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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 1910.

Dated—Madras, the 15th June 1918.

No.—R.C. 4079.

I have the honour to submit herewith for the information of Government a copy of my Proceedings R.C. No. 4079, dated 8th June 1918, reviewing the report on the working of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, during the year 1917-18.

ENCLOSURE

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, R.C. No. 4079,
dated 8th June 1918.

Read—the following paper :—

Letter—from H. S. DUNCAN, Esq., M.A., Principal, Teachers' College, Saidapet.
To—the Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—the 28th April 1918.

No.—C. 131/D.

I have the honor to submit my report on the working of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, during the academic year 1917-18.

Staff.—R. W. Ross, Esq., Vice-Principal of the College, was transferred to the Rajahmundry Training College as Principal and he handed over charge on the 26th May 1917. The vice-principalship was vacant from 27th May to 28th June 1917 when M.R.Ry. T. V. Sivakumara Sastriyar, Senior Lecturer, was appointed to act as Vice-Principal. M.R. Ry. C. S. Sundaram Ayyar, Headmaster, Secondary Training Section of the College, was appointed to act as Lecturer vice M.R.Ry. T. V. Sivakumara Sastriyar. M.R.Ry. C. V. Subrahmanyam, acting First Assistant, Secondary Training Section, was appointed as Headmaster vice M.R.Ry. C. S. Sundaram Ayyar. On other duty, and M.R.Ry. M. R. Subrahmanyam reverted to his permanent appointment as First Assistant of the Secondary Training Section. M.R.Ry P. Ranganatha Ayyar, temporary assistant, was appointed acting assistant on Rs. 75—2½—100 vice M.R.Ry. P. Sitarama Ayyar on other duty. The revised scale of pay sanctioned for the teachers employed in the Kindergarten department of the school in G.O. No. 2, Home (Education) Department, dated 3rd January 1917, was given effect to from 1st July 1917, and in consequence there were also a few other changes in the staff of the Model School. The continuance of the temporary assistants of the Model School was as usual sanctioned for the year under report.

Accommodation.—A small urinal was constructed during the year for the use of the pupils of the Model School at a cost of about Rs. 70. A few minor repairs to the hostel buildings were also made and a bathing shed for the Brahman students was opened. As usual the annual repairs to the buildings, including the Principal's and the Vice-Principal's quarters, were undertaken by the Public Works Department.

Furniture and apparatus.—Some of the old reversible desks and benches with backs were converted into dual desks. The Physical Science Laboratory and the Mathematics section were supplied with a few articles of furniture during the year.

Strength and attendance.—There were 167 students on the rolls on the 31st March 1918 as against 166 on the 31st March 1917 as shown below :—

	1916-17.	1917-18.
M.A. ...	9	1
B.A. (Honours) ...	16	18
B.A. ...	87	79
F.A. ...	1	3
Matriculate ...	12	10
S.S.L.C. ...	41	56
Total ...	166	167

Of the 167 students, 98 belonged to the Collegiate grade, 47 to the Secondary grade and 22 to the Manual Training section. The decrease in the number of Collegiate grade students was partly due to the opening of the Training College at Rajahmundry and partly to the withdrawal of certain students after admission. Of the 98 students, 2 were Anglo-Indians, 11 were Indian Christians, 1 was a Muhammadan, 8 were Non-Brahmans and the remaining 76 were Brahmans. There were 6 lady students during the year, excluding one who left the institution in November to take up an appointment in the Queen Mary's College, as against one in the previous year. The distribution of the students according to their special subjects is given below :—

Mathematics ...	21
Physical Science ...	19
History ...	47
Natural Science ...	3
Kindergarten ...	8
Total ...	98

Of the 98 students, 7 were relieved before the 31st March 1918.

Forty-seven students were admitted into the Secondary grade section during the year as against 45 in the preceding year. Of these, 3 were relieved on the 22nd March 1918 and the remaining 44 on the 27th March after the Teachers' School-Leaving Certificate examination was over.

