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READ—the following paper:—

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE, M.A., F.R.H.S., Acting Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—the 14th June 1911.
No.—C. 4024.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of my Proceedings, Dis. No. 3043, dated 7th June 1911, reviewing the report on the working of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, during the year 1910-11.

ENCLOSURE.

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, Dis. No. 3043, dated 7th June 1911.

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 12th April 1911.
No.—D-71.

I have the honour to submit my report on the working of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, during the academic year 1910 which covers a period of three terms, from January 1910 to 31st March 1911.

2. *Teaching staff.*—Mr. Herbert Champion was permanently appointed Vice-Principal of the Teachers' College with effect from 3rd January 1910, without prejudice to his present acting appointment in the Inspectorate. Mr. Henry Dodwell continued to act as Vice-Principal throughout the year. Mr. W. A. Hensman, B.A. (Cantab.), was appointed to act as second assistant in place of M.R.Ry. K. Rangachari, M.A., L.T., on deputation in the College of Agriculture, Coimbatore, and he joined duty on the 20th October 1910. M.R.Ry. S. Subrahmanya Aiyar, first assistant, retired from service on the forenoon of 1st March 1911.

I take this opportunity to place on record the valuable services rendered by M.R.Ry. S. Subrahmanya Aiyar in the Teachers' College, Saidapet, during the past twenty-five years. He was particularly successful in preparing the graduates of the college for the practical portion of the L.T. examination.

I have also to report with very great regret the sudden death of Mr. W. A. Hensman, acting second assistant, on the 29th March 1911.

In consequence of the new University Regulations, there was no admission of graduate students in the Teachers' College during the first term of 1911. To carry on the work of the model school attached to the college, Government were pleased to sanction the appointment of eight temporary assistants from 1st January 1911 to 30th April 1911. These with the permanent members of the staff conducted the teaching work of the school.

3. *Accommodation.*—There was no addition to the college accommodation.

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

Year	M.A.'s.	B.A.'s.	F.A.'s.	Matriculates.	Total.
31st December 1909	1	48	11	11	71
31st December 1910	2	48	9	16	75
31st March 1911	..	..	6	20	26

Of the 75 students on the 31st December 1910, one was a Eurasian, 11 were Native Christians, 3 were non-Brahman caste Hindus and 60 were Brahmans, and of the 26 undergraduate students now under training, 4 are Native Christians, one is a Muhammadan, two are non-Brahman caste Hindus and 19 are Brahmans. There were no lady students under training during the year under report. One graduate student who took the L.T. degree in March 1910 was relieved at the end of the first term of 1910. One graduate who passed the theoretical portion of the L.T. degree examination was admitted for six months' training in July 1911 and he passed the practical portion held in February last. He came from the Travancore State as a paying scholar. Sixty of the 75 students under training in 1910 were holding Government stipends, 3 students who were matriculates underwent the course as free students, and 11 were paying scholars. The Director of Public Instruction sent for training in January 1910 M.R.Ry. S. Radhakrishnan, M.A., Sub-Assistant Inspector of Schools, Russellkonda range, and acting junior Assistant Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy, Presidency College, Madras, and he was in receipt of a moiety of his pay during his training course.

Of the 11 paying scholars, 2 were sent by the Baroda State, 2 by the Travancore Government, 2 by the Mysore Government and 4 by the Cochin State. One graduate employed in the Travancore service joined the college as a paying student.

The average number on the rolls and the average daily attendance during the year 1910 were 74 and 71, respectively.

(ii) *Practising section.*—There were 345 pupils on the rolls on the 31st December 1910 and 356 on the 31st March 1911—

Year.	Upper Secondary department.	Lower Secondary department.	Primary department.	Total.
31st December 1909	111	209	176	496
31st December 1910	94	159	92	345
31st March 1911	88	167	101	356

The considerable fall in the strength of the practising school is due to the institution of the revised enhanced scale of fees which was brought into force from July 1910.

The average number on the rolls and the average daily attendance till the 31st December 1910 were 389 and 341, respectively.

5. *Examinations*—(i) *Normal section*—

(a) *L.T. degree examination.*—In January 1910, 50 graduates appeared for the theoretical portion of the L.T. degree examination, of whom 48 were successful, a percentage of 96 against 95 in 1909. Of the 48 that appeared for the practical portion, 43 passed with 10 in the first class, the percentage being 89 against 92 in 1909. Four of the old students also qualified for the L.T. degree in 1910. At the L.T. practical test, held in February last, 10 of the 12 old students that appeared passed.

