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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

I

Letter—from Surgeon-General W. R. BROWNE, M.D., V.H.S., C.I.E., I.M.S., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

To—the Chief Secretary to Government.

Dated—Ootacamund, the 25th May 1907.

No.—48-St/T. 65.

The Superintendent of the Medical School, Vizagapatam, brings to notice that the strength of the institution instead of showing a tendency to increase has, during the four years of its existence, tended to decline. Local Boards of the Northern districts do not send their nominees in any numbers and private pupils are very few. The school has so far derived its chief strength from Madras-Burma pupils, but as recruitment for this grade is not now on the same scale as during the past three years (*vide* G.O., No. 523, Educational, dated 20th October 1903) and is likely to soon cease altogether owing to the establishment of a Medical school in Rangoon, the strength of the Vizagapatam school is expected to be still further adversely affected. It therefore seems advisable to resort to some special means to popularize the school and to secure increased admissions.

2. Lieutenant-Colonel Pemberton, I.M.S., is of opinion that the paucity of local candidates is due to the high standard of educational qualification prescribed under the existing rules and there seems to be no doubt that the better educated students in the Northern districts show very little inclination to enter the Hospital Assistant department. To encourage some of them to do so I therefore submit the following proposals for the sanction of Government :—

(i) That a certain number of vacancies (say 30 per cent.) in the grade of Civil Medical pupils be reserved for candidates from the Northern districts irrespective of their relative position in the results of the competitive examination.

Lieutenant-Colonel Pemberton, I.M.S., gives a concrete instance of the desirability of making this concession in the failure of three Matriculates from the Northern districts at the competitive examination for Civil Medical pupils, and I am of opinion that a student who has passed the Matriculation examination of the Madras University is *ipso facto* qualified to enter on the course of study for a Civil Hospital Assistant.

(ii) For the other classes of pupils Native Military, Local and Municipal, Madras-Burma, Native State, Private and Female, all of which classes are it may be said less sought after than the Government Civil class, I would propose a further relaxation of the educational test in accepting candidates who had passed the English Language and Elementary Physical Science with History and Geography divisions of the Matriculation examination of the Madras University. It is thought that this may obviate the acceptance of pupils who have passed only the Lower Secondary examination to which grade per force in the absence of Matriculates the Native Military class has been but too often compelled to descend.

(iii) That Nellore and Cuddapah be added to the list of the districts from which pupils are sent to the Vizagapatam school. The Superintendent points out that some addition is necessary to the field from which pupils are enlisted but it is the "language" difficulty that presents any marked enlargement of the recruiting area.

3. I may add that I have ascertained that the Director of Public Instruction has no objection to the adoption of the measures proposed in (i) and (ii) above.

II

Memorandum No. 1280-1, Educational, dated 31st May 1907.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

(By order.)

C. A. SOUTER,
Assistant Secretary to Government.

III

N. Ref. on Cur. No. 4145/07, dated 13th June 1907.

Resubmitted.

2. In the circumstances stated, I beg to recommend that the Surgeon-General's proposals may be approved.

T. T. LOGAN,
Ag. Director of Public Instruction.

IV

Memorandum No. 2668, Public, dated 20th July 1907.

With reference to his letter No. 48 St./T. 65, dated 25th May 1907, the Surgeon-General is requested to explain his statement that during the four years of its existence the strength of the Vizagapatam Medical school has tended to decline. The number on the rolls appears from the "annual reports on Public Instruction in the Madras Presidency" to have been as follows during the four years ending with 1905-1906 :—

1902-1903	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
1903-1904	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
1904-1905	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39
1905-1906	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46

2. The Surgeon-General is also requested to report—

(1) the number of pupils from the districts of Cuddapah and Nellore who received instruction in the Medical schools during each of the last five years,

(2) the number of pupils other than "Civil" who sought admission into the Medical schools, but who were rejected on account of their inferior educational qualifications during each of the last five years, and

(3) the number of hospital assistants now in Government service—

- (a) whose vernacular is Tamil,
- (b) whose vernacular is Telugu,
- (c) whose vernacular is Malayalam,

H. BRADLEY,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General.

V

Letter—from Surgeon-General W. R. BROWNE, M.D., V.H.S., C.I.E., I.M.S., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

To—the Chief Secretary to Government.

