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Read—the following paper :—

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE, M.A., F.R.H.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

Dated—Madras, the 12th June 1917.

No.—R.O. 3411/17.

I have the honour to submit herewith, for the information of Government, a copy of my Proceedings R.O. No. 3411/1917, dated 1st June 1917, reviewing the report on the working of the Government Arts College, Rajahmundry, during the year 1916-17.

ENCLOSURE

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, R.O. No. 3411/17, dated 1st June 1917.

Read—the following paper :—

Letter—from O. J. COULDREY, Esq., M.A., Principal, Government College, Rajahmundry.

To—the Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—the 16th April 1917.

No.—C. 127.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the working of the college during the year extending from 1st April 1916 to 31st March 1917.

2. *Changes in the staff.*—I was in permanent charge of the institution throughout the year under report with the exception of a week in connection with my transfer to the Presidency College, Madras.

There were some changes in the staff as detailed below :—

M.R.Ry. S. Muthukrishna Ayyar, M.A., L.T., sub. pro tem. Assistant Lecturer in Mathematics was transferred to the executive line as a Sub-Assistant Inspector of Schools, and was relieved on the afternoon of the 11th November 1916. M.R.Ry. R. Tatachar Avargal, M.A., L.T., the permanent Assistant Lecturer in Mathematics joined this college from the above date, on account of his reversion from the sub. pro tem. appointment in the Teachers' College, Saidapet.

The sub. pro tem. Assistant Lecturers have recently been confirmed in their posts in this college and there is now only one Assistant Lecturer, M.R.Ry. C. N. Ekambara Mudaliyar, who holds his permanent appointment elsewhere.

3. *Accommodation and equipment.*—The fall in number has not affected the need for more rooms which I mentioned last year. Thus the room built as a common room for the staff has had to be changed into a class room. It must be admitted that the room was very little used in its earlier capacity, lecturers for some reason preferring the breeze and bustle of the library which is more centrally situated and built broadside towards the river. I am still not in a position finally to propose extensions, as a further change of the intermediate regulations, the introduction of the "Compartmental System", is likely to affect the problem further.

A gallery for the Chemistry Lecture Hall has been fitted up and one for the Physics Lecture Hall is required. The Chemical Laboratory working benches sanctioned in G.O. No. 70 W., dated 15th January 1916, have arrived from the Workshops, Dowlaishweram, and they await fitting up. The old Chemistry Room has to be furnished with working tables, cupboards, etc., in a manner suitable for the conduct of experiments in heat.

The two archways in the Intermediate Physics Laboratory and the Chemistry Lecture Hall have been replaced by girders, to the improvement of the appearance and accommodation of both halls.

The erection of a water pump at the well is now an accomplished fact and leading pipes have also been laid to the water tanks over the terrace. The erection of a high pressure tank has been taken up by the Public Works Department and materials for the purpose are being brought to the site.

A motor generator has been fitted up in the Dynamo room by Messrs. Crompton & Co., Madras.

A separate night watchman has been entertained to be in charge of the Laboratory buildings to prevent the recurrence of the thefts mentioned in my last year's report. A common thief (already in gaol on another count) was found to have disposed of much molten lead mixed with laboratory acids. The crime seems to have been brought home to him, but not the lead to the college.

College compound.—The acquisition of a plot of ground adjoining the college compound for latrines was proposed two years ago and the subject had been under correspondence for an unusually long period. The papers with the required valuation statement were finally submitted to the Director of Public Instruction in March last with R.C. No. 257/13, dated 15th March 1917. I spoke of the matter in my report last year, and I hope next year, for the reasons there given, to be able to speak of it in the past tense.

4. *Appendix B (1)—Strength and attendance.*—The strength of the college on the 31st March 1917 was 259 as against 325 on the corresponding date of the previous year, and 231 in the first term. The great fall (from 115 to 62) occurred in the second-year class, and is entirely due to the new Intermediate regulation, which makes attendance for a third year for students who have once appeared, optional. Very few of such students, even after electing to attend, persevered to the end. The advantage of the new measure to the students may be questioned, but it is convenient for the college. The fall in the third-year class was due to the general shortage of passed Intermediate candidates last year; perhaps partly also to a perceptible and healthy increase in the popularity of engineering and medicine at the expense of the final Arts course.

