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Quarterly Reports of the Director of Public Instruction
regarding Political incidents in Schools and Colleges in the
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From the Director of Public Instr.
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Extract from D/O Letter No. 284-C., Dated the 16th September 1915,
To the Hon'ble Mr. Wheeler. (Fortnightly Report.)

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Two copies of the latest "Yugantar" leaflet which has recently been proscribed by the Bengal Government were received by the Principal of the Patna College in a cover addressed to the students.

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(बिहार राज्य अभिलेखागार निदेशालय)

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From

The Hon'ble Mr. J.G. Jennings, M.A.,
Director of Public Instruction, Bihar & Orissa,

To

10 The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Bihar and Orissa.

Ranchi, the 15th February, 1915.
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Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 446, dated the 7th of November, 1914, I have the honour to state that the reports of the officers subordinate to me for the quarter ending the 31st December 1914 contain mention of five incidents only which are deserving of notice.

(1) On the occasion of the Darbar Day celebration at the Motihari Training School the Head Maulvi of that school, Maulvi Shah Muhammad Siddiq, while addressing the boys declared "that the Jizia levied under the Moghals was lighter than the taxes levied by the British Government and that the state of affairs in Champaran itself under the British rule was quite evident". The Headmaster promptly stopped the speech and the teacher was suspended by the Additional Inspector. The matter having been enquired into, I have cautioned the Maulvi against further indiscretions of speech and have decided to transfer him. His promotion will for the present be stopped.

(2) A report reached me that in August a small Bengali boy of 9 years of age in the Hathwa Raj High School had repeated in a low voice in class a Bengali anarchist song. The Commissioner has interested himself in the case. The boy has been warned, but at the Commissioner's instance the matter has gone no further.

(3) The presence of a political suspect named Nirode Chandra Chakravarti (alias Nirode Mohan Sanyal) in the Jamtara School was reported by the Criminal Investigation Department. The boy is about to appear at the Matriculation Examination and I have warned the Principals of Colleges in this Province against admitting him

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if he is successful, and Inspectors against permitting his readmission to a school if he fails, without previous reference to myself.

(4) The Deputy Commissioner of the Santal Parganas having asked me to take steps to break up a clique of Bengali teachers in the Dumka Zila School, some of whom are suspected of extremist tendencies, I have taken the necessary action in consultation with the Inspector of Schools.

(5) A report having being received from the Criminal Investigation Department that a number of teachers and students at Arrah interested themselves in the visit paid to that town on September 1st by Swami Satya Dev I instructed the Inspector of Schools to warn them seriously on the subject and this has been done.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

बिहार Your most obedient servant,

मंत्रिमंडल सचिवालय 1-9-1937
(बिहार सार्वजनिक शिक्षा विभाग)
Director of Public Instruction, Bihar & Orissa.

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DEPARTMENT.

FILE No.

Serial No.

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL.

No. 403-C.

The 28-2-

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To

The D.P.I. B.O.

Sir,

I am directed to

refer to your letter No 42-C.

1915, 28.2.15
बिहार सरकार
मंत्रिमंडल सचिवालय विभाग
(बिहार राज्य अभिलेखागार निदेशालय)
dated the 15th 16th February
1915, regarding the political

incidents of a political
character which occurred
in the schools & colleges
of the province during
the quarter ending the 31st

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No. 96-C.

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From

The Hon'ble Mr. J. G. Jennings, M.A.,
Director of Public Instruction,
Bihar and Orissa,

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bihar and
Orissa.

Ranchi, the 28th April, 1915.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence resting with
your letter No. 403C dated the 28th February, 1915, I have
the honour to state that the reports of the officers sub-
ordinate to me for the quarter ending March the 31st, 1915,
all state that no instances of seditious conduct on the
part of teachers and students have come to notice during
that period. I have been informed of the presence of a
political suspect named Jagadish Chandra Bhaumick on the
staff of St. Columba's Collegiate School at Hazaribagh
and have requested the Principal to give him notice and
discharge him as soon as possible. This he has agreed to
do. [A political suspect, Surendra Nath Das, from Madari-
pur (Bengal) obtained admission to the Deoghur H.E. School,
and I am taking steps to secure his removal. In view of
circular No. 51 dated the 30th November, 1914, issued from
this office the Headmaster had no justification for admit-
ting an applicant whom he knew to be under police supervi-
sion.]

