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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 5th May 1910.

No.—Cur. 3076/10.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of my Proceedings Dis. No. 2772, dated 23rd April 1910, reviewing the report on the working of the Madras Law College during the year 1909.

ENCLOSURE.

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, Dis. No. 2772, dated 23rd April 1910.

Read—the following paper :—

Letter—from R. A. NELSON, Esq., M.A., LL.M., Barrister-at-Law, Principal, Law College, Madras.

To—the Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—the 3rd March 1910.

No.—58.

I have the honour to submit the annual report on the working of the Law College for the year 1909.

2. *Staff*—(i) *Professors*.—Mr. Odgers, Junior Professor, continued to act as Principal till the 22nd April 1909, on which date the College closed for the summer vacation, and Dr. S. Swaminathan acted as Junior Professor during this period. Mr. Odgers was granted leave for six months in combination with the summer vacation, and his appointment as Acting Principal was terminated with effect from the 23rd April 1909. When the College reopened on the 28th June 1909, Dr. Swaminathan was appointed to act as Principal during the remaining period of my leave, i.e., till the 18th October, on which date I resumed charge of the office. Mr. C. Madhavan Nayar, Barrister-at-Law, was appointed to act as Junior Professor during the absence of Mr. Odgers on leave, commencing from the date of reopening of the College after the summer vacation, and he was relieved on the 25th October by the permanent incumbent.

(ii) *Assistant Professors*.—Early in the beginning of the autumn term, M.R. Ry. P. R. Ganapati Aiyar, First Assistant Professor, resigned his appointment, and on the 12th July, Mr. Paul Appaswami, Barrister-at-Law, was appointed an Assistant Professor in the College.

3. *The College Council*.—No meeting of the Council was held during the year; no matter necessitating a meeting having arisen.

4. *Strength*.—The number of students on the rolls on the 31st December 1909 was 333 against 316 in 1908, thus showing a slight increase of 17 students. The figures for the four preceding years are furnished below for comparison :—

	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.
B. L. Class	112	89	167	105
F. L. Class	179	168	173	158
Pleashership class	38	41	42	42
Special classes	..	5	14	11
Total	329	303	396	316

Figures regarding the distribution of the students according to the classes of the community, the occupation and financial status of their parents or guardians and vaccination, appear in appendices A and B. The district distribution of the students is given in appendix C.

5. *Examinations*—(i) *University Law Examinations*.—(1) *B. L. Degree Examination, January 1909*.—The number of students appearing direct from the College was 108. Of these 37 passed—a percentage of 34.26 as compared with 36.31 of the previous year.

Appendix D shows the corresponding figures for the three previous years.

(2) *First Examination in Law*.—The date of the First Examination in Law having been changed under the new Regulations from December 1909 to April 1910, the examination was not held in the year under report.

(ii) *Pleashership Examination, January 1909*.—For this examination, 38 candidates appeared from the College, viz., 30 for the first grade and 8 for the second grade. The number passed in the first grade is 13 and that in the second grade is 14, giving a percentage of 43.33 and a general percentage of 71.05 as against 10 and 77.5 per cent. respectively in 1908. The percentage of successful candidates in the first grade is the highest on record since 1905. The percentage of success among other candidates is 31.08.

Appendix E gives the figures for the four preceding years.

(iii) *Class Examinations*.—As in 1908, there were two examinations held during the year,—one in April immediately before the summer vacation, and the other in September before the Michaelmas holidays. In both of these examinations, the students were examined in all the subjects in which instruction had been given, and the results may be considered satisfactory. With reference to paragraph 4 of Proceedings, Dis. No. 2921, dated 6th May 1909, reviewing the report for 1908, the proportion of the students absenting themselves from the class examinations was considerably less than in 1908.

Tutorial hours.—As explained in my letter No. 315, dated 2nd November 1909, these consist of hours in which tutorial classes are held; where attendance is compulsory, and special hours for interviews to individual students. These hours have been regularly assigned throughout the year, and students are beginning to show a disposition to avail themselves of the assistance afforded by such informal instruction.

6. *Library*.—The number of volumes in the library on the 31st December 1909 was 2,589. Of the 90 volumes added to the library, three were added to the Lending section and the remaining 87, to the Consulting section. Of the latter, 30 are the latest editions of standard works.

Use of library.

	Consulting.		Lending.	
	1909.	1908.	1909.	1908.
Students	4,351	3,133	2,079	1,581
Staff	839	2,114	27	25
Total	5,190	5,247	2,106	1,606

The considerable increase in the use of both sections of the Library, especially in the Consulting section, is satisfactory as showing a disposition on the part of students to make an increasing use of the College as a place of study.

7. *Scholarships*—(i) *Morehead Law Scholarship*.—The holder of this scholarship was B. Somaiya, who passed first in the second class in the F. L. Examination held in December 1908, there having been no passes in the first class in that year.

(ii) *College Scholarships*.—There are two scholarships of Rs. 100 each per term. One was awarded to L. Gonsalves, who stood second in the second class (next to B. Somaiya, the holder of the Morehead Law Scholarship). The other which is reserved for Muhammadan or Uriya students, was awarded to C. Abdul Ghani, a Muhammadan. There was no Uriya student in the B.L. class.

8. *Accommodation*.—Such repairs as were found necessary for the College buildings are at present being carried out by the Public Works Department, the estimate for the same having been previously approved by the Director of Public Instruction. With reference to the last sentence of paragraph 8 of last year's report, a sum of Rs. 100 has been provided in the budget for 1910-1911 for furnishing the Consulting Library with chairs for the use of students using the Consulting Library.

APPENDIX C.

DISTRICT distribution of students.

