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Madrasah building inaugurated

From Our Correspondent

NARSINGDI, Oct. 20.— Mr. A.M.M. Showkat Ali, Deputy Commissioner, Dacca formally inaugurated the newly constructed building and laid the foundation stone of a residential hostel of the Madrasah Jamea e. Kasemia in a simple function held at Gabtali (Furapara), one mile off from Narsingdi subdivisional headquarters on October 17.

The inaugural ceremony was presided over by Mr. Mokbul Hussain, S.D.O. Narsingdi while Mr. Abdul Hye Sarker, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Dev), Dacca was present in the function as special guest. The function was addressed, among others, by Alhaj Tofazzal Hussain and Alhaj Abdur Rahman Bhuiyan.

The Deputy Commissioner, in his speech opined that Muslims have special interest in Islamic education, which would make them good and honest citizens.

The D.C. donated a sum of Taka 10 thousand and 10 bundles of corrugated iron sheet for the Madrasah. He also advised the local people to submit a financial plan to the Dacca District Council for the Gabtali public graveyard.

The Subdivisional Officer in his presidential speech urged upon the local people to keep themselves in touch with this religious institution so that it might in the near future turn out to be a model centre of Islamic education.

Primary Education

Sir.—Primary Education all over the country is showing a sign of deterioration. It is now a matter of supreme importance for which our benign Govt. is spending crores of Taka each year far in excess of the amount ever sanctioned by the previous Govts. The malady is complicated and not readily curable. What is imperative is drastic action on emergency basis to set the matter right. Details are well known to all educated persons in the country. I have the following suggestions to add to what your learned correspondent Mr. A.B.M.A. Qader has stated in his letter published in your paper on 6/10/77 under the above caption.

Pending constitution of Dt. Primary Education Board each subdivision should now have, on ad hoc basis, a small committee of ten members nominated by the Govt. with a whole time Secretary of Gazetted rank to deal with transfer promotion and leave etc. of teachers of Primary schools. Recruitment of Teachers (minimum qualification Intermediate Second Division with Preference for B.Ed) should be entrusted to the Public Service Commission II which should prepare a panel of 100 qualified teachers for each Subdivision. Primary Final Examination District-wise should be introduced in place of Primary Scholarship Exam now held Sub Division-wise.

Managing Committees of Primary schools should be reorganised with educated persons. These should have the power of control and supervision viz. (1) grant of casual leave to teachers and (2) power of suspension in extreme cases of neglect of duties and indiscipline as is the case of High schools. Effective inspection of schools once in 3 months by the T.E.O. or the A.S.I. should be made compulsory and not optional.

Absence Fines at the rate of 5 paise per day be levied on students to improve their attendance which is quite unsatisfactory at present.—Yours etc. A.H. SAYEDULLAH, Kuliarchar, Mymensingh.