Dated—Ootacamund, the 22nd August 1907.

No.—48 St./T. 190.

Adverting to paragraph 1 of Government Memorandum No. 2668, Public, dated 20th July 1907, requesting an explanation of the statement in my letter No. 48 St./T. 65, dated 25th May 1907, regarding the tendency of the strength of the Vizagapatam Medical school to decline, with reference to the figures quoted by Government from the annual reports on Public Instruction in the Madras Presidency, for the four years ending 1905-1906, I have the honour to state as follows.

The statement in question is based on the figures for the five years of the existence of the school from 1902-1903 to 1906-1907. The school having started in 1902 with the admission of newly recruited pupils only (for the 1st year's course), for three years subsequently new classes (for 2nd, 3rd and 4th years courses) were in the process of formation. During these years the school merely admitted pupils without sending out any passed pupils. This period, therefore, cannot be taken as a criterion of either an upward or downward tendency of its strength. This can only be gauged from the time when the counterbalancing process of passing out the final year pupils commenced. This was in 1905-1906. By instituting a comparison between the figures of that year and those of its successor, it is found that while in the former, when 7 pupils passed out, the strength stood at 46, in the latter when 6 passed, it fell to 43. Later figures now furnished by the Superintendent (*vide* statement appended) go to make the downward tendency more pronounced inasmuch as they record a further fall in strength to 40. (The casualties such as resignations, deaths, etc., are not sufficiently numerous to need being taken into account). I have already explained in my letter cited above, that the reduction in the number of candidates annually recruited for Burma service, is likely to tell against the strength of the school still more in future years, and hence the necessity for some special measures, at least for a time, to make the school more attractive if possible.

2. As regards paragraph 2 of the Memorandum, I have to state—

		Cuddapah.	Nellore.	(1) that the total number of pupils
1902-1903		1	2	from the Cuddapah and Nellore districts
1903-1904		..	2	trained in the Medical Schools inclusive
1904-1905		1	4	of three who received their instruction in
1905-1906		1	5	the Medical College in 1902-1903 is 18
1906-1907		1	1	as per particulars noted in the margin;

(2) that there are no records to furnish the information required as to the number of such pupils as could not be admitted owing to inferior educational qualifications;

(3) that the information desired by Government regarding the number of Hospital Assistants in Government service, with reference to their vernacular language, is shown in the margin. It is to be observed, however, that the figures represent those who can *speak* the respective languages, this being the only information available in this office as given in column 2 of Part I of the Civil Medical List.

ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing the total strength of the school since its opening.

	Number of pupils.							Total strength.
	On opening.	Joined.	Passed out.	Resigned.	Died.	Dis-mitted.	Trans-ferred.	
1902-1903	Nil.	10	..	..	..	..	..	10
1903-1904	10	14	..	..	..	1	..	23
1904-1905	23	17	..	..	1	..	..	29
1905-1906	39	15	7	1	..	..	..	46
1906-1907	46	5	6	..	..	1	1	43
1907-1908	43	4	6	..	..	1	..	40

Order—No. 13, Educational, dated 8th January 1908.

The Government approve of the Surgeon-General's proposal that pupils whose vernacular is Telugu and who come from the districts of Nellore and Cuddapah should be required to attend the Medical School at Vizagapatam. They do not, however, consider it desirable to lower the educational qualification of the candidates for the hospital assistant's class as proposed by the Surgeon-General.

2. The proposal to reserve a fixed proportion of the vacancies in the Civil Hospital Assistant grade for candidates from the Northern districts will be considered in the Public Department.

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Surgeon-General.
" Public Department.
Editors' Table (Paragraph 1 of order only).

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 13, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 8TH JANUARY 1908.

[SUBJECT.—Submitting proposals for popularising the Vizagapatam Medical School.]

From the Surgeon-General, dated 25th May 1907, No. 48-St./T. 65.

It is submitted that the proposals made by Surgeon-General Browne may be forwarded u.o. to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

2. If it is decided to adopt the proposals in whole or in part, the necessary modifications may be made in the rules for the training of Hospital Assistants which are to issue shortly.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—30-5-07.

Official memorandum to the Director of Public Instruction.

C. A. SOUTER—31-5-07.

Please see draft endorsement placed below.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—31-5-07.

