O., No. 1025, dated 7th May 1884, the Ootacamund-Gúdalúr road was formally transferred to Public Works department with effect from 1st April 1885, the outlay on the work during 1884-85 was treated as Local Fund expenditure in determining the proportionate cost of Local Fund plans and estimates. Since the transaction did not pass through the books of the Public Works department, the provision in its budget for 1884-85 on account of this road was surrendered by that department.

3. In regard to the Apothecary's quarters referred to by the President, I have to observe that from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1020, dated 20th March 1884, it is evident that it was a Local Fund work, and there are no papers to the contrary on the records of this office.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
28th October 1885.

(Signed) H. F. CLOGSTOUN,
Accountant-General.

To the Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 464.

Referred to the Public Works department for favor of remarks.

(By Order.)

MADRAS,
14th November 1885.

(Signed) J. D. REES,
Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Public Works department.

No. 1914 C.

MEMORANDUM.

In returning the papers referred under Financial department endorsement, No. 464, dated 14th November 1885, the undersigned has the honor to remark that as the expenditure incurred by the Nilgiri District Board in 1884-85 on the Ootacamund-Gúdalúr road was met from contributions from Provincial funds, such expenditure should not apparently be taxed in respect to the proportionate charge to be made against the District Board for Public Works scrutiny of Local Fund projects.

2. The work on the Apothecary's quarters at Gúdalúr appears to have been a purely Local Fund matter, and the expenditure thereon should apparently be taxed.

CHEPÁK,
21st November 1885.

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Col., R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Financial department, with papers returned.

ORDER—dated 26th November 1885, No. 1107 L.F., Financial.

Communicated to the Accountant-General and the President, District Board, Nilgiris.

(True Extract.)

J. Shaw-Stewart
Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President, District Board, Nilgiris.
„ Accountant-General.
„ Public Works department.