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Read—the following paper:—

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. A. G. BOURNE, D.Sc., F.R.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—the 21st May 1909.
No.—Cur. 3574.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of my Proceedings, Dis. No. 3041, dated 11th May 1909, reviewing the report on the working of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, during 1908.

ENCLOSURE.

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, dated 11th May 1909, Dis. No. 3041.

Read—the following paper:—

Letter—from A. A. HALL, Esq., M.A., Principal, Teachers' College, Saidapet.
To—the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
Dated—the 31st March 1909.
No.—D. 57.

I have the honour to submit my report on the work of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, during the year 1908.

2. Mr. R. G. Grieve, M.A., Vice-Principal of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, was transferred as acting Inspector of Schools, Madras, in place of Mr. H. S. Duncan, M.A., on leave, and he was relieved from the college on the afternoon of the 31st July 1908.

Miss Rebekah McLeod, appointed by the Secretary of State, joined duty as Superintendent of the Primary Department in November last.

3. *Strength and attendance*—(i) *Normal Section*.—The strength of the training section on the 31st December 1908 was 68 (1 M.A., 42 B.A's., 20 F.A's. and 5 Matriculates) as against the same number on the 31st December 1907 (4 M.A's., 44 B.A's., 19 F.A's. and 1 Matriculate). Of the 68 students, 1 was a Eurasian, 1 was a Thiya, 3 were Muhammadans, 6 non-Brahmans, 7 Native Christians and 50 Brahmans.

Table I shows the districts from which they came for training.

Three of the Graduates were admitted in July 1908 for six months' training during the second term.

Fifty-eight students were in receipt of stipends from Provincial funds, three were free students and seven were paying scholars, of whom one was sent by the Mysore Government, one by the Travancore State, two by the Cochin State and three came from Mission schools in Travancore. The average number on the rolls and the average daily attendance during the year were 66 and 63 respectively.

(ii) *Practising Section*.—The practising school had 430 pupils on the rolls on the last day of the year as against 439 on the corresponding date of the previous year and 402 on the 31st December 1906.

Table II gives the distribution of pupils (a) according to standard, (b) according to nationality, (c) according to wealth and (d) according to occupation of parents or guardians.

The strength was sufficient to afford efficient practice for the normal students.

The average number on the rolls was 424 and the average daily attendance, 370.

4. *Examinations*—(i) *Normal section*—(a) *L. T. Examination*.—For the theoretical portion of the L.T. Degree examination 43 appeared, of whom 41 or 95 per cent. were successful as against 89 per cent. in the previous year. Of the 41 candidates that appeared for the practical portion, 38 passed with *six* in the *first* class, the percentage being 92 against 80 per cent. in 1907. As is generally the case, this year all the six candidates who passed the L.T. examination in the *first* class were trained at the Teachers' College, Saidapet.

Twelve of the old students also qualified for the L.T. degree.

(b) *Teachers' Certificate Examination*.—There was only one section for the undergraduate students during the year. There were 25 students on the rolls on the 31st December 1908 (20 F.A's and 5 Matriculates). Twenty-four of them appeared for the preliminary portion of the Teachers' Certificate examination and 16 passed, a percentage of 66.6 against 70 per cent. in the previous year.

(c) *Government Technical Examination in Drawing*.—For this examination, elementary grade, 30 students were sent up, of whom 17 passed with *four* in the *first* class, a percentage of 45 against 56 per cent. in 1907. The students were tested by me in memory drawing at the end of the year and certificates were granted to them as usual.

(d) *Examination in Drill*.—As in previous years, Captain C. C. Redfern, Adjutant of the Madras Railway Volunteers, examined the students in drill during the year and made the following remarks:—

"Time is perfect; the drill is excellent. I find the same real keenness in the work among the students at each inspection. I have much pleasure in reporting on what I saw."

(e) *Examination in Agriculture*.—The Agricultural Instructor of the Court of Wards, Newington, whose services were secured for delivering the year's course of lectures on agriculture, tested the students at the end of the year by means of a written examination. Of the 54 students that attended the course, 45 passed the final test and they were granted certificates.

(ii) *Practising Section*—(a) *Matriculation Examination*.—Sixteen pupils appeared for this examination, of whom 12 passed in the first examination held in December 1908. In the re-examination conducted in February last, 10 out of the 12 that appeared secured a pass. In the first examination, the four failed in English and in the second examination, the two failed in English and in general subjects.

