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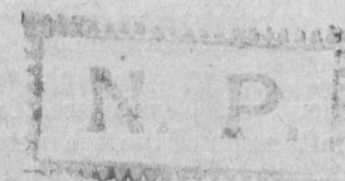
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READ—the following paper :—

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. A. G. BOURNE, D.Sc., F.R.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madras, the 26th May 1910.

No.—C. 3545.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of my Proceedings, Dis. No. 3142, dated 17th May 1910, reviewing the report on the working of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, during 1909.

ENCLOSURE.

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, dated 17th May 1910, Dis. No. 3142.

Read—the following paper :—

Letter—from A. A. HALL, Esq., Principal, Teachers' College, Saidapet.

To—the Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—the 31st March 1910.

No.—D. 64.

I have the honour to submit my report on the work of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, during the year 1909.

2. *Teaching staff.*—Mr. Henry Dodwell was appointed to act as Vice-Principal of the College in place of Mr. R. G. Grieve, M.A., who was again transferred to the Inspectorate. The former joined duty on the afternoon of the 22nd December 1909. M.R.Ry. K. Ranga Chari, M.A., L.T., Second Assistant, was deputed by Government to do duty in the College of Agriculture, Coimbatore, for five years, and he was relieved from the College on the afternoon of the 6th October 1909.

3. *Accommodation.*—There was no substantial addition to the accommodation. The two cottages in the compound of the College of Agriculture, Saidapet, were placed at my disposal for the use of the students as quarters to live in.

4. *Strength and attendance*—(i) *Normal section.*—

Year.	M.A.'s	B.A.'s	F.A.'s	Matri- culates.	Total.
31st December 1908	1	42	20	5	68
31st December 1909	1	48	11	11	71

Of the 71 students, 2 were Eurasians, 7 Native Christians, 1 Muhammadan, 3 non-Brahman Caste Hindus, and 58 Brahmans.

Table I shows the districts from which they came for training. The two ladies, who were Eurasians, were both graduates. Of these, one was a provincial stipendiary and the other was a paying scholar from a Convent school in the Travancore State. One graduate student who took the L.T. degree in March 1909 was relieved at the end of the first term. One L.T. and two graduates were admitted during the second term for six months' training.

Fifty-six of these students were holding Government stipends and fifteen were paying scholars, of whom three were sent by the Mysore Government, four by the Cochin State, two by the Baroda State; six came from private schools in Travancore and Cochin.

The average number on the rolls and the average daily attendance during the year were 71 and 68, respectively.

(ii) *Practising section.*—The school had 496 pupils on the last day of the year.

Year.	Upper Secondary department.	Lower Secondary department.	Primary department.	Total.
1908	95	187	148	430
1909	111	209	176	496

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

The average number on the rolls and the average daily attendance were 504 and 441, respectively.

5. *Examinations*—*Normal section*—(i) *L.T. Examination.*—The year under report was the last year in which the L.T. examination was conducted under the old regulations.

For the theoretical portion of the L.T. degree examination, 50 appeared of whom 48 were successful, a percentage of 96 against 95 per cent. in the previous year. Of the 48 candidates that appeared for the practical portion, 43 passed with ten in the first class, the percentage being 89 against 92 in 1908. Four of the old students also qualified for the L.T. degree.

(ii) *Teachers' Certificate examination.*—Nineteen out of the 22 students of the secondary grade passed the preliminary examination held in December 1909, a percentage of 86.4 against 66.6 in the previous year.

Five of the old students also passed the examination held during the year under report.

(iii) *Government Technical examination in drawing.*—For the Government Technical examination in Freehand Outline Drawing, elementary grade, 16 students appeared, and 8 or 50 per cent. passed against 45 per cent. in 1908. As usual, M.R.Ry M. Velayudhasari, Assistant Superintendent of the Madras School of Arts, and I tested the students in memory drawing at the end of the year, with the following result :—

Number appeared.	Number passed.	
	First class.	Second class.
71	46	24

(iv) *Examination in drill.*—Captain Redfern, Adjutant of the Madras Railway Volunteers, examined the normal students in drill and made the following remarks :—

“This is the third year that I have had the pleasure of inspecting the students, and I noticed that they have made improvements regarding certain small defects. Considering that the exercises are not done by a picked body of men but by every one, the uniformity, keenness and vigour with which they were carried out were remarkable.”

(v) It was not found possible to arrange for a course of lectures on agriculture for the normal students during the year, as there was not available a specialist who could teach the subject.

(vi) *Practising section*—(a) *Matriculation examination.*—The low percentage of passes throughout the Presidency, especially in English, accounts for the results in the Matriculation examination of the College.

Three of the nineteen pupils that appeared for the examination were successful, a percentage of 15.8 against 60 per cent. in 1908.

(b) *School examinations.*—The Practising school classes were examined at the end of the year by the senior members of the staff; promotions were made as follows :—

Form or class.	Number examined.	Number promoted.
V Form	33	16
IV "	50	21
III "	55	35
II "	52	29
I "	99	43
Fourth Class	60	30
Third "	44	34
Second "	29	25
First "	14	11
Infant "	22	15
Total	458	259

(c) *Examination in standard drawing.*—One hundred and twenty-one pupils of the practising section appeared for the various standards in drawing; 89 passed, and 11 with merit.