C. A. SOUTER—1-6-07.

[Endorsement No. 1280-1, dated 1st June 1907.]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 13th June 1907, No. 4145.

The Director of Public Instruction recommends that the proposals of the Surgeon-General may be approved.

2. The Surgeon-General's proposals are—

(1) that a certain number of vacancies (say 30 per cent.) in the grade of Civil Medical pupils be reserved for candidates from the Northern districts, irrespective of their relative position in the results of the competitive examination ;

(2) that the educational qualification prescribed for the Native Military, Local and Municipal, Madras-Burma, private and female medical pupils be relaxed and

What subjects would this free them from appearing in ? candidates who have passed the English language and Elementary Physical Science with History and Geography divisions of the Matriculation examination, be accepted ; and

G. S. F[ORBES].

(3) that Nellore and Cuddapah be added to the list of the districts from which pupils are sent to the Vizagapatam school.

3. The first proposal, namely, that 30 per cent. of the vacancies in the Hospital Assistant's grade may be reserved for candidates from the Northern districts, is one for consideration in the Public Department. The number of candidates to be selected for training as Hospital Assistants is fixed by the Surgeon-General every year with reference to the requirements of the department. No competitive examination is held when the number of applicants for Civil Medical pupilship does not exceed the number advertised for—vide rules 1 and 2 on page 9 of G.O., No. 171, Educational, dated 11th March 1904. It is not clear what course should be adopted, when, in such cases, the number of candidates from the Northern districts is less than 30 per cent.

4. The *second* proposal relates to the relaxation of the educational qualification in the case of Native Military, Local and Municipal, Madras-Burma, Native State, private and female medical pupils. It is not clear whether the proposed relaxation is to be general or to be restricted to candidates from the Northern districts only. Anyhow it would seem to be unfair to the rest of the students to admit some with low

C. A. SOUTER. educational qualifications, as all students in the Hospital Assistant class are to be taught together. Recently the Government declined to sanction the admission into the Ráyapuram Medical school of certain female candidates who had not passed the Matriculation examination, the Honourable Member observing that it was unfair to the school and the public as well as to the candidates to admit persons who had clearly not the education to take advantage of the medical instruction. Please see G.O., R. No. 253, Educational, dated 24th May 1907, and G.O., No. 403, Educational, dated 25th June 1907.

5. The *third* proposal is to send candidates coming from Nellore and Cuddapah to the Vizagapatam school. The present practice seems to be to send candidates from these places to the Medical school at Ráyapuram and as Ráyapuram is much nearer to Nellore and Cuddapah than Vizagapatam, candidates coming from those districts would naturally prefer going to Ráyapuram.

6. Submitted that the file may be sent u.o. to the Public Department for consideration of proposal (1) and for remarks on proposals (2) and (3).

T.K.—1-7-07.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—1-7-07.

C. A. SOUTER—2-7-07.

To the Public Department.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

The total number of pupils on the rolls of the three Medical schools during the years 1902-1903 to 1905-1906 is given below :—

				Ráyapuram.	Vizagapatam.	Tanjore.
Please quote the authority here and in the draft official memorandum.	1902-1903	..	..	180	10	13
	1903-1904	..	..	207	23	15
	1904-1905	..	..	206	39	15
A. GALLETT—19-7-07.	1905-1906	..	..	198	46	18

The number of "Civil", "Military", and "Madras-Burma" pupils entertained during the years 1902-1907 is as shown below :—

								Military.	Civil.	Madras-Burma.
1902	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	10	6
1903	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	10	6
1904	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	10	25
1905	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	20	25
1906	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	10	25
1907	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	10	12

2. The Surgeon-General's statement that the strength of the Vizagapatam Medical school has, during the four years of its existence, tended to decline does not appear to be accurate. Probably a decline is anticipated owing to the reduction in the number of "Madras-Burma pupils" now recruited.