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. G. Jennings

Director of Public Instruction.

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From

The Hon'ble Mr. J. G. Jennings, M.A.,
Director of Public Instruction,
Bihar and Orissa,

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
Bihar and Orissa.

Ranchi, the 31st July, 1915.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 96C dated the 28th April 1915, I have the honour to state that only one instance of political activity on the part of students or teachers has been brought to my notice during the quarter ending 30th June. On the 13th of May Swami Satya Dev paid a visit to Buxar where he delivered an address. It was reported by the C.I.D. that several students of the Buxar H.E. School (aided) had interested themselves in this visit and had been raising subscriptions for the purpose of bringing him there. On enquiry it was found that four pupils of the school had endeavoured to secure entrance to the meeting against the express injunction of the Headmaster and that an ex-pupil and an applicant for admission to the school had been among the promoters. The first four were suitably dealt with by the school Committee and I have issued a circular prohibiting the admission of the ~~next~~ ^{remaining} two to Government or aided schools or colleges in the province without a reference to me.

2. With reference to the political suspects Jagadish Chandra Bhaumick and Surendra Nath Das to whom I referred in my letter No. 96.C dated the 28th April, 1915, I have to report that the former was discharged from the St. Columba's Collegiate School, and that the latter has been rusticated for one year and in accordance with a circular issued by me will not be readmitted any to Government or aided school or College in this province

without reference to me.

3. I have also to report that a political suspect named Bankim Chandra Mitra, formerly a student of the B. N. College, Bankipore, mentioned in paragraph 1079 of the Weekly Abstract for 1915, was appointed as a teacher in the Sakchi Middle English School in the beginning of May but his discharge has been secured and he left the district at the end of June. 1915.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. G. Munro.

For Director of Public Instruction..

बिहार सरकार
मंत्रिमंडल सचिवालय विभाग
(बिहार राज्य अभिलेखागार निदेशालय)

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From

The Hon'ble Mr. J. G. Jennings, M.A.,
Director of Public Instruction,
Bihar and Orissa,

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bihar
and Orissa.

Ranchi, the 26th November, 1915.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 209C dated the 31st July/ 2nd August, 1915, I have the honour to submit my report for the quarter ending 30th September.

Two cases of admission of political suspects to colleges in this province were reported to me, and in each case steps were taken for the prompt removal of the suspect. [Subodh Chandra Rakshit, a member of the Benares Students' Union League, secured his admission to St. Columba's College, Hazaribagh, but under my orders he was removed and, as I have been informed subsequently, has left Hazaribagh.] [Kshirode Indu Ghosh, another suspect, received his transfer papers from the Principal of St. Columba's College at my instance. The admission of both of these youths is explained by the fact that a new Principal had been appointed who was not familiar with the terms of my circular regarding the admission of students from other provinces.]

Tulsi, alias Srish Chandra Chakrabarty, who belonged to one of the two notorious societies of Benares, viz, The Young Men's Association, joined the Bihar School of Engineering on the 31st of July, having been admitted on the strength of certificates from the Manager of the Dar-

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bhanga Raj and from Rai Purnendu Narayan Singh Bahadur of Bankipore. I secured his removal as soon as I was informed of his admission and he left Bankipore on the 14th September last.

[With regard to schools, so far as political agitation is concerned, I have nothing to report in connection with the institutions under Government management. Three teachers, viz, Babu Sarada Charan Das, Abinash Chandra Guha and Khagendra Chandra Dey of the Deoghur High English School (aided) were reported to have had some connection with an ex-deportee residing at Giridih and also to have attended meetings where objectionable subjects were discussed. The Inspector of Schools at my suggestion secured their removal from the school at the hands of the Managing Committee. I have taken steps to see that they are not employed in other schools in this province without a reference to me.]

[I received intimation in September that copies of a seditious pamphlet, "Liberty, Arise and Stop Not Till the Goal is Reached" had been sent to masters and students in schools and colleges in Patna and Bankipore. On enquiry I found that attempts had been made to distribute the pamphlet in 9 institutions in that area and that the authorities had sent all copies of the pamphlets intercepted either to the District Magistrate or to the C.I.D. I have issued instructions to secure that uniformity of practice shall be followed in connection with the reporting of such attempts in future. So far as I have been able to discover the pamphlet was not sent to any schools or colleges in the Province outside the Bankipore area.]

