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To

The Principal

Presidency College.

Dear Sir,

I beg to bring the following facts to your notice and for your information.

In the afternoon of the 21st instant at about 4 p.m. my son who is a student of class H Section B Hindu School was severely and brutally assaulted by a teacher named Rakhal Das Mitter without making any enquiry as to the guilt or otherwise of the boy. He dragged the boy by his hair and gave indiscriminate blows on his head and ear so much so that he collapsed and was in a comatose condition. The said teacher again pulled him by his ears and gave further blows. The effect of such assault was that my boy became unconscious for over 15 minutes. No attempt was made by the teacher to revive him but fortunately the fellow students poured water on his head and sent for the Headmaster who sent over my nephew who also is a student of the same class to my house with instructions to bring over at once a Doctor. I was informed of same through phone in my office. I rushed to the school premises and found my other sons and nephews with a Doctor who were attending to my boy who was then in a comatose condition. I approached the Headmaster and complained to him and directed the Doctor to take him to the Medical College. The Headmaster thereupon informed me that any -----

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proceedings that I would take would bring discredit on him and requested me to take the boy home for private treatment as he proposed to take disciplinary action against the teacher. He further stated that only a few days ago he called a meeting of the teachers and strongly advised them not to resort to corporal punishment without his permission but the teachers could not be controlled by him and hence this unfortunate incident. I further understand that while the boy was reviving the said teacher compelled him to write some thing on a piece of paper & to sign same. I took the boy home and had him immediately examined by an expert. The result of the brutal assault was rupture of the Tympanic membrane & haemorrhage from the ear and the specialist was afraid that the boy might be permanently deaf of one ear. The boy suffered excruciating pain in the ear during the whole night of the occurrence and the shock to the entire system was so great that there was palpitation of the heart which is still continuing and the boy is still laid up with fever and pain and is unable to rise from his bed.

On the 22nd instant I was informed that two of the class-mates of my boy were sent for by the Headmaster and he was trying to make out that there was only a slight assault but the boys unhesitatingly contradicted him and gave the true version as stated above. The names of the boys are Kalidas Addy and Rames Chandra Ghose.

I would request you to institute a searching enquiry and take such steps for the removal of the teacher or such other course as you think fit as I do not intend to take steps against the teacher as

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I am an old student of the school and of the Presidency College
and I do not like that I shall be the person to bring this scandalous
behaviour and unwarranted assault to the notice of the court and
of the public.

Yours faithfully,

R. K. DE

P.S. I am sending a copy of this letter to the Director of Public
Instruction and to the Headmaster.

R. K. DE

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