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READ—the following paper:—

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. H. SHARP, C.I.E., Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education (Education).

To—the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Educational Department.

Dated—Calcutta, the 21st February 1912.

No.—442.

I am directed to say that the quinquennial reviews of the progress of education in India have, in the past, been defective regarding universities in that they have relied on provincial figures, which do not contain statistics of colleges and recognized schools in Native States or in foreign territories. Further, it is thought that the contributions of universities to this production will be of interest and that the opinions of their governing bodies should, in view of their growing importance, find place in the report.

2. I am accordingly to say that the Government of India will be glad if, with the permission of His Excellency the Chancellor, a brief report may be submitted to the Government of India, as early as convenient after 31st March 1912, dealing with important developments, etc., in the University of Madras.

3. A set of three tables is enclosed, which will convey useful information.

Table I deals with all colleges and students within the jurisdiction of the university. Since average monthly attendance might be misleading, and since figures are required only for a single year of the quinquennium, it is suggested that this table should show the number of colleges and students as they stood on a single date—preferably November 30th, 1911. Column 1 shows the colleges classified according to the main branch of science taught; the classification may be added to if necessary. Columns 2 and following show the number of colleges and students classified according to political divisions. In the type enclosed, the classification which the University of Calcutta would probably adopt is indicated. But other universities may require more columns.

Table II shows examination results. Both top and side headings may require some modification to suit different universities. The main point is to have the examinations shown according to stages. As figures for the examinations of 1912-1913 will not be available, those for 1911 may be adopted. The figures regarding race and creed distribution of examinees will be useful if the information is available.

Table III deals with schools recognized by the University and with Matriculation Examinations. In columns 2-5 only recognized schools and their pupils as they stood on November 30th, 1911, need be entered. But columns 6-9 may conveniently show private candidates also, roughly classified according to place of residence (*vide* column 1); and the results of the examinations of 1911 may be shown. It has been thought better not to complicate this table by the addition of columns showing admissions to the university through tests other than the Matriculation. But such information may be usefully and conveniently given, if it is available, in the form of a foot-note.

The Government of India trust that the filling of these tables will not create much labour or inconvenience. But as this is the first attempt to collect these facts, a liberal interpretation may be placed on the instructions; and if it is found impossible to fill any columns, they can be left blank.

4. The Government of India would be obliged if the diagrams which figured as Detailed Table 22 in the last review could be constructed by the university, so as to avoid possibility of error.

5. Information will also be useful regarding progress in university buildings, libraries, university scholarships, and State scholarships awarded by universities, research and post-graduate studies, university professors, readers and lecturers, university income and expenditure and any literary or scientific works produced under the auspices of the university. They will also be glad to receive any suggestions regarding the tables or other matters for future quinquennial reviews.

6. It is recognized that the figures, even for British provinces, are likely to differ slightly from those shown by Directors of Public Instruction in the general tables. But this is a point which can be explained in the body of the review.

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To, the Registrar, Madras University
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