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Read—the following paper :—

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. R. LITTLEHAILES, M.A., Acting Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

Dated—Madras, the 14th June 1919.

No.—R.C. 4112.

I have the honour to submit herewith for the information of Government a copy of my Proceedings R.C. No. 4112/19, dated 12th June 1919, reviewing the report on the working of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, for the year 1918-19.

ENCLOSURE

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, R.C. No. 4112/19,
dated 12th June 1919.

Read—the following paper :—

Letter—from M.R.Ry. Rai Sahib T. V. SIVAKUMARA SASTRIYAR AVARGAL, B.A.,
L.T., Acting Principal, Teachers' College, Saidapet.

To—the Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—the 2nd May 1919.

No.—R.C. 167/D-19.

I have the honour to submit my report on the working of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, during the year 1918-19.

Staff.—H. S. Duncan, Esq., M.A., Principal of the College, was on special duty in the office of the Director of Public Instruction from 12th July to 9th October 1918, and in continuation acted as Director of Public Instruction till 4th February 1919, and thereafter he proceeded on combined privilege leave and furlough for nine months. I was appointed to act as Principal. M.R.Ry. M. C. S. Anantapadmanabha Rao Avargal, M.A., L.T., Senior Lecturer, was appointed to act as Vice-Principal, and M.R.Ry. V. Sayanna Sastri Garu, M.A., L.T., was transferred from the Rajahmundry Training College to act as Lecturer. M.R.Ry. M. C. S. Anantapadmanabha Rao Avargal was, however, soon posted to the Presidency College where he acted as Additional Professor of Physics from 15th August 1918 to 12th October 1918. During this period M.R.Ry. S. Lakshmana Ayyar Avargal, B.A., L.T., acted as Vice-Principal, and M.R.Ry. M. R. Subrahmanya Ayyar Avargal, B.A., L.T., First Assistant, Secondary Training section, was appointed to act as Lecturer and was entrusted with the Science work of the College. M.R.Ry. N. Raghava Acharya Avargal, M.A., L.T., Lecturer in History was transferred to the Training College, Rajahmundry, and his place was taken by M.R.Ry. T. K. Duraiswami Ayyar Avargal, M.A., L.T., Assistant Professor, Presidency College.

M.R.Ry. C. V. Subrahmanyam Garu, B.A., L.T., Acting Headmaster, Secondary Training Section, was transferred to Nellore, and M.R.Ry. C. P. Venkatarama Ayyar Avargal, M.A., L.T., Assistant, Government Higher Elementary Training School, Saidapet, was appointed to act in his place.

Mr. C. R. Porrett, Instructor in Manual Training, was on Military duty from 5th June 1918. An Assistant Manual Training Instructor's place on Rs. 60 was sanctioned as a temporary measure in G.O. No. 1111, Home (Education), dated 30th August 1918, and M.R.Ry. V. Murugesan, Assistant, Kindergarten section, was appointed to the place and he joined duty on 25th July 1918. He was relieved on Mr. Porrett's returning to duty on 22nd March 1919.

M.R.Ry. P. Ranganatha Ayyar, B.A., L.T., sub. *pro tem.* Assistant on Rs. 75—2½—100, was transferred to Trichinopoly, and M.R.Ry. K. S. Srinivasachari, M.A., L.T., succeeded him. M.R.Ry. N. Ramani, M.A., L.T., sub. *pro tem.* Assistant on Rs. 75—2½—100 was appointed Assistant Lecturer in the Ceded Districts College, Anantapur, and M.R.Ry. S. Sivaramakrishna Ayyar, B.A., L.T., one of the temporary assistants was appointed in his place. There were also several other changes in the staff of the Model school.

2. *Accommodation and equipment.*—As usual, the annual repairs to the College buildings including the Principal's and Vice-Principal's quarters and the hostel attached to the College were carried out by the Public Works Department. Plans and estimates have been prepared and forwarded by the Public Works Department for the carrying out of extensions to the hostel, for the construction of quarters for the women students and the lady superintendent, Kindergarten section, and for fittings for electric installations.