(b) *Teachers' Certificate examination.*—Nineteen out of the 22 students of the secondary grade passed the Preliminary Teachers' Certificate examination held in December 1909, a percentage of 86.4 against 66.6 in the previous year. The results of the candidates that appeared for the examination held in December 1910 have not been published at the time of writing this report.

(c) *Government Technical examination in drawing—Elementary grade.*—For this examination, 16 students appeared in November 1909 and 8 passed, a percentage of 50 against 45 in 1908. For the examination held in November 1910, 30 appeared and 15 passed (i.e.) 50 per cent. As usual M.R.Ry. M. Velayudasari, Assistant Superintendent, Madras School of Arts, and I tested the students in memory drawing in December last with the following result :—

Number appeared	73
Number passed—	
First class	15
Second „	55
Third „	3

(d) *Examination in drill.*—Captain A. R. Hill, Adjutant, 1st Bengal-Nagpur and Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Rifles, Perambur, examined the students in drill and he made the following report. This was the first experience he had of examining them in this subject :—

“I have the honour to submit the following remarks on the conclusion of my inspection of the students at the Teachers' College, Saidapet, in drill and physical exercises :

“ (1) Drill—steady, good distances were kept.

“ (2) Physical drill (with and without arms) well carried out.

“ 2. I particularly noticed the amount of vigour put into the physical exercises. Lack of vigour in the exercises is a common but serious fault and I understand remarks on this have been passed by previous examiners. I have very great pleasure in calling particular attention to the trouble that has obviously been taken in eradicating this fault with the result that the students presented a very well set up appearance. The attention paid to minor points in both drill and physical exercises reflects great credit on the drill instructor.”

(ii) *Model school.*—(a) During the year under report, pupils of the upper secondary department were prepared for the secondary school-leaving certificates so that no candidate was sent up for the Matriculation examination from this college; 15 pupils of the sixth form attended the secondary school-leaving certificate examination held last month.

(b) *School examinations.*—Periodical examinations were, as usual, held during the year under report for the pupils of the model school. The annual examination for promotion will be held next week.

(c) *Standard examination in drawing.*—One hundred and ten pupils appeared for the various standards and 72 passed, 10 with merit. The examination was conducted by the Assistant Superintendent of the Madras School of Arts.

6. *Special gymnastic class.*—There were 11 students on the rolls on the 31st December 1910 and 13 on the 31st March 1911. All the 11 that appeared for the final Teachers' Certificate examination in drill and gymnastics held in December 1910 passed.

7. *Kindergarten.*—This department did satisfactory work during the year under the superintendence of Miss Rebekah McLeod. Her report on the working of this department is given below :—

“There is a decided decrease this year in the number of pupils in the kindergarten. The lowest classes are especially small. The decrease is owing to the fact that the fees in the infant section were increased from 3 annas to Rs. 1-8-0 a term. If it could be made possible to admit children under 5½ years of age as free pupils, the gain to the normal students practising in the kindergarten would be considerable.

“Much of the work is like that of the previous year. It has been found desirable to give special attention to the teaching of English and drawing. The senior students and members of the staff have made one or two successful efforts to produce Tamil first readers and Tamil verses suited to the kindergarten. The teachers, training students and pupils of the schools all worked with special keenness for the United Provinces exhibition and won there a silver medal for their exhibits in nature study.

“A detailed scheme of work has been prepared and printed and will be followed from the beginning of the approaching new school year.”

8. *Library.*—Three hundred and twenty-eight books were added to the library during the year, the total number of books on the 31st March 1911 being 7,110.

9. *The Museum.*—The specimens in the college museum were very much used for object lessons.

10. *The Teachers' College Teachers' Association.*—This association completed its twenty-first year on the 31st December 1910. It had a very successful year under the secretaryship of M.R.Ry. S. Radhakrishnan, M.A. The following shows some of the important subjects that were brought up for discussion :—

Number.	Subject.	Lecturer.	President.
1	Religious education in India	The Lord Bishop of Madras ..	Sir Arnold White, Kt.
2	The importance of the function of a teacher ..	Mrs. Annie Besant	Diwan Bahadur Sir S. Subrahmanya Aiyar.
3	Indian students in England	Arthur Davies, Esq.	The Hon'ble Mr. J. H. Stone.
4	The training of a teacher	Rev. E. M. Macphail	
5	Moral education in schools	The Hon'ble Mr. P. S. Sivaswami Aiyar.	
6	The Arnolds, the Headmaster and the Inspector of Schools.	M.R.Ry. K. B. Ramanatha Aiyar, M.A., L.T.	
7	Educational ideals, ancient and modern ..	M.R.Ry. A. Panchapikese Aiyar, M.A., L.T.	
8	South Indian Teachers' Union, its aims and objects.	Do.	

