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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 14th June 1918.

No.—R.C. 3757.

I have the honour to submit herewith for the information of Government a copy of my Proceedings R.C. No. 3757, dated 11th June 1918, reviewing the report on the working of the Government Arts College, Rajahmundry, during the year 1917-18.

ENCLOSURE

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, R.C. No. 3757, dated 11th June 1918.

Read—the following paper :—

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

To—the Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—the 20th April 1918.

No.—C. 109.

I have the honor to submit my report on the working of the College during the year extending from 1st April 1917 to 31st March 1918.

2. *Changes in the staff*.—M.R.Ry. A. Chakravarti, Chief Lecturer in Philosophy, appointed to be Professor of Mental and Moral Science, Presidency College, was relieved on the afternoon of the 25th June 1917 and succeeded by M.R.Ry. S. Radhakrishnan, M.A., L.T., of the latter College, who joined his appointment in the forenoon of 2nd July 1917.

M.R.Ry. V. Appa Rao, Assistant Lecturer in Physics, was transferred to the Ceded Districts College, Anantapur. He was relieved on the afternoon of 27th June 1917. In his place M.R.Ry. M. Chayappa, M.A., L.T., was appointed to act and he joined duty on the afternoon of the 23rd July 1917.

M.R.Ry. R. Tatacharya, Assistant Lecturer in Mathematics, was appointed Junior Professor of Education, Government Training College, Rajahmundry. He was relieved in the forenoon of 5th July 1917, and was succeeded by M.R.Ry. S. Muthukrishna Ayyar, M.A., L.T., who joined duty on the forenoon of 13th July 1917.

The other changes in the staff can be seen most conveniently in the annexed table (Appendix A).

Application has been made for strengthening the staff by the addition of Assistant Lecturers in Chemistry and History.

3. *Accommodation and equipment*.—Accommodation is still insufficient, tiffin rooms having to be used as class-rooms, and other shifts resorted to. There is no spare space in the College for storage and other purposes. The Library will soon require extension, and the College should have some sort of junior common room for students not engaged in class, as I have stated in reply to your Proceedings C. No. 6574/17, dated 10th August 1917. It is desirable also that certain special subjects, such as history, should have special rooms appropriately fitted up. A scheme of extension is therefore necessary and will be submitted as soon as the report of the University Inspection Commission is received.

Though the working tables for the Chemical Laboratory were received about this time last year, the work of fitting up gas and water-pipes was only recently taken up.

Regarding the high pressure tank, the question of constructing a separate masonry work for the erection of the tank is under consideration.

A solid stair case leading to the water tanks on the terrace has been constructed.

College compound.—The acquisition of a plot of ground adjoining the College for the construction of a latrine has not yet been effected owing to the unusual delay in the preparation of the rough plans and estimates. This matter drags on from year to year, though it concerns an urgent need. Regarding the provision of further playground space, for which I have always contended, suggestions were submitted in this office letter R.C. No. 274/17, dated 6th September 1917, and also made recently to you in person. The gist of the situation is contained in the following paragraph of my letter:—

“There is a large tank south of the field which might be filled in and made into a good field, but the cost would be considerable. On the north lies a Mala village and the Inspetta Post office. If these three adjoining sites could be acquired and joined the College would be adequately provided with recreation grounds. The sooner it is done the cheaper it will be.” Or the acquisition of adjoining sites may be undertaken without filling the tank.

4. *Strength and attendance.*—The following statement gives the number of students on the rolls in the first and second terms of 1916-17 and 1917-18.

	1916-17.		1917-18.	
	First term.	Second term.	First term.	Second term.
First year class	85	85	86	84
Second “	77	62	75	72
Third “	45	45	49	49
Fourth “	74	67	46	48
Total ..	281	259	256	253

During the second term eight students left, one died and six students joined.

5. *Distribution of students.*—Appendix B gives the distribution of students on the 31st March 1918 according to (i) caste or race, (ii) wealth of parents and (iii) occupation of parents.

As usual the Brahmans form the bulk of the students. The number of Muhammadans has decreased.

Appendix C shows the distribution of students according to the districts to which they belong. There was last year a considerable increase in the number of students from Kistna. There was one lady student in the Junior Intermediate class.

6. *Statistics of language studies other than English.*—The following statement shows the number of students who took up the various second languages for composition and translation in the Intermediate classes.

