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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 15th June 1918.

No.—R.C. 3731.

I have the honour to submit herewith, for the information of Government, a copy of my Proceedings R.C. No. 3731/18, dated 11th June 1918, reviewing the report on the working of the Queen Mary's College for Women, Madras, for 1917-18.

ENCLOSURE

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, R.C. No. 3731/18, dated 11th June 1918.

Read—the following paper :—

Letter—from Miss D. DE LA HEY, Principal, Queen Mary's College for Women, Madras.

To—the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Dated—the 20th April 1918.

No.—Our. 119/18.

I have the honour to submit my report on the fourth year's working of the college during the year 1917-18. Her Majesty Queen Mary having graciously allowed this college to take her name, it is now styled 'Queen Mary's College for Women' instead of the 'Madras College for Women.'

Affiliation in the B.A. degree course group V. History and Economics was granted on 2nd April 1917. The college reopened after the summer vacation on 2nd July 1917. The senior B.A. class was formed.

Teaching staff.—I was in charge of the college throughout the year.

Miss G. C. McCormick and Miss I. Gunther continued their work throughout the year.

Miss M. I. Ebbutt, M.A. (Dublin), joined the staff on 2nd July as additional professor on Rs. 400, thus relieving Miss L. H. Philipsz, who however continued to work as assistant professor on Rs. 200-10-250 till November 1st when she resigned from the service. Her place was filled by Miss Dhanvanti Handoo, B.A. (Hons.), Madras.

Miss H. Guha resigned her appointment on September 1st and was succeeded by Miss Teresa Joseph, B.A. (Hons.), Madras.

During the year under report the salaries of the two assistant professors were raised from Rs. 200 to Rs. 225-10-275 and Rs. 200-10-250. Another post of assistant professor on Rs. 200-10-250 was sanctioned with effect from 2nd July 1917, and in October another of the same grade was sanctioned, to meet the growing needs of the college.

Miss M. G. Alexander, M.A. (London), took up the last-named appointment on 16th October.

M.R.Ry. C. R. Namasivaya Mudaliyar continued as Tamil Pandit while the other classical and vernacular languages were provided for as follows :—

French	...	...	Miss M. I. Ebbutt.
Latin	...	...	" H. Guha.
Sanskrit Translation	...	...	" M. G. Alexander.
Kanarese	...	...	M.R.Ry K. Gopalakrishnamma.
Malayalam and Sanskrit	...	...	" S. Sivasankara Sastri.
Telugu	...	...	" K. Venkateswara Sastri.
	...	...	" A. V. Narasimham Pantulu.

2. The number of new admissions to the college during July 1917 was 51. The total number in all four classes on 31st July 1917 was 111. There were two more admissions and five withdrawals during the course of the year, thus on 31st March 1918 the total number on the rolls was 108.

(a)—Numerical strength and attendance.

Year.	Number on rolls on 31st March.	Average number on rolls.	Average daily attendance.	Percentage of attendance.
1916-17	70	73	70	95.35
1917-18	108	110	103	93.64

(b)—Classification of students according to race.

Year.	Europeans.	Indian Christians.	Brahmans.	Non-Brahman Caste Hindus.	Total.
1916-17	16	24	9	21	70
1917-18	25	39	15	29	108

(c)—Classification of students on 31st March 1918 according to the districts to which they belong.

Arcot, North	...	...	1	Kurnool	...	...	1
" South	...	...	1	Madras	...	...	25
Bangalore	...	...	6	Malabar	...	...	12
Ceylon	...	...	1	Nellore	...	...	2
Chingleput	...	...	2	The Nilgiris	...	...	3
Chittoor	...	...	2	Padukkottai	...	...	1
Cochin	...	...	20	Salem	...	...	1
Coimbatore	...	...	5	Tanjore	...	...	4
Coorg	...	...	1	Tinnevely	...	...	1
Gōdāvari	...	...	1	Travancore	...	...	2
Guntūr	...	...	1	Trichinopoly	...	...	4
Hyderabad	...	...	3	Vizagapatam	...	...	5
Kistna	...	...	1				
Kanara, South	...	...	2				
				Total	...	...	108

First-year class (strength of class 40).—Two students took the subjects for group I and ten the subjects for group II, and these students attended the Presidency College for instruction in part II. Thirty-seven students took the subjects for group III with the following combination of subjects :—

Ancient History, Modern History and Logic	...	...	...	22
Do. do. Malayalam	...	...	...	6
Do. do. Tamil	...	...	...	3
Do. Logic and Tamil	...	...	...	2
Do. Modern History and Telugu	...	...	...	1
Do. do. Latin	...	...	...	1
Do. Logic and Latin	...	...	...	1
Logic, Sanskrit and Telugu	...	...	...	1

In the promotion examination 28 students of the first-year class have been granted promotion to the second-year class.

Second-year class (strength of class 40).—Of the twenty-three students that appeared for the Intermediate examination of 1917, five passed in full, six passed in part II and two in part I, one of these thus completing the examination. This result, though it does not compare well with that of 1916, is yet above the average success of the colleges in the University. I attribute the fall in success to the lenient admissions in 1914, several students, detained in 1915, having worked their way into the senior class.

