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THE MADRAS COLLEGE FOR WOMEN.

ORIGIN.

At the budget meetings of 1911 and 1912, the Hon'ble Rao Bahadur T.S. Balakrishna Ayyar urged upon Government the desirability of establishing a college solely intended for women in this Presidency. As women attended freely the Presidency and other colleges, it was thought unnecessary to project a special college for women at least until funds were made available to a much larger extent. Again the Hon'ble Rao Bahadur B. Nagasimheswara Sarma in the course of his budget speech in 1913 recommended that a women's college might be started in this Presidency to ^{provide} ~~find~~ teachers for the education of girls.

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During the Hon'ble Sir P.S.Sivaswami

Ayyar's visit to the Presidency Training

School for Mistresses at Egmore in July 1911

representations were also made to him

by several of the girls in the sixth form

of the school, that they were anxious

to prosecute their studies further and

that they required a college department

in the institution. The rapidly

increasing demand for the services of

women in the medical, teaching and

other professions, and the desire which

the upper classes evinced for the higher

education of their girls, even when not

destined to enter into any of the

professions, led the Government to con-

sider the necessity for making better

provision than existed in the Presi-

dency and other colleges, where the

girls could attend lectures only on the

same footing as boys. For obvious

reasons, these institutions did not

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offer great attractions to orthodox parents. The Government therefore resolved in January 1914 to develop the Presidency Training School for Mistresses into an institution providing for collegiate instruction for girls, renamed it "The Madras College for Women" and requested the Director of Public Instruction to submit definite proposals for the opening therein of a Junior Intermediate class in 1914 and a Senior Intermediate class this year and for the recruitment from England of ^{lady professors} two ~~women teachers~~ with first class qualifications.

In April 1914, the Director submitted proposals for the opening of the women's college for one year on a temporary basis with a view to avoid the delay which would be occasioned by the recruitment of lady professors in England and also with a view to test

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extent of the demand which existed for a purely secular college for women. He also suggested that only Group III of the Intermediate course should be taught at the outset, as any attempt to ~~also~~ teach Science subjects would be impracticable owing to the absence of laboratories etc.

In May 1914, the Government approved of the Director's proposals for the establishment of a women's college on a temporary footing for one year from the 1st July 1914. With a view to ensure that the institution should from the outset be conducted on the best and highest lines, they also requested the Government of India to obtain the sanction of the Secretary of State to the establishment of two lady professorships in the Indian Educational Service and to move him to recruit suitable candidates for them.

The attendance of more than thirty

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students in the Junior Intermediate class last year having justified the demand for a separate college for women, the Government sanctioned the continuance of the college for another year from the 1st July 1915. The Secretary of State has also accorded sanction to the scheme for the establishment of the college as a tentative and experimental measure.

STAFF.

Pending the arrival of the two lady professors from England, Miss C. Dela Hey, who possesses an Oxford B.A. diploma, having taken a second class in the Honours School of Modern History after a full course at Oxford, and also the London Teachers' diploma, was appointed temporary Principal and Senior Lecturer, and Miss K.M. Myers, as Assistant, on a salary of Rs.500 and Rs.200 per mensem respectively.

Arrangements

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Arrangements were also made by the

employment of part-time teachers for the teaching of Logic, Sanskrit, Malayalam, Telugu and Canarese composition and also French to the students of the college. The Government also sanctioned the employment of an additional assistant on Rs.200 for a period of one year from 1st July 1915 and of an additional temporary professor on Rs.100 in the Presidency College for teaching Physics and Chemistry to the students of the women's college.

The Secretary of State has recently appointed Miss Georgina Campbell McCormick to the Indian Educational Service as Lady Professor at the College on a salary of Rs.400-20-500.

AFFILIATION.

In December last the college has been affiliated to the University of Madras in Group (iii) of the Intermediate courses of study. Some of the students of the college

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who have also taken up either group (i)
or group (ii) have been afforded
facilities to attend the Presidency
College.

STRENGTH.

The following statement gives the
strength of the college at its begin-
ning and on 1st November 1915:--

	<u>July 1914.</u>	<u>November 1915.</u>
Europeans	13	17
Indian Christians	11	5
Brahmans	6	9
Non-Brahmans (Caste-Hindus)	9	13
	39	44

SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Government have sanctioned
the institution of the following
scholarships in the college:--

- free scholarships not exceeding 25 per cent. of
the strength
- ten collegiate scholarships monthly value of
Rs. 9 each, and
- five widow scholarships of the monthly value of
Rs. 25 each.

BUILDINGS.

The Government originally accepted the Director's proposal and permitted him to locate the college temporarily in a rented building (Copper House) on the Marina. In view of the ~~unsatisfactory~~ ^{success} of the college, they decided, after careful consideration, that ^{the} Copper House and land adjacent ~~up~~ to the fishing village to the north, and the Buckingham canal to the west, excluding the glass factory and the house of Sir S. Subrahmanya Ayyar should be acquired for the Madras College for Women. The Government sanctioned an estimate amounting to Rs. 1,01,000 for acquiring the land required and also an estimate of Rs. 70,000 for the provision of hostel accommodation. Repairs to the extent of Rs. 3,040 and ^{an} electric installation at a cost of Rs. 3,710 to the Copper House have also been recently sanctioned.