	First year.		Second year.	
	Composition.		Translation.	
Telugu	...	81	...	63
Urdu	...	1	...	1
Tamil (Private study)	...	...	...	1
		82		65
		—		—
Sanskrit translation	...	2	...	6

The number of students who took the various combinations of subjects under Group (iii) of the Intermediate course in which the College provides instruction is as detailed below:—

	First year.	Second year.
Ancient History, Modern History and Logic	1	32
“ “ and Sanskrit	...	3
“ “ and Telugu	33	...
“ “ Telugu and Logic	...	4
Sanskrit, Telugu and Logic	4	...
	38	39

7. *Statistics of special study.*—The following statement shows the number of students in the several divisions of special study:—

	First year.	Second year.
Group I	46	33
Group III	38	39
	84	72

In the second-year class there were three students under the ‘Compartmental system,’—two taking Part I only and one taking Part II only—

	Third year.	Fourth year.
Group I	7	12
“ II (a)	11	6
“ IV	18	10
“ V	10	13
“ VI	3	4
English only	...	3
	49	48

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

Books of the approximate value of Rs. 1,900 including the special allotment of Rs. 1,000 were added to the library during the year.

Last year’s regular income of books was paid for this year, the last year’s budget provision having been spent on a special order of Indian History books. Hence the extra expenditure.

Stock-taking of library books as required in Proceedings Dis. No. 75, dated 6th January 1917.—The library has been checked. Three old books are missing and I propose to write them off.

The library classes are working satisfactorily.

9. *College examinations.*—These examinations were held for all the classes in November last and for the junior classes in March 1918. There was thus a return to the old system of examining each class twice in the year.

10. *University examinations.*—The results of the University examinations held in March and April 1917 are appended in tabular form (Appendix E). Sixty-six students were sent up for the Intermediate examination, six of whom did not sit. Of these sixty, 58 appeared for both parts and 2 for Part I only. Eight students passed in both parts, three in Part I only (of these three two secured passes by compartmental system) and eighteen in Part II only.

In the B.A. Degree examination last year the college secured two first classes in Philosophy. On the whole there was in neither examination any improvement upon the results of the previous year. Under these circumstances I have been compelled rather reluctantly to return to the old system of two college examinations yearly. But I have better hopes of the various reforms which have recently been introduced in the method of the University examination itself, of fairer questions and the comparative stoppage of ‘hint-hunting’—an evil which, I hope, will not be allowed to revive.

11. *Receipts and charges.*—The receipts and charges during the official years 1916-17 and 1917-18 are given in the following statement:—

Items.	1916-17.			1917-18.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
<i>Receipts.</i>						
College fees including reading room fees ...	26,675	12	0	24,935	0	0
Fines ...	78	13	0	108	2	0
Miscellaneous ...	109	12	8	296	5	0
Room rents of Metcalfe hostel ...	399	14	0	648	9	4
	27,264	3	8	25,988	0	4
Refunds ...				55	0	0
				25,933	0	4
<i>Charges.</i>						
Principal, lecturers and assistant lecturers ...	42,036	12	5	43,903	3	5
Masters and teachers including mechanic.	3,167	4	0	2,983	8	1
Establishment including clerk, librarian, attenders and peons ...	1,697	10	3	1,842	13	8
Demonstrators ...	974	3	2	819	5	9
Travelling allowance ...				444	0	2
Books and maps ...				1,862	0	10
Apparatus, laboratory and Europe stores.	10,916	6	6	3,185	2	9
Other contingencies ...				2,655	4	6
	58,792	4	4	57,695	7	2

12. *Scholarships and prizes.*—The scholarships and prizes were awarded as follows:—

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES.

Poor scholars fund.						
			Class.	Group.	RS.	A. P.
Per annum	{	Ch. Annappa	iv	...	26	7 0
		T. Raghava Rao	iii	v	26	7 0
		Ch. Suryanarayana	ii	i	20	13 0
		A. Ramamurti	ii	i	20	13 0
Muhammadan scholarships.						
Per mensem	{	Sheriff Nur-ud-din	iv	iv	7	0 0
		Mustafa Ali Baig	ii	iii	5	8 0
		Amir Ali Baig	i	i	5	8 0
		Madina Basha	i	iii	5	8 0
		A. Satyanarayanamurti	iv, part i only.	...	Bhaskara Rao's prize, Rs. 7.	
Per annum	{	P. Sarveswara Rao	iv	v	The Subrahmanya Ayyar's prize, Rs. 8-12-0.	
		P. Virraju	ii	i	Sundara Rao prize, Rs. 8-12-0.	
		K. V. Subba Rao	ii	iii	The young scholar-ship, Rs. 27-8-0.	
		D. Surya Rao	iii	i	The Coronation Darbar Medal, Rs. 28.	
		S. Lakshminarayana Rao	...	...		
Government scholarships.						
Per mensem	{	K. Venkatakrishna Rao	i	i	9	0 0
		G. Venkatasubbayya	ii	i	9	0 0
		Vanka Venkanna	iii	v	14	0 0
		D. Srinivasulu	iv	v	14	0 0

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

14. *Games and athletics.*—As in previous years the games played were foot-ball, hockey, tennis and badminton. The foot-ball team were again in the finals for both

the Bell Cup and the Nimble Trophy, but failed to achieve either. Our college teams reached also the finals of the tennis doubles in the Syed Memorial Presidency Tournament and hockey trophy. Darbar sports were carried through successfully on the 12th December 1917.

