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A. Rangaswami	...	
T. S. Ranga Achari	...	Beauchamp and Moopnar's prizes for Philosophy for 1915-16.
P. S. Sundaresan	...	Beauchamp and Moopnar's prizes for Mathematics for 1915-16.
Do.	...	Morris medals, 1915-16.
T. Raghavan Nayar	...	Junior Subrahmanyam scholarship for 1917-18.
R. Rangamannar	...	
R. Duraiswami	...	Senior Subrahmanyam scholarship for 1917-18.
R. Krishnama Achari	...	
G. Gopala Rao, third class	...	Chittoor Ayyaswami Ayyar's scholarship.
S. D. Srinivasan	..	K. Ranganatha Rao's scholarship.
S. Ragunandan	..	Edward Bird's scholarship for 1917-18.

In connexion with the above scholarships, I would again draw Government's attention to the splendid support given to the college by way of scholarships by the Old Boys' Association. During the past year they have given 24 scholarships a month. Last year they gave 34 scholarships a month. At the Old Boys' Day, which was held this year in April, a sum of Rs. 6,500 was given to provide 14 additional scholarships per month for four years—the generous donor being an old boy of the college, Mr. N. R. Ayyar, partner in Messrs. Andrew Yule & Co., Calcutta. Another old boy Mr. K. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar gave a new scholarship for the coming year.

10. *Games and athletics.*—The most noteworthy feature during the past year was the opening of a boating and swimming club. Under the presidency of Mr. P. Rajagopala Ayyar, the Physics Lecturer, the club has proved a great success. One double-oared boat was presented by an old boy, and six Rob Roy canoes were built in the college by Mr. Rajagopala Ayyar. The students showed great skill in racing in their canoes against the very swift current of the Cauvery in flood.

In addition to canoes eight floats were built with the aid of which a kind of water polo was played. The keel of a pair skull boat has been laid down and it is hoped next year to hold single and double skulling races. Great credit is due to Mr. Rajagopala Ayyar, who in spite of his age and other work daily early morning and evening, personally rowed and swam, tutored the students, built and designed the boats. His example was most inspiring.

Games were actively played during the first part of the year until the rains began, about 80 per cent of the students taking active part. Every evening the games were supervised by a lecturer, and I maintained a consolidated register which showed what games each student played each evening. Unfortunately after the rains and when examinations approached the number of students taking regular exercise greatly decreased. It is a pity that the Indian student generally neglects his body just at the time when it needs most care, that is to say, examination time. This is probably one of the reasons why students so easily succumb to disease just at examination time.

Owing to the very large expenditure on boat-building, the teams of other games did very little touring this year as compared with last year. The football and hockey teams toured to Vellore, Madanapalle and Mayavaram. The Badminton team played a large number of matches at home and toured as far as Trivandrum. The tennis team in addition to its ordinary matches reached the finals of the Tanjore Open District Tournament. Mr. S. Balakrishna Ayyar continued as Games Secretary throughout the year. As in previous years, he worked with great self-sacrifice and enthusiasm. The annual college sports were successfully conducted in October.

11. *Finance.*—The total receipts and charges for the year were Rs. 34,446-0-3 and Rs. 62,344-2-9 respectively. The net expenditure to Government was Rs. 27,898-2-6 against Rs. 34,415-0-7 in the year 1916-17. The net cost per student was Rs. 79 against Rs. 107 in the year previous.

12. *Hostel.*—As was expected, there was a very large increase in the strength of the hostel and unfortunately a large number of applications had to be rejected. The increase was chiefly due to the unusually large number of students, already referred to, who came to the college from other districts. A detailed report on the working of the hostel will be submitted in June as is usual, both to the Director of Public Instruction and to the Committee.

13. *College societies.*—All the societies, both old and new, were exceptionally active throughout the year. The Literary Society successfully staged *Twelfth Night* in aid of its Journal's Fund.

My thanks are due to Mr. P. R. Krishnaswami, Assistant Lecturer in English, who was both stage manager and a principal actor.

14. *General.*—Fifty-three students and members of the staff volunteered for the Indian Defence Force. Unfortunately more than 50 per cent were rejected by the medical officer. At the end of the year a drill squad was organized in the college. It is to be regretted that the annual report only shows the examination results of the previous year and not of the year under review; for the work of the year is naturally, to some extent, reflected in the examination results at the end of the year.