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The total expenditure on account of the acquisition of land, provision of hostel accommodation etc. is estimated at Rs. 1,78,525.

HOSTEL.

The hostel has been divided into three sections and the present strength of these sections is as follows:--

<u>Section.</u>	<u>Strength.</u>
1. European	13 ✓
2. Indian Christian	5 ✓
3. Hindu	Brahman 2 ✓ Non-Brahman (caste Hindu) 12 ✓
Total	32 ✓

Of these, one European and three non-Brahmans belong to other colleges.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
MADRAS.

30th October 1915.

My dear Todhunter,

H's Excellency is to open the Madras
College for Women on the 17th November next. Will
you please let me have a note on the College prepared
and sent to me as early as possible?

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature

Attended at once
30.10.15

The Hon'ble Mr. C.G. Todhunter, I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Educational Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
MADRAS.

8th November 1915

My dear Todhunter,

Will you please let me know when the note
on the Madras College for Women, asked for in my letter
No. 1215-4, of 30th October, may be expected?

Yours sincerely,



The Hon'ble Mr. C. G. Todhunter, I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government, Educational Dept.,
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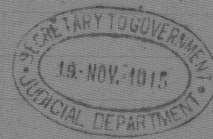
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 3. Dated—*18. 11. 15.*

Madras College for Women.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OPENS NEW BUILDING.

His Excellency Lord Pentland performed the ceremony of opening the new buildings of the Madras Women's College on the Mylapore beach last evening at 4.30. A very large and representative gathering of European and Indian ladies, and gentlemen had gathered on the occasion in response to the invitation of the Director of the Public Instruction and the Lady Principal of the College.

Among those present were noticed Sir Harold Stuart, the Hon. Sir John Wallis, Justices Aylmer, Coutts-Trotter, Fadastriver and Napier, the Hon. Mr. P. B. M. Cocker, the Hon. Dr. T. M. Nair, The Hon. Mr. J. H. Stone, Director of Public Instruction, Archbishop Aclen, Dewan Bahadur C. Krishnan, Govindaraghava Iyer, C. Karunakari, Messrs. S. Sreenivasa Iyengar, Tirunarasayanaachari, S. Kasturiranga Iyengar, Bhavanandam Pillai, K. R. Subramania Sastri, S. Krishnaswami Iyengar, P. M. Sivasubramanian, Modalar and S. Guruswamy Chetty. The guests were assembled in a tent pitched on the open ground in front of the new building. Excellencies Lord and Lady Pentland accompanied by Capt. Money, Military Secretary arrived at 4.30 and were received by the Hon'ble Mr. Stone and Miss De La Hay, Lady Principal of the College and conducted to the dais in the tent.

The Hon'ble Mr. J. H. Stone then in a short speech requested His Excellency to perform the ceremony. He said that many of them would not have expected that "Capper-House" standing in the midst of that arid and lackadaisical isolation in the midst of that so plot of ground would have become such a prominent place in the course of the past few months. They examined various places and they decided to locate the College on that spot with its undevoted possibilities. There were only few pupils in the beginning, but they had reasonable hopes of increasing numbers of students and it was obviously necessary to have a new building and in the course of last spring they began the building. Mr. Montagu Thomas has been exceedingly successful in the design of the building. The building contains two very spacious lecture rooms and two rooms for hostel accommodation and also contains quarters for some of the staff. His Excellency the Public Works Department on the other hand, in a way in which they completed the building which was indeed a record, the building having been completed in about six months time. He expressed his thanks to Messrs. S. P. Murray and O'Grady under whose supervision the building was constructed and also to the contractors for the expedition with which they carried out the work. Although they had done so much it must not be supposed that the work is complete. They must for instance have the compounds enclosed and the grounds raised so that they should not have that monument of water on the grounds. Also they require laboratory accommodation. He hoped that they would have not merely the external aspects of education but would have as well the intense internal instruction and that this College would not fall short of any of the great seats of learning in England. He then on behalf of the Principal and staff, expressed hearty welcome to their Excellencies and expressed their thanks for the interest they have been showing in the institution and for the honour they have done them by going over there that afternoon.

HIS EXCELLENCY.

His Excellency before performing the ceremony spoke as follows—

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—Mr. Stone, in his remarks, has given us some information regarding the history of the buildings which we are about to open and has bestowed appropriate and well-deserved praise upon the architect and the other officers of the Public Works Department to whose place and ours most heartily the remarks which have fallen from Mr. Stone and congratulate the officers of the Department on the results which they have achieved.

