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READ—the following paper :—

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. H. S. DUNCAN, M.A., Acting Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madras, the 24th June 1915.

No.—Ref. on Our. 4322.

I have the honour to submit herewith, for the information of Government, a copy of my Proceedings R. C. No. 4322, dated 17th June 1915, reviewing the report on the working of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, during the year 1914-15.

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Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, Ref. on Our. No. 4322, dated 17th June 1915.

Read—the following paper :—

Letter—from R. W. Ross, Esq., B.A., Acting Principal, Teachers' College, Saidapet.

To—the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Dated—the 3rd June 1915.

No.—C. 148 of 1915.

I have the honour to submit my report on the working of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, during the academical year 1914-15.

2. *Staff*.—H. S. Duncan, M.A., was the Principal of the College till 9th March 1915 when he was appointed to act as Director of Public Instruction and I, the Vice-Principal of the College, succeeded him and took over charge of the College on the 10th March 1915, forenoon. The Vice-Principal's place is still vacant.

A new appointment, viz., Manual Training Instructor was created during the year and Mr. C. R. Porrett was appointed to it. He joined duty on 17th October 1914. Otherwise the College staff remained unchanged during the year.

As in the previous year the continuance of the temporary assistants for the model school was sanctioned during the year.

The manual training class attached to the College was opened during the year on 1st February 1915. Ten students were admitted as stipendiaries.

Accommodation.—The work of altering and fitting up the Physical Science laboratory referred to in the last year's report was started during the year, but it was not finished within the official year. It is nearing completion and I hope the Public Works Department authorities will be able to hand over the building to the department before the long term of 1915 commences. Certain improvements and repairs to the extent of Rs. 20,200 were also made to the College buildings (including the Principal's and Vice-Principal's quarters) during the year.

Furniture and apparatus.—The College, model school and the manual training class attached to the College were equipped with furniture and apparatus to the extent of Rs. 2,296.

Strength and attendance.

	1914.	1915.
M.A.'s	3	5
B.A. (Honours)	...	1
B.A.'s	99	94
F.A.'s	7	8
Matriculates	6	16
Secondary School Leaving Certificate Holders	11	16
Total	126	140

The following is the distribution of students according to districts :—

	Senior.	Junior.
Tanjore ...	28	5
Trichinopoly ...	10	6
Madura ...	...	1
Madras ...	6	1
Chingleput ...	...	4
Gōdāvari ...	7	...
Kistna ...	4	...
South Arcot ...	3	2
North Arcot ...	5	2
Ganjām ...	2	...
Vizagapatam ...	4	...
Coimbatore ...	7	1
Salem ...	4	2
South Canara ...	3	...
Malabar ...	7	1
Nellore ...	1	6
Guntūr ...	2	1
Tinnevely ...	7	3
Cuddapah ...	...	1
Kurnool ...	...	1
Ramnād ...	...	2
Bellary ...	...	1
Total ...	100	40

The secondary-grade students were relieved from training on the 25th March 1915. There were 30 students, of whom 8 had passed the Intermediate Examination in Arts, 14 were Matriculates and 8 were holders of Secondary School-Leaving Certificates.

Of the 100 students of the L.T. section 8 were Indian Christians, 88 were Brahmans, 3 were non-Brahmans and 1 was an Anglo-Indian.

They were distributed according to their special subjects as shown below :—

Mathematics	28
Physical Science	25
Natural Science	6
History and Philosophy	37
Kindergarten	4
Total	100

Two lady-students underwent training in the L.T. class during the year.

Of the 40 students of the secondary and manual training classes, 1 was a Muhammadan, 4 were Indian Christians, 32 were Brahmans and the remaining 3 were non-Brahmans.

Ninty-one of the 100 L.T. students were Government stipendiaries. Of the remaining 9, 1 a lady-student was a scholarship holder, 1 was a non-stipendiary and 5 were deputed by the Director of Public Instruction with an allowance ranging from Rs. 20 to Rs. 50 and 2 were municipal stipendiaries.

The number of students admitted to the L.T. section and the Secondary Training section including the manual training class were 103 and 41 respectively. In the former section, one was permitted to withdraw and two left the College. In the latter section one discontinued his course with permission.

Manual training class.—The ten students admitted to this class are taking a two-years' course at the end of which, it is hoped they will be able to open centres at which the subject of manual training will be taught to pupils. The students are severely handicapped at present by their not having a suitable building nor the usual equipment. Plans for a building are before Government and it is hoped that the work will be carried out very shortly.

The average number on the rolls and the average attendance were respectively 100 and 87 in the L.T. class and 40 and 38 in the Secondary Training section including the manual training class.

Model school.—The number on the rolls on the 31st March 1915 were 436 boys and 7 girls as against 412 boys and 8 girls on the corresponding date in the previous year, as given below :—

	31st March 1914.		31st March 1915.	
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
Upper secondary department	106	0	102	0
Lower " "	129	0	144	0
Primary department	177	8	190	7
	412	8	436	7

The average number on the rolls and the average daily attendance during the year were 463 and 421 respectively.

Examinations—(i) Normal section.—(a) L.T. Examination.—One hundred and three students appeared for the L.T. Degree examination held in April 1914 of whom 96 passed. Nine of the old students also appeared for the examination and six passed.

(b) Teachers' Certificate examination.—For the preliminary examination for Teachers' Certificates of the secondary grade held in March 1914, 24 students appeared and all passed. Three old students also passed.

The results of the examination held in March 1915 have not as yet been published.

(c) Examination in drawing.—During the year under report, Mr. Porrett, the newly-appointed manual training instructor, tested the normal students in drawing and the results were as follows :—

	Number appeared.	Number passed.	
		1st class.	2nd class.
Senior students	100	76	24
Junior " "	29	15	14

Examination in drill.—As in the previous year Mr. J. B. Marriot, Adjutant, 1st battalion, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Rifles, Perambur, examined the junior and senior students in drill on the 12th March 1915. He reported that the drill was very satisfactory.

