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1 Extract from note of interview recorded by S.J.S.  
to Archdeacon Owen 16/9/38

2 To Kemp 651 (draft on 47085/38) <sup>12</sup> 2/11/38

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3 Governor 725. (Extract) 16/12/38  
Comments upon provision made for education  
of African girls (Origl regd on 47085/38 Africa)

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4 Extract from letter to Archdeacon Owen 11/1/39  
(Draft on 38221/2/38 Kemp)  
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(Draft on 35251/2/38 Kenya)  
(Registration directed on 47085/38 Africa)

At your interview with Mr. MacDonald in September you also mentioned the education of girls and suggested that the most fruitful means of ensuring that some progress was made would be by the appointment of a woman adviser to the staff of the Education Department. On this matter Sir Robert Brooke-Popham has informed Mr. MacDonald that the value of such an appointment is appreciated, and that the possibility of making provision for it was considered in connection with the draft Estimates for 1939. It was, however, decided that the financial position would not allow of the creation of this new post in 1939. At the same time, the Governor observes that he is unable to agree that very little is done for the education of native girls in Kenya. The figures given in the Education Department's Report for 1937 show that of a total of 110,502 pupils in African schools 33,592 were girls, and a considerable portion of the grant-in-aid vote for African education is devoted to institutions specialising in the education and training of native women and girls.

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● (Extract.)

7. I cannot agree with Archdeacon Owen's statement that very little is done for the education of native girls in this Colony. The figures given in the Education Department's Annual Report for 1937 show that of a total of 110,802 pupils in African schools in Kenya, 33,592 were girls. A considerable portion of the grant-in-aid vote for African education is devoted to institutions specialising in the education and training of native women and girls. The value of a woman adviser on the staff of the Education Department is appreciated. The possibility of such an appointment was, indeed, considered in connection with the Colony's draft Expenditure Estimates for 1939, but it was decided that the financial position would not allow of the creation of this new post in 1939.

C O P Y.

K E N Y A.

NO. 651.

COLONIAL OFFICE,  
DOWNING STREET,

3rd November, 1933.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you for your consideration a copy of a note of an interview which I accorded to Archdeacon Owen on the 13th September.

2. The question of child labour has now been dealt with in the report of the Committee which was appointed to consider this matter. With regard to penal sanctions, I shall no doubt shortly receive your views on this subject in connection with the questionnaire prepared as a result of the discussion at the recent session of the International Labour Conference. In the meantime you will have received my circular despatch of the 29th September in which I invited Colonial Governments to consider the desirability of prescribing by law the age of twelve years as the minimum age for employment of children in all occupations other than industry or at sea, and the age of fourteen years as the minimum age for employment in industry or at sea.

3. I should be glad to receive your observations on the other questions raised by Archdeacon Owen in the course of the interview, and in particular on his suggestion that the best means of ensuring that some progress is made in the matter of the education of

GOVERNOR,

girls

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL,

SIR ROBERT BROOKE-POPHAM, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C.

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to the staff of the Education Department.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) Malcolm MacDonald.

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S. of S. to Archdeacon Owen.....16/9/38.

Original registered on 47087/38 Africa.

Education. Archdeacon Owen explained that the particular point he wished to raise was the fact that, at any rate in Kenya, very little is done for the education of native girls, though this is very badly needed; and he asked the Secretary of State to consider the possibility of appointing a woman to the staff of the Education Department in Kenya, which he thought would be the most fruitful means of ensuring that some progress would be made in this matter. The Secretary of State promised to consult the Governor of Kenya on this suggestion.