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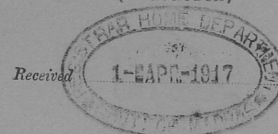
Recording letter from the Director of Public Instruction stating that it will suffice if, in future, the register numbers only of the unsuccessful candidates at the High School and scholarship ----- under the Code of Regulations for European schools are published.

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Home (Education)

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Submitting remarks regarding the publication of only the register numbers of failed candidates in the High School and Scholarship Examinations.

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From (Name) The Hon. Mr. J. H. Stone, M.A., F.R.H.S., C.I.E.
(Designation) Director of Public Instruction.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home (Education) Department.

Sir,

With reference to Government Memo. No. 1042-1 Home Department (Education), dated 5th March 1917, I have the honour to state that the Inspector of European and Training Schools considers and I agree with him that there is no need to publish the names of unsuccessful candidates in the High School and Scholarship examination and that it will suffice if only their register numbers are published.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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P.V.S. 30.3.17. For Director of Public Instruction.

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CUTTINGS FROM NEWSPAPERS.

1. Name of Paper-- *Madras Times*
2. Published at-- *Madras*
3. Dated-- *2.3.17*

Educational Notes

[By "BUSHBY."]

In the *Port St. George Gazette* this week there is a notification of the books published in the Madras Presidency during the last three months of 1916, and I note that twelve books were published on the "English Language." Every one of the twelve, however, was a book of "Notes" on one or another of the English text-books for prospective examinations.

Still they come! I don't remember how many of such books of "Notes" were published earlier in the year; but anyway here is an additional round dozen. The cost of the books ranges from three annas to a rupee.

"Introduction, notes, etc."—"Analysis and notes"—"Full explanatory notes." Such are the various descriptions of the books, and one enterprising instructor in the "English Language" ventures to give "Exhaustive questions and detailed answers on all the two detailed and the five non-detailed English Texts, prescribed for the Matriculation and School Final Examination, 1917."

I see that Stanes's European High School, Coonoor, had the honour of passing the solitary first-class candidate at the last High School examination for European schools in the Madras Presidency. A girl from the Convent at Tangasseri stands first in the second class.

It is interesting to note that thirty-seven Anglo-Indian girls have passed the examination and only twenty-two Anglo-Indian boys. Thirty-five Anglo-Indian girls have failed, and twenty-eight Anglo-Indian boys. This means the seventy-two Anglo-Indian girls appeared and fifty Anglo-Indian boys.

There are one or two facts to be noted from these figures. In the first place the percentage of passes in the case of the boys was 44; the percentage of passes in the case of the girls was 51. This means that the girls did considerably better than the boys.

It is much to be regretted that the boys should have done so badly. There is a continual cry for a forward movement on the part of Anglo-Indian young men; but they can't expect to get on unless they study with zeal. It is surely a shame that they should allow themselves to be beaten by their sisters.

But there's another point, which is perhaps even more serious, namely that seventy-two girls appeared for the examination and only fifty boys. It can't mean that there are so many more girl pupils than boys, and it can scarcely mean anything else than that too many boys are indifferent about anything in the way of higher education.

A number of Anglo-Indian boys leave school and get a small post long before they ought; and this is one of the reasons of the much-talked-of backwardness among the community. Boys who might have done well in life, if only they were properly educated, are withdrawn from school long before their time, and are earning a small salary, and are perhaps husbands and fathers, at a time when they might have been at College, fitting themselves for an honourable position in life.

Often, of course, it is a matter of absolute necessity. Poverty forbids any further schooling. But only too often, it is pure indifference—a desire to be their own masters before their time. And sometimes Anglo-Indian parents deliberately encourage such an inclination, and are delighted that their boy should be earning money so young.

In Bangalore things are much better. The five candidates in the first class are all of them boys. The first two and the fourth are from St. Joseph's College. The second and the fifth are from Bishop's College.

I notice that in the "Failure List" the Educational Department are cruel enough—as they always are—to publish the names of the unfortunate candidates in full, for all the world to see. There is absolutely no reason whatsoever for such unkindness.

And to make matters worse, the names of the girls who have failed are printed in big black letters, standing out from the rest. Departmental gallantry!

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(Continuation of routine notes.)

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Let me see this please.

E. H. H. 3.3.17

The failure list referred to is published on the last pages of the Gazette file - placed below.

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I think in my report to the D.P.I. that the number only of the unsuccessful candidates was published. This is the custom known to be.

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A draft memo to the D.P.I. is

Submitted below.

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3.2.17

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[Memo No. 1042-1, dt the 5th March 17]

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The Director and the Inspector of European and Training Schools agree to the suggestion to publish in future only the registered numbers of unsuccessful candidates in the High School & Scholarship exams. A draft regarding the papers is submitted.

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2.4.17

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