3. In paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 320, Educational, dated 10th June 1901, Government fixed the maximum strength of the Ráyapuram Medical school at 150, and that of the Vizagapatam and Tanjore schools at 70 each. The average strength of the Ráyapuram Medical school during the years 1902-1903 to 1905-1906 was 200. In connection with the proposal to entertain two additional instructors in the Ráyapuram Medical school, the Surgeon-General was asked whether it would not be possible to transfer some of the pupils to the Vizagapatam Medical school. The Surgeon-General then noted :—

"It has been suggested to transfer some of the students to Tanjore or Vizagapatam; but I must oppose this, because the equipment of these schools is not as good as at Ráyapuram and I should have to ask for a large outlay on equipment in both schools if any considerable addition in the numbers of the students is made to these schools."

The Surgeon-General now thinks that some steps should be taken to avert the decline in the number of pupils admitted into the Vizagapatam Medical school.

4. Taking the last of the Surgeon-General's three proposals first, there appears to be no objection to the districts of Nellore and Cuddapah being added to the list of districts from which pupils are sent to the Vizagapatam Medical school, though Nellore and Cuddapah are nearer to Madras than to Vizagapatam and private pupils from the two districts would more willingly go to Madras than to Vizagapatam. From paragraph 7 of the Director of Public Instruction's letter printed on page 4 of G.O., No. 654, Educational, dated 22nd October 1896, it appears that the Ráyapuram and Vizagapatam Medical schools are attended by pupils from the following districts :—

Madras (Ráyapuram) school.—Cuddapah, Nellore, Madras, Chingleput, North Arcot, South Arcot, Malabar and South Canara.

Vizagapatam school.—Ganjám, Vizagapatam, Gódvári, Kistna, Kurnool, Bellary and Anantapur.

The number of pupils attending the Ráyapuram school from the Cuddapah and Nellore districts is not likely to be large, but, before the proposal is approved, the Surgeon-General may be asked to report the average number of pupils from the two districts during the last five years.

5. As regards the examination qualification demanded of the candidates, it is submitted that the "matriculation test" is insisted on only in the case of "civil medical" and "private" pupils. Rule 4 of the rules printed on page 4 of G.O., No. 546, Educational, dated 16th August 1906, and rule 1 of the rules printed on page 11 of G.O., Nos. 171-72, Educational, dated 11th March 1904, permit of the standard of educational qualification being temporarily relaxed in the case of Native Military and Madras-Burma pupils in the absence of duly qualified candidates. From the notes on page 3 of G.O., R. No. 253, Educational, dated 29th May 1907, it appears that pupils selected for employment in Native States

i.e., there have been one or two cases in which they have been exempted?

A. GALLETT—19-11-07.

but not possessing the requisite educational qualifications are also exempted on the application of those States. The requirements of local bodies are met from the Government Medical establishment under the control of the Surgeon-General, and the practice of Local Boards sending pupils for training at their expense is discouraged as much as possible—*vide* notes connected with G.O., No. 235 L., dated 2nd March 1906, and G.O., No. 1070 L., dated 3rd September 1906. The Surgeon-General recommends that for the classes of pupils other than "Civil," viz., Native Military, Local and Municipal, Madras-Burma, Native State, private and female, the educational test may be relaxed so as to allow the admission of candidates who have passed the English language and Elementary Physical Science with History and Geography divisions of the Matriculation examination. Apparently the proposed relaxation is to apply to pupils from all districts and not only to those who come from the northern districts. As already pointed out above, the rules are relaxed in the

case of "Native-Military" and "Madras-Burma" pupils when the required number of qualified candidates is not forthcoming, and, occasionally in the case of "Native State" pupils on the application of those States. On page 2 of the notes, attention has already been drawn to the Honourable Member's remarks as to the undesirability of lowering the educational qualification in the case of "private" pupils. The Surgeon-General has put forward his proposal mainly with a view to increase the strength of the Vizagapatam Medical school. The Surgeon-General may, perhaps, be asked to report the number of pupils who sought admission into the Medical schools but who were rejected on account of their inferior qualifications during each of the last five years.

6. The most important of the Surgeon-General's proposals is that a certain number of vacancies (say 30 per cent.) in the grade of Civil Medical pupils should be reserved for the candidates from the Northern districts irrespective of their relative position in the results of the competitive examination. One of the objects of opening a medical school at Vizagapatam is to draft more Telugus into the subordinate medical service as will be seen from the following extract from the Hon'ble Mr. Grose's note:—

"It seems to me necessary that the school should be placed farther north where it can attract Telugu men more efficiently. The Telugus are very fit for medical work and few of them comparatively have been medically educated hitherto. The returns for 1892-93 seem to show that the proportion of Tamil hospital Assistants to the Tamil population is more than double the proportion of Telugu hospital assistants to the Telugu population."