[Two other matters not directly possessing any political bearing seem to call for notice. These are :-

(i) the existence in Bankipore of an immoral club called the "Chandal Chaukri", and

(ii) the riot on the part of schoolboys and college students which took place at the Sombari Mela on the 23rd August, 1915.

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These two matters, which appear to be connected in some ways, have been the subject of enquiry both on the part of the Police and also of Educational Officers in Patna. I have ascertained that no students residing in hostels or messes under the control of the Department were out on the night of the riot, but I am informed that several students attending the Patna Collegiate School and the T.K. Ghosh's Academy were implicated. A police case has been instituted against seven of the latter the result of which has not yet been intimated to me. As regards the "Chandal Chaukri" a report from the C.I.D. has been received and it has been ascertained that the club is closely associated with the Patna Collegiate School, the authorities of which have now been required to take effective action, which will be reported later. In the meantime I have discussed with the Educational Officers of Bankipore the best means of dealing with student rowdyism or immorality in Patna and Bankipore and have come to the conclusion that for the present the best measure for the better control of school students in those places is to start a Headmasters' Association under the presidency of the Inspector of Schools. I have asked the Inspector of Schools to take the necessary steps and the Headmasters' Association, when formed, should discuss the problems of school discipline and devise means for its improvement. If each institution is really efficiently controlled there should be no general question left. Organised measures for improving the discipline of college students can probably be more effectively undertaken when the Province has its own University.]

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

F.R. Blair.

for Director of Public Instruction. (in turn)

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No. 12.C.

R. No. 284

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From

The Hon'ble Mr. J. G. Jennings, M.A.,
Director of Public Instruction,
Bihar and Orissa,

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bihar
and Orissa.

Ranchi, the 3rd March, 1915.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 349.C dated the 26th November, 1915, I have the honour to submit my report for the quarter ending December 31, 1915.

2. Narayan Chandra Das, a pupil of the 2nd class of the Puri Zila School, ran away from the hostel under suspicious circumstances in November last and slips of paper containing seditious passages together with a proscribed book (Dehser Katha) were found in his trunk. The boy was subsequently arrested at Khandagiri but was discharged by the Magistrate. The boy has however been expelled by the Managing Committee from the school. In this connection two other boys who were suspected of circulating the above proscribed book among the inmates of the hostel have been fined Rs 20/- each by the Managing Committee of the School.

3. On the 31st October last the third anniversary meeting of the Buxar Young Men's Association was held in the compound of the Buxar High School under the presidency of Professor Jadunath Sarkar of Patna College and at this meeting songs of an ambiguous character were sung. Through the ignorance of the departmental rules and also of a circular issued by the Inspector of Schools requiring that his assent should be taken before school buildings were used for any purposes other than educational, (vide rules 69 of Chapter X and 148 of

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Chapter V of the Code) the Subdivisional Officer (who is also the Secretary to the School) permitted the Association to hold its annual meeting in the compound of the school. *The Sub-Divisional Officer's attention has now been called to the irregularity. /* have noted the conduct of the Professor concerned.

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4. As regards the "Chandal Chaukri", further enquiries go to show that the society is in no sense political but that there is no doubt that it was founded for immoral purposes. One boy connected with the club has been rusticated for a year for participating in the Sombari Mela riot and will not return to the Patna Collegiate School after the expiry of the period of rustication, and another is being removed by the Headmaster with an unsatisfactory transfer certificate.

I may mention however that the Police are now satisfied that the Sombari Mela rioting was not due to the organised activities or instigation of this particular society.

5. The police case instituted against seven pupils of the T. K. Ghosh's Academy at Bankipore, previously reported, has been withdrawn, and the boys have been made over to the school authorities to be dealt with departmentally.

(बिहार राज्य अभिलेख आचार्य विदेशालय)
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. G. Jinnah

Director of Public Instruction.