Manual Training class.—In addition to the 10 students admitted in July 1916, 10 were admitted during the year in July 1917. At the request of the Manager, A.M. Training School, Pasumalai, one student was admitted as a free student in July 1917 for a course of one year's training, and again, in January 1918, a pupil from the Reformatory School, Chingleput, was admitted for a one year's course on the special recommendation of the Superintendent, Reformatory School, Chingleput, and with the approval of the Director of Public Instruction. Thus the total number admitted during the year was 12. On the whole there were 22 students under training during the year 1917-18. The distribution according to caste or creed of the Secondary grade and Manual Training class students admitted during the year is given below :—

	Secondary grade.	Manual training.
Indian Christians ...	4	4
Muhammadans ...	6	2
Brahmans ...	32	11
Non-Brahmans ...	5	5
Total ...	47	22

Of the 10 stipendiary students admitted into the Manual Training class in July 1917, two municipal stipendiaries, at the request of the Chairman of the Municipality were relieved along with the Secondary grade students, and the senior or second year students of the Manual Training class on the 27th March 1918.

The distribution of students according to districts is given below :—

District.	L.T.	Secondary and Manual Training.
Bellary ...	...	5
Chingleput ...	5	6
Chittoor ...	2	8
Cuddapah ...	2	4
Coimbatore ...	2	...
Ganjām ...	...	4
Guntūr ...	...	2
Kurnool ...	...	2
Kistna ...	1	...
Malabar ...	16	...
Madras ...	7	13
Madura ...	3	1
Nellore ...	2	8
The Nilgiris ...	2	...
North Arcot ...	2	1
South Arcot ...	2	9
South Kanara ...	4	...
Salem ...	2	1
Tanjore ...	28	3
Trichinopoly ...	4	2
Tinnevely ...	9	...
Cochin State ...	1	...
Mysore ...	2	...
Pudukkōttai ...	1	...
Travancore ...	1	...
	98	69

Of the 98 Collegiate grade students, 86 were provincial stipendiaries, 3 were deputed by the Director of Public Instruction, 7 were local board or municipal stipendiaries, one was paid stipends from the funds of the Mysore Agency tract, and the remaining one—a lady—was a paying student and was granted a scholarship of Rs. 60 per mensem by the Mysore Government.

Thirty of the 47 Secondary grade students were provincial stipendiaries. Of the remaining 17, one was deputed by the Director of Public Instruction, 9 were local board or municipal stipendiaries, 5 were non-stipendiaries and 2 were free students. Of the 10 students admitted into the Manual Training class in July 1917, 7 were provincial stipendiaries and the remaining 3 were municipal stipendiaries. The average number on the rolls and the average attendance of the three sections on the 31st March 1918 are given below :—

Section.	Average number on the rolls.	Average attendance.
Collegiate grade ...	100	92
Secondary ...	47	43
Manual Training section ...	21	18

Model school.—There were 528 boys and 24 girls on the rolls on the 31st March 1918 as against 529 boys and 18 girls on the corresponding date of the previous year, as shown below :—

	1917		1918	
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
Upper Secondary department ...	110	1	117	..
Lower Secondary department ...	185	..	203	1
Primary department ...	234	17	208	23
	529	18	528	24

The average number on the rolls and the average daily attendance during the year were 549 and 490, respectively.

L.T. examination.—One hundred and twelve students appeared for the examination held in April 1917 from this college and 94 passed, with 7 in the first class, 34 in the second class and the remaining 53 in the third class. The S. Subrahmanya Ayyar medal was awarded to M.R.Ry. S. Krishna Sastri.

For the Preliminary Teachers' Certificate examination of the Secondary grade held in April 1917, 64, including the 19 students of the Manual Training class, appeared, and 60 passed.

The examination for Manual Training Teachers' Certificates of the students admitted in July 1916 was conducted in the month of January 1918 by Mr. C. R. Porrett, Mr. Fyfe and Mr. J. H. Lawson of Pasumalai. Eight of the 10 students that appeared for the examination passed, three being placed in the first class.

The Manual Training Instructor was on military duty during the year for a few months.