(b) *School Examinations*.—As in previous years, periodical examinations were held for the practising school classes.

Table III shows the results of the annual examination.

(c) *Examination in Drawing*.—The following statement gives the results of the standard examination in drawing conducted by the Assistant Superintendent of the Madras School of Arts in December 1908:—

	Standard.	Number examined.	Number of merit passed.	Number of ordinary passes.
III		68	7	50
IV		31	6	18
V		17	2	5
VI		22	2	12
	Total ..	138	17	85

5. *Special Gymnastic class*.—Government having sanctioned the admission of an increased number of students into this class to meet the growing demands of school managers for gymnastic instructors, nine students were admitted for training during the year and all of them passed the final Teachers' Certificate examination in drill and gymnastics held in December 1908.

6. *Kindergarten*.—This section was without a proper Superintendent the whole year; consequently nothing can be said of the work done in this department. Miss Rebekah McLeod joined the college in November last and she was gaining experience in the methods suited to Indian children till the closing of the college for the Christmas vacation.

7. *Library*.—A good use was made of the library both by the students and the staff; 147 books were added to the library during the year under report and there were 6,599 volumes on the 31st December 1908.

8. *The College Museum*.—The specimens the museum contains were well used by the students for teaching object lessons.

9. *The Teachers' College Teachers' Association*.—This association carried out its usual programme during the year. The anniversary of the college and of the association was, as usual, celebrated just before the close of the year, when Mr. R. G. Grieve, M.A., Acting Inspector of Schools, Madras, delivered a lecture on "Secondary Education in Schools in the Madras Presidency." This meeting was presided over by the Hon'ble Mr. Muhammad Raza Khan Sahib, Khan Bahadur.

10. *The Recreation club*.—This club continued to be popular throughout the year. Badminton was newly added to the out-door games.

11. *The College hostels*.—The health of the students throughout the year was uniformly good. The necessity for a separate building for sick students is greatly felt. The students went on excursions last year and visited places of interest or of educational value in the neighbourhood. All the four hostels were maintained during the year. The average rate of boarding and lodging for all the hostels was Rs. 10-4-0 a month.

12. *History of students*.—Sixty-seven students passed out of the college at the end of the year and all of them secured appointments. The history of the past students is regularly maintained; care is taken to see that every student fulfils the terms of the agreement executed by him for three years after his training.

13. *Finance*.—The total expenditure on this college up to the 31st December 1908 was Rs. 53,018. The total income from fees amounted to Rs. 6,419 and that from miscellaneous sources amounted to Rs. 1,765. The net cost to Government of maintaining the institution was Rs. 44,834 and the cost of educating each student was Rs. 679 against Rs. 674 in 1907.

14. *General remarks*.—I have purposely been brief in the statistical part of my report, as I wish to draw your attention to the more important points which have reference to the working of the college—

(i) As I have previously written to you, a large practising school is absolutely necessary, if the students under training are to receive efficient instruction in the practical part of the L.T. degree. The strength of the school entirely depends upon the success of the sixth form in the Matriculation examination of the University. Last year the results were very poor, because of the numerous changes in the staff. This year there have been very few changes; consequently, ten boys were successful of the sixteen that were sent up. This is the best result obtained by any school in the Presidency. As a direct and immediate consequence, we have about 120 boys more in the practising school to-day than we had this day last year. The Matriculation class is full and I am refusing boys admission every day. It is worthy of note that all the boys passed in mathematics and in the vernaculars, and only one failed in science and in general subjects.

(ii) We were permitted, as a temporary measure, to introduce text-books not included in the approved list in the higher forms. The result has been very satisfactory.

(iii) The staff, as at present constituted, consists of more specialists than I had this time last year. When I was at the Practising school of the Day Training College at Cambridge in 1907, I noticed that the system of having form masters to teach all subjects to the same class had been considerably modified and the change was in the direction of having specialists for each subject. Thus the science specialist with his assistant taught science throughout the school; the history specialist taught history, and so with the other subjects. I find also that this is becoming common in all schools where the numbers are sufficient to enable a specialist to be fully employed. I have introduced the same system in the Practising school of the college and, as far as I am able to judge, it is working very well. Thus all the students who are teaching science go to the science assistant with their notes of lessons which he criticises; he also sees that their experiments are carefully prepared and are likely to be carried out successfully, and he gives them hints as to the correct plan to be adopted in teaching. The same procedure is followed by the other

specialists. Thus there is a definite plan and a definite method from the first to the sixth form. If it be carried out correctly, all the syllabus of the Matriculation examination should be completed when a boy enters the sixth form and his last year should be spent in thoroughly recapitulating the work of the previous years. I will let you know next year what measure of success has attended this experiment.