The finances of the recreation club were administered by a committee consisting of the Principal (President), Messrs. B. Raghavendra Rao, S. Radhakrishnan, M. Viyanna and A. Bapiraju (Secretary). Most of the savings were lost by burglary, as elsewhere reported.

15. *College societies.*—The Metcalfe Young Men's Literary Association attached to the college did fairly satisfactory work during the year under review, though the Secretary again complains of lack of support among the students. Scenes from Henry IV, Part I, were staged at the annual celebration of the society as usual—a very successful function, the only approach at present to anything in the nature of a college day.

16. *Hostel.*—The strength of the hostel continued to range between 40 and 50. An approximate estimate of Rs. 34,000 for the construction of additional hostel buildings has been approved by Government. The detailed plans and estimates are now being prepared by the Superintending Engineer, I Circle.

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

17. *Discipline.*—Satisfactory.

18. *Tutorial system.*—The tutorial system was continued throughout the year with satisfactory results.

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

20. *Service registers.*—The service books have been verified up to 31st March 1918.

21. *The University Commission.*—Inspected the college during the last week of September 1917. Its report, as already mentioned elsewhere, has not yet been received.

22. *General.*—In conclusion, I have to thank my colleagues of the staff for their zealous co-operation in the work of the college.

APPENDIX A.

Staff and distribution of work.

Appointment.	Officer's name and date.	Permanent or acting.	Remarks.
<i>English.</i>			
Principal and Professor of English.	O. J. Couldrey, Esq., M.A., whole year	Permanent.	
Assistant Lecturer	M.R.Ry. D. A. Narasimham do.	Do.	
Do.	" K. Venkata Rao do.	Do.	
Do.	" M. Suryanarayana do.	Do.	
<i>Mathematics.</i>			
Chief Lecturer	M.R.Ry. B. Raghavendra Rao, whole year	Do.	
Assistant Lecturer	" R. Tatacharya, from 1st April 1917 to 4th July 1917	Do.	On other duty.
Do.	" S. Muthukrishna Ayyar, from 13th July 1917 to 31st March 1918.	Sub. pro tem.	
<i>Physics.</i>			
Chief Lecturer	M.R.Ry. R. Satagopa Ayyangar, whole year	Permanent.	
Assistant Lecturer	" V. Appa Rao, from 1st April 1917 to 27th June 1917	Do.	On other duty.
Do.	" M. Chayappa, from 23rd July 1917 to 31st March 1918.	Sub. pro tem.	
<i>Philosophy.</i>			
Chief Lecturer	M.R.Ry. A. Chakravarti, from 1st April 1917 to 25th June 1917.	Permanent.	On other duty.
Do.	" S. Radhakrishnan, 2nd July 1917 to 31st March 1918	Acting.	
Assistant Lecturer	" M. Lakshminarayana Rao, whole year	Permanent.	
<i>History.</i>			
Chief Lecturer	C. A. Wilkinson, Esq., whole year	Do.	
Assistant Lecturer	M.R.Ry. N. Raghava Achari	Do.	On other duty.
Do.	" C. N. Ekambara Mudaliyar, whole year	Acting.	

Staff and distribution of work—cont.

Appointment.	Officer's name and date.	Permanent or acting.	Remarks.
Masters and Teachers.			
Senior Pandit	M.R.Ry. K. Venkatarama Sastri, whole year	Acting.	Was on privilege leave for 24 days from 22nd December 1917.
Junior do.	" V. Subbarayudu do.	Do.	
Hindustani Munshi ..	Moulvi Muhammad Ismail Khan Sahib, whole year	Do.	
Gymnastic Instructor ..	Y. Ramachandra Rao, retired with effect from 1st April 1917 ..	..	
....	M. Narasimhaswami, acting sub. <i>pro tem.</i> from 24th April 1917 to 31st March 1918.	..	
Establishment.			
Clerk	A. B. Sankaram, from 1st April 1917 to 28th June 1917	Permanent.	Has been placed under suspension from 29th June 1917.
....	W. Veeraraghava Rao, from 29th June 1917 to 31st August 1917.	Acting.	
....	P. G. Ramanadhan, from 1st September 1917 to 31st March 1918.	Do.	
Librarian	M. Lakshminarasimha Achari, whole year	Permanent.	
Mechanic	Muhammad Abdul Aziz Sahib, whole year	Do.	
Temporary establishment.			
Demonstrator	M. Viyanas, from 3rd July 1917 to 12th March 1918	..	Resigned and relieved on 12th March 1918.
....	G. V. Subba Rao, from 12th July 1917 to 31st March 1918	..	