During the year under report articles of furniture to the extent of Rs. 1,600 were supplied to the College, the Model school, and the Secondary Training section, the expenditure being met from the usual budget allotment for the year and the additional allotment of Rs. 1,300 sanctioned during the year in Proceedings Dis. No. 1483, dated 27th February 1919. The ordinary annual repairs to furniture were also attended to.

3. *Strength and attendance.*—There were 159 students on the rolls on the 31st March 1919, as against 167 on the corresponding date of the previous year as shown below :—

	1917-18.	1918-19.
M.A.	1	6
B.A. (Hons.)	18	21
B.A.	79	78
F.A.	3	1
Matric.	10	9
S.S.L.C.	56	44
	167	159

Of the 159 students, 105 belonged to the collegiate grade, 47 to the secondary grade, and seven to the Manual Training section. The decrease was due to a fresh batch of students not having been admitted to the Manual Training class in July 1918, consequent on the absence of Mr. Porrett on military duty. Of the 105 students of the collegiate grade, two were Europeans and Eurasians, eight were Indian Christians, one was a Muhammadan, 83 were Brahmans, and 11 Non-Brahmans. Seven lady students were admitted during the year; one, however, withdrew on 7th October 1918.

The distribution of the students according to their special subjects is shown below :—

Mathematics	23	Kindergarten	11
Physical Science	16		
Natural do.	8	Total	105
History	47		

Secondary Training section.—The number of students admitted into the Secondary Training class during the year was 47 as in the previous year. Of these one died. During the second term one of last year's students who had not been sent up for the Training School-leaving Certificate Examination for want of attendance and progress was admitted for a supplementary course under the orders of the Director of Public Instruction.

Manual Training class.—No admissions were made during the year owing, as already stated, to the absence on military duty of the Manual Training Instructor. The second year students, seven in number, were alone under training and these completed their course under the tuition of the Assistant Manual Training Instructor.

The distribution according to caste or creed of the students of the secondary grade and of the Manual Training section is shown below :—

	Secondary.	Manual training.
Indian Christians	6	2
Muhammadans	8	...
Brahmans	26	3
Non-Brahmans	7	2
	47	7

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

	L.T.	Secondary and manual training.
Anantapur	1	...
Bellary	1	...
Chittoor	3	7
Chingleput	3	7
Cuddapah	...	1
Coimbatore	6	1
Ganjam	...	1
Gödvary	1	...
Guntur	...	1
Kurnool	1	...
Madura	4	1
Malabar	9	...
Madras	5	9
North Arcot	2	5
Nellore	6	2
Nilgiris	...	1
South Arcot	3	9
Salem	1	...
South Kanara	8	...
Tanjore	25	2
Tinnevely	10	1
Trichinopoly	5	4
Bangalore	1	1
Cochin	1	...
	105	54

Of the 105 belonging to the collegiate grade, 93 were provincial stipendiaries, five were students deputed by the Director of Public Instruction, five were local board or municipal stipendiaries, one was paid from the Mysore Assigned Tract funds, and one was a paying student.

Of the 47 belonging to the secondary grade, 30 were provincial stipendiaries, three were students deputed by the Director of Public Instruction, three were local board stipendiaries, one was paid from the Mysore Assigned Tract funds, eight were non-stipendiaries, and two were free students.

Of the eight students in the Manual Training class on the 31st March 1918, one having been declared by the Medical Officer as unfit to continue the second year course, was relieved in April 1918. There were thus only seven during the year under report.

Of these six were provincial stipendiaries, and one was receiving stipends from municipal funds. The average number on the rolls and the average attendance of the three sections are noted below :—

	Average number on the rolls.	Average attendance.
Collegiate grade	105	93
Secondary	47	41
Manual Training section	7	6

Model school.—There were 473 boys and 18 girls on the rolls on the 31st March 1919 as against 528 boys and 24 girls on the 31st March 1918 as shown below :—

	1917-18.		1918-19.	
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
Upper Secondary Department	117	...	108	...
Lower do.	203	1	196	2
Kindergarten do.	203	23	169	16
	528	24	473	18

The decrease in the strength which is noticeable in the Kindergarten department was due to a section of the third-class not having been continued during the year. One of the assistants left the institution to take up service under a Local Board, and a competent substitute not being available, the place remained practically vacant throughout the year. It has since been filled up and I hope that the department will regain its former strength with the commencement of the next school year.