As I have already pointed out, the college examination results for the year 1917-18 show a marked improvement on previous years, though the actual statistics will only be given in next year's report.

The Government have just recently sanctioned several valuable additions to the college staff: an assistant chemistry lecturer, an additional assistant history lecturer, a chemical storekeeper and an assistant writer.

I take this opportunity to thank most sincerely the members of the college staff for their generous co-operation during an arduous and difficult year. The college writer and the members of the clerical staff worked most willingly and well throughout the year.

APPENDIX A.

I. Distribution of students according to caste or race.

Muhammadans	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Brahmans	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	314
Non-Brahmans	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	352

II. Distribution of students according to occupation of parents or guardians.

Officials	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	110
Petty officials	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44
Traders	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Landholders	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	176
Others	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	352

III. Distribution of students according to wealth.

Richer classes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Middle do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	279
Poorer do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	352

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Distribution of students according to the districts to which they belong.

Districts.	Intermediate.		B.A. class.		Total.
	First year class.	Second year class.	Third year class.	Fourth year class.	
Tanjore	114	137	38	33	322
Trichinopoly	..	2	1	..	3
Pondicherry	..	2	..	..	2
Madurai	1	..	..	1	2
Ramanad	1	1	1	..	3
Travancore	1	1	1	..	3
South Arcot	1	1	..	3	5
Kistna	..	1	..	..	1
South Malabar	..	1	1	..	2
Pudukkottai	..	..	2	..	2
South Kanara	..	..	2	..	2
Coimbatore	..	..	1	..	1
Coorg	..	..	1	..	1
Cuddapah	..	..	1	..	1
Tinnevely	..	..	..	1	1
North Arcot	..	..	..	1	1
Total	118	146	49	39	352

APPENDIX C.

Results of the Intermediate Examination in Arts and B.A. Degree Examination
Pass Course, 1916-17.

Examination and group.	Examined.	Number passed.			Percentage of passes for		
		First class.	Second class.	Total.	1914-15.	1915-16.	1916-17.
<i>Intermediate Examination.</i>							
Part II { Group I	38 *	1	3	4	23	27.9	..
Part II { Group III	59 *	2	11	13			
Part I only passed	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Part II only passed	..	..	..	40	..	..	..
Part I only (already passed in part II).	10	..	..	6	..	..	..
Part II only (already passed in part I).	2	..	..	2	..	..	..
<i>B.A. Degree Examination.</i>							
I. English language division	28	..	7	7	52.6	20	25.0
II. Science division	4	..	2	2	..	..	50.0
Mathematics	8	..	3	3	28.6	70	37.5
History	13	..	..	4	66.7	11	30.8
Philosophy	4	1	3	4	80	100	100

* Out of ninety-seven students two were absent for the examinations.

APPENDIX D.

Number of students examined, passed and failed in the several subjects of the Intermediate Examination in Arts held in 1917.

Subjects.	Examined.	Passed.	Gained distinction.	Failed.
English	105	27	..	78
Tamil Composition	79	49	..	30
Sanskrit Translation	26	23	..	3
Mathematics	38	36	18	2
Physics	38	30	1	8
Chemistry	38	28	1	10
Ancient History	54	35	..	19
Modern History	58	47	3	11
Logic	37	30	2	7
Tamil	14	10	..	4
Sanskrit	11	10	..	1

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4. The Director is glad to note that the tutorial system has been a success and he has read with special interest the Principal's description of the out-of-class activities of the staff and students and his remarks on discipline particularly in relation to politics. Mr. Rajagopala Ayyar is to be congratulated on his successful initiation of water sports and Mr. P. R. Krishnaswami on carrying on the college's histrionic tradition.

It is presumed that the effects on the college of the unsatisfactory state of public health in Kumbakonam have been brought to the notice of the Medical and Sanitary authorities. The rejection of so large a proportion of the aspirants to the Indian Defence Force is presumably not unconnected with it.

5. The Director also notes with satisfaction the liberal scholarships awarded by two old boys of the college in connexion with the 'Old Boys' Day.'

6. The late receipt of the report seems to be due to the Principal's military training at Madras.

(True extract)

J. H. STONE,
Director of Public Instruction

To the Principal, Government College, Kumbakonam.
" Principals of other Government Colleges.
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2. The Government note with satisfaction the donation given for scholarships by Mr. N. R. Ayyar.

