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No. 80 (Con.)

FROM

B.M. Sen, Esq., M.A. (Cantab.), M.Sc (Cal.), I.E.S.

Principal, Presidency College, Calcutta.

To

The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

Subject:—

Calcutta, Dated..... 13th January 1941

Sir,

In continuation of this office No. 63 (Con.) dated the 6th/7th January 1941 regarding the affairs of Hindu School, I have the honour to state that some members of the Hindu School staff saw me as well as Prof. Durgagoti Chattaraj (a member of the school managing committee) and reported that they were made to sign a "voluntary" statement by the Head Master about the scene at the meeting referred to in my previous letter. One of them actually begged to be transferred to Hare School as he finds the atmosphere of the school impossible. It has also been reported that the Head Master openly vaunts his friendship with the Assistant Director of Public Instruction with threats of consequence in case of disobedience.

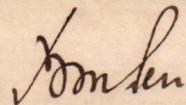
My recommendation about the transfer of Babu Karuna Kinkar Banerji was based on the fact that his presence at the school would be rather embarrassing to the new head. Karuna Babu enjoys good reputation as a teacher and as his previous confidential reports would show, is a strength to the school.

In view of these unfortunate developments, I would press on you the urgency of the transfer of the Head Master. I would further withdraw my recommendation about the transfer of Babu Karuna Kinkar Banerji, as I feel that he was within his rights to protest against the disparaging remarks of the Head Master on the work done in the school before his time though he might have gone too far to show temper. I propose to see myself that Karuna Babu does not embarrass the new Head. In case his transfer is thought desirable, I would like to have him in Hare School.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Principal, Presidency College.

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In continuation of the letter
of Hindu School, I like to state that
some of members of the Hindu School Staff
saw me as well Prof Dnyaneshwar Chakravarti
(a member of the School Managing Committee)
and reported that they have been made
to sign a "Voluntary" Statement by the Head
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I. H. B.
Dr. Sen

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No. 63 (con)

FROM

B. M. Sen, Esq., M.A.(Cantab.), M.Sc(Cal.), I.E.S.

Principal, Presidency College, Calcutta.

To

The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

Calcutta, Dated... The 6th January 1941.

Subject:—

Sir,

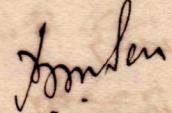
I have the honour to report that Mr. Dwijendra Kumar Chakravarty, Head Master, Hindu School, has not been pulling ~~on~~ well at his school. He recently reported against Babu Karuna Kinkar Banerji, Assistant Master, for insult at a staff meeting. His allegation was that at the meeting on his saying that the standard of the examination was stiffer than in previous years Karuna Babu burst out saying " Certainly not, I have examined the papers ". I examined Karuna Babu whose version was that the Head Master had tried on numerous occasions to impress on them that it ^{was} ~~is~~ the first time that a real examination ~~had~~ been held at the school. At the meeting too, he repeated the opinion at which Karuna Babu protested that they had always done their duty. This, though a scene, is a minor incident. The fact is that Mr. Chakravarty suffers from a bad temper and his manners towards subordinates and guardians are far from pleasant. He suffers, it seems, from an exaggerated sense of his own importance and is evidently a misfit in the school. I have never known anybody who in the short spell of a few months has pro-

produced so much commotion in a school. I, therefore, recommend that both Mr. Dwijendra Kumar Chakravarty as well as Babu Karuna Kinkar Banerji be transferred elsewhere,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



John Denyer
Principal, Presidency College.

S.S.D.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that Mr. Durgadas
K. Chakravarti H. M. Hindu School has not
been working well at his school. He recently
reported against Babu Karma Kantar Senaji
Asst. Asst. Master for insult at a Staff
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from a bad temper and his manners to work
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I consider him absolutely unbeatable
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short spell of a few months has produced
so much commotion in a school.

I therefore recommend both Mr Mr
Durgadas Chakravarti as well as
Habu Karma Kinkar Banaji be transferred
elsewhere.

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and Mr A. Rahman Khan and
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Office of the Head Master,
Hindu School, Calcutta.

D.O. No.2(C).

Dated, the 4th January, 1941.

Dear Mr. Sen,

I have received your D.O.No.1(Con) dated the 3rd January, 1941. I am grateful to you for giving me an opportunity to give a detailed account of the conduct of Babu Karuna Kinkar Banerji, Assistant Master of this school, and explain the whole situation.