Examination in Drawing.—The Manual Training Instructor and the Drawing Master conducted the Drawing examination of the students under training. The results are shown below :—

	Number appeared.	Number passed.	
		First class.	Second class.
L.T.	87	24	50
Secondary	51	17	29

Examination in Drill.—Of the 151 students, excluding the lady students and the senior Manual Training students, 121 were present for the examination, the rest being either absent on leave or exempted. The Adjutant of the first Battalion, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Rifles, Perambur, examined the students in drill and physical exercises on the 8th March 1918, and the following is an extract from his report :—

“The exercises were well performed and the students called upon to instruct proved that they knew their work well.”

Model school—Public examination.—Thirty-three pupils of the VI form (of whom four took a supplementary course) appeared for the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate examination held in March 1917. Ten were declared eligible for admission to University courses of study.

School examination.—Periodical examinations were as usual conducted during the year and promotions were made in June 1917.

Standard examination in Drawing.—Ninety-one pupils appeared for the examination in various standards and 58 passed.

Special Gymnastic class.—There were 13 students on the rolls on the 31st March 1918 as against 8 on the 31st March 1917. Ten appeared for the Final Teachers' Certificate examination held in December 1917 and 8 passed, with 3 in the first class.

Library.—The total number of volumes in the library on the 31st March 1918 was 8,910 as against 8,193 on the 31st March 1917. The number of books issued from the general library during the year to the members of the staff and the students was 470 and 3,063 respectively. The number of books issued from the special class libraries in charge of the lecturers is given below :—

English	584	Physical Science	482
Mathematics	613	Geography	1,046
History	720	Kindergarten	263
Natural Science	172	Manual Training	32

School museum.—A fair use of the museum was made during the year. Many of the specimens require to be renewed and steps will be taken to collect new ones.

Teachers' College Teachers' Association.—The twenty-eighth anniversary of the senior branch of the association was held on the 16th March 1918. The junior branch held its anniversary on the 23rd February 1918.

The Recreation Club.—Tennis, football and badminton were the games played by some of the students of the College and the Secondary section and the pupils of the Model school. The football team, composed of students of the College and pupils of the Model school, competed in the M.C.A.A. football tournament. Two students entered for the tennis singles and doubles in the M.C.A.A. tournament, and the tennis singles cup was won by a collegiate grade student.

The group games suggested by Mr. Noehren, Physical Director of the Young Men's Christian Association were continued under the superintendence of some of the teachers of the school. Two of the members of the school staff have completed the course of practical training as Scoutmasters. One of them has since been transferred to the Training School for Masters, Triplicane. The class for boy scouts started last year has been remodelled by the other teacher on the lines suggested by Mr. Vincent Mendis.

The periodicals supplied by Government were received during the year.

The College Hostel.—The Brahman hostel worked during the year in two sections—one for students from Malabar and one for the general body of students. There was also the hostel for Indian Christian students as in previous years. The number of boarders in the Brahman sections was 81 on the 31st March 1918. There were in addition a few tiffin members. Some of the students were permitted to live with their families outside the college compound. The average cost of boarding was between Rs. 12 and Rs. 13 per mensem. The increase in cost was due to dearness of provisions.

History of students.—All the students, including the manual training students who were relieved during the year, have either secured appointments or returned to the institutions from which they were sent for training with the exception of a very few who were relieved in March last. The history of students has been maintained regularly.

General.—During the latter half of the long term a course of twelve lectures on Physiology and Hygiene was delivered by Mr. Noehren, Physical Director of the Young Men's Christian Association. All the students attended the lectures.

Some of the students of the Kindergarten, Natural Science and History sections went on an excursion to the Seven Pagodas. The students of the Physical Science section visited the Madras Water Works, the Perambur Railway Workshops, the Madras Observatory and the Laboratory of the Presidency College. The Natural Science students also visited the workshops at Perambur during the year. About 30 of the Secondary grade students went on an excursion to Courtallam visiting on the way some of the important towns such as Tinnevely, Madura, Trichinopoly, Tanjore, Kumbakonam and Chidambaram.

