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Government School of Commerce, Calcutta

Recording the officers in the status &
character of the ——— asked for by His Excellency
the Governor.

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Government House,
Ootacamund,
31st July, 1912.

Dear Davidson,

The Headmaster of the Government School of Commerce at Calicut has written asking His Excellency to preside at the opening of the new buildings of the School, which he says cost Rs.50,000/-. Will you please send me a short note on the status and character of the School in order that His Excellency may decide whether to accept the invitation.

Yours sincerely,

B. Cotton

The Hon'ble

Mr.L.Davidson, I.C.S.,

Ag.Secretary to Government,

Stonehouse Hill, Ootacamund.

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Lowley's Fifth Four.

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The School of Commerce, Calicut, was established in February 1895 and is the only Government institution of its kind in this Presidency. Generally speaking the object of the institution is to divert young men from the beaten tracks of Government service and to prepare them for other walks in life. The school consists of two sections - English and Vernacular. The Vernacular section was opened in 1899, chiefly for the benefit of the Mappillas. In the English section students are prepared for the diploma and group certificates in commerce granted under the Government Technical Examination scheme; and instruction is imparted in the following six commercial subjects up to the highest grade prescribed therein:--

Book-keeping
Theory and Practice of Commerce
Banking
Commercial Geography
Shorthand
Typewriting

Teaching in English composition and handwriting form also an integral part of the curriculum of the school.

In the Vernacular section instruction is given in the following four subjects adapted to the requirements of Indian traders:--

Commercial arithmetic
Book-keeping
Commercial Practice and
Commercial geography.

The course is limited to a period of one year. In the absence of any Government examination to which the students of this section could be prepared, a separate school final examination is held on the subjects taught and certificates are granted to the successful students.

2. The school is gradually growing in popularity as evidenced by the increase in its strength. During the five years preceding 1911 the number of students on the rolls has nearly doubled. The total number of pupils under instruction in the school on the 31st December 1911 was 337, 298 pupils in the English section and 39 in the Vernacular section. The school hours are so arranged as to suit also the convenience of students who hold employments. In 1911, there were 49 students who were either officials or employees in mercantile or other private offices or students of other schools. // Though a large number of students are drawn from Malabar, other districts also contribute to the strength of the school, eleven other districts or states being represented in 1911. ³ // With a view to meet the probable demand for qualified teachers in secondary schools providing for teaching in commercial subjects under the secondary school leaving certificate scheme, a special commercial training class for teachers was opened in the school in 1910. Two batches of students have already been trained. This class is however held in abeyance during the current year (1912) to see whether there will be adequate demand for any more qualified teachers.

4. The teaching staff of the school consists of a headmaster on Rs 125-5-175 and six assistants. The present headmaster is M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib S. Vaidyanatha Aiyar and was appointed to the post in 1900. The nett charges excluding scholarships from Provincial funds

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171 in 1905 to 337 in 1911.

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on account of the school was in 1911, Rs 1,827, as much as Rs 5,860 having been covered by school fees. A sum of Rs 6,682 was expended in 1910-11 on the grant of scholarships to pupils in the school.

5. Para. 14 of the report of the school for 1911 gives a summary of the status of the students that have passed out of the school. The institution takes credit to have trained eighteen pupils who have adopted either trade or banking as profession, besides several who are reported to be employed as teachers in schools and as reporters, shorthand writers, typists, accountants, book-keepers and correspondence clerks in public offices and mercantile firms in thirteen districts of this Presidency and in Trivandrum, Cochin, Mysore, Hyderabad, Coorg, Bombay, Bengal, Rangoon, Ceylon, East Africa and Mohemmarah near the Persian Gulf.

6. His Excellency the Hon'ble Sir Arthur Lawley and Lady Lawley visited the school in September 1907 and distributed the prizes. An account of this visit will be found on pages 79 to 87 of the volume relating to Sir Arthur Lawley's Fifth Tour. His Excellency then remarked that the opportunity which the school offered was being largely taken advantage of, that the numbers were growing and that the quality of the work was remarkably good.