	B.L. class.	F.L. class.	Pleader-ship class.	Special classes.	Total for 1909.	Total for 1908.
Ganjám	1	1	2	..	4	14
Vizagapatam	5	9	2	..	16	5
Górávari	6	5	2	..	13	16
Kistna	4	6	3	..	13	11
Guntúr	5	5	..	1	11	9
Nellore	3	3	3	..	9	13
Madras	7	26	4	2	39	30
Chingleput	4	5	1	..	10	10
North Arcot	7	4	2	..	13	9
South Arcot	..	6	..	..	6	9
Trichinopoly	4	9	3	1	17	15
Tanjore	8	20	6	3	37	36
Madura	2	10	7	..	19	17
Tinnevely	3	5	1	..	9	18
Coimbatore	5	..	3	..	8	11
Salem	3	3	1	..	7	8
Cuddapah	2	..	..	..	2	2
Kurnool	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bellary	2	1	..	..	3	1
Anantapur	..	2	2	..	2	2
South Canara	5	3	2	..	10	16
Malabar	13	16	4	..	33	25
Travancore	..	4	..	..	4	2
Cochin	4	2	..	..	6	11
Mysore	15	11	..	..	26	15
Bangalore	3	4	..	2	9	8
Pudukkóttai	2	2	..	..	4	2
Hyderabad (Deccan)	..	1	..	..	1	..
Coorg	..	2	..	..	2	..
Nilgiris	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tumkur	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pondicherry	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	109	166	49	9	333	316

APPENDIX A.

DISTRIBUTION of students according to classes of community.

Classes of community.	B.L. class.	F.L. class.	Pleader-ship class.	Special classes.	Total for 1909.	Total for 1908.
Europeans and Eurasians	1	..	..	..	1	2
Native Christians	4	9	..	..	13	15
Muhammadans	1	3	1	2	7	1
Hindus { Brahmins	83	128	42	6	259	239
{ Non-Brahman caste Hindus	20	26	6	1	53	59
Others	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	109	166	49	9	333	316

APPENDIX B.

DISTRIBUTION of students according to occupation of their parents or guardians.

Classes.	Officials.	Petty officials.	Land-holders.	Traders.	Artisans.	Others.	Total.
B.L. class	45	2	54	4	..	4	109
F.L. class	78	..	71	7	..	10	166
Pleaders class	15	1	29	1	..	3	49
Special classes	4	..	2	1	..	2	9
Total for 1909	142	3	156	13	..	19	333
Total for 1908	140	3	155	12	1	5	316

DISTRIBUTION of students according to the financial status of their parents or guardians.

Classes.	Richer class.	Middle class.	Poorer classes.	Total.
B.L. class	8	98	3	109
F.L. class	12	153	1	166
Pleaders class	1	44	4	49
Special classes	2	6	1	9
Total for 1909	23	301	9	333
Total for 1908	19	288	9	316

VACCINATION.

Classes.	Vaccinated.	Small-pox marked only.	Unprotected.	Total.
B.L. class	100	9	..	109
F.L. class	144	22	..	166
Pleaders class	41	8	..	49
Special classes	7	2	..	9
Total for 1909	292	41	..	333
Total for 1908	286	30	..	316

APPENDIX D.

RESULTS of the B.L. degree examination, January 1909.

	Number of students examined.	Number of students passed.	Percentage.
1906 { From Law College	110	47	42.72
{ Other candidates	256	64	25.00
Total	366	111	30.32
1907 { From Law College	88	59	67.05
{ Other candidates	271	106	39.11
Total	359	165	45.9
1908 { From Law College	168	61	36.31
{ Other candidates	189	57	30.16
Total	357	118	33.0
1909 { From Law College	108	37	34.26
{ Other candidates	279	106	38.00
Total	387	143	36.95

APPENDIX E.

RESULTS of the Pleaders' examination, January 1909.

				Number of students examined.		Number passed.		Percentage.	
				First grade.	Second grade.	First grade.	Second grade.	First grade.	Second grade.
1905	From Law College	..	..	25	4	8	13	32.0	72.41
	Other candidates	..	..	57	99	12	69	21.05	69.69
	Total	..	..	82	103	20	82	24.38	79.61
1906	From Law College	..	..	31	4	8	15	25.8	65.71
	Other candidates	..	..	50	150	12	63	24.0	37.5
	Total	..	..	81	154	20	78	24.69	41.7
1907	From Law College	..	..	29	1	9	12	31.03	70.0
	Other candidates	..	..	60	121	4	58	6.6	34.25
	Total	..	..	89	122	13	70	14.6	39.3
1908	From Law College	..	..	30	10	3	28	10.0	77.5
	Other candidates	..	..	68	154	9	92	13.24	45.49
	Total	..	..	98	164	12	120	12.24	50.38
1909	From Law College	..	..	30	8	13	14	43.33	71.05
	Other candidates	..	..	74	181	23	131	31.08	60.39
	Total	..	..	104	189	36	145	34.61	61.77

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2. There was a slight increase in the strength of the College which was shared by all the classes except the special classes.

3. The results of the Pleaders' Examination were satisfactory, while those of the B.L. Examination though fair did not compare favourably with the results obtained in any of the preceding three years.

4. The fall in the number of absentees from the class examination and the growing popularity of the tutorial classes are noted with satisfaction.

A. G. BOURNE,
Director of Public Instruction.

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 „ the Honourable the Advocate-General, } with C.L.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Director of Public Instruction.
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From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 5th May 1910, No. 3076.

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2. The draft below is for approval.

T.K.—13-5-10.

Mr. Nelson was on leave during the greater part of the year and returned to duty only towards the latter part of October 1909. The report which is for the calendar year 1909 is an uneventful record.

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