A course of five lectures on FIRST AID was arranged to be given by Rao Saheb Dr. U. Rama Rao for the benefit of the pupils of the two higher forms. Four lectures and demonstrations were given. In aid of the War Fund, Rao Saheb Dr. U. Rama Rao held an exhibition of war and ambulance pictures in the College. The exhibition, which was followed by a lantern lecture, realized a sum of Rs. 30. A lecture on the scout movement illustrated by lantern slides was given by Mr. Vincent Mendis.

In January 1918 the members of the Calcutta University Commission visited the College.

Stock-taking of the Library.—The books in the College and the school libraries were checked at the end of each term. In cases where books were reported to be missing, action has been taken.

Tutorial system.—With reference to Proceedings Dis. No. 698/18, dated 30th January 1918, I have no further remarks to offer on the working of the tutorial system. A report was submitted on the 20th December 1917 in my letter Dis. No. 195.

Finance.—The receipts and charges of the college during the year 1917-18 were Rs. 11,974-2-8 and Rs. 1,01,936-7-6, respectively, as against Rs. 11,416-10-1 and Rs. 1,07,295-6-10 in the previous year. The net cost to Government of maintaining the college was Rs. 89,962 and the cost of educating each student was Rs. 539 as against Rs. 577 in the preceding year. The following statement gives details of the receipts and charges of the college during the year 1917-18:—

	Receipts.	RS.	A.	P.
Model school fees	...	10,571	8	6
Gymnastic fees	...	136	0	0
Miscellaneous	...	1,266	10	2
Total	...	11,974	2	8

	Charges.	RS.	A.	P.
Principal and Vice-Principal, including exchange compensation allowance	...	23,471	1	1
Lecturers	...	20,257	10	2
Masters and teachers	...	9,512	2	4
Temporary assistants	...	16,661	12	10
Clerks, librarian and servants	...	2,520	8	8
Famine batta	...	483	11	8
Travelling allowance of officers	...	949	10	0
Do. of establishment	...	183	9	11
Do. of private students	...	933	0	0
Books and maps	...	1,343	13	2
Europe stores including freight	...	940	5	3
Laboratory charges	...	431	10	3
Petty construction and repairs	...	292	8	2
Purchase and repairs of furniture	...	1,171	3	2
Gymnastic instructor's personal allowance	...	111	0	0
Rent rates and taxes	...	270	0	0
Games	...	98	14	0
Stipends of students	...	19,402	8	0
Conveyance allowance	...	178	0	0
Periodical examination charges	...	20	0	0
Contingencies including manual training	...	2,463	6	10
Charges in connexion with special lectures	...	240	0	0
Total	...	1,01,936	7	6

The service books of the members of the staff have been verified up to 31st March 1918.

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2. The total strength of the college was almost the same as that of last year, while there were six lady students under training against one in the previous year.

3. The results of L.T. degree examination and the preliminary examination for Teachers' certificates of the secondary grade compared favourably with those of last year.

4. The Director notes with satisfaction that the efficiency of the institution was maintained during the year.

(True extract)

J. H. STONE,
Director of Public Instruction.

To the Principal, Teachers' College, Saidapet.
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R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
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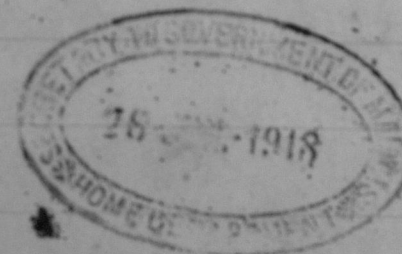
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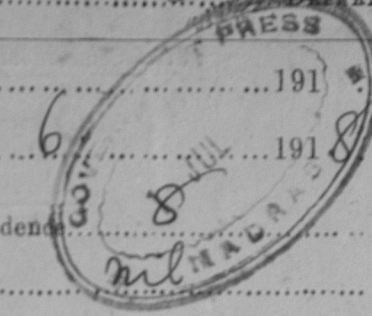
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