7. When the school was started in 1895 it was accommodated in the northern portion of the old

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The paper may be recorded. A duplicate of old Government College building, the other portion being occupied by the Government training school for masters. As the needs of the school grew rapidly it had in a few years to encroach upon the portion set apart for the training school, and early in 1905 it was found necessary to provide entirely separate accommodation for the school. Steps were accordingly taken to find a suitable site for a building and the land on which the old Salt and Abkari Assistant Commissioner's office stood was secured for the purpose. But as it was not large enough for the proposed building, certain small sites adjoining it were also acquired and an estimate for the building amounting to Rs. 35,890 was sanctioned in G.O., No. 951 W., dated 22nd August 1908. Subsequently certain extensions and improvements costing Rs. 8,596 were sanctioned in G.O., No. 695 W., dated 27th June 1910 raising the total estimated cost to Rs. 44,486. An outlay of Rs. 39,475 was incurred on the work up to the end of 1911-12.

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The D.P.I. looks on the institution & its Principal as deserving of special Encouragement.

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Sec. I am with thanks. I have written to the D.P.I. that H.E. is sorry that he will not be able to go to Calicut though he wishes all success be -

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Dis. No. 3181/12, 29th April 1912.

SUBJECT.—School of Commerce, Calicut.

READ—the following paper :—

Letter—from M.R.Ry. RAO SAHIB S. VAIDANATHA AIYAR, Headmaster, The Government School of Commerce, Calicut.
To—the Hon'ble Mr. A. G. BOURNE, D.Sc., F.R.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
Dated—Calicut, 9th March 1912.
No.—C. 111.

I have the honour to submit my report on the working of the Government School of Commerce, Calicut, for the year ending 31st December 1911.

2. *Staff*.—Mr. D. Narayana Aiyar, fifth Assistant, passed the Government Technical Examination in Intermediate Typewriting, and qualified himself for a Group certificate in Shorthand. Mr. N. M. Rama Aiyar, Temporary sixth Assistant, passed the Government Technical Examinations in Intermediate Book-keeping and Commercial Geography. K. S. Sundareswara Aiyar, typewriting-clerk, passed the Advanced grade typewriting, thus qualifying himself for the higher grade of pay granted to typewriting-clerks in Government offices.

3. *Subjects and classes—English section*.—Instruction was imparted during the year in all the six commercial subjects up to the highest grade in each, and students were prepared for the diploma and group certificates in commerce. Classes for teaching English composition and handwriting were continued during the year, and special attention was paid to these two subjects which form an integral part of curriculum of a School of Commerce.

The intermediate classes in Book-keeping, Theory and Practice of Commerce, and Banking, were each divided into two sections, and the elementary class in Shorthand was divided into three sections. Still the strength of each section in these classes was unwieldy and far above the maximum that can be managed with efficiency and success. Sanction was, therefore, solicited last August to strengthen the staff by the appointment of a seventh assistant, so that an additional section may be opened for some of these classes and their strength kept in workable size, as otherwise, it is not possible to bestow that amount of individual attention on the work of the students which is necessary for their progress. The intermediate class in Shorthand was, as usual, divided into a morning and evening section, in order to afford adequate facilities to students of other schools and to young men employed in offices.

Vernacular section.—The students of the vernacular commercial class completed their one year's course on 29th April 1911, and the class for the next batch of students in this section was formed on 1st May 1911.

This class was divided into two sections—one in the morning from 9-45 to 10-45 A.M. for adult students and one in the evening from 5-30 to 6-30 P.M. for boys.

The Special commercial training class for teachers.—This class, which was opened in 1910, continued to work and had 23 students at the end of the year under report. There was a fair demand for students trained in this class as commercial teachers from different districts in the Presidency, and it is encouraging to note that most of those trained in this class in 1910 were provided with suitable positions in the course of a few months.