APPENDIX B-1.

Distribution of students according to classes or community.

Class.	Brahmans.	Non-Brahmans.	Muham-madans.	Indian Christians.	Total.
First-year class ..	72	10	1	1	84
Second-year ,, ..	63	8	1	..	72
Third-year ,, ..	43	6	..	..	49
Fourth-year ,, ..	42	5	1	..	48
Total ..	220	29	3	1	253

APPENDIX B-2.

Distribution of students according to wealth.

Class.	Rich.	Middle.	Poor.	Total.
First-year class ..	..	76	8	84
Second-year ,, ..	..	65	7	72
Third-year ,, ..	..	46	3	49
Fourth-year ,, ..	..	45	..	48
Total ..	3	232	18	253

APPENDIX B-3.

Distribution of students according to occupation of parents or guardians.

Class.	Official.	Petty official.	Traders.	Land-holders.	Artisans.	Total.
First-year class ..	30	13	4	36	1	84
Second-year ,, ..	33	6	8	25	..	72
Third-year ,, ..	13	6	3	27	..	49
Fourth-year ,, ..	20	5	1	22	..	48
Total ..	96	30	16	110	1	253

APPENDIX C.

Distribution of students according to districts.

Class.	Ganjam.	Godavari.	Kistna.	Guntur.	Nellore.	Anantapur.	Cuddapah.	Madras.	Malabar.	Tanjore.	Total.
First-year class ..	..	49	30	1	3	..	..	1	..	..	84
Second-year ,, ..	..	45	22	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	72
Third-year ,, ..	..	17	25	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	49
Fourth-year ,, ..	..	3	16	25	1	..	1	..	1	1	48
Total ..	3	127	102	10	4	1	1	1	3	1	253

APPENDIX D-1.

Statement showing the number of books issued during 1916-17 and 1917-18.

Item.	1916-17.		1917-18.	
	Students.	Staff.	Students.	Staff.
(i) Books lent for study beyond the college premises—				
English (General Literature) ..	1,671	516	1,491	535
Mathematics ..	157	59	142	42
Philosophy ..	144	66	133	179
History ..	711	400	622	294
Physical Science ..	51	20	78	75
Total ..	2,734	1,061	2,466	1,125
(ii) Books issued for study in the Library and Reading rooms ..	3,795	..	3,591	..
	6,590	..	10,066	..
Total ..	10,385	..	13,657	..

APPENDIX D-2.

Statement showing the total number of volumes in the library.

Total number of volumes in the library 9,714

APPENDIX E.

Results in the Intermediate and B.A. Degree Examination in 1916-17.

		Number applied.	Number appeared.	Number passed.			Percentage passed.	Percentage 1915-16.	University percentage.
				First class.	Second class.	Total.			
Intermediate Examination.									
Group I ..	..	} 66 {	31	..	5	5	16.1	12.0	22.8
Group III ..	..		27	..	3	3	11.1	19.2	20.3
Part I ..	..		60	..	..	11	18.3	..	..
Part II—	..								
Group I ..	..		31	..	..	13	41.9	..	..
Group III ..	..		27	..	..	13	48.1	..	..
B.A. Degree Examination.									
English ..	..	63	60	..	14	14	23.3	31.3	40.6
Mathematics ..	..	10	10	..	5	5	50.0	16.6	51.6
Physics ..	..	7	7	..	4	4	57.1	66.6	71.3
Philosophy ..	..	24	24	2	20	22	91.7	70.6	81.9
History ..	..	20	20	..	11	11	55.0	45.0	77.5
Languages ..	..	3	3	..	3	3	10.0	50.0	85.7

Statement of failures in the B.A. Degree Examination.

Proceedings--R.C. No. 3757, dated 11th June 1918.

2. There was a decline in the strength of the fourth-year class while that of the other classes remained almost stationary.

3. The Director observes with regret the repetition of the previous year's failure in English in the University examinations. He cannot altogether accept the explanation that this is due to the University's methods of examination and trusts that a thorough investigation of the working of the staff in English will be made and the necessary steps taken to improve it.

4. Government have sanctioned the strengthening of the staff from July next by the addition of two assistant lecturers in the collegiate branch of the Subordinate Educational Service—one for History and the other for Chemistry.

5. The Principal may, on receipt of the report of the University Inspection Commission, submit proposals for meeting the needs of the college in the matter of additional accommodation.

(True extract)

J. H. STONE,
Director of Public Instruction.

To the Principal, Government Arts College, Rajahmundry.
 „ Principals of other Government Colleges.
 „ Inspector of Schools, First Circle.
 „ Assistant Inspector of Schools, Godāvāri district.
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R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

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