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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative question — Recording papers connected with the question asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 5th April 1910 regarding the advisability of holding the school-final test on dates different from those on which the University holds its matriculation examination.

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The Hon'ble Rao Bahadur RAMABHADRA NAYUDU:—

XIV. ~~Considering the fact that the recent changes in the educational system~~
such as the distinction between Elementary and Secondary schools, the introduction
of the school-final test, the proposed raising of the school fees and the Matriculation
results of this year in particular, are likely to create in the minds of the people
~~the impression that higher education is being discouraged.~~ Will the Government be
pleased to consider the advisability of holding the school-final test on dates different
from those on which the University conducts its Matriculation examination?

[Meeting of the 5th April 1910.]

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By the School Final Examination the Hon'ble Legislative Council Member apparently means the public examination to be held under paragraph VI of the scheme for the award of Secondary School Leaving Certificates approved in G.O.No. 427, Educational, dated 21st July 1909. The first public examination under this scheme will be held in March 1911 (paragraph X of the scheme) at such places and on such dates as may from time to time be notified. (paragraph VI (5)). The dates have not yet been notified.

2. Under University Regulation 333, the next M Matriculation examination will be held in March and April 1911. The dates have now been notified to be 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th of March 1911 - Vide page 12 f of the University Calendar for 1910.

3. The suggestion that the School Final test should be held on dates different from those on which the University Matriculation examination is held is apparently made in order to enable candidates to appear for both the examinations. If this is so, the Hon'ble Legislative Council Member is under a misapprehension. The University has accepted the Secondary School Leaving certificate as a passport for entrance to the Intermediate course in substitution for the Matriculation certificate and has ruled that holders of such certificates may be admitted by the head of an affiliated college, if he be satisfied as

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to their fitness, to a University course of study, and that when so admitted they shall be registered as Matriculates of the University. As a result of this decision the University Matriculation examination will not in future be open to any students of secondary schools in this Presidency. Candidates for the Secondary School Leaving certificates will not therefore be benefited by the public examination under that scheme being held on dates different from those on which the Matriculation examination will be held.

J.H.
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The answer may perhaps be somewhat as follows:—

"The suggestion of the Honble Member will be considered" when
~~"dates are fixed for the next public examination to be held in March 1911 under the Scheme for the award of Secondary School leaving certificates"~~

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Submitted that it may be explained to the Honble Member D.O. that there is no point in his question. He might wish to withdraw it. Otherwise I will add to the above:

"But the Govt have some difficulty in understanding the

Hon^{ble} Member's point since no matriculation examination will be held in future for students in the secondary schools of the Presidency."

That is if the Office note is correct. I see nothing in the Regulations to prevent the University admitting to the Matriculation^{exam} students who have received so bad a certificate that no College will admit them to a University course of study; but I presume the University does not intend to admit such students to its Matriculation Examⁿ.

Sir

Mr 22/3

From the preamble to the Hon. Member's question it is evident that he does not understand much about the matter. From the Resⁿ in p 1 of C.F. in Route 80 7/8. 11.10 it is evident that my apprehension on the subject is not confined to the Hon. Member. It might be well therefore to ^{submit} ~~make~~ an answer in Council wh. would explain

Matters. But the S.P.I. should be consulted first.

I understand that in future the Matric: exam: is to be held only for pupils from the Native State and (?) Private pupils, and that boys in Secondary schools in the Presidency will not be allowed to sit for the Exam: - but it is not so stated in any order or Regulation that I am aware of.

If a boy says I want to go up for Matric: but the P.M.S. exam for a Leaving Certif: may be read made and he have up + what will the Syndicate do?

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I think the notes are incorrect. The Headmaster of any school may send his pupils up for the Matriculation Examination. It is manifestly undesirable that a pupil should think he could have two strings to his bow. As a matter of fact the second string - the Matriculation Examination - would not serve him.

* They were based on Dr. Poore's remarks at the Senate meeting p. 8 of the Madras Mail of the 16th October 1910.

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- Further it defeats one main object of the new scheme of schools attempt to prepare pupils for both examinations as it limits the curriculum to the matriculation subjects and leaves that examination dominating the school course.
3. The question is probably based upon an idea prevalent in some quarters, that a pass at the matriculation exam entitles the candidate to enter a College. This is a misconception. The power to admit or refuse admission naturally rests with the Principal and a person who has passed the matriculation will have, merely through having so passed, no more claim to be admitted than the holder of a school leaving certificate.
4. No details have yet been worked out with regard to the public examination at the end of the school course; it is quite possible that some of the papers will be the same as those set for the matriculation. In any case it is not exactly a Government examination and it is undesirable that it should be, the arrangements are to be made by a Board consisting partly of non-officials and it is not I presume the intention of the Government to fix the exact dates or curtail in any way the discretion of the Board.
5. Perhaps if the Honble Member realized what is stated above in para. 3. he would withdraw his question - as the alternative I hope the Govt. will reply that they do not intend to interfere in the matter.

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The answer may perhaps be:

The arrangements for a public examination at the end of the school course will be made not by Gov^t, but by a Board consisting partly of non-officials. The date will be fixed by the Board. The Gov^t [cannot] interfere in the matter X but it may be observed that a pass in the matriculation examination will not ^{ipso facto} entitle a candidate for admission into a College [to enter it]. Power to admit or refuse admission rests with the Principal of the College. So that a boy who has passed the matric. examⁿ will have no more claim to be admitted to a college than the holder of a School leaving certificate.

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And further as after
1st April 1911 Matriculants
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Board of the Public Service unless they passed
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