4. *School hours.*—The school worked for seven periods of one hour each or for seven hours a day, the working hours being from 7-45 to 10-45 A.M. and from 3-30 to 7-30 P.M. No student of the school had, however, more than five hours' work a day. Special classes in the English section had also to be held on Saturdays, especially during the second term of the school year, at the end of which, students of the school are sent up for the Government Technical examinations.

5. *Receipts and charges.*—The fees collected during the year under report amounted to Rs. 5,860 as against Rs. 4,883-8-0 in the previous year. The fee income shows a further substantial increase of nearly Rs. 1,000 as compared with the previous year, and it is the highest on record ever reached since the school has been at work.

The net charges from Provincial funds, exclusive of scholarships awarded under the rules to qualified students of the school, amounted to Rs. 1,827-7-5 as against Rs. 3,167-9-7 in the previous year, a decrease of more than Rs. 1,300 as compared with the previous year.

The expenditure does not include the cost of stationery articles supplied by the Superintendent of Stationery, and the cost of the commerce periodicals supplied by the Accountant-General.

6. *Strength of the school and attendance.*—The following statement shows the number of individual pupils on the rolls of the school on 31st December 1911, as compared with that on 31st December 1910. It is exclusive of the strength of the Special Commercial Training class for teachers which had 23 pupils on its rolls during the year :—

	Number on rolls on 1st January		Admissions during		Withdrawals during		Closing strength on 31st December	
	1910.	1911.	1910.	1911.	1910.	1911.	1910.	1911.
English section	228	253	274	371	249	326	253	298
Vernacular section	46	42	58	49	62	52	42	39
Total	274	295	332	420	311	378	295	337

The percentage of absentees in the English section was 9.8 as against 8.0 in the previous year, and in the Vernacular section it was 18.6 as against 13.5 in the previous year. The fall in the attendance in the Vernacular section was due to the outbreak of plague in the months of February, March and April when most of the students left the station.

7. *Classification of students in the English section—class of community and general education qualifications.*—Of the 298 students at the end of the year in this section, 180 were Brahmans, 90 were non-Brahmans, 22 were Indian Christians, 4 were Eurasians, and 2 were Muhammadans.

Twenty-one had passed the Matriculation or an equivalent examination, 60 were holders of Secondary School-Leaving Certificates, 15 had passed the Lower Secondary or an equivalent examination, and the rest had completed a course of one or more years in the high school department of a recognised institution.

Occupation and residence.—Eighteen were employed in mercantile and other private offices, four were Government officials, five were students of other schools, and 271 were unemployed and devoted full time to the study of commercial subjects.

One hundred and fifty-five were natives of Malabar, 22 were from Travancore, 19 were from Cochin, 28 were from South Canara, 18 from Trichinopoly, 13 from Coimbatore, 13 from Tanjore, 14 from Tinnevely, four from Salem, three from Pudukkottai, two from Madura, two from Gōdāvari, two from Coorg, one from Bellary, one from North Arcot and one from South Arcot.

The youngest in the English section was 15 years old and the oldest thirty-four years.

8. *Classification of students in the Vernacular section.*—Of the 39 students in this class at the end of the year, 30 were Mapillas, five were Brahmans, two were Tiyyas, one was an Indian Christian and one a Mussalman.

Two of these were students of the fourth form, one had completed his course in the third form, one was a student of the second form, four were students of the first form, 25 had completed their course in the fourth standard and six were students of the fourth standard.

Four were traders, 13 were students of other schools, one was a tailor, two were teachers, four were petty officials and 15 were unemployed.

The occupation of the guardians of the students of the Vernacular Commercial class was as follows :—20 were traders, nine were petty officials, five were landlords, three were coolies, one was a tailor and one was a commission agent.

The youngest in this section was 12 years old and the oldest 30 years.

