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S. of S. Circular

SUBJECT.

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Empire day Messages to children in Elementary
Schools of the Empire.

13th April

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

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*3/6. Submitted
Copies of the messages might be sent
to Government Schoolmaster & St Mary's
School for posting in school.*

*G.M. 13
Di. Sec
16 July 1923.*

11/11 16 July '23

*Government Schoolmaster,
You have kindly arranged to
have copies of messages taken for
publication in school. Will you please
say if you recommend that the records
of messages should be obtained.*

*G.M. 13
Di. Sec
21 July 1923*

Subsequent Paper.

Hon. Col. Sec.

I have read the messages to all the Govt. school children, and those in standards 4 and upwards have copied them out and learnt them by heart.

2. I have ordered a gramophone record of the messages from the Falkland Islands Co., who are the local agents of the Gramophone Company. There is no Gramophone in the school but I shall be able to borrow one for the purpose

A. T. Moore

Sgt. Schulze

30 August 1923



(1)

Downing Street,

13th April, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Their Majesties the King and Queen graciously propose to address messages to the children in the Elementary Schools of the Empire on Empire Day, the 24th of May, and to have the messages previously recorded by the Gramophone Company, Limited, so that the children may have the opportunity of hearing them spoken in Their Majesties' own voices.

2. The Company are making arrangements for the supply of the records to the distributors shown on the enclosed list, from whom the records will be purchasable by any educational authority, or by private persons; and it is desirable that any enquiries with regard to the supply of copies or their price should, wherever practicable, be addressed to the distributors mentioned. Every effort is being made by the Company to expedite the manufacture of the records with a view to their being available throughout the Empire, if not actually on the 24th of May, as soon as possible thereafter. It is understood that the records will be of the best quality, of 10 inch diameter, and that they will be suitable for use on machines other than those of the Company.

List.

3. The Company have placed at the disposal of the King all profits arising from the sale of these records; and His Majesty has expressed a wish that the profits arising from sales in each part of the Empire should be distributed to Children's Hospitals or Children's Wards of General Hospitals, or devoted to some other similar purpose, in that part of the Empire. The Gramophone Company have undertaken to furnish information with regard to the profits arising from sales in each part of the Empire, and I propose to advise you in due course if the returns should show anything of interest to your Government.

The Officer Administering

the Government of

Messages.

4. *I enclose copies of the messages which Their Majesties propose to address to the children, but it is of course desirable that the text of the messages should not appear in the press or be otherwise disclosed before the 24th of May.*

5. *You will no doubt be able to judge as to the quickest method for obtaining any records required for use in the territory under your administration.*

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

DEVONSHIRE.

THE GRAMOPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

LIST OF BRANCHES, ASSOCIATED COMPANIES, AND DISTRIBUTORS.,

- Ceylon,)
Straits Settlements) See India.
- Gibraltar :— A. A. Sanguinetti,
Green House, Main Street, Gibraltar.
- India :— The Gramophone Company Limited,
Post Box No. 48,
139, Balliaghatta Road, Calcutta.
(including Burma, Ceylon, Siam, Persia and Persian Gulf, Straits
Settlements.)
- Mauritius :— I. Manuel,
11, St. George's Street, Port Louis, Mauritius.
- Malta :— A. D'Amato,
98, Strade S. Giovanni, Valetta, Malta.
R. Brizzi,
293, Strada Reale, Valetta, Malta.
- Rhodesia :— Laurence & Cope,
Post Box 132, Bulawayo.
Laurence & Cope,
Post Box 149, Salisbury.
L. F. Moore,
Post Box 5, Livingstone.
- East Africa :— Bayly & Co.,
Post Box 185, Lourenco Marques.
African Mercantile Company,
Mombasa.
Jacobs & Co.,
Nairobi.
African Mercantile Company,
Dar-es-Salaam, Tanga (and Zanzibar).
- East Africa :— Carter's of 5, Lothbury, E.C., London,
(Additional) for S. Jacobs, Nairobi.
African Mercantile Co.,
(for Tanganyika district), 8, King William Street, E.C.,
London.
- Nyasaland :— Blantyre Printing & Publishing Company,
64, Queen Street, Edinburgh.

West Africa,
Gold Coast :—

French West Africa Company,
Royal Liver Buildings, Liverpool.

Miller, Ltd.,
West Africa House, Kingsway, W.C., London.

F. & A. Swanzy, Ltd.,
Africa House, Kingsway, W.C., London.

African & Eastern Trade Corporation,
West Africa House, Kingsway, W.C., London.

Mann Taylor & Co.,
London House, Crutched Friars, E.C., London.

G. B. Ollivant & Co.,
3, Albert Street, Manchester.

Pickering & Berthoud,
42, Sackville Street, Manchester.

Nigeria :—

The Niger Co., Ltd.,
Lever House, Blackfriars, E.C. 4, London.

John Holt & Co. (Liverpool), Ltd.,
Royal Liver Buildings, Liverpool.

African & Eastern Trade Corporation,
Royal Liver Buildings, Liverpool.

Miller Bros. (Liverpool), Ltd.,
Royal Liver Buildings, Liverpool.

The Lagos Stores,
Royal Liver Buildings, Liverpool.

McIver & Co., Ltd.,
Royal Liver Buildings, Liverpool.

In the following places records could be obtained from the Victor Talking Machine Company, Camden, New Jersey, U.S.A. :—

West Indian Colonies.

Fiji and Western Pacific.

(Enclosure 2 in Circular despatch of 13th April, 1923.)

THE KING'S MESSAGE.

TO THE CHILDREN IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS OF THE EMPIRE.

On this day My people in all parts of the world join to celebrate their unity and to draw closer the common ties which hold them together.

Each of our many peoples has its own life to live, each has its own work to do ; yet all are members of one family, sharing their sorrows and joys.

You have learned how the Empire was built up by brave and wise men and women in the past. It is only by courage, wisdom and unselfishness that it will endure. It is a great inheritance. Your fathers and forefathers made it. Its future welfare and good name are, under the Providence of God, in your hands.

Do not think of it as a thing far away from you. Every one of you counts, and what you do and learn now will decide how far you will be able to play your part worthily when you grow up.

Get knowledge, be brave, honourable and kind, thinking of others before yourselves, and always play the game. So will you fit yourselves to hand down this community of Free Nations to your children and grandchildren as a great instrument for justice, peace and goodwill, which will deserve the respect and esteem of mankind.

(Enclosure 3 in Circular despatch of 13th April, 1923.)

THE QUEEN'S MESSAGE.

TO THE GIRLS IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS OF THE EMPIRE.

On this day of memory and hope, which is also the birthday of good Queen Victoria, this is my message to you the daughters of our world-wide family of nations and peoples.

Think always of what you can do to make your homes happy and how you can best prepare yourselves to make happy homes for the generations of children which will follow you. In our vast Empire there are many kinds of homes and many different customs. The home which fosters clean minds and kind hearts is God's Temple, and the spirit of the good home, whether it be rich or poor, is one of the best things in the world. You can learn many lessons at school which will help you to become wise and useful citizens of the British Commonwealth ; but you can learn and practice nothing better for yourselves and all members of the great British family than the simple lessons of love, kindness, and unselfishness which in cloud or sunshine are the strength and beauty of life.