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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—the 14th June 1918.
 No.—R.C. 3732.

I have the honour to submit herewith, for the information of Government, a copy of my Proceedings R.C. No. 3732/18, dated 8th June 1918, reviewing the report on the working of the Government Training College, Rajahmundry, for 1917-18.

ENCLOSURE

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, R.C. No. 3732/18, dated 8th June 1918.

Read—the following paper:—

Letter—from R. W. Ross, Esq., B.A., Principal, Government Training College, Rajahmundry.
 To—the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
 Dated—the 14th April 1918.
 No.—R.C. 157-C.

I have the honour to submit my report on the working of the Training College, Rajahmundry, during the academic year 1917-18.

Accommodation.—Towards providing temporary accommodation for the college a building containing six rooms was erected during May and June 1917 in the model school compound at a cost of Rs. 4,100-13-4. As some of the rooms were found to be inadequate for college purposes, the college has made use of some rooms in the school building and the school has utilized the rooms thus vacated. A University Commission visited the college in January 1918 and recommended only temporary affiliation with the university as the accommodation was considered quite inadequate. Arrangements are now being made to acquire a new site for the college and it is hoped that land will be acquired at an early date.

Staff.—The college opened on the 2nd of July with only one member of the staff present. Three days later M.R.Ry. R. Tatacharya Avargal, Junior Professor of Education, joined his appointment as Junior Professor of Education and Lecturer in Mathematics, and within a week the following joined their appointments: M.R.Ry. V. Sayanna Sastri Garu, Lecturer in Theory and Practice of Education; M.R.Ry. G. Sambamurti Garu, Lecturer in Physical Science; and M.R.Ry. G. K. Duggirala Garu, Lecturer in History. During the year the Principal has been the Lecturer in English and has been helped by Mr. Sayanna Sastri in the work of superintending students' progress in that subject. All members of the college staff have taught regularly in the sixth form classes of the model school from four to seven periods every week. They have also been responsible for drawing up definite courses of study to be followed by the teachers in the model school and have had periodical meetings with them to discuss the progress made and difficulties encountered. The staff of the secondary grade section in July 1917 consisted of M.R.Ry. K. Sudarsana Rao Garu, Headmaster, M.R.Ry. N. A. Narasimha Achariyar Avargal, First Assistant, and M.R.Ry. K. Sundaresan, Temporary Assistant. In September the Headmaster went away on six months' leave and his place was taken by M.R.Ry. S. N. Venkatarama Ayyar Avargal.

Furniture and apparatus.—Rs. 4,407-11-1 (of which Rs. 3,269-11-0 was spent on desks for the model school) have been spent on furniture and Rs. 1,122-2-3 on books in addition to Rs. 1,883-8-3 used in the purchase of apparatus for the Mathematics and Science sections. The total budget allotment under the latter head has not been utilized on account of the difficulty in obtaining goods from England under the present war conditions.

Strength and attendance.—There were 150 students on the rolls at the beginning of the year 1917, of whom 50 belonged to the collegiate section and 100 to the secondary section. It may be pointed out that when the college section at Rajahmundry was closed in December 1910, there were only 17 graduate students under training. During the present year the number of graduate students has decreased by two, as one of them died and the other went away to the Law College. The number of secondary grade students has decreased by six, as three died and three left owing to illness:—

	1910.	1917-18.
M.A.'s	..	4
B.A. (Hon.)	..	3
B.A.	17	41
F.A.	5	..
Matriculates	25	7
S.S.L.C.	..	87

Of the 48 students belonging to the Collegiate section, 45 were Brahmans, 2 were Indian Christians and 1 was a non-Brahman. Forty-three received Government stipends, three municipal and two board stipends. The distribution of the students according to their special subjects was—

History and Geography	32
Mathematics	9
Physical Science	7

Of the 94 secondary grade students, 74 were Brahmans, 7 non-Brahmans and 13 Indian Christians. Only 46 of these received Government stipends; the remainder came at their own expense or were helped by taluk boards, municipal councils or private institutions.