9. *Strength of the classes.*—The following statement shows the strength of the several classes on the 31st December 1911, as compared with their strength on the 31st December in the previous year :—

	Elementary.		Intermediate.		Advanced.		Total.	
	1910.	1911.	1910.	1911.	1910.	1911.	1910.	1911.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>English Section.</i>								
1 Book-keeping	..	..	137	181	35	44	172	225
2 Theory and Practice of Commerce	..	..	155	188	22	42	177	230
3 Banking	..	..	92	127	..	..	92	127
4 Commercial Geography	..	..	37	50	15	21	52	71
5 Shorthand	113	123	46	40	6	12	165	175
6 Typewriting	74	71	10	12	1	..	85	83
Total	187	194	477	598	79	119	743	911
<i>Vernacular Section.</i>								
7 Book-keeping	42	39	..	..	..	..	42	39
Grand total	229	233	477	598	79	119	785	950

It is only in the Shorthand and Typewriting classes that a separate section is held for the elementary grade examination. Students are prepared for the intermediate grade examination at the end of the first year's course in all the other subjects, while there is no advanced grade in Banking.

The foregoing statement shows a very marked increase in the total number of subject-pupils on the rolls during the year.

10. *Examination results—English section.*—Two hundred and six students sat for the Government Technical Examinations in April 1911, as compared with 177 in the previous year, and 121 or 58.7 per cent. passed, as compared with 99 or 55.9 per cent. in the previous year. The total number of subject entries for the examination was 501 against 400 in the previous year.

The following statement shows the number of students examined and passed in each subject at the Government Technical Examinations of April 1911:—

Subject and grade.	Number of students.				Percentage of passes.	
	Examined.	Passed from this school.				
	From this school.	First class.	Second class.	Total.	In this school.	In the Presidency.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<i>Elementary.</i>						
Shorthand	67	7	17	24	35.8	27.4
Typewriting	46	1	21	22	47.8	20.2
Total ..	113	8	38	46	..	..
<i>Intermediate.</i>						
Book-keeping	108	4	77	81	75.0	65.9
Theory and Practice of Commerce ..	101	21	65	86	85.1	80.0
Banking	60	..	30	30	50.0	39.2
Commercial Geography	23	..	7	7	30.4	34.8
Shorthand	27	..	14	14	51.8	37.2
Typewriting	7	..	2	2	28.5	14.5
Total ..	326	25	195	220	..	..
<i>Advanced.</i>						
Book-keeping	30	..	13	13	43.3	48.0
Theory and Practice of Commerce ..	18	..	13	13	72.2	62.0
Commercial Geography	13	2	10	12	92.3	64.0
Typewriting	1	..	..	..	..	8.0
Total ..	62	2	36	38	..	..

The foregoing statement shows that the percentage of passes in the school was generally satisfactory, especially in intermediate grade Book-keeping, Theory and practice of Commerce, and Shorthand, and advanced grade Commercial Geography, and the percentage of passes in most of the subjects is greater than that for the Presidency. In advanced grade Typewriting, the result for the Presidency has been very poor year after year. This is due to several causes. The standard for this grade is very high, and the nature of the test requires of the candidates a good knowledge of English. Most of the candidates appearing for this grade are of poor general education qualification, and they do not practice for speed proficiency with sufficient perseverance and steadiness of purpose all the year through. It involves a strain which few candidates for this grade have yet trained themselves to bear, and it is hoped that their level of efficiency will gradually rise so as to come up to the requisite standard.

A satisfactory feature in the examination results of the year was that three students qualified for the diploma certificate in Commerce, five for group certificates in Book-keeping, two in Commercial Correspondence, and two in Shorthand. It is also worthy of note that this school sent up more than 57 per cent. of the candidates in the Presidency for the advanced examinations in diploma subjects, thereby showing that this institution devotes special attention to the preparation of students for the higher grades of commercial subjects and contributes the largest proportion of the candidates appearing for the higher grade tests in the Presidency.

