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READ—the following paper :—

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

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

Dated—Madras, the 23rd March 1917.

No.—466.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of the proceedings of the Committee at its meeting held on the 10th March 1917 together with my report for the period 5th March 1916 to 10th March 1917.

ENCLOSURES

(1)

*Proceedings of the Madras Students' Advisory Committee, dated 10th March 1917.*

PRESENT.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Madras, *President*.  
The Director of Public Instruction, Madras, *Vice-President*.

MEMBERS.

M.R.Ry. Raja Vasudeva Raja Avargal, C.I.E.  
The Hon'ble Rev. G. Pittendrigh, M.A.  
M.R.Ry. K. Ramunni Menon Avargal, M.A.  
Mr. Krishnan Pandalai, LL.D. (*Bar-at-Law*).  
Arthur Davies, *Secretary*.

Read and recorded letters from the Residents in Mysore and at Hyderabad and from Mr. K. Ramanujachari, Rev. Allen Gardiner and Mr. L. C. Holgson regretting their inability to attend the meeting.

Read and recorded the following letters from the Secretary for Indian Students at the India Office and the Educational Adviser for Indian Students to the Secretary of State for India :—

(1) Letter, dated 15th November 1916, stating that Mr. C. E. Mallet is withdrawing from the present work at the end of 1916, and that Dr. T. W. Arnold, C.I.E., has been appointed to succeed him at the India Office.

(2) Letter, dated 23rd November 1916, advising despatch of the various prospectuses of educational institutions for the session 1916-17.

(3) Letter, dated 19th December 1916, forwarding two copies of the new rules for the admission of Indian students at Oxford and Cambridge adopted by the new University bodies there.

(4) Letter, dated 23rd December 1916, forwarding two copies of his report on the work of the Indian Students' Department for 1915-16.

(5) Letter, dated 19th October 1916, and subsequent correspondence requesting to send copies of the rules issued by the Syndicate of the Madras University as to the admission of holders of completed secondary school-leaving certificates to University courses of study.

(6) Letter, dated 25th January 1917, forwarding for the consideration of the Committee an extract from the *Times* Educational Supplement, dated 25th January 1917, containing a letter written by Mr. Outhbert Sparling on Indian Law students in England.

Read and recorded the following Government Orders :—

(1) No. 1246, Home (Education) Department, dated 24th November 1916, recording report of the proceedings of the Committee held on the 28th October 1916, and issuing instructions to officers granting certificates of identity to students proceeding to England.

(2) No. 91, Home (Education) Department, dated 22nd January 1917, appointing Mr. Sayyid Ross Masud, Director of Public Instruction, Hyderabad, to be a Member of the Committee until the 1st June 1917.

(3) No. 113, Home (Education) Department, dated 26th January 1917, communicating despatch from the Secretary of State for India regarding resignation of Mr. C. E. Mallet and selection of Dr. T. W. Arnold, C.I.E., as Educational Adviser for Indian Students to the Secretary of State for India.

Read and recorded proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, Ref. on Our No. 216, dated 15th January 1917, regarding the award of two scholarships for the study of Sanskrit by Indians which will be available in 1917.

Read and recorded letter from the Registrar, University of Madras, dated 23rd November 1916, forwarding for the use of this Committee copy of a letter from the President of the American Association of University Professors enclosing a list of most of the oldest and largest institutions.

Read and recorded proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad, dated 14th November 1916, regarding conditions for granting certificates of identity to Hyderabad students proceeding to England and other foreign countries.

Read and recorded letter and circular notice issued by the Secretary to all the secondary schools and colleges inviting students who think of going to England to communicate with him.

[This was with reference to a resolution of the Committee made on the 28th October 1916, forwarded in G.O. No. 735, Educational, dated 4th July 1916.]

Read and recorded the Secretary's annual report from 5th March 1916, to date.

