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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper :—

Letter—from A. DAVIES, Esq., M.A., Bar-at-Law, Secretary, Madras Students Advisory Committee.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madras, the 1st November 1915.

No.—344.

I have the honour to submit herewith copies of the proceedings of the Committee held on the 5th March and 23rd October 1915 and a copy of the Secretary's report from 1st November 1914 to 22nd October 1915.

ENCLOSURES.

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THE MADRAS STUDENTS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FROM 1ST NOVEMBER 1914 TO 22ND OCTOBER 1915.

Part I.—Account of dealings with individuals seeking information and advice as to study in the United Kingdom.

The war has had its effect upon the working of this Committee as upon all other spheres of human activity. At its commencement there were several anxious enquiries from relatives interested regarding Indians—students and others—who were or were supposed to be at the time upon the Continent. In all cases but one the person concerned has been traced to safety in England. One Madras student, however, was unfortunate enough to be in Germany when war broke out, but even in his case we have learned through the American Consulate that no harm need be feared except the unpleasant experience of a long internment. Two or three of the medical students who have gone to England this year expressed to me their intention of offering their services to tend the wounded, and we shall doubtless hear of them again later, and of others like them. One Anglo-Indian who went to England after consultation with this Committee two years ago has recently given his life for his country. Information will probably reveal further cases connecting us thus directly with the war.

But it is with its indirect consequence upon our immediate work that we are more concerned. Great Britain in time of war cannot offer such facilities for students as it offers in times of peace. Oxford and Cambridge are largely depleted of professors and scholars alike. Engineering works in every part of the country are devoting their energy to making shells and guns. Expenses of living are increasing rapidly.

Appreciation of these and similar facts combined with a natural and proper sense of caution in times of stress, danger and uncertainty have reduced very considerably not only the number of those who have actually gone to Great Britain this year, but also the number of those who have consulted me with a view to going. The comparative figures for the last five years that are given in the tables appended bring out the facts quite clearly. Indeed I have a suspicion that the number of those consulting me would have normally been reduced even more considerably than in fact it is, had it not occurred to a number of those who failed in the S.S.L.C. and Intermediate examinations of the current year that they might hope to retrieve their damaged fortunes in Great Britain.

Another mark of the war's influence is perhaps to be found in the number of those who talked about going to the United States. With such cases this Committee is not expected to deal, and in the absence of information about educational institutions and the conditions of

student life in that country, it is very difficult to be of any real use to an applicant for exact information—but at the same time a certain amount of general advice can be given applicable to all cases of young men travelling abroad.

A perusal of the list of those students of whose departure we have fairly certain knowledge shows that the work of this Committee is obtaining already, after its six years of activity, some substantial result. It is to be noted for instance that the average qualification of the students going to Great Britain, which have been gradually improving even in previous years, has been raised very considerably in this year. This, of course, may be ascribed partly to the war discouraging especially those who have been called "Adventurers," i.e., those with very poor qualifications for, and very vague ideas of, any course in England. But I think it is also largely due to a widening appreciation of the fact that it is generally only those who do well in India and not those who do badly who can hope to profit by further study abroad. There is only one student who has passed no higher examination than that of the S.S.L.C., 8 have passed the F.A. or Intermediate, and 6 are graduates of this University—some with high honours. There is also an increasing definiteness in the object which students have in view. One might perhaps point out that there is still too little time given for getting admission into institutions in England—especially the ancient Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, where the college authorities like to have plenty of information about intending students, and where the accommodation even for Englishmen is so limited that many get their names registered years before admission. But it must also be remembered that it is generally impossible for a student to make up his mind whether it is worth while to go to England until he has learned the results of his B.A. examination in May or June: and it might therefore be advisable for college tutors to keep their vacancies for Indian students unfilled till as late a date as possible.

The extension of the old rules for admission at the King's Inn, Dublin, till the October of this year has, to my knowledge, attracted a few students there, and it is also probable that some of the many who have consulted me about this method of becoming a Barrister have gone to Ireland without informing me of the fact.