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24/5/16

FROM

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The Hon'ble Mr. J. G. Jennings, M.A.,
Director of Public Instruction,
Bihar and Orissa,

TO

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bihar
and Orissa,

Ranchi, The 24th May, 1916.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. 12.C dated the 3rd/6th March, 1916, I have the honour to state ^{that} I have little to report in connection with the behaviour of school and college students during the quarter ending March 31, 1916. Two matters only appear to call for notice.

2. The Headmaster of the Ranchi Zila School reports that Jnanendra Nath Hazra, a pupil of the second class of the school is suspected of writing a letter to a local banker demanding Rs500/- from him and threatening him with death in default. His exercise books have been sent to the handwriting expert and the case is still under police enquiry.

3. Mr. Jackson, Principal of Patna College, mentions that during the early part of January he noticed certain restlessness among students which he attributes to the influence of incidents in the Calcutta Colleges. Apparently however the second and fourth year students became absorbed in their Test Examination and ceased attending college and affairs resumed their normal course.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

J. G. Jennings
Director of Public Instruction.

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From

The Hon'ble Mr. J. G. Jennings, M.A.,

Director of Public Instruction,

Bihar and Orissa,

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bihar and
Orissa.

Ranchi, the 8th August, 1916.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 51.C dated the 24th
May, 1916, I have the honour to submit my report for the quar-
ter ending June 30, 1916.

1. Information reached me that a U.P. political suspect, Sita-
Ram Bhat, was employed as Headmaster of the Johnstonganj Mid-
dle English School at Srimatpur in the district of Monghyr.

The District Magistrate and the Inspector were immediately
communicated with and the headmaster's services have since
been dispensed with by the school committee.

2. Copies of a seditious "Liberty" leaflet were circulated
between April the 11th and 16th to certain educational institutions
(Government, aided and unaided) in Patna and Bhagalpur Divisions. The
Principal, Patna College, reports that on the 11th of April a
copy of the leaflet was found pasted up outside the main en-
trance of the College. A copy was found by the Principal of
the Patna Training College similarly pasted on the front of
the main college building on the 11th of April. The headmas-
ter of the T.K.Ghosh's Academy, Bankipore, also found a copy
pasted on the outer wall of the school premises on the 11th
April, 1916. The Inspector of the Bhagalpur Division reports
that the Principal of the C.M.S. High School at Bhagalpur in-
tercepted a copy addressed by post to the students of the

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school. The intercepted copies were forwarded to the District Magistrates concerned in accordance with my circular No.23 of the 1st of April, 1915. From paragraphs 603 and 685 of the Police Weekly Abstracts, 1916, it appears that the leaflet found its way to other educational institutions in the two divisions. Under my circular a report of the action taken in each case should have been sent to myself if the objectionable leaflets were received by post but this was not done in these particular cases and I am addressing the officers concerned.

3. The Principal of the Patna Training College reports that a seditious poem was sent to the Hindu boarders in the Collegiate School Hostel on the 29th March, apparently by post. It was intercepted and sent to the District Magistrate.

4. One Chandidas Chakravarty, who was expelled from Dacca College for political reasons, applied for admission to St. Columba's College, Hazaribagh, but the Principal, after consulting me, refused him admission.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. G. Munshi

Director of Public Instruction.

From

The Hon'ble Mr. J. G. Jennings, M.A.,
Director of Public Instruction,
Bihar and Orissa,

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bihar
and Orissa.

Ranchi, the 12th December, 1916.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 98.C dated the 8th August, 1916, I have the honour to submit my report for the quarter ending September 30, 1916.

(i) A general strike of the students of Patna College took place from September the 11th to 12th last and has already been reported to Government separately.

(ii) Jnanendra Nath Hazra, a student of the second class of Ranchi Zila School, mentioned in my report for the quarter ending March 31, 1916, has since been prosecuted and convicted under section 506 I.P.C. and bound down to keep the peace for one year. He has also been rusticated from the school for a period of 3 months.