Vernacular section.—As there are no Government examinations for which the students of this class are prepared, a school final examination was held on 29th April 1911, when the students of this section completed their course. Thirty-one students sat for this examination as compared with 32 in the previous year, and of whom 9 or 29.0 per cent. passed as against 13 or 40.6 per cent. in the previous year. Certificates were granted to those who passed the school final examination at the end of the course.

Special commercial training class for teachers.—At the School Final Examination held on 18th December 1911 and following days, when the students of this class completed their course, 21 students were examined and 13 or 61.9 per cent. passed in all the subjects and were eligible for pass certificates.

11. *Library and apparatus.*—The library was improved during the year by the addition of 127 books on commercial subjects, and it contained 1,121 volumes on the 31st December 1911, exclusive of bound volumes of commercial periodicals and magazines. The library was very largely used by both teachers and students. Two hundred and seventy-three volumes were issued to the teachers and 1,516 to the students during the year.

12. *Reading-room.*—The reading-room continued to be maintained by the students and the members of the staff. The Phonetic Journal, the Reporters' Magazine, the Indian Trade Journal, the Indian Review, and the Magazine of Commerce were subscribed for during the year. The Bankers' Magazine, the Journal of the Institute of Bankers, and the Indian Textile Journal continued to be supplied by the Government.

13. *Students' Associations.*—The members of the "Shorthandwriters' Association" and the "Young Men's Commercial Union" celebrated the first anniversary on the 24th February 1911 with Rev. Mr. Jones, M.A., in the chair, when Mr. W. K. M. Langley of Messrs. Peirce, Leslie & Co., Limited, Calicut, delivered a lecture on "employers and employed". The second anniversary of the "Commercial Teachers' Union" was held on the 6th November 1911 and good work was got through by the members, with the help and co-operation of the members of the staff, during the year.

14. *Register of passed students.*—There were 2,210 admissions in the English section of the school from February 1895 till the end of the year under report, of whom 783 continued in the school till they passed in one or more commercial subjects. An analysis taken from the register of the passed students maintained in this office gives the following information about them.

General education qualifications.—Nineteen of these are graduates, 14 are First-in-Arts undergraduates, 135 have passed the Matriculation or an equivalent examination, and the rest have not passed any University test.

Occupation.—Students trained in this school are found employed as shorthandwriters, typists, accountants or book-keepers and correspondence clerks in public offices and mercantile firms, not only in the Malabar district but also in Coimbatore, Salem, Bangalore, Chingleput, North Arcot Gōdāvari, Vizagapatam, Coonoor, Trichinopoly, Madura, Tinnevely, Madras, Trivandrum, Cochin, Mysore, Hyderabad, South Canara, Coorg, Bombay, Bengal, Rangoon, Ceylon, East Africa and Mohemmarah near the Perisan Gulf. Of those that have passed from this school, 64 are shorthandwriters, two are reporters, 73 are typists, 65 are book-keepers, 141 are general clerks, eight are traders, six are commission agents, two are bankers, 25 are teachers of commercial schools and 10 are teachers of other schools, one is editor of a vernacular economics journal, one is a travelling agent to a commercial house, and one is the assistant manager of a mercantile firm in Rangoon.

15. *Value of business training imparted in the school.*—There was a fair inquiry during the year for mercantile assistants and clerks and for commercial teachers from the heads of business houses and other offices, and a large number of students trained in the school—as many as 52—secured suitable appointments in different centres in the Presidency during the year under report. Of these nine entered as typists, 25 as general correspondence clerks, nine as shorthandwriters, five as book-keepers, and four as teachers of commercial classes.

16. My thanks are due to the assistants for their cordial co-operation in conducting the work of the school.

17. The service registers of the staff and establishment and the inventory of valuable stock have been correctly maintained.

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