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A. Rangaswami	...	...	
T. S. Ranga Achari	...	...	Beauchamp and Moopanar's prizes for Philosophy for 1915-16.
P. S. Sundaresan	...	...	Beauchamp and Moopanar's prizes for Mathematics for 1915-16.
Do.	...	...	Morris medals, 1915-16.
T. Raghavan Nayar	...	...	Junior Subrahmanyam scholarship for 1917-18.
R. Rangamannar	...	...	
R. Duraiswami	...	...	Senior Subrahmanyam scholarship for 1917-18.
R. Krishnama Achari	...	...	
G. Gopala Rao,	third class	...	Chittoor Ayyaswami Ayyar's scholarship.
S. D. Srinivasan	"	...	K. Ranganatha Rao's scholarship.
S. Ragunandan	"	...	Edward Bird's scholarship for 1917-18.

In connexion with the above scholarships, I would again draw Government's attention to the splendid support given to the college by way of scholarships by the Old Boys' Association. During the past year they have given 24 scholarships a month. Last year they gave 34 scholarships a month. At the Old Boys' Day, which was held this year in April, a sum of Rs. 6,500 was given to provide 14 additional scholarships per month for four years—the generous donor being an old boy of the college, Mr. N. R. Ayyar, partner in Messrs. Andrew Yule & Co, Calcutta. Another old boy Mr. K. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar gave a new scholarship for the coming year.

10. *Games and athletics*.—The most noteworthy feature during the past year was the opening of a boating and swimming club. Under the presidency of Mr. P. Rajagopala Ayyar, the Physics Lecturer, the club has proved a great success. One double-oared boat was presented by an old boy, and six Rob Roy canoes were built in the college by Mr. Rajagopala Ayyar. The students showed great skill in racing in their canoes against the very swift current of the Cauvery in flood.

In addition to canoes eight floats were built with the aid of which a kind of water polo was played. The keel of a pair skull boat has been laid down and it is hoped next year to hold single and double skulling races. Great credit is due to Mr. Rajagopala Ayyar, who in spite of his age and other work daily early morning and evening, personally rowed and swam, tutored the students, built and designed the boats. His example was most inspiring.

Games were actively played during the first part of the year until the rains began, about 80 per cent of the students taking active part. Every evening the games were supervised by a lecturer, and I maintained a consolidated register which showed what games each student played each evening. Unfortunately after the rains and when examinations approached the number of students taking regular exercise greatly decreased. It is a pity that the Indian student generally neglects his body just at the time when it needs most care, that is to say, examination time. This is probably one of the reasons why students so easily succumb to disease just at examination time.

Owing to the very large expenditure on boat-building, the teams of other games did very little touring this year as compared with last year. The football and hockey teams toured to Vellore, Madanapalle and Mayavaram. The Badminton team played a large number of matches at home and toured as far as Trivandrum. The tennis team in addition to its ordinary matches reached the finals of the Tanjore Open District Tournament. Mr. S. Balakrishna Ayyar continued as Games Secretary throughout the year. As in previous years, he worked with great self-sacrifice and enthusiasm. The annual college sports were successfully conducted in October.

11. *Finance*.—The total receipts and charges for the year were Rs. 34,446-0-3 and Rs. 62,314-2-9 respectively. The net expenditure to Government was Rs. 27,898-2-6 against Rs. 34,415-0-7 in the year 1916-17. The net cost per student was Rs. 79 against Rs. 107 in the year previous.

12. *Hostel*.—As was expected, there was a very large increase in the strength of the hostel and unfortunately a large number of applications had to be rejected. The increase was chiefly due to the unusually large number of students, already referred to, who came to the college from other districts. A detailed report on the working of the hostel will be submitted in June as is usual, both to the Director of Public Instruction and to the Committee.

13. *College societies*.—All the societies, both old and new, were exceptionally active throughout the year. The Literary Society successfully staged *Twelfth Night* in aid of its Journal's Fund.

My thanks are due to Mr. P. R. Krishnaswami, Assistant Lecturer in English, who was both stage manager and a principal actor.

14. *General*.—Fifty-three students and members of the staff volunteered for the Indian Defence Force. Unfortunately more than 50 per cent were rejected by the medical officer. At the end of the year a drill squad was organized in the college. It is to be regretted that the annual report only shows the examination results of the previous year and not of the year under review; for the work of the year is naturally, to some extent, reflected in the examination results at the end of the year.

As I have already pointed out, the college examination results for the year 1917-18 show a marked improvement on previous years, though the actual statistics will only be given in next year's report.

