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#### PREFACE.

THE Committee of Privy Council on Education has been in existence since 1839. Since that time they have issued various Minutes and Explanatory Statements, detailing the principles upon which Grants are given, and the conditions necessary to be fulfilled by those who propose to take advantage of them. The Minutes and Explanatory Statements are scattered through the volumes of reports annually presented to Parliament, and consequently, parties desiring information on any particular point may frequently experience difficulty in obtaining it.

The following compilation is intended to remove this difficulty, and at the same time to diffuse information regarding the working of the Minutes, and the great and important benefits that may be derived from them. For this purpose the Minutes have been classified under distinct heads, and information is given on every subject of importance connected with their administration.

The operation of the Minutes has already produced the most beneficial effects on Elementary Education throughout the country, and an acquaintance with them is therefore highly desirable on the part of School Committees, Teachers, and all interested in Education.

MAY 1856.

#### GOVERNMENT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

#### PARLIAMENTARY

## GRANTS FOR EDUCATION.

#### General Conditions.

- The Committee of Council on Education, formed in 1839, consists of the Lord President, for the time being, and certain other members of the Cabinet.
- 2. The first annual Parliamentary Grant, amounting to £20,000, for the promotion of Education, was made in the year 1833, and its distribution was confided to the Lords of the Treasury, who continued to appropriate the annual Grant till 1839, when (on the 10th April), by an Order of Her Majesty in Council, a Committee of Council was appointed to superintend the application of any sums voted by Parliament for the purpose of promoting Public Education.
- The Committee give pecuniary Grants, in aid of voluntary exertions, for various educational purposes, to promoters of Schools who desire to co-operate with Government in extending education among the children of the poor and labouring classes.
  - 4. Every application for a Grant must proceed from the

local Correspondent of each particular School. It is to be made in the form of a memorial, and addressed—"To the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education."

- 5. Communications should be addressed to "The Secretary, Committee of Council on Education, Privy Council Office, Downing Street, London," to whom, in the first place, a request should be made by letter, stating briefly the object for which aid is required, for copies of the official documents in use for bringing the application in proper form before their Lordships.
- 6. Forms, together with such Documents and Instructions as are necessary for a thorough comprehension of the benefits to which schools may become entitled under the Minutes of the Committee of Council, and of the terms upon which such benefits are granted, will be furnished on application, as above stated.
- 7. No farther step should be taken beyond this preliminary application, until the requisite Forms and Instructions are furnished, lest it should be at variance with the conditions under which the Parliamentary Grant is administered, or in any other respect prejudice the application.
- 8. Aid is afforded to those Schools only in which relagious as well as secular instruction is given; and the principle of that rule, sanctioned by Parliament, is held and acted upon in administering the Grant as in accordance with the will of the country.
- Grants will be given to Schools, although the Managers object, on religious grounds, to make a report concerning the religious state of the School. No Certificate of the religious

knowledge of Pupil Teachers or Monitors will be required from the Managers of such Schools,

- 10. The Schools which may receive Grants are those in connection with any religious denomination, or with any society or association, or such other schools as are already recognised by the Committee, or that will conform to the regulations and conditions on which Grants of the public money for Education are given.
- 11. The Schools excluded from the benefit of Government aid are, in particular, Secular Schools, or those in which secular instruction is given exclusively; also middle and higher classes of Schools which do not afford education on terms within reach of the means of the poor and labouring classes.

Inspection.—1. It is required as a condition of any Grant whatever, which the Committee make out of the funds placed at their disposal by Parliament, that the School be placed, either permanently or for a certain fixed period, according to the nature of the Grant, under the inspection of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools.

2. The duration of the period over which the right of inspection extends is contingent upon the permanency of the object for which the Grant is made; e.g. if the Grant is made for (1.) erecting or enlarging a School, the right of inspection, which is secured by a clause inserted in, or endorsed upon, the School-deed, is co-extensive with the interest conveyed by that deed. (2.) If the Grant is made for books or maps, the Managers are required to sign a declaration that their School shall be open to inspection for seven years. (3.) If the Grant is made in augmentation of a Teacher's salary (who has obtained a Certificate of

<sup>3</sup>d June and 24th September 1839—16th August 1846—22d November 1848— 26th April 1846—22th July 1869—15t August 1853.