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No. 343.

*H.M. Hindu School  
report + action  
form for  
9/2/34*

From

J. BUCHANAN, Esq., M.A.,  
Physical Director, Bengal.

To

The Principal,  
Presidency College,  
College Street.

Calcutta, dated the 6<sup>th</sup> February, 1934.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward a copy of letter No. 8506A dated 15th December, 1933, from the Director of Public Instruction concerning the future position of Gymnastic Masters and Drill Masters in Government educational institutions.

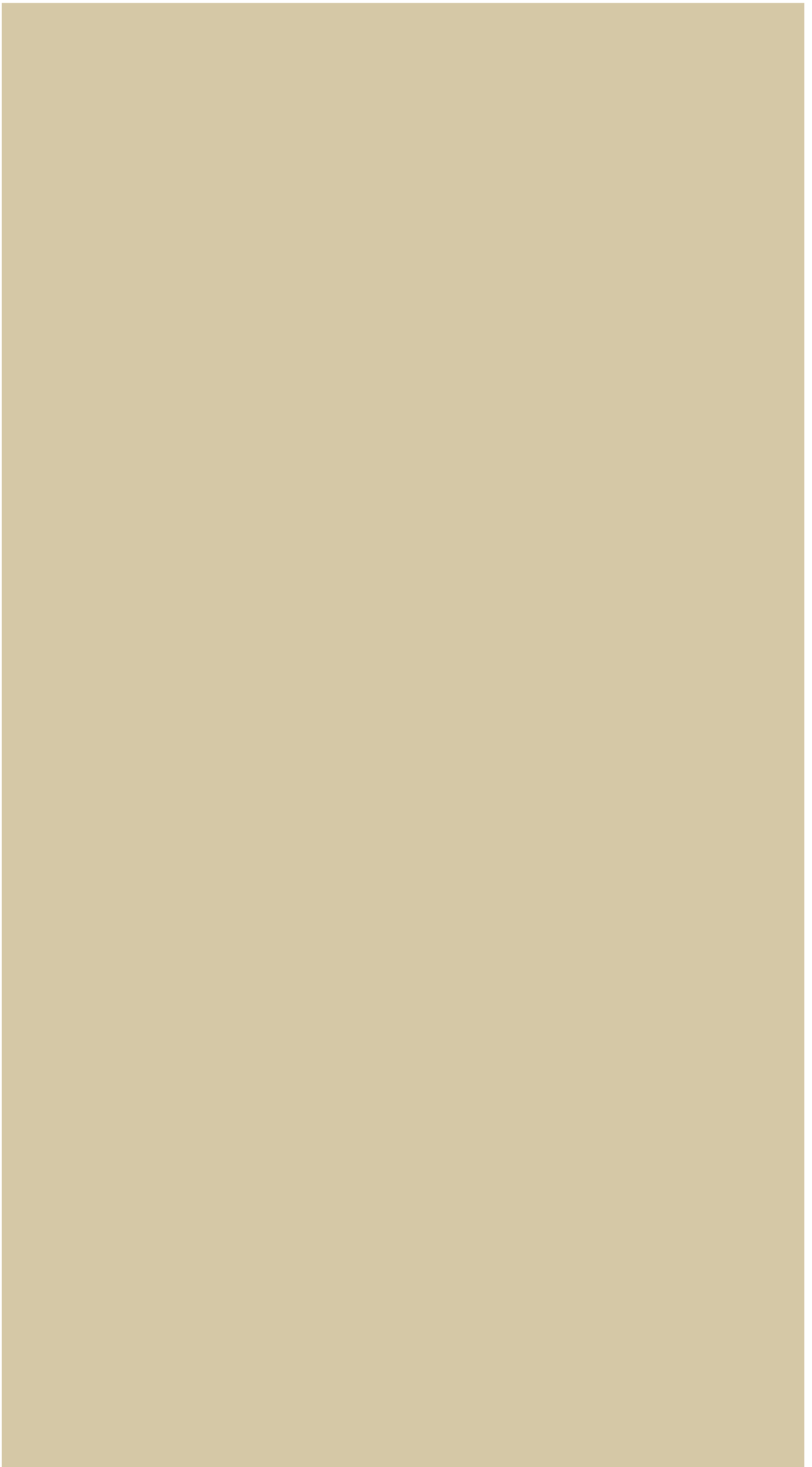
Briefly stated, my proposal to the Director of Public Instruction was that certain teachers of advanced years should be retired on the full pension to which their years of service - entitled them. This course, however, has been found to be impossible under standing rules.

From the letter of Director of Public Instruction, it will be seen that two alternatives are suggested -

- (a) The deputation of certain teachers for a course of training at the Government Training Centre in Physical Education lasting one full session.
- (b) The transfer of teachers unfit for such training to the general teaching line.

Regarding (a), it may be noted that the practical part of the training is designed for young men of a high standard of athletic ability, but that gymnastic masters and drill masters may be put through a modified practical course simultaneously with the younger students. They must, however, undergo a medical examination in order to guard against the admission of teachers who

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might be harmfully affected by the practical training. ~~The~~

The theoretical training of students pre-supposes a fairly high educational standard, but in this connection also an attempt will be made to modify the course, if necessary. Teachers deputed must, however, have a fluent knowledge of English. I enclose a copy of prospectus of the Training Centre for information regarding the existing training course.

As regards (b), teachers of advanced years, say over 40 years ~~more~~ of age will naturally be considered. I do not, however, wish to propose that teachers unfit for the teaching of class-room subjects should be transferred merely in order to make room for trained physical instructors, as this might have detrimental effect upon the academic studies of the children placed under them. It may be remembered, however, that the appointment of an instructor in place of a drill-master will mean the addition to the staff of each institution of a university graduate who will be capable of undertaking a certain amount of academic work. The institutions may, therefore, benefit from the change.

In the circumstances, I shall be glad if you will consider the position of the teachers named below, and give me your opinion as to how the services of each may best be utilised in the future. If there are cases which you consider to be unfit either for deputation to the Training Centre in Calcutta or for transfer to the general teaching line, perhaps you will give a special report upon them in order that special steps may be taken to put them through a short training course.

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

*James Buchanan*  
Physical Director, Bengal.

Name. Babu Gurupada Ghatak.

Post held. Drill Master.

~~Cobbler's~~  
School. Hindu School.

Age. 34 years.

Years of service. 11 years.

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