In November last Karuna Babu appeared to be very much worried and downcast. But since the beginning of December I noticed a sudden change in his attitude. I spoke about it more than once to Mr. Kanailal Mukherji, Asst. Headmaster, and we discussed the probabilities. I frankly admit that the main purpose of my D.O.No.23, dated 6.12.40 addressed to you was to feel the exact position. It became apparent that in the absence of any action on my letter No.412, dated 19.11.40. which is ~~xxxx~~ pending before you, Karuna Babu was giving expression to an attitude of being triumphant over me.

On the 19th December last the cases of promotion of the boys were being considered in a formal staff meeting. A large number of boys had got plucked in some subjects and I gave my opinion that marking being 'subjective' and not 'objective' it was possible that the standard of marking might have been a little too exacting in certain cases, especially in the language subjects, and I told the teachers that if they wanted to consider these cases a bit leniently I had no objection. When we came to the mark sheets of classes VIA and VIB in which class a ^{very} large number of boys had got plucked in English, I expressed the same opinion that the standard of marking might have been a little too high and told the teachers ~~xxxxxx~~ that I had no objection if they desired to consider these cases a bit leniently. As soon as I said this, Karuna Babu flared up and burst out, "Certainly not. I have examined the papers." The gravity and importance of the meeting demanded that

we should consider the doubtful cases in a calm atmosphere, and in a dispassionate manner. I calmly bore his gratuitous insolence and did not even let him or any one else in the meeting know that I had taken exception to his conduct. I simply inquired of Karuna Babu which paper he had examined. On being told that he had examined English paper II, I pointed out that it was in English Paper I that more than 50% of the boys had got plucked and I gave out the actual figures of passes and failures in the two papers as they were indicated at the bottom of the mark sheets. It would be interesting for you to know the actual figures which I give here.

Class	Subjects.	Passes.	Failures	Examiners.
VIA	Eng.I	17	18	Babu Jitendra Nath Mukherji
	Eng.II	20	15	Babu Karuna Kinkar Banerji
VIB	Eng.I	16	20	Babu Jitendra Nath Mukherji
	Eng.II	24	12	Babu Karuna Kinkar Banerji

It will appear from the above table that the failures of a large number of boys in English (Eng.I & Eng.II combined) were mainly due to the very bad results in Eng.I which had been examined by Jitendra Babu and Karuna Babu's remarks and conduct were absolutely uncalled for. I have no doubt that his conduct in the meeting was the outcome of his triumphant and defiant attitude which he had been giving expression to since the beginning of the last month. I may mention here that some teachers discussed the conduct of Karuna Babu after the meeting in the teachers' room and condemned it.

You have on certain occasions entertained the evidence of officers subordinate to me. Should you desire to do the same in this case also, I will send to you the Assistant Headmaster and some of the senior teachers of the school. You may ask them about that day's incident. You may also ask them about my dealings with the teachers.

From the reports which I have received from some teachers of my school, I have a shrewd suspicion that Karuna Babu has circulated the contents, or rather a distorted version of the contents, of my report on the work of the teachers who have been in this school for more than five years. I would ~~highly~~ humbly request you to consider whether the repercussions of this on the staff will not seriously affect the administration of the school.

You sent for Karuna Babu on the 21st December. On his return from the college he said to a teacher in a jubilant mood and in a bantering way that he would no longer be required to do the monthly accounts of his class and that his successor would do it on the 2nd of January. I simply state this fact without making any comment. It is for you to judge the whole thing from the administrative point of view.

I feel constrained to remind you of my report to you about the real causes of the disturbances in the school before the last Puja Vacation. I told you, you may remember, that it was Karuna Babu and his lieutenant Satyendra Babu who utilized the apprehensions of the boys of class X that the ~~Final~~ Test Examination would be very stiff and surreptitiously instigated the boys to create disorder and indiscipline and a general strike (which however failed) in the school. I am morally convinced that Karuna Babu was the prime mover in all this. In cases like this, direct or tangible evidence can seldom be produced. But being on the spot and feeling the situation every moment, my honest conviction is that Karuna Babu was the brain behind, and that, having failed to make me surrender to him and give him a free hand in the administration of the school, he attempted to bring about a deadlock in the school and was primarily responsible for the wild rumours about me and my administration of the school.