P. S. SIVASWAMI AYYAR,  
President.

A. DAVIES,  
Secretary.

(2)

*Report of the Secretary, Madras Students' Advisory Committee, for the period  
5th March 1916 to 10th March 1917.*

The shadow of the war is upon all things mundane and the work of this Committee is no exception to the rule. Our annual statistics shew a very marked diminution in the number of those who have gone to Great Britain. In 1912-13 there were 31 of such persons, in 1913-14 the number was 30, in 1914-15 it had sunk to 17 and in the year under report it has diminished still further to 7. Three of these seven have scholarships and a fourth with very high educational qualifications is aiming with every hope of success at the I.C.S. The ordinary student has almost ceased to go. There is however no diminution in the number of applicants for advice. The figure for 1912-13 was 211, in 1913-14 this had risen to 303, fallen again in 1914-15 to 201, once more it has risen to 264. That the interest of a very large number of these applicants was "academic" is shown by a remarkable decrease in the quantity of correspondence. With the really serious applicant who intends business even though he may ultimately decide not to go abroad there is always a large file of letters. The single-letter applicant has been very common in the year that is closing. He writes once and my answer referring him to the handbook and requesting further details about his intentions and prospects elicits no further reply. I think however that the fact that the number of first enquirers shows no appreciable diminution in spite of the war is sufficient sign that when the war is over the number who actually go abroad will immediately resume normal proportions.

The membership of the Committee has undergone very little change during the year. Diwan Bahadur K. Narayana Rao who was a member from the beginning and before his last illness took the keenest and most active interest in its work has died, and his place still remains vacant. Mr. A. Latifi resigned his membership in September last, and Mr. Sayyid Ross Masud, Acting Director of Public Instruction, Hyderabad, has been appointed to take his place. Mr. C. E. Mallet, Secretary for Indian Students at the India Office, resigned his appointment as from the 1st January, and Dr. T. W. Arnold, who has long been in charge of the work at Cromwell Road, has succeeded Mr. Mallet under the name of Educational Adviser for Indian Students to the Secretary of State. I may perhaps be allowed to place on record the gratitude frequently expressed through me for the thoroughness and courtesy of Mr. Mallet's replies to enquirers and the searching and valuable enquiries he made on their behalf. Mr. Sen is now in charge at 21, Cornwell Road.

The chief events during the year which have been important to the Committee are as follows:—

The particulars of and rules regarding State Scholarships have been brought up to date and compiled in a single G.O. No. 593, dated 29th May 1916, and in this convenient form make a document of ready reference.

The allowances of the Secretary to the Committee and of his clerk have been placed on a permanent pensionable basis.

New arrangements have been made for the admission and supervision of Indian students at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge; the Students' Department at the India Office has been relieved of the responsibility it used to bear in this respect and its place taken by a Delegation for Oriental Students at Oxford and an Inter-Collegiate Committee at Cambridge, whose functions in each case may best be indicated shortly—if not quite accurately—by reference to the very similar body which looks after the Rhodes Scholars at Oxford.

The question of Indian students for the Bar has been the subject of much discussion during the past year, and special attention should be given to the remarks on this subject made by Mr. Mallet in his report for the year ending June 1916.

It is felt that there may still be a number of students and their parents who do not take advantage of the machinery now provided by the Advisory Committees and the India Office, and that their failure may not be due to any lack of knowledge the local Government has in G.O. No. 1246, dated 24th November 1916, issued instructions to officers granting certificates of identity to advise any students concerned to purchase the handbook and to communicate with the Secretary of the Committee, if they have not already done so. In accordance with an earlier G.O. No. 735, dated 4th July 1916, a circular advertising the Committee was issued early in February to 61 colleges, 143 secondary schools for boys, 33 high schools for girls and 70 secondary schools in Native States.

Frequent enquiries are made as to educational institutions and industrial training in Japan and America—perhaps these have become even more frequent since the war. As a Committee we have no literature or other information, and though much general advice as to means and preparation may be given which applies to travellers abroad, wherever their destination, I have often had to regret that I am unable to give the more particular information and advice which is also necessary. This defect has been partially remedied, at any rate, so far as the United States is concerned by the letter which the President of the American Association of University Professors at Chicago wrote on the 1st October 1916 to the University of Madras and was forwarded to me by the Registrar on the 23rd November 1916. That letter contains much useful information about University institutions in the United States and an offer is made to give such further information as may be asked for. I have already been able to refer three or four enquirers to this association.

For the rest the work has continued on its usual lines and there is nothing further of special importance to note.