11. *The Teachers' College anniversary day.*—The college day was celebrated on the 17th December 1910. It was very largely attended by the past students of the college. At the public meeting, Mrs. Stanley Deane delivered an instructive lecture on “Kindergarten teaching in Indian schools”; on the same day the college sports were held. The normal students and the pupils of the model school competed. The prizes were presented to the winners by Mrs. Vibert, wife of the Collector of the district.

12. *The Recreation club.*—As usual, the recreation club of the college was popular. All the out-door games were well represented. The periodicals supplied by Government were regularly received.

13. *The College hostels.*—The hostels were properly managed during the year. All the students except four were living in them. There was no case of illness in the hostels, but cholera and small-pox were prevalent in the town. The discipline was good. The students, as in previous years, went on excursions and visited places of educational value. All the four hostels were maintained during the year. The average rate of boarding and lodging for all the hostels was Rs. 11.

14. *History of students.*—Four of the 75 students that were under training in 1910 were retained in the college for an extended course of training till the 20th March 1911 as a result of the test in the practical work of the L.T. students by Mr. E. W. Middlemast, Principal of the Presidency College. All the students secured appointments. The history of the students is kept up to date.

15. *Finance*.—The cost of the institution is given in the following statement under the different heading (1) from 1st January to 31st December 1910 and (2) from 1st January to 31st March 1911:—

	1st January 1910 to 31st December 1910.			1st January 1911 to 31st March 1911.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
<i>Charges.</i>						
1. Principal and Vice-Principal including exchange compensation allowance.	20,845	6	7	5,578	2	0
2. Masters and teachers	19,982	11	2	5,793	6	1
3. Drawingmaster	656	0	0	168	0	0
4. Clerks, librarian and servants ...	1,556	0	3	356	8	0
5. Famine allowance	338	7	1	15	8	0
6. Travelling allowance of staff ...	21	9	6	37	7	6
7. Do. of students	252	8	0	67	11	6
8. House-rent	1,149	1	11	315	0	0
9. Books and maps	289	10	0	510	8	3
10. Petty construction and repairs ...	622	10	0	202	0	0
11. Laboratory charges	75	11	9	76	4	0
12. Gymnastic charges	22	0	0	18	0	0
13. Special allowance to gymnastic instructor	120	0	0	30	0	0
14. Conveyance allowance	360	0	0	90	0	0
15. Stipends of students	9,074	7	8	1,294	6	3
16. Contingencies	1,574	8	2	616	9	9
Total ...	56,940	12	1	15,169	7	4

<i>Receipts.</i>						
1. Tuition fees of normal students ...	759	9	7	...	...	...
2. Practising school fees	8,145	11	0	2,585	13	6
3. Drawing class fees	62	4	0	10	0	0
4. Gymnastic class fees	132	0	0	39	0	0
5. Miscellaneous	755	7	9	80	7	9
Total ...	9,855	0	4	2,715	5	3

The net cost to Government of maintaining the college from 1st January 1910 to 31st March 1911 was Rs. 59,539-13-10.

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2. The Acting Director is pleased to endorse the testimony borne by the Principal to the valuable services rendered by M.R.Ry. S. Subrahmanya Aiyar Avargal during his long connection with the college for a quarter of a century.

3. About the close of the year, sanction was accorded to the reorganization of the college, which includes the amalgamation with it of the L.T. class of the Training College, Rajahmundry, and the employment of a complete staff for the model school, independent of the teachers of the training section and the students under training. The reorganization will be brought into force from the beginning of the next term.

4. Owing to the introduction of the new University Regulations according to which the college year begins from July instead of January, there was no L.T. class in the college during the first term of the current calendar year. The fall in the strength of the practising section has been explained.

5. The results of the L.T. degree examination of 1910 and of the Government technical examinations were satisfactory.

6. The library was largely added to during the year. Information as to what use was made of it by the teachers, students and pupils might be given in future reports.

7. A comparison of the financial summary given in the concluding paragraph of the report with the figures of the quarterly verified statements submitted by the Principal shows that the charges for the year 1910 as given in the report exceed those given in the quarterly returns by Rs. 23-11-5. This discrepancy needs explanation.

8. The administration of the college continued to be efficient.

J. H. STONE,
Ag. Director of Public Instruction.

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L. DAVIDSON,
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