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Parliamentary Question by Mr. Honabli for 2
oral reply, Wednesday 18 February 1931.
(No. 1 on P.Q. file.)

Off. despatch to
all Parliament
20.2.31/6

Mr. Salner

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Mr. Eastwood

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Mr. Salner to
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reply to 1 is
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Reminder 27

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2 To Gov. 472 - ^{6/00} Cms - A/2 - 6/7/31
(Reminder 5/1)

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3 Gov's Def. Home 376 _____ 8 July
Leferts Dr. Arthur, of Church of Scotland Mission,
has replied that as no state-aided institution of
the mission is condition imposed on teachers that
they shall not belong to Sikhya Central Association
and give summary of events in connection with
Sikhya state-aided school.

A satisfactory despatch.

? embody the substance in a letter
for P.S. sig. to Mr. Honabli, who

was promised a further
communication

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7.8.31

J.P. Conroy

14/8 alt

Draft held up owing to change in
the War & Lab. W.S.

W. Allen
11/9

Si R. Hamilton

We can only pass on the
information.

W.S. 17.9.31

By agreement
at once
16.9.31

4/10 To Mr. Morabini s.o. - 17/9/31

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J. Morabini % _____
acknowledges to H.

22nd September

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Precedents
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Mr. Chamberlain. 24/8.

Mr. Fresson. 31

Mr. Allen *10/9* s.o for Sir R. Hamilton's signature.

Mr. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley. *1/9.*

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Sir G. Grindle.

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Secretary of State.

DOWNING STREET,

~~August 1931.~~

17th September, 1931.

DRAFT. CONSON.

Dear Horrabin,

You will no doubt remember

your question in the House of the
18th February, when you enquired
whether the Church of Scotland Mission
in Kenya makes it a condition that no
teacher in its employ shall belong to
certain political associations.

The Governor of Kenya, of whom enquiry
was made as promised, has now
reported that the Church of Scotland
Mission in Kenya has two state-aided
institutions, one at Tumutumu and one
at Kikuyu; and the Rev. Dr. Arthur
of the Mission states that no such
condition as that to which you
referred is now enforced at either

J. F. HORRABIN, ESQ., M.P.

(House of Commons).

of those Institutions.

*There is no institution
which is not state aided, and the Government
your condition did not relate to a plan.*

As regards Tumutumu, no such condition

has ever been proposed, but the following
is the history of the matter as regards the
Kikuyu School.

The Mission teachers at Kikuyu were on
October 10th, 1929, asked to sign a
declaration that they were not members of the
Kikuyu Central Association, ~~nor~~ ^{would they} would they
become so until they were allowed to do so
by the Mission, which would not be until
the Association changed its ways and
ceased to attack the Church and the Mission
on the moral issue of "Sexual Mutilation
of Women". In other words, the Mission
were not prepared to employ in their work
as teachers those who associated themselves
with an Association which was hostile to
both the Church and Mission.

Owing to misrepresentations by the
Kikuyu Central Association with regard to the



signing of any paper, the Mission Council agreed on October 17th, 1929, that, in view of unfounded suspicions, they were prepared to continue in employment all agents who would give a verbal assurance. No vow was therefore asked of them and several of the younger, better teachers, who had objected to sign a paper under the conditions prevailing at the time, at once gave the verbal assurance.

Since the beginning of January, 1930, no teacher has been asked to give even a verbal assurance that he is not a member of the Kikuyu Central Association. Several teachers have been engaged by the Mission since that time and to them no such condition has been applied. The practice, having become unnecessary

unnecessary, is not therefore continued.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) R.W. Hamilton.



KENYA.

No. 376

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

4th July, 1951.

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COL. OFFICE

My Lord,

No. 1

I have the honour to refer to Your Lordship's despatch No. 147 of the 27th February, 1951, transmitting copies of Questions and Answers in the House of Commons relative to the attitude adopted by the Church of Scotland Mission in Kenya in regard to "certain political associations".

2. As Your Lordship assumes, it is the Kikuyu Central Association to which reference is made.

5. The Church of Scotland Mission has three institutions, two of which, at Tumutumu and Kikuyu, are state-aided. The third at Chogoria, in Embu district, is not so aided and it is therefore assumed that the question does not apply to this institution.

4. The Rev. Dr. Arthur, of the Church of Scotland Mission, who was asked whether teachers employed by the Mission were required to subscribe to the condition that they shall not be members of the Kikuyu Central Association has replied that at no state-aided institution of the Mission is such a condition now enforced upon the teachers employed by them.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD PASSFIELD, P.C.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
L O N D O N, S.W.

5. In his reply Doctor Arthur states that no such condition has ever been proposed at the state-aided school at Tumutumu and gives a history of events in this connection at the Kikuyu state-aided school, of which the following is the gist.-

X The Mission teachers at Kikuyu were on October 10th, 1929, asked to sign a declaration that they were not members of the Kikuyu Central Association nor would they become so until they were allowed to do so by the Mission, which would not be until the Association changed its ways and ceased to attack the Church and the Mission on the moral issue of "Sexual Mutilation of Women". In other words, the Mission were not prepared to employ in their work as teachers those who associated themselves with an Association which was hostile to both the Church and Mission.

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Since the beginning of January, 1930, no teacher has been asked to give even a verbal assurance that he is not a member of the Kikuyu Central Association. Several teachers have been engaged by the Mission since that time and to them no such condition has been applied. The practice, having become unnecessary, is not therefore continued.

6. I am in entire agreement with the statement that the main consideration for educational grants is educational efficiency of the institutions to which they are given.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

Wm. Lake
GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

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Mr. Parkinson 20/2/31

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Mr. Tomkinson

X Sir C. Bottomley 23.2.31

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Sir G. Grindle.

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X Secretary of State. *Created 26/2*
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Quat. No. 30

DOWNING STREET,

27 February, 1931.

DRAFT.

KENYA

No. 149

Gov. Byrne.

Not in PQ file
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I have the honour to transmit to you copies of Questions and Answers given in the House of Commons on the 18th February relative to the attitude adopted by the Church of Scotland

Mission in Kenya in regard to native & certain political associations"

2. The reference in the Question is ~~clearly~~ *obscurely* to the Kikuyu Central Association, although the Question is worded in general terms.

3. I have no information as to the present position in regard to the action taken by the Church of Scotland Mission in regard to teachers in their employment, reference to which is made on page 29 of the Kenya Education

Department

Department Annual Report for 1929,
and also on page 7 of the Annual
Report on the Kikuyu Province for
1929. I should be glad to receive
a report as to the present posi-
tion and ^{to} have any observations
which you may wish to offer. ~~It~~

[16509/30 H]

(A) Or ^{it} will be seen ~~from the~~ reply given

by the Parliamentary Under Secretary
of State for the Colonies, to a

Supplementary question, ~~that he~~
^{that} stated the main consideration for

educational grants is educational
efficiency of the institutions to
which they are given. I entirely

concur in this statement, and I
assume that it will also commend
itself to your Government.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) CASSFIELD.

would suggest adding:-
"--- though, at the same
time, any political test
of this kind is to be
deprecated, and no doubt
you will use such opportunity
as occurs to indicate this
view to the mission
authorities."

T.D.S. 25.2.31.

No - I think we had better
wait for reply first. It is
not at all clear that this
is a political test. P
(of polygamy and a Mormon Society)