Several enquiries have been made by or on behalf of woman students—and of these one has gone to England with a Government scholarship.

Correspondence with the Secretary for Indian Students and the authorities at 21, Cromwell Road, has been of the normal kind. There have been one or two cases of Indian students who had been helped with loans by the Distressed Indian Aid Committee and have not yet repaid their loans. There is one student who has been in London for some years with no qualifications to take up any study and with means so insufficient that they do not even free him from the necessity of begging. We have been trying to persuade his father to fetch him back, with what success remains yet to be seen.

It is a matter of congratulation that the Anglo-Indian Temperance Association has made special efforts during the current year to interest Indian students in England in their work; and it is to be hoped that a number of them will become active supporters of that body.

Part II.—General progress.

The first place in this part of the report must be given to recording the serious loss that the Committee has experienced during the year in the death of its much esteemed member, Mr. V. K. Raman Nayanar. He was always a most regular attendant at our meetings and his experienced advice was always most welcome and useful.

During the year the Committee has been reconstituted and now consists of an *ex-officio* President and Vice-President, two *ex-officio* members, fifteen other members and a Secretary. Of the fifteen specially appointed members, seven were on the old Committee, eight are new. Since the reconstitution there has been one further change. Dr. Bishop on his retirement from India has resigned his position on the Committee and at present no successor has been appointed.

The Committee has held its two usual meetings on the 5th March 1915 and the 23rd October 1915, the hour and dates being fixed as the most convenient for those of our members who come from the mufassal to attend the meetings of the Senate.

In its earlier days this Committee found it necessary to print a large number of circulars giving information, advice and warning on special matters; but the subject matter of these local circulars has now been so largely incorporated into the "Handbook" or dealt with by mere authoritative circulars sent for our use by the Indian Students' Department at the India Office that no new circulars have had to be printed locally during the year, and most of these in use in the past have become obsolete.

Copies of the handbook have been sent to new members of the Committee. The information therein can at any time be supplemented or brought up-to-date by reference to the latest editions of regulation, prospectuses and syllabuses with which the Committee's library at the Secretary's office in the Law College is kept continually supplied by the Students' Department at the India Office. Students and their relations consult this library occasionally, but it is felt that a much wider use of it might be profitably made.

Other matters of importance appear in the minutes of meetings held in March and October.

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TABLE I.—Number of applicants' letters received, replies sent and interviews held.

Community to which applicants belong.	1910-11.	1911-12.	1912-13.	1913-14.	1914-15.
Hindus	99	100	..	235	163
Muhammads	9	5	..	23	8
Indian Christians	5	12	..	27	17
Domiciled community	7	5	..	18	14
Total	120	122	211	303	201
Number of communications received	280	298	480	544	312
Number of replies sent	280	213	500	517	322
Number of interviews held	64	61	69	93	68

TABLE II.—Number of students who have gone to the United Kingdom.

Community to those who have left belong.	1910-11.	1911-12.	1912-13.	1913-14.	1914-15.
Hindus	10	28	22	23	12
Muhammads	1	1	1	1	..
Indian Christians	3	5	4	1	3
Domiciled community	1	3	4	4	2
Parses	..	..	..	1	..
Total	15	37*	31	30	17

TABLE III.—Studies to be pursued in the United Kingdom.

	1910-11.	1911-12.	1912-13.	1913-14.	1914-15.
University Degrees in Arts and Sciences	(?) 5	11	6	4	5
Indian Civil Service and other services	5	4	..	4	3
Bar (London Inns	6	6	14	5	(?) 5
Bar (King's Inns	..	..	..	..	(?) 2
Engineering	1	7	4	3	3
Sanitary Engineering	2	..	..	..	..
Medicine	3	11	5	6	5
Agriculture	1	..	..	1	..
Forestry	1	..	2	1	..
Chartered accountant	..	1	..	..	..
Textile industry	1	..	..	2	..
Unknown	..	..	..	2	..

TABLE IV.—Educational centres to which students have gone.