Model school—Public examination.—Nineteen pupils of the sixth form appeared for the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate examination held in March 1915, of whom three took supplementary courses.

School examination.—Periodical examinations were as usual held during the year and promotions were made in June 1914.

Standard examination in drawing.—Eighty-two pupils appeared for the various standards and 66 passed, nine with merit. The remaining students either failed or were absent.

Special gymnastic class.—There were seven students on the rolls on the 31st March 1915 as against 15 last year. Fifteen students appeared for the Final Teachers' Certificate examination in drill and gymnastics held in December 1914 and 12 passed.

Library.—During the year under report, 352 volumes were added to the library bringing the total number of volumes to 6,552 on the 31st March 1915. The number of books issued from the general library during the year to the members of the staff

and the normal students was 341 and 2,877 respectively. The number of books issued from the special class libraries in charge of the lecturers is given below :—

English	730	Physical Science	498
Mathematics	628	Geography	768
History	425	Kindergarten	233
Natural Science	216		

Museum.—The museum has been removed from the Kindergarten block to the central block of the model school buildings and the assistant, secondary training section, is in charge of it. In consequence of this change, the museum has been used much more freely by teachers and pupils.

Teachers' College Teachers' Association.—The twenty-fifth anniversary of the association was held on the 15th March 1915 and members bore testimony to the fact that the association meetings have proved very profitable. A number of persons either presided at the meetings or delivered lectures to the different branches of the association. Thirty meetings were held during the year.

Recreation club.—The pupils took a very active part in the Chingleput district high school sports which were held this year at Chingleput and won some prizes. Foot-ball and Badminton are the two most popular games and I am glad to be able to report that greater interest is being taken in games both by pupils and a few of the assistants who join the pupils in games almost daily.

An encouraging feature this year is the increasing ability of pupils to arrange tennis for themselves and one of the pupils of the model school won the prize in the tennis tournament between the pupils of the model school and the students under training. Encouraged by a few of the assistants the pupils are beginning to manifest a sportsmanlike spirit and a keen and healthy rivalry was evinced in the school athletic sports held on the Darbar day.

The periodicals supplied by Government were regularly received and widely read during the year.

The College hostel.—There were two hostels last year—one for Brahmans with two sections Smarthas and Vaishnavas and one for Christians. The Christian hostel closed during the year owing to the fewness of students. A new section for students from northern districts was opened during the year. Thus the Brahman hostel worked during the year with three sections Smarthas, Vaishnavas and northern. In the beginning of February 1915, the Vaishnava section had to be closed. So there were only two sections working on the 31st March 1915. Some of the students were permitted to live with their families outside the college. The average cost of boarding and lodging was between Rs. 11 and 12 per mensem.

History of students.—All the secondary-grade students who were relieved on the 25th March 1915 have secured appointments with the exception of six. The history of students has been regularly maintained.

Finance.—The cost of the institution during the year was Rs. 91,502-10-6 as against Rs. 88,151-3-6 in last year. The net cost to Government of maintaining the College during 1914-15 was Rs. 81,596-9-0 and the cost of educating each student was Rs. 586 as against Rs. 616. The increase in the expenditure during the year was due to the opening of the manual training class.

The following statement gives details of the receipts and charges of the college during the year 1914-15 :—

Receipts.

Tuition fees from students—

	RS.	A.	P.
Model school fees	8,395	14	0
Gymnastic class fees	154	0	0
Miscellaneous	937	4	5
Total	9,487	2	5

Charges.

	RS.	A.	P.
Principal and Vice-Principal, including Exchange compensation allowance	23,568	14	3
Lecturers and Assistants...	19,319	0	0
Masters and Teachers	8,042	10	5
Temporary Assistants and Drawing masters	11,946	5	0
Clerks and Librarian	2,030	11	9
Famine allowance	484	15	5
Travelling allowance of officers	525	2	0
" establishment	148	4	8
" students	888	12	0
House-rent allowance	242	8	0
Conveyance allowance	291	0	0
Special allowance to Gymnastic Instructor	113	0	0
Books and maps	1,713	3	0
Petty construction and repairs	254	10	10
Laboratory charges	235	15	11
Gymnasia	30	0	0
Games	293	8	10
Purchase of furniture	2,295	13	9
Europe stores	418	15	1
Freight charges			
Periodical examination charges	20	0	0
Stipends to students	15,203	14	10
Special allowance to students	943	12	0
Contingencies	2,491	8	9
Total	91,502	10	6

A course of nine lectures on Physiology to the L.T. students was delivered by Lieut.Col. Denovan, I.M.S., during the year at the Medical College, Madras.

The service registers of the masters and teachers and the establishment of the College were verified up to 31st March 1915.

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2. The report which was due in this office by the 15th April was received here only on the 4th instant.

3. There was an increase in the strength of both the training and model school sections.

4. The results of the L.T. Degree examination and of the Preliminary examination for Teachers' Certificates held in 1914 were good.

5. A new feature was the opening on the 1st February last of a manual training class with ten students under the charge of Mr. C. R. Porret.

6. In their order Mis. No. 198, Educational, dated 23rd February 1915, Government approved the proposal to construct departmentally at a cost of about Rs. 5,000 a manual training workshop in connection with the institution. It has not, however, been possible to commence the work as yet for want of revised plans and estimates about which the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, has been addressed.

7. The thanks of the Acting Director are due to the Acting Principal and the members of the staff for the zealous performance of their duties during the year.

H. S. DUNCAN,
Ag. Director of Public Instruction.

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P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
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