

Copy of a letter No.816 dated the 3rd Dec. 1927 from Mr.R.B.Ramsbotham, Principal, Hooghly College, to the D.P.I.Bengal.

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I have the honour to invite your opinion on the desirability of including "The Modern Review" in the papers bought for a Government College Common Room. In ~~th~~is respect I would point out that the money which purchases these papers is provided by Government. My enquiry is based on my increasingly strong conviction that this paper is not suitable reading to be provided for students at Government expense, and I request you to examine a copy of the issue for Dec. 1927 especially pages 631--635; 643--651 (both articles written by an American); pp-709--711 and p.749 and 758.

These pages reveal, in my opinion, not merely a difference of opinion, but a wilful and dishonest perversion of facts designed to stir up racial hatred.

I understand that the magazine is very popular with students who apparently relish its bitter and controversial tone. I further understand that it is supplied to the Presidency College, Calcutta, a fact which is advanced ~~o~~ in support of it when I express a desire to remove it from the list of papers supplied to this College. For this reason it seems to me necessary to obtain an authoritative opinion on the desirability of supplying this magazine to students' Common Room at Government expense. My own opinion has been indicated.

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