	1910-11.	1911-12.	1912-13.	1913-14.	1914-15.
Oxford	2	6	1	4	4
Cambridge	2	3	2	3	4
London	1	4	6	6	(?) 1
Bar (London Inns	..	..	..	..	3
Bar (King's Inns	6	2	(?) 12	5	2
Manchester	1	1	..	4	(?) 2
Bristol	..	1	..	..	..
Edinburgh	..	1	..	..	..
Glasgow	3	15	10	4	3
Dublin	..	1	..	4	1
Unknown	..	3	11	6	2
Durham	..	..	1	..	1
School	..	..	..	1	..

* 24 (excluding those who did not go under the auspices of this Committee).

(3)

Proceedings of the Madras Students' Advisory Committee, dated 5th March 1915.

[The twelfth meeting of the Committee was held at the Senate House at 8 A.M.]

PRESENT :

Members.

The Hon'ble the Rev. G. Pittendrigh (in the chair).
 Dr. A. W. Bishop.
 The Raja of Kollengode.
 Mr. F. S. Davies.
 Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.
 Mr. S. E. Ranganathan.

Secretary.

Mr. A. Davies.

Read letters from the President and the residents in Hyderabad and Mysore regretting their inability to attend.

Read and recorded the following letters from the Secretary for Indian Students at the India Office:—

(i) Letter, dated 7th October 1914, forwarding twelve copies of the "Handbook of Information for Indian Students."

(ii) Letters, dated 9th October 1914 and 27th November 1914, forwarding the prospectuses of several universities and institutions for the coming session.

(iii) Letter, dated 5th November 1914, forwarding with remarks a new copy of the Consolidated Regulations of the Inns of Court which have been recently revised and re-issued.

(iv) Letter, dated 23rd December 1914, forwarding two copies of annual reports and asking that it may be distributed.

(v) Letter, dated 11th January 1915, requesting a latest copy of the Calendar of the Madras University for the use of the Adviser at Cambridge.

(A copy of the Calendar has been applied for.)

(vi) Letter, dated 28th January 1915, seeking the help of the Committee in securing repayment of certain loans advanced to an Indian student while in England.

(The Collector has been addressed on the matter.)

Read and recorded the following Government orders:—

Mis. No. 1308, Educational, dated 20th November 1914, communicating a copy of the communication from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India giving the names of students who arrived in England between 1st January to 30th June 1914, who had not provided themselves with certificates of identity.

No. 1351, Educational, dated 1st December 1914, recording report on the working of the Madras Students' Advisory Committee for the year ending 31st October 1914.

Mis. No. 24, Educational, dated 7th January 1915, that the period of two years for which the members of the Madras Students' Advisory Committee were appointed in G.O. 863, Educational, dated 27th September 1912, has been extended up to the 31st March 1915.

No. 86, dated 28th January 1915, inviting applications for the State technical scholarship available for award in this Presidency in 1915 and assigned for the study of architecture and town-planning.

Read and recorded Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction—

Dis. No. 8142/14, dated 5th December 1914, sanctioning the purchase of four copies of the "Handbook of Information for Indian Students."

C. No. 11208/14, dated 21st December 1914, intimating that two State scholarships are available for award during 1915 for the scientific study of Sanskrit by the Indians.

C. No. 12015, dated 9th January 1915, inviting applications from suitable candidates for the award of a State scholarship for the scientific study of Arabic.

Read and recorded the following:—

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad, dated 19th December 1914, fixing the age limit for Hyderabad students proceeding to England, that the applicant shall not be below the age of 20 years.

Letter received on 4th December 1914 from Mr. F. M. Cheshire now in Nagpur, but late of 21, Cromwell Road, London, offering his advice and assistance if called upon.

A. DAVIES,
Secretary

G. PITTENDRIGH,
Chairman.

(2)

Proceedings of the Madras Students' Advisory Committee, dated 23rd October 1915.

(The thirteenth meeting of the Committee was held at the Senate House at 8 A.M.)

P R E S E N T :

President.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University.