The slight later falling off in the Senior B.A. class, which at the beginning of the year was equal to last year's class, I can only attribute to the fashion for private study set by the emancipated Intermediates.

There was an increase of 13 in the first-year class, this being the first year in which eligibility was decided by the Syndicate and not by the college.

5. *Appendix B (2).*—I see no sign of any increase in the proportion of non-Brahmins and Muhammadans to preponderating Brahmins.

6. *Appendix B (3) & B (4).*—Require no special remarks.

Appendix B (5).—Two students joined the college from the Malabar district and one from the Tanjore district. The proportion of students from the usual other districts was not affected.

7. *Second language division.*—The following table shows the number of students studying the various second languages:—

	March 1916.	March 1917.
Sanskrit	6	5
Telugu	12	17
Urdu	1	3
Persian	...	...

8. *Divisions of special study.*—The following statement shows the number of students in the several divisions of special duty:—

	Senior Intermediate.	Junior Intermediate.
Group I	35	37
Group III	27	48
	62	85
	Senior B.A.	Junior B.A.
Branch I	11	11
" II.A	8	3
" IV	24	11
" V	20	16
" VI	3	4
English only	1	—
	67	45

9. *Appendix C.*—This statement shows the number of volumes issued to the students and the staff.

One hundred and ninety-four volumes were added bringing the total number of volumes to 9,272.

A special addition of much-needed Indian History books was recently sanctioned and made to the value of Rs. 923-9-0

Stock-taking of library books as required in Proceedings Dis. No. 75, dated 6th January 1917.—Stock-taking revealed the loss of one or two books this year. A somewhat larger number of books were lost last year—about half a dozen. Losses seem to be inevitable with the present library staff and large library classes, and I propose to write these books off, at the same time endeavouring to strengthen safeguards.

The library classes continued to work satisfactorily.

10. *College examinations.*—These examinations were, as usual, held for the senior classes in November last and for the junior classes in March and April 1917.

11. *University examinations.*—The results of the public examinations of 1916 are given in appendix E. One hundred and twelve students were sent up for the Intermediate examination; ten of whom did not sit. Of the 102 that appeared, 15 came out successful. Of these 15, six belong to group I and nine including one first class belong to group III.

Of the 87 failures, information is not available on behalf of two, who appeared in other centres. Of the other 85, fifteen failed only in English.

Seventy-five students were sent up for the B.A. Degree examination, of whom 62 applied for both parts, ten for English only and three for group only. Of the 62 that applied for both parts, one was absent; of the remaining 61, 11 passed in both parts, five in English and 16 in branches; 29 failed in both parts:—

	Percentage.	Percentage of this college.	Presidency percentage.
Intermediate	147	26.3	
B.A. { Part I	31.3	46.4	
" II	50.0	66.7	

For the fearful casualties in the Intermediate examination, which bore hardly upon nearly all the colleges of these parts, I am quite at a loss to account; especially in view of the fact that last year, with the same conditions of recruitment and training, the college passed a percentage of 87.3 as against a Presidency average of 27. There is no composition in these figures that gives them credit. Statistics, if nothing else, prove that the official explanation of the failures as due to indiscriminate admissions does not apply to this college. The matter has been discussed ad nauseam during the year. Personally I am inclined to think that, if rather plainer books were set and much plainer questions asked, the element of dreadful uncertainty which now marks the judgments of the Intermediate Board would be largely diminished.

12. *Appendix F.*—This shows the receipts and charges of the financial year 1916-17, exclusive of charges on scholarships and buildings. The decrease in the receipts is due to the fall in the strength of the college; the increase in expenditure to the increased salaries of some of the officers on the staff:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Receipts of 1915-16	31,241	12	0
Do of 1916-17	27,264	3	8
Expenditure of 1915-16	56,934	15	11
" of 1916-17	58,792	4	4

13. *Poor Scholars' fund.*—An amount of Rs. 103-4-0 being the interest on this fund for 1915-16 was distributed among three deserving students.

14. *Appendix G.*—This shows the scholarships and prizes awarded to students of the college during the year. Four students including one Muhammadan were in receipt of Government scholarships.

15. *College council.*—Three meetings were held during the year under report and the council is continuing to do satisfactory work.