The Surgeon-General may, it is submitted, be asked to report the number of hospital assistants in Government service—

- (1) whose vernacular is Tamil,
- (2) " " is Telugu, and
- (3) " " is Malayalam,

and also (a) the ratio of Tamil hospital assistants to the total Tamil population,

This is surely for the office clerks, not for the Surgeon-General!

G. S. F[ORBS]—11-9-07.

(b) the ratio of Telugu hospital assistants to the total Telugu population,

(c) the ratio of Malayalee hospital assistants to the total Malayalee population.

On receipt of the figures, Government may consider whether it is necessary to reserve a certain number of appointments for Telugu men, and, if so, on what conditions.

7. Draft Official Memorandum to the Surgeon-General is submitted for approval.

N.K.—17-7-07.

C. S. SIMPSON—18-7-07.

It is not very clear that it is necessary to do anything (see figures on page 2). If the subject is to be pursued, draft official memorandum below may, it is submitted, issue.

A. GALLETT—19-7-07.

We had better see to the ratios of Hospital Assistants to the population.

H. BRADLEY—20-7-07.

[Memorandum No 2668, dated 20th July 1907.]

From the Surgeon-General, dated 22nd August 1907, No. 48 St./T. 190.

The Surgeon-General explains that the strength of the Vizagapatam Medical school during the years 1902-1903 to 1905-1906 should not be taken into account as no pupils passed out of the Medical school during that period. The admissions into the Medical school during the years 1902-1903 to 1907-1908 as shown in the statement are as follow:—

	Number of admissions.							
1902-1903 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
1903-1904 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
1904-1905 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
1905-1906 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
1906-1907 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
1907-1908 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4

The total strength of the school fell from 46 in 1905-1906 to 43 in 1906-1907 and to 40 in 1907-1908.

2. The average number of pupils from the districts of Cuddapah and Nellore trained in the Medical schools during the last five years is reported by the Surgeon-General to be 3. The Surgeon-General proposes that the pupils from the two districts should be required to join the Vizagapatam Medical school instead of the Ráyapuram Medical school with a view to increase the strength of the former. Ráyapuram is nearer to Cuddapah and Nellore than Vizagapatam, and it is for consideration whether pupils from the Cuddapah and Nellore districts should be put to additional expense as suggested by the Surgeon-General.

3. As regards the admission of pupils who have not passed the Matriculation examination, the Surgeon-General is unable to furnish information as to the number of pupils who were refused admission on account of their inferior educational qualifications. Attention is solicited to paragraph 4 of the Educational Department note, dated 1st July 1907, page 2, and to paragraph 5 of the notes in this department on pages 3 and 4 *supra*.

4. In regard to his recommendation that a certain number of vacancies (say 30 per cent.) in the grade of Civil Medical pupils should be reserved for candidates from the northern districts, the Surgeon-General was asked to report the number of Hospital Assistants in Government service—

- (a) whose vernacular is Tamil,
- (b) whose vernacular is Telugu, and
- (c) whose vernacular is Malayalam.

The Surgeon-General is unable to furnish information as regards the vernaculars or principal languages of the Medical Subordinates in Government service but reports the number of Hospital Assistants who can speak the various languages. The information furnished by the Surgeon-General is as follows:—

Language.	Number who can speak the language.							
Tamil ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	181
Telugu ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50
Malayalam ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40
Tamil and Telugu ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	136
Do. and Malayalam ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36
Telugu and Malayalam ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12

From the above figures, it is not possible to make any useful inference as regards the ratio of hospital assistants speaking a language to the total population of the presidency speaking that language.

5. Perhaps the present system may be allowed to continue for a year or two more, and its effect on the strength of the Vizagapatam school watched. If the strength of the school shows continuous decline, the Surgeon-General may be allowed to revise his proposals at the end of the period.

N.K.—30-8-07.

C. S. SIMPSON—30-8-07.

Educational u.o. for remarks on the Surgeon-General's proposal (ii).