The average number on the rolls and the average daily attendance during the year were 512 and 448, respectively.

Special gymnastic class.—There were 12 students on the rolls on the 31st March 1919 as against 13 on the corresponding date of the previous year.

4. *Public Examinations.—L.T. Degree Examination.*—Of the 97 candidates that appeared for the examination, 77 passed with four in the first class, 29 in the second class and 44 in the third class. The Lord Pentland Prize was awarded to Mr. S. A. Furtado and the S. Subrahmanya Ayyar medal to M.R.Ry. T. K. Narayanan.

Training School Leaving Certificate Examination.—

Secondary grade.—Fifty-six appeared, of whom nine belonged to the Manual Training section. Forty-five passed.

Manual Training Teachers' Certificate Examination.—This was conducted on the 20th, 21st and 22nd March 1919 by Messrs. Hadaway, Fyfe and Lawson. Seven were examined and six passed, all in the second class.

Secondary School Leaving Certificate Examination.—Thirty-seven pupils of the Model school (of whom 11 took a supplementary course) appeared for the examination held in March 1918. Five were declared eligible for admission to University course of study.

Gymnastic Teachers' Certificate Examination.—Twelve appeared for the examination held in December 1918 and eight passed with one in the first class.

5. College and school examinations.—

Examination in Drawing.—M.R.Ry. Velayuda Asari, Assistant Superintendent, School of Arts, conducted the examination of the students under training. The results are given below :—

	No. present.	First class.	Second class.
L.T.	99	5	68
Secondary	44	2	41

Examination in Drill.—Of the 146 students excluding the lady students and the students of the second year manual training class, 128 were present for the examination, the rest being either absent on leave or exempted. The Adjutant of the First Battalion, M. & S. M. Railway Rifles, Perambur, tested the students in drill and physical exercises on the 14th March 1919. The following is an extract from the report on the results of the examination :—

"The exercises were very well chosen and the system of training adopted by the Instructor I consider very good.

"Discipline was good.

"I consider an all round advance has been made on last year's work."

Periodical examinations for the pupils of the Model school were conducted as usual and promotions were made in July 1918. No pupils were prepared for the standard examination in drawing. The pupils in the three upper forms now go

through a course of drawing and manual training at the manual training centre and are examined each term by the Manual Training Instructor and their progress is recorded in the pupils' secondary school leaving certificates.

6. *Library.*—The total number of volumes in the library on the 31st March 1919 was 9,202 as against 8,910 on the 31st March 1918. Out of the additional allotment, of Rs. 1,300 for contingencies sanctioned during the year about Rs. 170 was spent towards the purchase of books and maps. The number of books issued from the general library during the year to the members of the staff and to the students was 400 and 3,941 respectively. The number of books issued from the special class libraries in charge of the lecturers is given below :—

English	942
Mathematics	620
History	515
Natural science	261
Physical science	399
Geography	1,128
Kindergarten	456
Manual training	32

The books in the college and school libraries were duly checked at the end of each term.

7. *The museum.*—A good number of specimens of the school museum were made use of for purposes of class teaching. Some useful models and specimens were added to the collections during the year.

8. *Teachers' Association.*—The senior and junior branches of the association did fairly satisfactory work during the year. The junior association held ten meetings including one at which a lantern lecture was delivered. The general body of the senior branch and the several sections held between them in all 28 meetings during the year. The proceedings at these meetings are reported to have been lively. The anniversaries of these associations were held in March 1919.

9. *Recreation club.*—Tennis, football and badminton were the games played by the students of the college and the secondary section and the pupils of the model school. The football team, composed of the students of the college and pupils of the model school, competed in the Madras Collegiate Athletic Association football tournament. Two collegiate grade students entered for the tennis doubles and singles in the Madras Collegiate Athletic Association tournament. The model school football team competed in the Madras Schools Athletic Association football tournament and won His Excellency Lord Pentland Shield newly presented to the Madras Schools Athletic Association. Three pupils of the model school entered for the Madras Schools Athletic Association Annual Athletic sports and one of them won two prizes.