In conclusion, I beg to assure you that in making the recommendation contained in my letter No. 450, dated 20.12.40 I was not guided by any feelings of personal likes or dislikes. I am old enough to take a broad view of things and ignore the outbursts of a teacher due to sudden loss of temper. But the present case is

wholly different and a serious one in all conscience and I looked at the whole thing with an unbiassed mind from the administrative point of view in the sole interest of the school. I am doing my very best to pull up the school. My considered opinion is that the retention of this officer on the staff after all that has happened will seriously affect my administration and the smooth and efficient working of the school.

Yours sincerely,

Chakravarti

To

B. M. Sen, Esqr.,

Principal, Presidency College,

C A L C U T T A.

D. O. No. 1 (6a)

3rd January, 41

Dear Mr. Chakravarty,

I received your confidential letter No. 450 of the 20th December last complaining against the conduct of Babu Karuna Kinkar Banerji, Assistant Master of the school. ^{would} I like to know your version of the facts of the case before taking any action.

Yours sincerely,

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D. K. Chakravarty, Esq.

Head Master, Hindu School, Calcutta.

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No.....450.....

FROM

The Head Master,

Hindu school, Calcutta.

To

The Principal,

Presidency College, Calcutta.

Calcutta

Dated the 20th, Dec., 1940.

Subject :—

Sir,

I have the honour to report that Babu Karuna Kinkar Banerjee, Assistant Master of this school, behaved insolently with me in the staff meeting held yesterday, the 19th December, 1940 for the consideration of the promotion cases of the boys. I felt openly insulted before the members of the teaching staff.

In the interest of the administration of the school, I would request you to write to the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, for the immediate transfer of this officer from this school. I can assure you that in making this recommendation, I have nothing but the interest of the school at heart.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

S. Chakravarthy

*Headmaster,
Hindu School, Calcutta.*

20.12.40.

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No. 2304 (Con)

FROM

B. M. Sen, Esq., M.A. (Cantab), M.Sc. (Cal), I.E.S.,
Principal, Presidency College, Calcutta,

To

The Director of Public Instruction,
B E N G A L.

Dated... the 12th November, '40

Subject:—

13/14

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 4076-A, dated the 9th September 1940, regarding some anonymous complaints against the Head Master of Hindu School, I have the honour to state that I have made some enquiries. The fact is that some of the boys had a notion that Mr. Chakravarti the Head Master had a hand in the transfer of Babu Satyendra Nath Mukherji (teacher of the school) which he had not. It is a fact that Mr. Chakravarti has a bit of a temper but it is undeniable that he is trying his hardest to improve the school results which were not very flattering last year. Somebody then spread the rumour that a large percentage of boys in Class X will be detained at the forthcoming Test Examination. The enclosed petitions may be said to be its direct outcome. As a matter of fact I went and spoke to the boys about the new standard of Examination the Matriculation and the futility of taking the

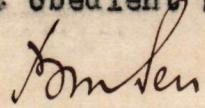
Examination with insufficient preparation.

I do not think that the anonymous letters require any further notice. They are returned herewith.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Principal, Presidency College,

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With reference to your letter
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some anonymous complaints against
the H. M. & Hindu School, I have
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No. 4076A
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FROM

The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal,

To

B.M. Sen, Esq., I.E.S.,
Principal, Presidency College, Calcutta.

Dated the 9th Septr. 1940.

Subject:--

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith the documents
noted in the margin containing complaints against Babu Dwijendra

(1&2) Representations dated 5-8-40
and 6-8-40 from the students
of Hindu School.
(3) Representation dated nil from
the students of Hindu
School, Bankim Chatterjee
Street, Calcutta.

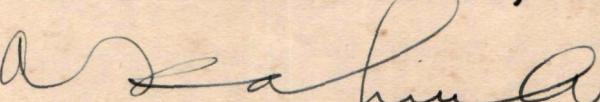
Kumar Chakravarty, Head Master,
Hindu School and to request
you to enquire into the alle-
gations and return the papers
with your comment.

2. A similar representation has also been submitted
to the Hon'ble the Chief Minister by the students of the
Hindu School.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,


Asstt. Director of Public Instruction,
Bengal.