The occasion which calls us together to-day, the formal opening of the new buildings of the Madras Government College for Women, marks, I think, an important stage in the progress of female education in Southern India. I say advisedly a stage in that progress, because, as most of my hearers are doubtless aware, this College may be regarded not so much as a new College, but as a continuation, under better conditions, of the educational work for women which Government has been doing in the Presidency College for many years past. It is my hope that as we find it practicable to extend the Women's College by taking up the B. A. courses and other groups of the Intermediate course, the separation from the Presidency College will become more complete until eventually the attendance of women there will become unnecessary. The Women's College itself, as you know, has been open now for about 18 months, and I am glad to learn from the report of the Principal that in this short time it has made a good start, and evidence is not wanting that it supplies in some measure a need which no one who is familiar with educational and social tendencies in this Presidency will deny to be real and increasing. The following figures will be of the briefest—illustrate my statement: the total number on the rolls on the 31st March 1915 was 33, the majority being European, while Indian Christian, Brahman and non-Brahman caste students numbered 6, 7, and 7 respectively. The number of students now on the rolls is 44. Notwithstanding that a certain number withdrew to the Christian College for Women on the opening of that institution, and the new admissions numbered 22 of whom 12 were Hindus, 8 were Europeans and 2 were Indian Christians. Considering that our staff has yet to be fully assembled, that we have yet to open thirteen in the two senior classes, and that the College is scarcely yet settled in its new home, it may, I think, be said that the institution, though young, is yet a very healthy infant and is doing very well indeed. You will, I am sure, all join with me in congratulating Miss De la Hay and the staff of the College very cordially on the success which has thus far attended their labours. (Cheers)

In an institution such as this, where students of various communities are brought together and which includes a relatively large proportion of resident pupils, there will unavoidably arise problems of management in respect of which the advice of ladies and gentlemen belonging to the various classes from which the pupils are drawn, cannot fail to be of great value and assistance to the College authorities. It has accordingly been decided to constitute an Advisory Council for the College, and I am pleased to be able to announce that the following ladies and gentlemen have accepted the invitation to become members of it—Lady Stuart, Mrs. Cardew, Mrs. Bedford, Mrs. Blore, Miss De la Hay, The Hon. Mr. Pittam and Kollengode, Mr. Justice Andur Rahman, Mr. Justice Sudasiva Aiyar, the Hon. Mr. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri, the Hon. Mr. L. D. Swaminathan Pillai, and Rao Sahib C. Rameswami Chetty Garu.

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One of the first questions to be laid before the Advisory Council will be the arrangements to be made for religious instruction of the College students according to their respective faiths. I need scarcely say that in this, as in every other Government educational institution, the maintenance of religious neutrality—which is and must remain a cardinal principle of our educational policy—is essential, but there is nothing incompatible or inconsistent with the maintenance of that principle in the provision of instruction in religious subjects for such of the students as may desire it, in their respective faiths, by the appointments of ladies acting as tutors, or wardens of hostels, or in some other suitable manner. These instructors would include women of the Christian denominations to guide and associate with Christian students, and similarly where possible Hindu ladies of suitable caste and high character for similar purposes among Hindu students, and so on in respect of the other creeds and denominations. The College, as you are aware, is designed to offer facilities for college education to women students of all creeds under conditions which will be acceptable by non-Christians as well as Christians. It will be freely open to all and incidentally it may, it is hoped, be of use to Christian women students, and go some way to enlarge the opportunities now available to them. On this subject—and I doubt not in many others of equal importance—the advice of the Advisory Council, will, I trust, be of much value.

Before I conclude, ladies and gentlemen, it is an especial pleasure to me to be able to announce the foundation of two scholarships of a monthly value of Rs. 25 each tenable for 1 year, one to be awarded to a Hindu student and one to a Christian student. (Cheers.) These scholarships owe their foundation to the munificence of Rao Sahib C. Ramanujam Chetti Garu, who has undertaken to endow them. (Cheers.) He has paid Her Excellency Lady Pentland and myself the compliment of naming them after me, and they will be known as the Lord and Lady Pentland scholarships founded by Rao Sahib C. Ramanujam Chetti Garu. They will be awarded by the Director of Public Instruction in consultation with the Principal of the College, and the first two holders will be selected with effect from 1st July 1915. I am glad to have this opportunity of expressing my high appreciation of the generous support which Mr. Ramanujam Chetti has thus accorded to the advancement of the cause of female education, and I trust that his example may serve as an inspiration to other benefactors. (Loud Cheers.)

I will now, ladies and gentlemen, with your permission, proceed to open the new buildings and to wish the College and its staff on behalf of the Government and of all here present, a long and prosperous career. (Cheers.)

His Excellency then proceeded to the building where Mr. Lacey, the Superintending Engineer, introduced to him the contractors, Messrs. A. K. Venkatarama Iyer and A. K. Ranganatha Iyer, who opened the building with the silver key presented by the contractors. After having inspected the building the guests were served with refreshments on the grounds in front of the new building.

The gathering dispersed at about 6-30.

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