The distribution of students according to the districts was as follows:—

District.	Collegiate section.	Secondary section.
	NO.	NO.
Anantapur	Nil.	2
Bellary	Nil.	1
Chittoor	Nil.	Nil.
Cuddapah	Nil.	Nil.
Ganjam	7	6
Gōdāvari	10	34
Guntur	7	16
Madras	Nil.	1
Kurnool	Nil.	6
Kistna	11	15
Nellore	1	6
North Arcot	Nil.	Nil.
Vizagapatam	12	7

Model school.—The number of classes in the model school has been increased by the opening of the fourth and fifth classes in August 1917. For some time these classes were taught by the students under training, but since January 1918 they have had their own teachers. Students have been able to observe experiments in the methods of teaching English from the fourth class upwards and the object in opening these classes has been fully realized. There were 401 boys and 3 girls on the rolls on the 31st March 1918 as against 356 boys on the 31st March 1917:—

	1917.		1918.	
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
Upper Secondary department	242	..	245	..
Lower Secondary department	122	..	101	..
Primary department	..	..	55	3

The average number on the rolls and the average daily attendance during the year were 419 and 382 respectively.

Examination in drill.—All the students under training were examined in drill by Staff Sergeant Shepherd, 1-32nd Battalion, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Rifles, on the 27th of March 1918. He reports that the physical exercises were carried out very satisfactorily; but that with regard to squad drill keeping step both in marking time and on the march was far from satisfactory.

Library.—During the year an attempt has been made to make the library accessible to all. Hitherto books for the use of pupils of the model school and for students under training were mixed up together in almyrahs closely packed together; but since the opening of the College section books have been separated and placed in separate rooms where they can be clearly recognized and selected. The rooms have also been made to serve the purpose of reading rooms and sitting accommodation has been provided. On checking the volumes in the library in May 1917 it was discovered that a great many were missing and no explanation was forthcoming as to their disappearance. A fresh catalogue has now been prepared and special orders have been given as to the issuing and returning of books. The librarian recently appointed reports that all the books issued by him have been returned. In addition to the general library, there are special class libraries in charge of college lecturers. They have recently checked all their books and report that none are missing. The total number of volumes in the general library on the 31st of March 1918 was 4,532 and the number of volumes in the special libraries amounted to 1,493. The number of books issued from the general library during the year to the members of the staff and the students was 995 and 2,500 respectively. The model school library consists of 1,634 books and are in charge of three teachers. They report that all of them have been returned by the pupils. Two thousand one hundred and fifty-four books were issued during the year.

Training College Teachers' Association.—The collegiate and secondary grade sections have had their separate associations and have held meetings regularly. The collegiate branch held its anniversary on the 16th of March 1918 and tried to organize a college day annual celebration.

The Recreation Club.—On account of very limited play-ground space, the students under training have not been able to take very much part in games. There is not even sufficient space for the model school boys, and therefore the students have had to refrain from games with the exception of a small minority who were able to arrange tennis during the last three or four months. Mr. Noehren, Director of Physical Instruction, during his week's visit to the college taught the students the game of Volley Ball and made them realize that in spite of limited accommodation recreation of a certain type can be secured.

The Model School Football Team competed for the Pentland Football Shield and won it for the second time in three years.

It is hoped that the Boys Scout movement will be started in the school next July and to this end one of the staff has undergone training as a scoutmaster in Madras.

The College Hostel.—During the year a building near the college has been rented by the students and used as a hostel. As it only accommodates 36 students the bulk of them have to live elsewhere, and judging from their general ill-health, it must be inferred that their dwelling places are anything but sanitary. The need for a college hostel is keenly felt but cannot be met until a new site for the college has been selected. The average cost of boarding and lodging for each student was about Rs. 12 per mensem.

General.—In January 1918 Mr. Noehren, the Director of Physical Instruction, visited the college and gave a course of lectures on physiology and hygiene to the graduate students. He also taught the staff of the model school and the training section students a variety of games such as can be played on limited ground.

2. The tutorial system has been introduced into the college, but I feel unable to make a definite pronouncement on the subject after such a short trial.

Finance.—The receipts and charges of the model school and the college during the year under report were Rs. 13,622-10-0 and Rs. 45,063-7-11 respectively. The net cost to Government of maintaining the college was Rs. 31,440-13-11 and the cost of educating each student was about Rs. 400.

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