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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 15th June 1917.

No.—R.C. 3503/17.

I have the honour to submit herewith for the information of Government a copy of my Proceedings R.C. No. 3503/17, dated 6th June 1917, reviewing the report on the working of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, during the year 1916-17.

ENCLOSURE

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Read—the following papers :—

(i)

Letter—from H. S. DUNCAN, Esq., M.A., Principal, Teachers' College.

To—the Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—Saidapet, the 2nd May 1917

No.—C. 162/D/17.

I have the honour to submit my report on the working of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, during the academic year 1916-17.

Staff.—M.R.Ry. R. Tatacharya, acting lecturer in mathematics, reverted to his appointment in the Rajahmundry college and M.R.Ry. T. K. Venkatarama Ayyar succeeded him and joined duty on the 3rd November 1916. M.R.Ry. M. O. Parthasarathi Ayyangar, lecturer in natural science, who was on deputation in connection with the preparation of a syllabus in rural science, returned to duty on the 1st July 1916 and relieved M.R.Ry. T. Ekambaram, the acting lecturer.

M.R.Ry. M. R. Subramania Ayyar, first assistant, secondary training school, Teachers' College, Saidapet, who was also on deputation along with M.R.Ry. M. O. Parthasarathi Ayyangar, returned to his permanent appointment on 1st July 1916 and was posted to act as assistant, model school, *vice* M.R.Ry. P. Sitarama Ayyar on other duty. M.R.Ry. N. A. Narasimhachari, who acted for M.R.Ry. M. R. Subramania Ayyar during his absence on deputation, continued to do so till the end of the long term when he was succeeded by M.R.Ry. C. V. Subramaniam who joined duty on 3rd January 1917.

M.R.Ry. N. Venkatasubbiah, M.A., L.T., assistant, model school, was transferred to the Kumbakonam college and M.R.Ry. N. Ramani, M.A., L.T., was appointed to act for him. There were also a few other changes in the model school staff. The continuance of the temporary assistants for the model school was sanctioned for the year under report.

Accommodation.—During the year a pavilion was constructed and the compound wall on the western side of the college buildings was extended up to the limit of the College garden.

One of the small buildings in the compound was with slight alterations converted into a workshop for pupils of the model school. It is my intention to introduce manual training into the three higher forms from the beginning of the long term of 1917-18.

Furniture and apparatus.—During the year under report, the manual training class, the Physical Science and Natural Science sections of the college were supplied with certain articles of furniture, apparatus and appliances. Ten workshop benches at a cost of Rs. 300 and the necessary tools were supplied during the year for the use of pupils in the school workshop.

Strength and attendance.—There were 166 students on the rolls on the 31st March 1917 as against 164 on the corresponding date in the previous year as shown below. Of the 166 students, 112 belonged to the collegiate section, 44 to the secondary and 10 to the manual training section.

	1915-16.	1916-17.
M.A.'s	4	9
B.A. (Hon.)	13	16
B.A.	94	87
F.A.	3	1
Matriculate	17+1	10+2
S.S.L.C.	21+11	33+8
	<u>164</u>	<u>166</u>

Of the 112 students belonging to the collegiate grade section, 12 were Indian Christians, 93 were Brahmans and 7 were non-Brahmans. There was only one lady student during the year as against three in 1915-16. The distribution of the students according to their special subjects is given below.

	Male.	Female.
Mathematics	25	1
Physical Science	25	..
History	40	..
Natural Science	6	..
Kindergarten	15	..
	<u>112</u>	

Forty-five students were admitted into the secondary grade section of whom one was permitted to undergo a six months' course and was relieved at the end of December 1916. The remaining 44 were relieved on the 31st March 1917.

Manual training section.—In addition to the second year students, 12 in number, 10 new students were admitted into this section in July 1916, and the total number under training was 22 during the year 1916. The final examination for the second year students was held in December 1916 and was conducted by Mr. C. R. Porrett, Mr. Fyfe and Mr. J. H. Lawson of Pasumalai. The subjects of the examination are (1) theory of educational handwork, (2) card-board modelling, (3) clay modelling, (4) woodwork, (5) mechanical drawing and (6) art-drawing suitable for Indian schools. Of the 12 students that appeared for this examination 10 passed.

The Manual Training Instructor, in addition to his ordinary work, devoted a few hours to giving demonstrations in educational handwork and drawing to the collegiate and secondary grade sections.

The distribution according to caste of the 44 secondary grade and 10 manual training section students is given below.

	Secondary.	Manual training.
Indian Christians	2	2
Muhammadans	4	1
Brahmans	35	6
Non-Brahmans	3	1
	<u>44</u>	<u>10</u>

The distribution of students according to districts is given as follows :—

	Collegiate section.	Secondary and manual training sections.
Anantapur	1	..
Bellary	2	..
Chingleput	8	7
Chittoor	..	5
Cuddapah	..	1
Coimbatore	3	..
Ganjam	4	1
Golavari	9	..
Guntur	2	1
Kurnool	..	1
Kistna	4	2
Malabar	9	2
Madura	4	..
Madras	3	14
Nellore	1	8
North Arcot	3	3
Nilgiris	1	..
South Arcot	1	7
South Kanara	1	..
Ramnad	..	..
Tanjore	33	1
Tinnevely	5	..
Trichinopoly	12	1
Vizagapatam	3	..
Cochin State	2	..
Mysore	1	..