16. *Games and athletics.*—The recurring contribution has been increased from Rs. 200 to Rs. 250 by the Government. The finances were administered by a committee consisting of the Principal (President); Mr. B. Raghavendra Rao, Mr. A. Chakravarti, Mr. V. Appa Rao and Messrs. Ch. Buchi Abbayi and Nauriddin (Secretaries from July to December 1916 and from January to March 1917 respectively).

The usual games were played. The foot-ball team were again in the finals for both the Bell cup and the Nimbles trophy, and won the latter cup. There were four tennis courts in working order. Sports were held as usual on Darbar day.

17. The Metcalfe Literary Association has held its debates, or rather readings, as usual. Mr. D. Srinivasulu, the third year class, again supplied a keen secretary, who complains of lack of support among the students at ordinary meetings. At the annual celebration of the society, by contrast a very lively and vigorous function, a part of the Winters Tale was finely staged. M.R.Ry. N. Subba Rao Pantulu Garu was kind enough to preside on the occasion. The society should specialize more in oratory, and less in paper-reading.

18. The strength of the hostel continued to range between 40 and 49. The extension of the hostel awaits the approval of Government, whose sanction will render possible the admission of another 50.

M.R.Ry. B. Raghavendra Rao Avargal has continued to be the warden of the hostel, which has worked satisfactorily throughout the year.

19. *Discipline.*—Satisfactory.

20. *Mudras Educational Rules.*—Such of the rules as are applicable to the college have been observed.

21. *Service registers.*—The entries were verified up to 31st March 1917.

General remarks.—It only remains for me once more to mention with gratitude the zeal and kindness with which the members of the staff have co-operated in the work of the college.

APPENDIX A. STATEMENT showing the staff and distribution of work.

Appointment.	Name and date.	Permanent or seing.
<i>English Branch.</i>		
Principal ..	O. G. Couldevy, Esq., M.A. (Oxon), whole year ..	Permanent.
Assistant Lecturer ..	M.R.Ry. D. A. Narasimham, M.A., L.T., whole year ..	Do.
Do. ..	" K. Venkata Rao do. do. ..	Do.
Do. ..	" M. Suryanarayana do. do. ..	Do.
<i>Branch I.—Mathematics.</i>		
Chief Lecturer ..	M.R.Ry. B. Raghavendra Rao Avargal, M.A., whole year ..	Permanent.
Assistant Lecturer ..	" S. Muthukrishna Ayyar Avargal, M.A., L.T., from 1st April 1916 to 15th November 1916.	Sub. pro tem.
	" R. Tutachar Avargal, M.A., L.T., from 12th November 1916 to 31st March 1917	Permanent.
<i>Branch II.A.—Physics.</i>		
Chief Lecturer ..	M.R.Ry. R. Satagopa Ayyangar Avargal, M.A., L.T., whole year ..	Permanent.
Assistant Lecturer ..	" V. Appa Rao, M.A., L.T., whole year ..	Do.
Do. ..	" V. V. Sarma do. do. ..	Do.
<i>Branch IV.—Philosophy.</i>		
Chief Lecturer ..	M.R.Ry. A. Chakravarti Avargal, M.A., L.T., whole year ..	Permanent.
Assistant Lecturer ..	" M. Lakshminarayana Rao, M.A., L.T., whole year ..	Do.
<i>Branch V.—History.</i>		
Chief Lecturer ..	C. A. Wilkinson, Esq., M.A., whole year ..	Permanent.
Assistant Lecturer ..	M.R.Ry. N. Raghava Achari Avargal, M.A., L.T., ..	On other duty.
	" C. N. Krambara Mudaliyar, M.A., L.T., whole year ..	Sub. pro tem.
<i>Masters and Teachers.</i>		
Senior Pandit ..	M.R.Ry. K. Venkatarama Sastri, whole year ..	Permanent.
Junior do. ..	" V. Subbarayudu Sastri do. ..	Do.
Hindustani and Persian ..	Mohammad Ismail Khan Sahib, whole year ..	Do.
Museli ..		
Gymnasium Instructor ..	Y. Ramachandra Rao, whole year ..	Do.
Mechanic ..	Mohammad Abdul Aziz, whole year ..	Do.
<i>Establishment.</i>		
Clerk ..	A. B. Sankaran, whole year ..	Permanent.
Librarian ..	M. L. Narasimacharya, whole year ..	Do.