A. DAVIES,  
Secretary.

TABLE I

NUMBER of applicants' letters received, replies sent, and interview held since 5th March 1916 to 10th March 1917.

| Community to which applicants belong.     | 1912-13. | 1913-14. | 1914-15. | 1915-16<br>23rd Oct.<br>1915 to 4th<br>March 1916. | 1916-17. |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Hindus .. .. .                            | ..       | 235      | 162      | 70                                                 | 196      |
| Muhammadans .. .. .                       | ..       | 23       | 8        | 3                                                  | 20       |
| Indian Christians .. .. .                 | ..       | 27       | 17       | 6                                                  | 18       |
| Domiciled Community .. .. .               | ..       | 18       | 14       | 6                                                  | 18       |
|                                           | 211      | 303      | 201      | 85                                                 | 264      |
| Number of communications received .. .. . | 460      | 544      | 312      | 68                                                 | 257      |
| Number of replies sent .. .. .            | 500      | 517      | 322      | 67                                                 | 268      |
| Number of interviews held .. .. .         | 69       | 93       | 68       | 17                                                 | 63       |

TABLE II

NUMBER of students who have gone to the United Kingdom.

| Community to which those who have left belong. | 1912-13. | 1913-14. | 1914-15. | 1915-16<br>23rd Oct.<br>1915 to 4th<br>March 1916. | 1916-17. |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Hindus .. .. .                                 | 22       | 23       | 12       | 2                                                  | 4        |
| Muhammadans .. .. .                            | 1        | 1        | ..       | ..                                                 | 1        |
| Indian Christians .. .. .                      | 4        | 1        | 3        | 1                                                  | 1        |
| Domiciled Community .. .. .                    | 4        | 4        | 2        | 1                                                  | 1        |
| Parsees .. .. .                                | ..       | 1        | ..       | ..                                                 | 0        |
|                                                | 31       | 30       | 17       | 3                                                  | 7        |

TABLE III

STUDIES to be pursued in the United Kingdom.

|                                              | 1912-13. | 1913-14. | 1914-15. | 1915-16.<br>28rd Oct.<br>1915 to 4th<br>March 1916. | 1916-17. |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| University Degrees in Arts and Science .. .. | 6        | 4        | 5        | 3                                                   | 4        |
| I.C.S. and other Services .. ..              | ..       | 4        | 3        | ..                                                  | 2        |
| Bar (London Inns .. ..                       | 14       | 5        | (2) 5    | ..                                                  | ..       |
| Bar (Kings Inns .. ..                        | ..       | 4        | (2) 2    | ..                                                  | ..       |
| Engineering .. ..                            | 4        | 3        | 3        | ..                                                  | 1        |
| Sanitary Engineering .. ..                   | ..       | ..       | ..       | ..                                                  | 2        |
| Medicine .. ..                               | 5        | 6        | 5        | ..                                                  | ..       |
| Agriculture .. ..                            | ..       | 1        | ..       | ..                                                  | 1        |
| Forestry .. ..                               | 2        | 1        | ..       | ..                                                  | ..       |
| Chartered Accountant .. ..                   | ..       | ..       | ..       | ..                                                  | ..       |
| Textile Industry .. ..                       | ..       | ..       | ..       | ..                                                  | ..       |
| Not known .. ..                              | ..       | 2        | ..       | ..                                                  | ..       |

TABLE IV

EDUCATIONAL centres to which students have gone.

|                          | 1912-13. | 1913-14. | 1914-15. | 1915-16. | 1916-17. |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Oxford .. .. .           | 1        | 3        | 4        | (?) 1    | .. 2     |
| Cambridge .. .. .        | 2        | 4        | (?) 1    | ..       | .. 1     |
| London .. .. .           | 6        | 6        | 3        | ..       | ..       |
| Bar (London Inns .. .. . | (?) 12   | 4        | 2        | ..       | ..       |
| Kings Inns .. .. .       | ..       | 6        | (?) 2    | ..       | ..       |
| Manchester .. .. .       | ..       | 2        | ..       | ..       | ..       |
| Bristol .. .. .          | ..       | ..       | ..       | ..       | ..       |
| Edinburgh .. .. .        | 10       | 4        | 3        | 2        | .. 3     |
| Glasgow .. .. .          | ..       | ..       | 1        | ..       | ..       |
| Dublin .. .. .           | ..       | 4        | 9        | ..       | ..       |
| Durham .. .. .           | 1        | ..       | ..       | ..       | ..       |
| School .. .. .           | ..       | 1        | ..       | ..       | ..       |
| Unknown .. .. .          | 11       | 6        | 1        | ..       | .. 1     |

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

(True Extract)

E. A. HARVEY,  
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

To the Secretary, the Madras Students' Advisory Committee  
 „ Director of Public Instruction.  
 „ Registrar, University of Madras.

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a. Rep. University, Madras

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