Ninety-seven of the collegiate grade students were Government stipendiaries. Of the remaining 15, 8 were deputed by the Director of Public Instruction, 3 were local board or municipal stipendiaries, 2 were non-stipendiaries and 2 were free students. Of the 44 secondary grade students, 25 (excluding the one who was relieved at the end of first term) were Government stipendiaries, one was deputed by the Director of Public Instruction, 11 were local board or municipal stipendiaries and the rest were non-stipendiaries. All the students in the manual training section are Government stipendiaries. The average number on the rolls and the average daily attendance of the collegiate grade, secondary grade and the manual training sections are given below :—

	Number on the rolls on 31st March 1917.	Average daily attendance on 31st March 1917.
Collegiate grade	112	103
Secondary	44	41
Manual training	10	9

Model school.—There were 529 boys and 18 girls on the rolls on the 31st March 1917 as against 499 boys and 20 girls on the 31st March 1916 as shown below :—

	1916		1917	
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
Upper Secondary department	113	..	110	1
Lower " department	175	..	186	..
Primary department	211	20	224	17
	<u>499</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>529</u>	<u>18</u>

There was an increase of 28 in the total number of pupils during the year. The average number on the rolls and the average daily attendance during the year were 550 and 498 respectively.

Examinations—L.T. examination.—One hundred and eleven students appeared for the examination from this college in April 1916 and 89 passed, with 4 in the first class and 80 in the second class, the remaining 5 receiving the degree without obtaining a

class. The S. Subrahmanya Ayyar medal awarded to the candidate from the Teachers' College, Saidapet, who stands first in the examination was won by Miss L. Philipsz.

Teachers' Certificate examination.—For the Preliminary examination for Teachers' Certificates of the secondary grade held in March 1916, 42 students appeared, including one transferred to manual training, and 81 passed.

Examination in drawing.—As in the previous year, Mr. Porrett, Manual Training Instructor, tested the collegiate and the secondary grade students in drawing and the results were as shown below :—

	Number appeared.	Number passed.	
		First class.	Second class.
L.T. section	111	54	44
Secondary and Manual Training sections ..	48	24	17

Examination in drill.—Out of the 165 students, excluding the lady student, 154 were present for the examination and the rest were either exempted or absent on leave. The Adjutant, first Battalion, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Rifles, Perambur, examined the collegiate and secondary grade students in drill and physical exercises on the 14th March 1917. He reported that the drill movements were carried out with creditable smartness in view of the large number on parade and the physical exercises were also well done.

Model school.—Public examination.—Thirty-three pupils of the VI form appeared for the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate examination held in March 1916, of whom 5 took supplementary courses. Twenty pupils were declared eligible for admission into colleges.

School examination.—Periodical examinations were as usual held during the year and promotions were made in June 1916.

Standard examination in drawing.—Ninety-one pupils appeared for the examination in various standards and 57 passed.

Special gymnastic class.—There were 8 students on the rolls on the 31st March 1917 as against 11 on the 31st March 1916. Nine appeared for the Final Teachers' Certificate examination in drill and gymnastics in December 1916 and 7 passed, with two in the first class.

Library.—The total number of volumes in the library on the 31st March 1917 was 8,193. The number of books issued from the general library during the year to the members of the staff and the normal students was 590 and 3,921 respectively. The number of books issued from the Special class libraries in charge of the lecturers is given below :—

English	1,067
Mathematics	904
History	716
Natural Science	266
Physical	522
Geography	1,089
Kindergarten	307
Manual Training	80

School museum.—Some new specimens of stuffed birds and skeletons were added to the collection, and a fair use was made of the museum.

Teachers' College Teachers' Association.—The twenty-seventh anniversary of the senior branch of this association was held on the 27th March 1917. The junior branch held its anniversary on the 30th March 1917.

The Recreation club.—Tennis, football and badminton were the games played by the students of the college and the pupils of the Model School. The High School and the college football teams competed in the M.C.A.A. football tournaments and the college badminton team competed in the Y.M.C.A. tournament. The High School competed in the M.C.A.A. tennis tournament. Some of the teachers superintended group games suggested by Mr. Noehren, Physical Director of the Y.M.C.A. A class for boy scouts was started in the year under report.

The periodicals supplied by Government were received during the year.

The College hostel.—The Brahman hostel worked during the year in two sections, viz., *Smartha* and *Northern*. In the Smartha section there were two sub-sections—senior and junior. There was also the hostel for Indian Christian students as in previous years. The number of boarders in the Smartha and Northern sections was 68 and 25 respectively. 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 Rs. 12 per mensem.