A. GAILLETTI—31-8-07.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

With regard to the Surgeon-General's second proposal, namely, the relaxation of the rule requiring the Matriculation examination as a qualification for admission of Native Military, Local and Municipal, Madras-Burma, Native State, private and female medical pupils, please see paragraph 4 of the office-note on page 2 *supra*. The qualification prescribed for admission to the hospital assistant class is the Matriculation examination, but the rules regarding the recruitment of Native Military pupils and Madras-Burma pupils, permit of the relaxation of this qualification in exceptional cases, that is, when a sufficient number of duly qualified candidates is not available. Any general relaxation of the rule, as suggested by the Surgeon-General, appears however to be very undesirable.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—7-9-07.

Of all people those who are to study medicine and who will afterwards have to deal with the lives of human beings should have a sound general education. The proposal to lower the standard of admission to Medical Colleges of these pupils is,

H. D. TAYLOR.

I submit, absurd. The present standard is low enough.

C. A. SOUTER—9-9-07.

Local Boards do not now stipend pupils in any large number, because provision for their requirements is supposed to be made on the reserve medical staff.

Educational are, however, only directly concerned with proposal (ii)—the lowering of qualifications of pupils other than Civil Medical pupils. This would be a retrograde step, though in the case of native Military pupils it has been found necessary to lower the qualifications so as to admit of adequate recruitment: but this is not peculiar to Vizagapatam.

G. S. F[ORBES].

2. This department is not directly concerned with the proposals (i) and (iii), viz., the reservation of 30 per cent. of the vacancies at Vizagapatam for candidates from the northern districts, and the enlargement of the area of recruitment for the Vizagapatam school.

H. D. TAYLOR—10-9-07.

What are the subjects which a pupil would escape if his qualifications were restricted to those proposed? Does the University give the pass marks in each subject?

With reference to the proposal to give a preference as Civil Medical pupils to 30 per cent. from the northern districts, is there a general examination for admission into the Medical schools, or a separate examination for each school? What are the figures for the last 4 or 5 years for the number of candidates and the number of

vacancies for pupils? Does the Surgeon-General fix the vacancies with reference to annual needs, or is there a fixed recruitment annually? This can probably be gathered from the before-mentioned statistics as to the examinations. What are the subjects in the competitive examination?

G. S. F[ORBES]—7-10-07.

The Honourable Member's questions are answered below seriatim.

2. (1) *What are the subjects which a pupil would escape if his qualifications were restricted to those proposed?*—The subjects in which candidates for the Matriculation examination are examined are:—

- (i) English language.
- (ii) Second language (vernacular).
- (iii) Mathematics.
- (iv) Elementary science.
- (v) History and geography.

The Surgeon-General proposes that candidates who have passed in the English language and Elementary Physical Science with the History and Geography divisions of the Matriculation examination of the Madras University, may be admitted. If

H. D. TAYLOR.

this proposal were adopted, the selected candidates would escape a pass in the 'Second language' and in 'Mathematics'.

3. (2) *Whether the University gives the pass marks in each subject.*—The University does not publish the pass marks of the candidates for the University examinations. According to the proposal now made by the Surgeon-General, the candidates for selection to the Hospital Assistant class must be persons who have failed in the Matriculation examination. A list is annually published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, giving the register numbers of the failed candidates and the subjects in which they failed. This list will enable the Surgeon-General to find out the subjects

Would the University do this?

G. S. F[ORBES].

in which the several candidates have failed, if he can obtain from the University the register numbers of the candidates.

4. (3) *Whether the competitive examination held for the admission of Hospital Assistant pupils is a general one for all the medical schools or a separate one for each school.*—The examination held appears to be a general one for all schools and for all kinds of pupils—Civil, Military and Burma pupils. There is, however, no definite information on this point either in this department or in the Public Department.

5. (4) *What were the number of vacancies during the last four or five years for Hospital Assistant pupils and Burma pupils and the number of candidates who competed.*—The number of vacancies for the Civil Medical pupils, Native Military pupils and Burma pupils and the number of candidates for them during the years 1902 to 1907 were as follows:—

Year.	Vacancies.			Candidates.		
	Civil Medical pupils.	Native Military pupils.	Burma pupils.	Civil Medical pupils.	Native Military pupils.	Burma pupils.
1902	10	15	6	44	94	20
1903	10	5	6	53	57	12
1904	10	20	25	24	50	32
1905	20	12	25	25	20	97
1906	10	10	25	30	33	108
1907	10	14	12	Information not available.		