The examination was conducted by the Assistant Superintendent of the Madras School of Arts, who remarked as follows :—

"The answers in general were very good, eleven gained *merit pass* and very few have failed in the whole lot of 121."

6. *Special gymnastic class.*—This class had ten students on its rolls on the 31st December 1909. All of them passed the final Teachers' Certificate examination in drill and gymnastics held at the end of the year.

7. *Kindergarten.*—Miss Rebekah McLeod was in charge of this section during the year as Superintendent of the Primary department. She asks me to send you the following report :—

"In the kindergarten, the year has been one of experiments, the working out of which has been particularly interesting to those responsible. An attempt has been made to apply, with much modification, the Dale system to the teaching of Tamil reading: but while the system is found to be rich in suggestions and may be helpful, it is felt that primers and first readers must be constructed, which will be on a very different system, in order to meet the characteristic difficulties of the Tamil alphabet.

In early number lessons Tillich's Bricks have been found useful, especially, it is thought, because the Tamil system of naming lends itself readily to the method.

A thorough interest has been aroused in nature-study and it has given much pleasure to find the boys bringing their little discoveries to be discussed, or mounted and preserved.

Much development in kindergarten music is hoped for. It has been almost impossible to find songs or lyrics suitable for the young pupils. A selection of rhythmical descriptions of natural scenes and of true child-life would be very valuable."

8. *Library.*—One hundred and eighty-three books were added to the library during the year under report, the total on the 31st December 1909 being 6,782.

9. *The museum.*—This section was considerably added to. A good number of objects was presented to it by the students of the year.

10. *The Teachers' College Teachers' Association.*—This association completed its twentieth year on the 31st December 1909. It had a fairly successful year.

The College anniversary day was celebrated on the 16th December 1909. It was largely attended by the present and past students of the College. At the public meeting, which the Hon'ble Mr. R. H. Shipley, I.C.S., the then Collector of Saidapet, presided over, M. E. Couchman, Esq., I.C.S., Director of Agriculture, delivered a lecture on "School Gardens," which was appreciated by all those who were present.

11. *The Recreation club.*—As usual, this club was popular throughout the year. All the out-door games were well represented. The club received regularly the periodicals supplied by Government.

12. *College hostels.*—The hostels were popular as in previous years. All the students, except two in the second term, were living in the precincts of the College with the result that there was very little sickness last year; the discipline was good.

The students as usual went on excursions to the Seven Pagodas, the Chingleput Reformatory and other places of educational interest. All the four hostels for Smartha Brahmans, Vaishnava Brahmans, Native Christians and non-Brahman caste Hindus were maintained throughout the year. The average rate of boarding and lodging for all the hostels was Rs. 10-4-0 a month.

13. *History of students.*—Seventy-one students passed out from the College and all except one graduate student have secured appointments on salaries ranging from Rs. 50 to Rs. 120.

The only graduate student remaining unemployed has been recommended for an appointment in the Nizam's State on Rs. 120 to 150 grade, and he is awaiting orders. The history of the students is kept up to date.

14. *Finance.*—The total cost of the institution up to the 31st December 1909, including the amount spent on stipends and exchange compensation allowance, was Rs. 52,456, of which Rs. 7,612 were met from fees and Rs. 1,329 from miscellaneous sources. The net cost to Government of maintaining the College was Rs. 43,515, which was about Rs. 613 for educating each student against Rs. 679 in 1908.

15. *General remarks.*—Last year, the Matriculation class of the Practising school attached to the College passed 60 per cent., the best result obtained by any school in the Presidency. This year, I very much regret to say, we only passed *three* students of the 19 that appeared. The cause of the failure was entirely due to the severity of the standard which the examiners adopted in English. In all other subjects, the pupils did very well indeed; for instance, in Mathematics, of the 19 that appeared for the examination 18 passed. I mention this fact in order to remove the impression that the teaching of the class was not as efficient as in former years. This, I think, is not the case

(2) In my last year's report, I explained how we had attempted to systematise the teaching of all the subjects in the school so that there was a distinct continuity in method and progress from the first form to the sixth form. In the year under report, the same system was followed, and I think with excellent results. The methods of teaching English have been quite altered owing to the different standard adopted by the examiners in English. In the future, correct English composition rather than English Grammar will be our goal.

(3) We are still following the *seminar* system with the senior section of the normal department. I meet the students weekly and discuss with them the reading that they must do. They question me on the difficulties they have experienced in their previous reading and I try to make involved passages clear and easy. In the L.T. examination, in the History papers set by Mr. Meston and Mr. Braithwaite, all the students passed. The time formerly spent in lecturing was devoted to practical work. The results in the practical examination of the L.T. degree show that I was justified in adopting this plan.