Members.

Raja Vasudeva Raja, Valia Nambidi of Kollengode.

The Hon'ble Rev. G. Pittendrigh, M.A.

Mr. F. S. Davies, B.A.

M.R.Ry. K. Ramunni Menon Avargal, M.A.

" S. E. Ranganathan, M.A., L.T.

Mr. A. Latif.

Rao Bahadur K. Ramanuja Achariyar.

The Rev. W. W. Wallace.

Mr. Young Necker.

Mr. Yakub Hassan.

Mr. Krishnan Pandalai, LL.D. (Bar-at-Law).

Secretary.

Mr. A. Davies.

Read letters from the following gentlemen regretting their inability to attend :—

The Resident in Mysore.

The Resident, Hyderabad.

Read and recorded the following letters from the Secretary for Indian Students at the India Office :—

(1) Letter, dated 17th March 1915, regarding the question of guardianship for Indian students at Oxford and Cambridge.

(2) Letter, dated 9th April 1915, giving information about Madras students who went to Great Britain in 1914.

(3) Letter, dated 30th April 1915, acknowledging receipt of a copy of the Madras University Calendar for 1915 for Mr. Benians, the Educational Adviser at Cambridge.

(4) Letter, dated 19th July 1915, forwarding report on some difficulties felt by Indian students in the United Kingdom.

Read and recorded the following Government Orders :—

(1) Mis. No. 311, Educational, dated 18th March 1915, communicating list of students who arrived between the 1st July and 31st December 1914, who had not provided themselves with certificates of identity.

(2) Mis. No. 318, Educational, dated 19th March 1915, forwarding 18 copies of the report on the work of the Indian Students' Department, London, for July 1913—June 1914.

(3) Mis. No. 312, Educational, dated 19th March 1915, recording copy of letter from the Government of India (Department of Education), Education No. 471, dated 9th March 1915, requiring persons who proceed to Great Britain for being called to the Bar to bring a recommendatory certificate from the Local Advisory Committee of the Province in which they relate.

(4) Mis. No. 574, Educational, dated 28th May 1915, reconstituting the Madras students' Advisory Committee and appointing President and members to hold office for two years from the 1st June 1915.

(5) Mis. No. 1068, Educational, dated 27th September 1915, accepting the resignation by Dr. A. W. Bishop, Director of Public Instruction, Travancore, of his membership on the Committee.

Read and recorded the following Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction :—

(1) Mis. No. 3801-15, dated 2nd July 1915, sanctioning the purchase of six copies of the " Handbook of Information for Indian Students " for supply to the new members.

(2) Dis. No. 4737-15, dated August 1915, sanctioning the purchase of a copy of the Madras University Calendar for 1915 for the Educational Adviser at Cambridge.

Read and recorded correspondence with the General Secretary of the Anglo-Indian Temperance Association, London.

Read and recorded letter, dated 25th June 1915, from Mr. C. S. Gibson offering service to Committee.

Read and recorded the reports on the working of the following Provincial Committees :—

(1) Bombay.

(4) Central Provinces.

(2) Calcutta.

(5) Dacca.

(3) Bihar and Orissa.

Read and recorded the Secretary's report of progress from 1st November 1914 to 22nd October 1915.

A. DAVIES,
*Secretary.*J. E. P. WALLIS,
*President.***Order—No. 1219, Educational, dated the 13th November 1915**

Recorded.

2. The thanks of Government are due to the members of the Madras Students' Advisory Committee for the services rendered by them.

(True Extract.)

C. G. TODHUNTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Secretary, Madras Students' Advisory Committee.

" Director of Public Instruction.

" Registrar, University of Madras.

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DATED THE 13TH NOVEMBER 1915.

[SUBJECT.—*Report on the working of the Madras Students' Advisory Committee
from the 1st November 1914 to the 22nd October 1915.*]

*From the Secretary, Madras Students' Advisory Committee, No. 344, dated the
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The report may be recorded and placed on the Editors' Table as usual.

2. A draft order is submitted for approval.

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