(iii) In the course of the investigation of the sedition case against Raghubir Prasad Singh, an ex-pupil of ~~the~~ T.K. Ghosh's Academy at Bankipore, it has transpired that 4 members of the Academy (1 teacher and 3 pupils) are suspected of being connected with the local secret society founded by Bankim Mitra, convicted in the Benares Conspiracy Case. As regards the teacher, Hrishikesh Mazumdar, the Inspector of Schools reports that the Headmaster of the school has informed him that the services of the teacher would not be retained and that he would not be allowed to join the school after the Puja holidays. This action was strongly recommended to the Headmaster by Mr. Shaw. Of the three pupils implicated, the name of Madhusudhan Jha was struck

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off the school roll in August last for non-payment of dues; there is nothing definitely known against the conduct of Rang Bahadur Sahai (wrongly reported as Rang Bahadur Lal) at school, and the conduct of Bhagwat Singh is said to have been good at school. It is proposed not to take action against the latter two pupils till more precise information is available.

(iv) In connection with the same case, the Police have pointed out that since the advent of Bankim Mitra to the Bihar National College, four other suspects have obtained admission into the College. Sudhir Kumar Singh, nephew of Kamakhya Nath Mitra, formerly Professor of the College, is reported to have been the leading spirit of the society founded by Bankim Mitra in 1912, but since the close of the session of 1915-16 he has absconded. Prafulla Kumar Biswas, who joined the college in 1915 and is said to be a most dangerous character with many suspicious Calcutta connections, left the college in the early part of 1916. Atul Chandra Mazumdar and Shyam Nath Jha are also said to be members of Bankim Mitra's Society. Atul's handwriting was found to tally with that on many of the covers in which Liberty Leaflets were distributed in Patna in April 1916 and he was taken into police custody. Shyam Nath Jha's belongings were searched but nothing incriminating was found. The Police suspect that he and his co-lodgers were warned of the search. A brother of Sudhir Kumar Singh's, Sheo Kumar, is still at the college but nothing is known against him. Nripendra Kumar Bose, a Professor of the College, is also suspected of being connected with revolutionary movements, but nothing definite is yet known against ^{him}. The Bengal C.I.D. report that he is an associate of Murari Mohan Chaudhuri, a member of the Howrah gang, and is said to have accompanied Murari Mohan to the Howrah Railway Station on the night of the 30th June last, the date on which Deputy Superintendent Basanta Kumar Chatterji was murdered. The Principal has undertaken to the Commissioner to try to get rid quietly of the students, Atul Chandra Mazumdar, Shyam Nath Jha, and Sheo Kumar Singh by suggesting to

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their guardians that they should be removed, failing which stronger measures will be taken. But in the ordinary course of things all will leave the college in January next. The case of the Professor would require to be dealt with by the Governing Body. The Commissioner writes that he bears a high character locally and that the Principal naturally enough shrinks from the responsibility of asking him to resign. I am also informed that the Professor is a candidate for appointment to the Provincial Executive Service in Bengal. I am in correspondence with the Commissioner as President of the Governing Body of the College as to the best means of getting rid of the abovementioned undesirable from the college and am awaiting a further communication from him on the whole situation.

(v) Santi Kumar Bakshi, who is said to have been known to the C.I.D. for a long time, was appointed a teacher in the Deoghur High School in November 1915 by the Managing Committee of the school on the recommendation of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, himself a member of the Committee. He was arrested on the 8th September 1916 as a political suspect and deported from the Province and, I understand, has since again been arrested in Bengal under the Defence Act.

2. The following war lectures were delivered during the quarter :-

Lantern Lectures on the war were delivered at the Arrah Zila School to the students of the local High School. Two lectures were delivered by the headmasters of the Sahebganj and Kishanganj High Schools. Formal lectures were delivered in all Government High Schools in the Tirhut Division either by the Headmasters themselves or under their presidentship. Eleven lectures were delivered in Primary Schools by the Sub-Inspectors of Schools in the Darbhanga District. The Headmaster of the Balasore Zila School delivered two lectures. Lectures were delivered twice monthly at the Chaibassa and Purulia Zila Schools and once a month at the Ranchi Training School. The Inspector of Schools of the Chota Nagpur Division showed a set of lantern slides at the Lutheran High School at Ranchi and the Rev. J.C.