APPENDIX B-1. STRENGTH and attendance.

Class.	1916-16.		1916-17.	
	Long term.	Short term.	Long term.	Short term.
First year class ..	70	72	85	86
Second " ..	115	110	77	62
Third " ..	69	67	45	46
Fourth " ..	74	76	74	67
Total ..	328	325	281	269

APPENDIX B-2. DISTRIBUTION of students according to class or community.

Class.	Brahmans.	Non-Brahmans.	Muhama-dans.	Indian Christians.	Total.
First year class ..	73	11	1	..	85
Second " ..	50	8	2	2	62
Third " ..	40	4	1	..	45
Fourth " ..	59	6	2	..	67
Total ..	222	29	6	2	259

APPENDIX B-3. DISTRIBUTION of students according to wealth.

Class.	Rich.	Middle.	Poor.	Total.
First year class ..	..	77	8	85
Second " ..	1	58	3	62
Third " ..	3	41	1	45
Fourth " ..	1	55	10	67
Total ..	5	232	22	259

APPENDIX B-4. DISTRIBUTION of students according to occupation of parents or guardians.

Class.	Official.	Petty official.	Traders.	Land-holders.	Artisans.	Total.
First year class ..	33	8	8	36	..	85
Second " ..	28	5	2	27	..	62
Third " ..	18	8	1	18	..	45
Fourth " ..	27	5	2	33	..	67
Total ..	106	26	13	114	..	259

APPENDIX B-5. DISTRIBUTION of students according to districts.

Class.	Gavijam.	Vizagapatam.	Godavari.	Kistna.	Guntur.	Nellore.	Cuddapah.	Hydrabad.	Madrass.	Malabar.	Tanjore.	Total.
First year class ..	..	..	53	26	4	1	..	..	..	1	..	85
Second " ..	..	..	42	17	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	62
Third " ..	..	..	2	17	22	1	1	..	..	1	1	45
Fourth " ..	..	..	1	2	37	20	7	..	..	..	..	67
Total ..	3	2	149	85	14	1	1	1	..	2	1	259

APPENDIX C.

STATEMENT showing the number of books issued during 1916-17.

Item.	1915-16.		1916-17.	
	Students.	Staff.	Students.	Staff.
(i) Books lent for study beyond the College premises—				
English (General Literature)	1,822	550	1,871	516
Mathematics	138	71	157	59
Philosophy	225	91	144	66
History	684	318	711	400
Physical Science	178	92	51	20
Total	3,047	1,122	2,734	1,061
(ii) Books issued for study in the Library and Reading Rooms	4,169		3,795	
	11,289		6,590	
Total	15,448		10,385	

APPENDIX D.

STATEMENT showing the total number of volumes in the library.

Total number of volumes in the library 9,272

APPENDIX E.

RESULTS of the Intermediate and B.A. Examinations, 1915-16.

—	Number applied.	Number appeared.	Number passed.			Percentage passed.	Percentage of 1914-15.
			First class.	Second class.	Total.		
<i>Intermediate Examination.</i>							
Group I	53	50	..	6	6	12.0	35.0
Group III	59	52	1	8	9	19.2	39.2
<i>B.A. Degree Examination.</i>							
English	72	67	..	21	21	31.3	55.3
Mathematics	13	12	..	2	2	16.6	55.6
Physical Science	10	9	..	6	6	60.0	55.6
Philosophy	18	17	..	12	12	70.6	88.9
History	22	20	..	9	9	45.0	77.3
Telugu and Sanskrit	2	2	..	1	1	50.0	50.0

APPENDIX E-1.

STATEMENT of failures in the Intermediate Examination, 1916.

	Number appeared.	Number failed.
(a) English	102	83
(b) Translation or Composition	102	10
(c) Mathematics	50	28
(d) Physics	50	27
(e) Chemistry	50	30
(f) Ancient History	48	12
(g) Modern History	46	22
(h) Logic	52	21
(i) First Language	4	Nil
(k) Second Language	6	Nil

* Includes 2 who appeared outside Rajahmundry centre.

