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[Despatch Abstract.]

His Excellency the Governor's Tour.-

Recording note on the Coimbatore

College prepared for the use of H.E. the Governor in ^{Council} ~~Session~~ with his visit to the College.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
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8th September 1919.

My dear Ramachandra

I am to ask you kindly to let me have a note on the Coimbatore College. It would be sufficient if the note reached me at Madras on the 13th instant.

Yours sincerely,

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M.R. Ry. Diwan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao Aml.,
Secretary to Government, Home Department,
Stonehouse Hill.

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The Coimbatore College has developed out of an English school opened in 1852 by Mr. Edmund Brown Thomas, who was then Collector of Coimbatore. In establishing this school, Mr. Thomas seems to have ~~had~~ taken over an institution which had been established ten years previously under the name of "Tahsildar's school". The new school was managed by a Committee of European and Indian gentlemen and was then known as the Coimbatore Anglo-Vernacular school. In 1867 it began to send up pupils for the University Matriculation examination and in the following year college classes were opened therein; but it was only in 1877 that the institution was formally affiliated to the University as a second grade college, up to which grade the college still continues to impart instruction.

2. The College was till the 1st June 1919 managed by a committee registered as a corporation under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. It had no endowment of any kind and was mainly dependent for its support on fees and Government grants. For some time past, it had not, owing to its slender resources, been able to make both ends meet. In connection with the scheme for the establishment of four additional Government secondary schools at the Presidency, which together with the four existing institutions of this class already in existence were intended to serve to set the standard for secondary schools under private management and to provide the requisite facilities for practical instruction in educational methods, the Government proposed in 1914 to take over the Coimbatore College under their management. The managing committee of the college accepted the offer and

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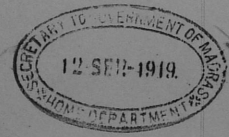
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6. The college authorities had for a long time been urging that the buildings vacated by the old municipal hospital at Coimbatore should be handed over to them for use for the purposes of a college and for a hostel. This request was granted in G.O., No. 2349 Revenue, dated the 1st August 1917. The building in which the college is now located formerly belonged to the College Committee and has been handed over to Government along with the college. It was extended in 1910 with Government grant and apparently with some debentures also.

7. From the University calendar for 1919 it is observed that there is a hostel attached to the college accommodating 36 students. There are two endowed scholarships tenable in the college classes. The College library contains nearly 2,600 volumes.

8. Before taking over the institution under departmental control, the Government sanctioned a special grant of Rs. 12,500/- to enable the Committee for management to clear off its debts.

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The urgent need of the College is proper buildings and in a locality far from the town, like the Agricultural & Forest Colleges. The climate of Coimbatore is mild and popular. The nearest first grade Colleges are as far away as Trichinopoly and Mangalore. Coimbatore bids in course of time to develop into a 1st grade College.

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I have nothing to add except that the question of additional accommodation is receiving my attention. I asked the Principal when I saw him last month to work out proposals and submit them to me.

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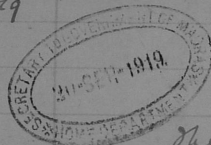
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GOVERNMENT COLLEGE.

His Excellency visited the Government College yesterday evening. Mr. Vaidyanatha Iyer, Principal received His Excellency at the entrance. Mr. D. S. Waller, District Judge was also present. His Excellency inspected History and English classes and the Science laboratory and then entered Thomas Memorial Hall where students were assembled. Photos of Mr. Thomas, formerly Collector and founder of the College and of Dadabai Naoroji, Gokale, Gandhi and Tagore were hung up in the hall. The principal addressing His Excellency said it was the third time when the College was visited by a Governor and hoped in future there would be opportunities for showing themselves in better light than at present. His Excellency addressing the Principal, professors and students said, I do not quite know what your principal meant when he remarked that he hoped in future that he would be able to show you in better light than on the present occasion. I do not know whether it is a suggestion that you have been very naughty boys in the past few days and that he hoped next time you would behave rather better. If that is so let me advise you to be thoroughly good boys and not to misbehave in any direction. It gives very great pleasure to me to have this opportunity to go to this school. I happen to know that it has been for many years one of the original

schools in Coimbatore a school which was conducted till the last month or two on independent nonofficial lines and for which Government owes great deal for giving education to all young men and for many in the years before you. It is a matter of some regret to me that it has been found necessary by the committee of the school to hand it over to Government, for I feel that the more we can get independent effort in the way of education the less Government has to spend and less responsibility there into Government. I do feel that in the Madras Presidency there is a good deal of independent effort. You may be sure that Government have appreciated sincerely whatever work has been done by the school in past years and now with the organisation under the control of Government you may be quite sure that we shall take every interest in your welfare and prosperity in the future. I wonder if any of you ever really considered at all what a tremendous upheaval the world has been going through, realise anything what this tremendous upheaval means to your country of India

TAKING HER PLACE.

It means that India is taking her place more and more as a great asset and a great entity in the British Empire. It means that India is becoming more and more an important partner in the British Empire and as a consequence I think it means that all of you young men have got to study, to read, to learn, to realise in order that you may become useful. I hope many of you will become brilliant citizens of the British Empire. I have come down here from England to do what I can to help you. You may, some of you here may very often have heard, about brutal bureaucrats. That may be true or that may not be true I have had experience of India during the past few years and I can assure you of this that there is no Englishman I have met who is not doing the very best he

can to help forward for the welfare of the country in which he is going one step further. I will say and I can safely say that there is no Englishman in this country who will not readily retire from this country, for it depends upon you to take over the entire control of the country. When that time comes must depend on you all. It is not on these gentlemen (bureaucrats) but it depends on you young men to become citizens. While I am here I shall always take an interest in this College, the first college I have visited in Coimbatore and I shall look forward with greatest hope and pleasure to hear that in future years many of you who are sitting in front of me are doing brilliant useful, excellent work on behalf of your country and incidentally a more important matter on behalf of the British Empire. His Excellency then made a special appeal to the principal to allow students to enjoy a holiday in honour of His Excellency's visit. The principal called for three cheers to His Excellency and then to King Emperor which were loudly responded to. His Excellency after being garlanded by the principal left the College. His Excellency then motored to the Bar

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