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Forrester of St. Columba's College, Hazaribagh, delivered a number of lectures. Babu Arta Ballav Mahanti, Lecturer in Sanskrit, Ravenshaw College, delivered two lectures. The members of the staff of the Patna Training College and the connected institutions delivered three lectures. At the Ranchi Zila School the Headmaster delivered two lectures and the Inspector of Schools, Chota Nagpur Division, delivered one lecture. The Inspectress of Schools, Patna, Tirhut and Bhagalpur Divisions, delivered a lecture at the C.M.S. Girls' School, Deoghur. The Assistant Inspectresses in Patna and Bhagalpur Divisions delivered 10 lectures.

No lectures were given at Patna College during the quarter as the discipline in the college was unsatisfactory and the Principal thought that such lectures would have done harm rather than good under the circumstances.

I have the honour to be,

बिहार सरकार Sir,

मंत्रिमंडल सचिवालय
(बिहार राज्य अभिलेखागार निदेशालय)
Your most obedient Servant,
J.S. Kumar

Director of Public Instruction.

ROUTINE NOTES (which are not to be sent out of the office or printed.)

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Subject.

File No.

U.S.

Please see C.S. note in file 127 9. & D.P. 1's last quarterly report at Hap K. in file 655 is put up. There is no reference in it to the Arrah Zila School, nor does there appear to be any recent report on that institution.

C.S.
13/5/16.

H.M.

C.S.'s note shows. The only reference I can find to the Arrah School in D.P. 1's monthly reports is to the visit of Swami Satyadev there over a year ago. C.S. may have been thinking of Bihar.

Hap W.

Seen. D.P. I can see as 14/5/16
supported in C.S.'s note & enquire if
be thinks necessary.

C.S.

u.o. 9.791
15.5.16.

W.H.

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U.S.

I received an advance copy of the
 Police Report dated 1st May, 1916, & then
 instructed the ~~offg.~~ Inspector of Schools to
 proceed to Arrah at his early convenience
 & discuss the situation with the Headmasters,
 with the Collector, & others, but not to show
 the Police Report save to the Collector. I
 also instructed him to take early steps to form
 a Headmasters' Association for the local
 High Schools, in accordance with rule 180,
 Chap. V (p. 119) of the Ed. Code. After
 the outbreak of ill behaviour in Patna - Muzaffarpur
 some months ago I gave the I/S. similar
 instructions as regards the High Schools there;
 the Association was formed for Patna - Muzaffarpur -
 Dinapore, & I gather from persons interested
 that it works well. The idea is to organize
 the Headmasters against disorder. I will
 report later on hearing from I/S. J.S.

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Retract these notes from my note
 overpage into the file & submit to C.S.
 for perusal.

Alley

16/5/16

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Motihari,

The 9th November '17.

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Dear Mr. Morshead,

My fortnightly confidential.

I have nothing much to add to the confidential report I sent in on the 5th instant on the general state of the District.

My Gandhi, who returned last night, came to see me this morning. He proposes to be here for 6 months, unless he is satisfied that he has done all the good he can before that date.

He informed me that he is going to devote his energies to :-
(बिहार राज्य अभिलेखागार निदेशालय)

(a) Education. He is going to use Babu Rajendra Prasad and Brij Kishore chiefly in this work.

He appears to contemplate that they should do actual teaching work, and make recommendations for the best plans to formed Schools. He proposes to solicit subscriptions from Planters for the purpose. He says Hill has already promised help.

(b) Sanitation. He seems to think that his followers are going to go round the villages cleaning out wells and inculcating the head for cleanliness. I pointed out

that

48 that most of his present followers were hardly the men for this sort of job. He said he hoped to get others, and even some women-helpers. The Champaran raiyat will be surprised to hear the latter lecturing him.

(c) Improvement of relations between planters and raiyats. He declares he is anxious to decrease litigation as far as possible. I pointed out that one of the results of the excitement consequent on his "Mission" had been a great increase in litigation. He assures me he is impressing on his followers the importance of trying to discourage needless litigation.

He says he wants to help the planter so long as the latter acts within the law and the terms of the recent Government Resolution.

I remained as now committal as possible. I pointed out two things to him :-

(1) the tendency of the Champaran raiyat, through ignorance, to misinterpret advice and actions.

(2) the importance of choosing his lieutenants carefully.

My general impression of this man is that he is either speaking half the time with his tongue in his cheek, or else he is a type such as I have never met before in this country.

Yours sincerely,
Sd., J. L. Merriman.