APPENDIX E-2.

STATEMENT of failures in the B.A. Examination, 1916.

	Number appeared.	Number failed.
English	67	46
Mathematics	12	10
Physical Science	9	3
Philosophy	17	5
History	20	11
Languages	2	1

APPENDIX F.

RECEIPTS and charges, 1916-17.

Items.	1915-16.			1916-17.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
<i>Receipts.</i>						
College fees including reading room fees	31,004	0	0	26,675	12	0
Fines	106	3	0	78	13	0
Sale proceeds of College calendars	102	14	0	98	12	0
Do. dealwood boxes	2	0	0	2	2	0
Do. tamarind trees	3	0	0	..	..	..
Do. grass in compounds	7	0	0	0	12	0
Do. broken furniture	14	3	0	8	2	8
Do. of a fallen tree	2	8	0	..	..	..
Room rents of Metcalfe hostel	..	..	..	399	14	0
Refund of fees	..	..	..	—33	0	0
	81,241	12	0	27,264	3	8
				—33	0	0
				Refunds.		

Charges.

1. Principal, Lecturers and Assistant Lecturers	40,405	13	11	42,036	12	5
2. Masters and Teachers including mechanic	2,989	4	2	3,167	4	0
3. Establishment—Permanent	1,726	6	0	1,697	10	3
Do. Temporary	600	0	0	974	3	2
4. Contingencies and other miscellaneous charges	11,213	7	10	10,916	6	6
	56,934	15	11	58,792	4	4

APPENDIX G.

SCHOLARSHIPS and PRIZES.

Serial number.	Name.	Class.	Amount.		
			RS.	A.	P.
Government scholarships.					
1.	Vanka Venkanna	 Second-year class	..	9	0 per mensem.
2.	P. Ramachandrayya	 Fourth do.	..	14	0 do.
3.	Muhammad Abdul Khalick	 Do. do.	..	14	0 do.
4.	D. Srinivasalu	 Third do.	..	14	0 do.
Muhammadian scholarships.					
1.	Mir Sharafath Ali	 Second-year class	..	5	8 0 per mensem.
2.	Mir Nanazish Hussain	 Do. do.	..	5	8 0 do.
3.	Sherif Nuruddin	 Third do.	..	7	0 0 do.
4.	Sheik Abdulla	 Fourth do.	..	3	8 0 do.
5.	Muhammad Ghouse	 Sixth form Government Secondary School.	..	2	8 0 do.
6.	Muhammad Ibrahim	 Do.	..	2	8 0 do.
Pittapur Raja's scholarships.					
1.	M. S. Jagannaikula	 Fourth-year class	..	90	0 0 per term.
2.	Bh. Kameswara Rao	 Third do.	..	35	0 0 long term.

PRIZES.

The Bhaskara Rao's prize.

1. M. Hanumantha Rao Second-year class .. 7 0 0 per annum.

The Subrahmanya Ayyar's prize.

1. G. S. A. Narahari Rao Fourth-year class .. 8 0 0 per annum.

The Sundara Rao's prize.

1. K. Raghavachari Second-year class .. 8 0 0 per annum.

The Young scholar's prize.

1. P. Sarveswara Rao Third-year class .. 27 8 0 per annum.

Serial number.	Name.	Class.	Amount.			
			RS.	A.	P.	
<i>The Poor Fund scholarship.</i>						
1.	P. Venkataratnam	Fourth-year class	40	0	0	} per annum.
2.	P. Krishnamurti	Second do.	31	0	0	
3.	Ch Annappa	Third do.	32	4	0	
<i>The Coronation Darbar Medal.</i>						
1.	Ongole Subba Rao	Fourth-year class	28	0	0	} per annum in the shape of a medal.
		Passed.				

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2. The proposal for the acquisition of a plot of ground adjoining the college compound for the construction of a latrine is under the consideration of Government.

3. The Director is not prepared to accept entirely the Principal's explanations of the decline in strength of the college and the bad examination results. It is hoped that the Principal will spare no efforts in detecting and correcting defects in the work of the staff and the organization of the college remembering that improvements must initiate with him and that next year he will be able to submit a less depressing report.

(True Extract)

J. H. STONE,
Director of Public Instruction.

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