(4) It may interest you to know that for the *forty* scholarships sanctioned by Government for the L.T. class, 150 graduates applied. Obviously 110 had to be refused. I think it is a pity not to be able to do anything for these candidates, many of whom have had long experience as teachers. If the scheme for the removal of the junior section of the college to the local training school be approved by Government, I shall be able to take thirty more graduate students. In addition to the forty Government stipendiaries, we have paying students from Baroda, Cochin, Travancore and Mysore. During the current year, I have had applications from graduates from the Punjab, Central Provinces and Hyderabad. The class was full and I could not admit them.

(5) We have made an excellent start this year. All the students live in the hostels except the two students sent by His Highness the Gaikwar of Baroda. Six of the students are gold medallists and two are M.A.'s. There are no lady students this year, but five have applied for next year's course. The practical part of the L.T. degree has been abolished by the Senate of the Madras University. I think

this is a mistake, for it may take away from the students the necessity of doing their utmost in the practising school to meet the stringent requirements of the L.T. degree. The onus of refusing or giving a certificate for the practical portion now rests with the Principal of a Training College. Generally, it is certain that the majority of men are capable; but in a few cases there is a distinct doubt as to the abilities of the teacher. I shall shortly address you as to the advisability of appointing the Inspector of Training Schools, the Vice-Principal and myself as a committee who will decide in doubtful cases whether the certificate shall be granted or not.

(6) In conclusion I have to thank the members of the staff for cordially co-operating with me in furthering the interests of the College during the year under report. The staff has been materially strengthened recently, consequently the results obtained have shown great improvement.

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

No.	Name of district.	1908.	1909.	No.	Name of district.	1908.	1909.
1	Anantapur	1	..	11	Nellore	1	1
2	Baroda	..	2	12	North Arcot	3	4
3	Chingleput	2	4	13	Salem	2	4
4	Cochin	3	7	14	South Arcot	3	3
5	Coimbatore	4	3	15	South Canara	3	1
6	Cuddapah	..	2	16	Tanjore	11	8
7	Madras	15	11	17	Tinnevely	4	1
8	Madura	1	2	18	Travancore	4	3
9	Malabar	6	6	19	Trichinopoly	4	6
10	Mysore	1	3				

TABLE II.—(a) Distribution of pupils according to their nationality.

Eurasians and Europeans.	Muhammadans.	Native Christians.	Non-Brahman caste Hindus.	Brahmans.	Total.
7	48	10	267	164	496

(b) DISTRIBUTION of pupils according to class of wealth.

Richer class.	Middle class.	Poorer class.	Total.
5	237	254	496

(c) DISTRIBUTION of pupils according to the occupation of their parents or guardians.

Officials.	Petty officials	Traders.	Landholders.	Coolies.	Artisans.	Total.
159	94	55	146	15	27	496

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2. There was a slight increase in the total strength of the College, the increase being confined to Graduates and Matriculates. The increase in the number of pupils in the practising section was also satisfactory.

3. The results of the University and Departmental Examinations in Teaching were good, while those of the Government Technical Examination in Drawing were fair and compared favourably with those of the previous year. The results of the Matriculation Examination, on the other hand, were very poor. The Director notes with satisfaction that more attention will be paid in future to English Composition; this will however be wasted effort if English Grammar be neglected.

4. The Director regrets to note that no arrangements could be made for the delivery of the usual course of lectures on Agriculture to the students under training during the year. The matter should have been brought to his notice earlier.

5. The communication promised in paragraph 15 (5) of the Principal's report is awaited.

6. *Finance.*—Excluding the figures relating to Mysore State Scholarships and scholarships of pupils, the charges for the year 1909 amounted, according to the quarterly verified returns submitted by the Principal, to Rs. 51,668 and the receipts to Rs. 8,462 made up of Rs. 7,750 fees and Rs. 712 miscellaneous receipts, while the corresponding figures as given in paragraph 14 of the report were Rs. 52,456 and Rs. 8,941 (Rs. 7,612 fees + Rs. 1,329 miscellaneous receipts). The discrepancies need to be explained.

7. The efficient administration of the College during the year was creditable to the Principal, the Vice-Principal and the staff.

A. G. BOURNE,
Director of Public Instruction.

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2. The Government hope that the lesson taught by the very large number of failures in the last examination for Matriculation will result in very much improved English teaching. Its importance in this school can hardly be overestimated.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Director of Public Instruction.
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[SUBJECT.—*Report on the working of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, for 1909.*]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 26th May 1910, No. 3545.

The report may, it is submitted, be recorded.

2. Of the 19 students that appeared for the last Matriculation examination only 3 or 15·8 per cent. were successful. The corresponding figure for 1908 was 60 per cent. The explanation of the Principal is contained in paragraph 15 of the report.

3. The draft order is submitted for approval.

P.R.—9-6-10.

K. RANGASWAMI AYYANGAR—10-6-10.

S. H. SLATER—11-6-10.

The fact that so many of the Matriculation candidates failed in English would seem to indicate something wrong in the teaching of that subject, and yet the teaching given is presumably the model which all the normal students who pass out of the Training College will hereafter naturally be inclined to adopt.

L. M. WYNCH—13-6-10.

It may be hoped that the lesson given by the large number of failures will result in improved teaching. The teaching of grammar by rote and the neglect to teach proper composition no doubt accounted for the failures.

M. H[AMMICK]—15-6-10.

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