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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Educational Department,
12th February 1875.*

Schools—Agriculture.

Read the following papers:—

No. 36. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th September 1875, No. 2633.

Read the following letter from Surgeon W. S. FOX, Acting Secretary to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 9th September 1875, No. 7227:—

I am directed by the Surgeon-General to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of the 25th August, No. 2406, and to mention, with reference to the request at the end of paragraph 3, that the Medical College is exclusively under the control of the Director of Public Instruction, and that, though the members of the College all belong to the Army, they are temporarily lent for employment under the Civil Administration. It seems to the Surgeon-General unlikely that the College could, during its nine months' session, spare the services of any of its establishment: this, however, the Director of Public Instruction will report on; but, if the Medical College cannot detail a Lecturer for the Agricultural College, the Surgeon-General will be prepared to recommend Government to detail for that teaching duty a Warrant or Hospital Assistant Medical Officer on the same terms as those now serving in the Medical College, *viz.*, the Warrant grades receive the pay and house-rent of rank with a staff salary of Rupees 100 per mensem, and Hospital Assistants receive pay of rank and a staff salary of Rupees 50.

Submitted to Government, through the Director of Public Instruction, in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 25th August 1875, No. 2406.

2. If the Medical College is unable to furnish Lecturers for the Agricultural School, Medical Officers of the Warrant grade would no doubt be competent to impart the requisite instruction; but the school would not require the exclusive services of the officers appointed to lecture, and the cost of their full pay and allowances would be too heavy a charge.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 36-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th October 1875, No. 2853.

Read the following letter from W. R. ROBERTSON, Esq., M.R.A.C., Superintendent of Government Farms, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 1st October 1875, No. 521:—

As the Surgeon-General seems to think it unlikely that the Medical College will be able to spare the services of any of its establishment to lecture in the proposed School of Agriculture (*vide* his letter in the Board's Proceedings, No. 2633, dated the 20th ultimo), I have the honor to suggest that it would be well now to take into consideration the propriety of getting out from England two or three Assistants possessing similar qualifications to those possessed by Mr. Benson, and

in addition in one case a special knowledge of Chemistry, in another of Botany, and in another of Geology and Zoology. These gentlemen to be the Superintendents of District Farms and to come to Sydapet to lecture in their turns when required. If one remained on general duty, he might relieve the others of the charge of their farms when called upon to lecture at Sydapet, the courses of lectures and the time of year for their delivery being regulated with reference to the special requirements of each of the farms. A teaching staff could thus be organized and maintained in the department, and two or three district farms carried on at the same time. The benefits that would spring from the employment of such an agency as I have suggested would be greatly more effective for good as regards the improvement of agriculture than would be the results that would be derived from the employment as teachers in the proposed institution of Assistant Medical Officers, while the cost, making due allowance for services in managing the district farms, would be less.

2. If this suggestion met with approval, it would be necessary to select, without delay, three young men who have graduated at the Royal Agricultural College and to arrange that each should devote one year before coming out to the study of the special branch of science he is to take charge of in the proposed School of Agriculture, Government paying a salary to each during this period of special training as in the case of Engineers and Officers of the Forest Department while undergoing special training before coming out to India.

The Board are opposed to incurring any expense which can be avoided in connection with the proposed School of Agriculture until experience has shown that there is a demand for the instruction which the institution is designed to afford. The scheme must be started with the means at present available; it would be premature to secure Professors from England before the institution has proved a success.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

Transferred to the Educational Department.
FORT ST. GEORGE,
3rd December 1875.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Govt., R.D.

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ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1876, No. 50.
The Governor in Council agrees with the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
Ed. T. O'Connor.

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Schools—Agriculture.—Agreeing with the Board of Revenue in considering that it would be premature to procure Professor from England before the proposed School of Agriculture at Sydney has proved a success.

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