These figures have been taken from the reports on Government examinations and from the notifications published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* annually regarding the number of vacancies.

6. (5) *Whether the Surgeon-General fixes the vacancies with reference to annual needs or whether there is a fixed recruitment annually.*—In the case of Civil Medical pupils there does not appear to be any fixed recruitment. The number of vacancies is fixed by the Surgeon-General each year with reference to the needs of the department. Please see paragraph 3 of the office-note on page 1 *supra* and also G.O., No. 75, Public, dated 9th February 1906. As regards the native Military pupils and the Burma pupils, the number of vacancies is fixed by the Military Department and the Government of Burma.

7. (6) *What are the subjects in the competitive examination?*—The subjects are English Language and Translation. Please see Rule 2 on page 9 of G.O., Nos. 171, 172, Educational, dated 11th March 1904.

T.K.--18-10-07.

K. RANGASAWMI AIYANGAR—19-10-07.

C. A. SOUTER—28-10-07.

The Director of Public Instruction may be asked by official memorandum or by telephone as at **B** on page 7 *supra*.

H. D. TAYLOR—29-10-07.

The telephonic message placed below is for approval.

K. RANGASAWMI AIYANGAR—29-10-07.

Issue.

C. A. SOUTER—29-10-07.

Telephonic message from the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, to the Director of Public Instruction, dated the 29th October 1907.

Please let me know whether the competitive examination held for the selection of Hospital Assistant pupils is a general examination for all the medical schools or whether a separate examination is held for the selection of pupils for each of the medical schools. If the examination is general for all the medical schools, please say how the selected candidates are distributed among the several schools.

Telephonic message from the Director of Public Instruction, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated the 30th October 1907.

The competitive examination for Hospital Assistant candidates is a general one and is held by the Commissioner for Government Examinations. On the result of this examination the candidates are selected by the Surgeon-General who says as follows with regard to their distribution among the several medical schools:—

“The distribution of selected pupils among the three Medical schools of Madras, Vizagapatam and Tanjore is made in accordance with the proximity of each school to the district to which the candidate belongs. Thus candidates belonging to the northern districts are sent to the Vizagapatam Medical school; those belonging to the southern districts are sent to the Medical school at Tanjore; and the others to Madras. But exceptions to this principle are allowed only in special cases on the request of the candidates themselves.”

Please see the telephonic message from the Director of Public Instruction *supra*.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—30-10-07.

C. A. SOUTHER—31-10-07.

Resubmitted.

H. D. TAYLOR—1-11-07.

I don't see on what the Surgeon-General's proposals for relaxation of standard is based: apparently there are three times as many candidates as vacancies? And can't he himself regulate the distribution to schools?

G. S. F[ORBES]--2-11-07.

The Surgeon-General's proposal for the relaxation of the standard of general educational qualification, has reference only to pupils other than Civil Medical pupils, that is, to Native Military pupils, Madras-Burma pupils, private pupils and female pupils.

2. The general educational qualification prescribed for the Hospital Assistant pupils is the Matriculation examination. But for want of qualified candidates for the vacancies in the grades of Native Military and Madras-Burma pupils, the rule regarding the educational qualification has been relaxed year after year, permitting the admission of candidates who have passed the Lower Secondary examination or who can produce evidence of having been admitted to the fourth form of a recognized school.

3. The educational qualification was thus relaxed in the years 1902 to 1907 (*vide* the Government Orders quoted in the margin). The candidates who applied for the vacancies in the Native Military and Madras-Burma pupil grades in these years and whose numbers are given on page 7 *supra* were apparently not all of them qualified men, that is, candidates who had passed the Matriculation examination. The majority, if not all of them,

passed the Matriculation examination. But no information is available in this office as to how many of these candidates had passed the Matriculation examination and

By telephone.

C A. SOUTER—28-11-07.

4. As regards the question, whether the Surgeon-General cannot himself regulate the distribution of the students to the three schools, it is submitted that as the distribution is now made by the Surgeon-General, he can regulate it. Perhaps on this point also the Surgeon-General's remarks may be asked for u.o.