For the Intermediate examination of 1918 twenty-four have appeared from the college and nine (who failed last year) as private students.

Of these twenty-four, nineteen have appeared for the whole examination, three for part I only and two for part II only.

Of the nineteen appearing for the whole examination eight took the subjects for group II and eleven group III in the following combinations :—

Ancient History, Modern History and Logic	...	...	...	7
Do. do. Malayalam	...	...	...	2
Modern History, Logic and Tamil	...	...	...	2

Third-year class.—The class began with a strength of thirteen, all taking group V. History and Economics as their optional group. One student withdrew at the beginning of August. In the promotion examination eight have been awarded promotion to the fourth-year class.

Fourth-year class.—The class began with a strength of seven students taking group V as their optional group. All the seven students have applied for the B.A. degree examination of this year—five for the whole, one for part I and one for part II.

Library.—There were on 31st March 1918 about 2,250 volumes in the library. The students continue to make great use of the library.

Financial.—The total receipts from fees amounted to Rs. 4,386 and the total expenditure to Rs. 45,983-6-4. The net expenditure from Provincial funds was thus Rs. 41,597-6-4.

Sports.—Badminton and Tennis have been played with keenness throughout the year. In Badminton we had good teams and won both the Y.W.C.A. Shields. In the Alexander Cup Tournament we came in a good Second.

In Tennis we were not so successful and made only a moderate score in the Atkinson Cup Tournament.

Societies.—A feature of the year has been the development of College societies. I have left the formation of such societies entirely to the initiative of the students themselves. A Tamil Literary Society was the first development, this has been followed by the formation of a College Literary Society, a College Dramatic Society and a European Choral Society. A College Magazine has also been produced, and has made two successful appearances.

First Aid.—Mrs. (Dr.) Simonsen delivered a course of 12 lectures on First Aid which was well attended. Forty-nine students appeared and 43 students passed.

Prizes were again won at the Madras Ambulance Competition.

Scholarships.—The number of Government scholarships was increased during the year. There were on 31st March 1918, 47 students receiving Government scholarships. There were also other students holding special scholarships.

The Lord Pentland Prize.—The first prize under the scheme for the award of the above prize was gained by M. Lakshmiammal, a student of the second year class. Books to the value of Rs. 60 were given to her.

Stone's Poor Student Fund.—In addition to the amount of Rs. 3,037-9-2 given by Diwan Bahadur C. Ramanujam Chetti Garu and vested in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments, an amount of Rs. 500 was offered by M.R.Ry. C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar Avargal, B.A., B.L., which was accepted and added to the corpus of the above fund.

Building.—The new third block, the construction of which was begun in April 1917, is nearing completion and will be ready for occupation at the reopening of the College in July next.

The Maharaja of Jeypore has generously given one lakh of rupees for the provision of Science buildings, and plans and estimates are under preparation for a new central block in which provision will be made for College hall library and additional accommodation for staff and students.

The small military bungalow adjoining the College continued to be rented. The new kitchens and dining rooms constructed during the previous year were also used as dormitories on account of the large increase in the number of hostel residents. In spite of this, much difficulty was found in providing sufficient accommodation and throughout the north building three girls had to share the space originally planned for two.

Even with the third building, I fear there will again be overcrowding next July, as I shall then have to give up the kitchens and dining-rooms to their proper use.

There is great need of a good compound wall.

Hostel.—There has been increase in the number of hostel residents in all the three sections. The number of students in each section is given below:—

	Europeans.	Indian Christian.	Caste Hindus.	Total.
1. European Section	26	4	1	31
2. Indian Christian { Malayali	..	12	..	12
Tamil, Telugu	..	12	..	12
3. Caste Hindu { Vegetarian	..	5	24	29
Non-vegetarian	..	..	6	6
Total	26	23	31	80

The health of the students has been good.

The Advisory Council met on 11th February 1918. Her Excellency Lady Pentland presided.

The University Commission of the Madras University inspected the College on 7th December 1917, but the report is not yet issued.

The Calcutta University Commission visited the College in January 1918.

Future development.—The two pressing needs are those already mentioned,—arrangements for the teaching of Science in this College and provision of further hostel accommodation. Government have both matters under consideration at the present moment and I hope for favourable results from their deliberations.

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2. There was a further satisfactory increase in strength, viz., from 70 to 103, which was shared by all the classes.

3. Although there has been a considerable increase in the number of Indian students this has been in a smaller proportion than that of Europeans. The rise in the number of Brahmans and Non-Brahman Caste Hindus was however marked.

4. The noteworthy features of the year were the opening of a fourth year class, the presentation for the first time of students for the B.A. degree examination and the construction of a new block of buildings.

5. The Director heartily congratulates the Principal and the other members of the staff on the continued and increasing success of the college.

6. It is satisfactory evidence of the interest taken in higher education for women that handsome gifts to the college have been made by the Maharaja of Jeypore, Diwan Bahadur C. Ramanujam Chetti Garu and M.R.Ry. C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar Avargal, B.A., B.L. The Maharaja of Jeypore's gift of a lakh of rupees is to be devoted to science buildings, plans for which are being prepared.

(True extract)

J. H. STONE,
Director of Public Instruction.

To the Principal, Queen Mary's College for Women, Madras.

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R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
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