History of students.—All the students, including the manual training students who were relieved during the year, have secured appointments with the exception of five in the Collegiate grade section and one each in the secondary and manual training sections. The history of students has been maintained regularly.

General.—During the latter half of the first term a course of lectures on Physiology and Hygiene was delivered by Mr. Noehren, Physical Director of the Y.M.C.A. and was attended by all the students. Special lectures on rural science were also delivered by the officers who were on deputation, viz., M.R. Ry. M. O. Parthasarathi Ayyangar, M.R. Ry. V. R. Duraiswami Sastri and M.R. Ry. M. R. Subrahmanya Ayyar to the teachers from the several Government training schools in the Presidency.

The students of the Physical Science section visited during the year the laboratory of the Presidency College, the King Institute and the Madras Water-works. The Kindergarten students went on an excursion to Chingleput to visit the Reformatory school, and the natural science section students visited the Seven Pagodas.

An educational exhibition opened by His Excellency the Governor was a feature of the year under report. It was largely attended and a sum of Rs. 204-15-0 collected in entrance money was contributed to the Madras War Fund.

In connection with the exhibition special lectures were delivered by Miss Gordon, M.R. Ry. M. C. S. Anantapadmanabha Rao, M.R. Ry. M. O. Parthasarathi Ayyangar, M.R. Ry. N. Raghava Achari and M.R. Ry. M. R. Subrahmanya Ayyar, members of the College staff. Two public lectures were also delivered—one by Mr. C. R. Porrett, Manual Training Instructor, and the other by Mr. R. C. Wood, Principal, Agricultural College, Coimbatore.

Much credit is due to the lecturers concerned for the interest and trouble they took in making the exhibition a success.

In February last select scenes from "As you like it" were enacted by some pupils of the Model School in aid of the "War fund".

Finance.—The receipts and charges of the College during the year under report were Rs. 11,416-9-3 and Rs. 1,07,292-2-5 respectively as against Rs. 11,120-9-6 and Rs. 97,894-3-5 in the previous year. The net cost to Government of maintaining the college was Rs. 95,875-9-2 and the cost of educating each student was Rs. 577 as against 29 in the preceding year. The following statement gives details of the receipts and charges of the College during 1916-17 :—

Receipts.		RS. A. P.	
Model School fees	10,178	1	0
Gymnastic fees	100	0	0
Miscellaneous	1,138	9	1
Total	11,416	10	1

Charges.		RS. A. P.	
Principal and Vice-Principal, including exchange compensation allowance	26,404	14	8
Lecturers	21,446	5	10
Masters and teachers including drawing master and gymnastic instructor	9,219	14	8
Temporary assistants	16,708	13	1
Clerks, librarian and servants	2,599	4	8
Famine batta	575	12	2

Charges—cont.

	RS.	A.	P.
Travelling allowance of officers	400	2	0
Do. of establishment	124	9	2
Do. of private students	942	4	6
Books and maps	1,327	0	11
Europe stores including freight	1,910	5	9
Laboratory charges	467	7	0
Petty construction and repairs	250	7	9
Purchase and repairs of furniture	1,418	12	8
Gymnastic instructor's personal allowance	100	0	0
Games	295	0	0
Stipends of students	19,495	3	8
Gymnasia	30	0	0
Periodical examination charges	20	0	0
Miscellaneous	...	...	...
Contingencies including manual training	3,559	0	4
Total	1,07,295	6	10

The service books of the members of the staff have been verified up to 31st March 1917.

(ii)

Telephonic message—from the Principal, Teachers' College, Saidapet.
To—the Director of Public Instruction.
Dated—the 21st May 1917.

[*Reference*.—Your telephonic message, dated 19th May 1917.]

In reply to your telephonic message, dated 19th May 1917, I beg to state that through an oversight I omitted to embody in the report the fact that library books in the college and school were checked at the end of last term. A few books were found to be missing and I have taken steps to recover or replace them. In one or two instances the value of the lost books has been remitted into the treasury. Three or four books have been written off as irrecoverable.

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2. The report which is full calls for few remarks:—

(1) Twelve students completed their manual training during the year and of them ten were successful in the examination conducted in December last by a Board of Examiners appointed by the Director.

(2) The decided rise in the proportion of Masters of Arts and Honours men under training is noted with satisfaction.

(3) Only one lady student, a graduate in Mathematics, underwent training in the L.T. section during the year, against three in the preceding year.

(4) The noteworthy feature of the year was the holding in July last of an educational exhibition which was opened by His Excellency the Governor and the delivery of a series of special lectures in connection therewith. The exhibition gave striking evidence that the practice of education, no less than its theory, engaged the earnest and thoughtful attention of the Principal and staff and reflected great credit on all concerned. It was largely attended, and special arrangements were made for the presence of most of the teachers employed in the training sections of training schools.

3. The Principal's remarks on the results of the stock-taking of the library are noted.

4. The Director is glad to note that the institution maintained its strength and prestige during the year.

(True Extract)

J. H. STONE,
Director of Public Instruction.

To the Principal, Teachers' College, Saidapet, with four spare copies.
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R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
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