T.K.—27-11-07.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—28-11-07.

Ask the Surgeon-General by telephone.

C. A. SOUTER—28-11-07.

A draft telephone message to the Surgeon-General is placed below for approval.

T.K.—29-11-07.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—29-11-07.

Issue.

C. A. SOUTHER—29-11-07.

Telephonic message from the Assistant Secretary to Government, Educational Department, to the Surgeon-General, Madras, dated 29th November 1907.

During the years 1902 to 1906 the following number of candidates appeared for the competitive examination held for the selection of Native Military and Madras-Burma Hospital Assistant pupils :—

								Native Military pupils.	Madras-Burma pupils.
1902	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	94	20
1903	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	57	12
1904	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	32
1905	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	97
1906	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	83	103

Please let me know how many of these candidates were matriculates and how many had not passed this examination.

Also please say whether you cannot yourself regulate the number of Hospital Assistant pupils to be sent to each of the three medical schools.

Telephonic message from the Personal Assistant to the Surgeon-General, Madras, to the Assistant Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated 12th December 1907.

Your telephone regarding candidates of 1902 to 1906 for Native Military and Madras-Burma pupils grade.

(1) The number of candidates who had passed the Matriculation examination were as follows :—

							Native Military.	Madras-Burma.
1902	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	Information not available here.
1903	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	All.
1904	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
1905	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	15
1906	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	20

The remaining candidates had not passed this examination.

The number of candidates that appeared for Madras-Burma grade in 1906 was 108 and not 103 as stated in your message.

The answer to the last sentence of your telephone is in the affirmative.

The numbers of matriculates and non-matriculates who competed for the vacancies in the Native Military and Madras-Burma Hospital Assistant pupil grades from 1902 to 1906 were as follows :—

	Native Military.			Madras-Burma.		
	Matriculates.	Non-matriculates.	Total.	Matriculates.	Non-matriculates.	Total.
1902	2	92	94	Not known.		20
1903	2	55	57	12	..	12
1904	..	50	50	16	16	32
1905	1	19	20	15	82	97
1906	4	29	33	20	88	108

T.K.—16-12-07.

C. A. SOUTER—16-12-07.

The figures indicate an improvement in the class of candidates available. It would be undesirable to relax the rules *generally* in regard to these students. Matriculates have the preference and competition is restricted to the non-matriculates (G.O., No. 546, dated 16th August 1906, rule 4, p. 10).

2. The Surgeon-General admits that he has discretion in regulating the number of Hospital Assistants to be sent to each school and no orders seem necessary; but perhaps his proposal to send candidates (Telugu) from Cuddapah and Nellore to Vizagapatam may be approved.

The question of reserving a fixed percentage of Hospital Assistant's posts for Telugu men is a question for the Public Department.

H. D. TAYLOR—17-12-07.

G. S. F[ORBES]—17-12-07.

Draft please.

H. D. TAYLOR—18-12-07.

A draft is submitted for approval; if approved, it may be sent to the Public Department for acceptance.

T.K.—19-12-07.

K. RANGASWAMI AYYANGAR—21-12-07.

C. A. SOUTER—2-1-08.

H. D. TAYLOR—3-1-08.

To the Public Department.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

The draft may be accepted in Public.

C. S. SIMPSON—4-1-08.

Accepted.

A. GALLETT—6-1-08.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

May issue?

C. A. SOUTER—7-1-08.

Yes.

H. D. TAYLOR—7-1-08.

[G.O., No. 13, Educational, dated 8th January 1908.]

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Educational Department.

C.No.1280, from the Surgeon General, No.48, dated 26th May 1907.

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ORDER:-
P.S.

In order to arrest the decline
in attendance at the Medical School,
Vizagapatam, the Surgeon-General
proposes

(1) that a certain number of
vacancies in the Civil Medical pupils
be reserved for candidates from the
Northern districts, irrespective of
their relative position in the results
of the competitive examination;

(2) that the educational qualifica-
tions required for admission to the
hospital assistant's class should be
lowered in the case of all pupils
other than Civil Hospital Assistant
pupils; and

(3) that pupils from Nellore and
Cuddapah should also be sent to the
Vizagapatam school.

The Government approve of the
proposal to send to the Vizagapatam
School pupils whose vernacular is Telugu