(iv) In my report of last year, I mentioned to you that instead of an elaborate system of lecturing, I had tried, as an experimental measure, to meet the men occasionally and in an informal manner to indicate to them the books they should read, the periods they should study, and by periodical examinations to test whether they had properly assimilated what they had read. I am pleased to say that the result was most encouraging. All the students but one passed in the History of Education in the L.T. degree, and as a result of my being able to pay more attention to the practical side of the L.T. syllabus, 92 per cent. of the students passed the practical test with *six* in the *first* class, compared with 80 per cent. who passed the previous year.

(v) All the students without exception are living in the college hostels. In my last report, I had to notice that the health of the students in the hostel had not been satisfactory. I mentioned this to Major Justice, I.M.S., the Sanitary Expert to Government, and as a result of his investigation he considered that the hostel was overcrowded. I intend to address you as soon as I know definitely whether the students of the Rajahmundry College are to come to this college for training, as to the necessity of increased accommodation.

(vi) In conclusion, I have to thank the members of the staff for their hearty co-operation in furthering the interests of the students and of the college generally. All the students are married and most of them have families; this year, in particular, they all are men of experience. Their idea is to pass the L.T. degree and thoroughly qualify themselves for the profession they have chosen. Thus the tone of the college is excellent. We, the staff on our side, do all we can for them, and they gratefully and enthusiastically respond. It is to this fact that I attribute the continued prosperity of the college.

TABLE I.—The district from which students were selected for training.

Number.	Name of district.	1907.	1908.	Number.	Name of district.	1907.	1908.
1	Tanjore	10	11	11	Cochin	3	3
2	North Arcot	2	3	12	Madura	1	1
3	Madras	14	15	13	Tinnevely	5	4
4	Travancore	1	4	14	Chingleput	2	2
5	Malabar	6	6	15	Cuddapah	1	..
6	Nellore	2	1	16	Salem	5	2
7	Trichinopoly	7	4	17	South Canara	2	3
8	South Arcot	2	3	18	Nilgiris	1	..
9	Coimbatore	2	4	19	Mysore	..	1
10	Bangalore	2	..	20	Anantapur	..	1

TABLE II.—(1) Distribution of pupils in the Practising School.

Year.	Upper Secondary Department.	Lower Secondary Department.	Primary Department.	Total.
1907	105	184	150	439
1908	95	187	148	430

(2) Distribution of pupils according to nationality.

Europeans and Eurasians.	Muhammadans.	Native Christians.	Non-Brahman Caste Hindus.	Brahmans.	Panchamas.	Total.
6	33	13	239	135	4	430

(3) Distribution of pupils according to wealth.

	Richer class.	Middle class.	Poorer class.	Total.
	2	178	250	430

(4) Distribution of pupils according to occupation of parents or guardians.

	Officials.	Petty officials.	Traders.	Landholders.	Coolies.	Total.
	136	29	66	161	38	430

TABLE III.

Form or class.	Number examined.	Number promoted.
V form	36	29
IV form	36	28
III form	40	27
II form	59	45
I form	89	46
Fourth class	45	30
Third class	36	32
Second class	25	22
First class	23	22
Infant class	19	11

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2. The report is a record of good work done by the college during the year in almost every direction.

3. The Director is glad to note that a healthy tone pervaded the institution and that all concerned had the welfare of the college at heart.

A. G. BOURNE,
Director of Public Instruction.

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L. M. WYNCH,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
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The report appears to be a satisfactory one and calls for no remarks. The results of the various examinations were good and the relation between the teachers and the taught satisfactory.

2. The draft below is for approval.

3. The report is usually placed on Editors' Table.

T.K.—27-5-09.

K. RANGASWAMI AYYANGAR—27-5-09.

The report is, I submit, a very good one.

C. A. SOUTER—27-5-09.

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