The Government have just recently sanctioned several valuable additions to the college staff: an assistant chemistry lecturer, an additional assistant history lecturer, a chemical storekeeper and an assistant writer.

I take this opportunity to thank most sincerely the members of the college staff for their generous co-operation during an arduous and difficult year. The college writer and the members of the clerical staff worked most willingly and well throughout the year.

APPENDIX A

I. Distribution of students according to caste or race.

Muhammadans	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Brahmans	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	314
Non-Brahmans	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	352

II. Distribution of students according to occupation of parents or guardians.

Officials	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	110
Petty officials	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44
Traders	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Landholders	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	176
Others	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	352

III. Distribution of students according to wealth.

Richer classes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Middle do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	279
Poorer do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	352

APPENDIX B:

Distribution of students according to the districts to which they belong.

Districts.	Intermediate.		B.A. class.		Total.
	First year class.	Second year class.	Third year class.	Fourth year class.	
Tanjore	114	137	38	38	327
Trichinopoly	2	2	1	..	5
Pondicherry	..	..	..	..	..
Madurai	1	..	..	1	2
Ramnad	1	1	1	..	3
Travancore	1	1	1	..	3
South Arcot	1	1	..	3	5
Kistna	..	1	..	..	1
South Malabar	..	1	1	..	2
Pudukkottai	..	..	2	..	2
South Kanara	..	..	1	..	1
Coimbatore	..	..	1	..	1
Goorg	..	..	1	..	1
Cuddapah	..	..	..	1	1
Tinnevely	..	..	..	1	1
North Arcot	..	..	..	..	..
Total	118	146	49	39	352

APPENDIX C.

Results of the Intermediate Examination in Arts and B.A. Degree Examination
Pass Course, 1916-17.

Examination and group	Examined.	Number passed.			Percentage of passes for		
		First class.	Second class.	Total.	1914-15.	1915-16.	1916-17.
<i>Intermediate Examination.</i>							
Part II { Group I	38 *	1	3	4	23	27.9	..
Part II { Group III	59 *	2	11	13			
Part I only passed	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Part II only passed	..	..	..	40	..	..	..
Part I only (already passed in part II).	10	..	..	6	..	..	..
Part II only (already passed in part I).	2	..	..	2	..	..	..
<i>B.A. Degree Examination.</i>							
I. English language division	28	..	7	7	52.6	20	25.0
II. Science division	4	..	2	2	..	..	50.0
Mathematics	8	..	3	3	28.6	70	37.5
History	13	..	..	4	66.7	11	30.8
Philosophy	4	1	3	4	80	100	100

* Out of ninety-seven students two were absent for the examinations.

APPENDIX D.

Number of students examined, passed and failed in the several subjects of the Intermediate
Examination in Arts held in 1917.

Subjects.	Examined.	Passed.	Gained distinction.	Failed.
English	105	27	..	78
Tamil Composition	79	49	..	30
Sanskrit Translation	26	23	..	3
Mathematics	38	36	18	2
Physics	38	30	1	8
Chemistry	38	28	1	10
Ancient History	54	35	..	19
Modern History	58	47	3	11
Logic	37	30	2	7
Tamil	14	10	..	4
Sanskrit	11	10	..	1

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2. There was an increase in strength in all the classes except the junior Intermediate.

3. The results of the University examinations secured by the college during the year under review were generally poor especially in English and in History (B.A.). The Principal's remarks on the improved results of the recent University examinations are, however, noted.

4. The Director is glad to note that the tutorial system has been a success and he has read with special interest the Principal's description of the out-of-class activities of the staff and students and his remarks on discipline particularly in relation to politics. Mr. Rajagopala Ayyar is to be congratulated on his successful initiation of water sports and Mr. P. R. Krishnaswami on carrying on the college's histrionic tradition.

It is presumed that the effects on the college of the unsatisfactory state of public health in Kumbakonam have been brought to the notice of the Medical and Sanitary authorities. The rejection of so large a proportion of the aspirants to the Indian Defence Force is presumably not unconnected with it.

5. The Director also notes with satisfaction the liberal scholarships awarded by two old boys of the college in connexion with the 'Old Boys' Day.'

6. The late receipt of the report seems to be due to the Principal's military training at Madras.

(True extract)

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2. The Government note with satisfaction the donation given for scholarships by Mr. N. R. Ayyar.

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