The model school sports were held as usual on the Darbar day. For the successful conduct of these sports and for the distinctions gained by the model school pupils at the Madras Schools Athletics, I am indebted to the exertions of our energetic games Secretary M.R.Ry. M. R. Subrahmanya Ayyar.

Under the careful guidance of M.R.Ry. V. Venkatarama Ayyar, scoutmaster, the model school scout troop, has been doing good work. There were 18 scouts who had completed their second class tests. Among the troop's activities during the year may be mentioned its having competed for His Excellency the Governor's flag.

A "Wolf Cub" pack has been organized in the Kindergarten department and a successful entertainment in its aid was held with the Hon'ble Mr. Justice T. V. Seshagiri Ayyar as President.

The group games suggested by Mr. Nöhren, Physical Director of the Young men's Christian Association, were continued under the superintendence of some of the teachers of the school.

The periodicals supplied by Government and those subscribed for by the club were received during the year.

10. *The College hostel.*—The Brahman hostel worked during the long term in two sections, one for students from the west coast and one for those from other parts of the Presidency. The cost of boarding was higher than in previous years owing

to the dearness of provisions and varied from Rs. 13 to Rs. 17. Some members were permitted during the short term to live outside with their families or their relatives. A few left the hostel who happened to be relieved before the 31st March. The students from the West Coast, 13 in number, had special permission to manage a mess of their own within the hostel premises. Excluding these there were 37 boarders on the 31st March.

The students from South Kanara and the Indian Christians resided in the hostel and as usual organised their own concerns. The non-Brahman students had lodging accommodation and a few had facilities for making their own boarding arrangements.

The tutorial system.—The system was continued throughout the year and the students were as usual in constant touch with the lecturers.

11. *History of students.*—The students who were relieved during the year, with a few exceptions, have either secured appointments or returned to the institutions from which they were sent up for training. The history of students has been regularly maintained.

12. *Finance.*—The receipts and charges of the College and the Secondary Training section during the year 1918-19 were Rs. 11,370-8-5 and Rs. 87,750-12-9 respectively as against Rs. 11,974-2-8 and Rs. 1,01,936-7-6 in the previous year. The net cost to Government of maintaining the College was Rs. 76,380-4-4 and the cost of educating each student was Rs. 480 as against Rs. 539 in the preceding year. The decrease was due to the absence of the permanent Principal on other duty and on leave.

The following statement gives details of the receipts and charges of the College and the Secondary Training section during the year 1918-19:—

	Receipts.			Secondary Training section.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Tuition fees	120	0	0	...		
Model school fees	9,903	8	3	...		
Gymnastic fees	137	0	0	...		
Miscellaneous	1,173	4	8	36	11	6
Total ...	11,353	12	11	36	11	6
<i>Charges.</i>						
Principal including exchange compensation allowance.	9,304	4	1	...		
Other gazetted officers including lady Superintendent.	23,953	3	7	...		
Headmaster	...			1,600	0	0
Masters and teachers	6,101	4	6	1,558	0	1
Temporary assistants	12,145	9	1	...		
Clerks, librarian and servants	2,531	12	3	84	0	0
Grain compensation, war and local allowances.	1,219	13	1	96	1	6
Travelling allowances	1,476	12	6	...		
Travelling allowance of students	683	1	6	113	15	0
Stipends	14,099	3	4	3,193	14	6
Petty construction and repairs	33	12	0	...		
Books and maps	936	8	1	78	1	3
Europe stores on indent including freight.	1,649	14	3	...		
Other laboratory charges	522	15	9	...		
Purchase of and repairs to furniture	1,851	4	5	246	0	0
Rent, rates and taxes	270	0	0	...		
Gymnastic instructor's duty allowance	120	0	0	...		
Games	253	4	8	...		
Periodical examination charges	20	0	0	...		
Other contingencies including manual training.	3,238	1	4	45	0	0
Charges in connexion with special lectures.	420	0	0	...		
Total ...	80,735	12	5	7,015	0	4

13. The service books of the members of the staff have been verified up to 31st March 1919.

14. *General—Moral instruction.*—The pupils of the upper forms were taken through a course of moral instruction based on the syllabus approved by Government in G.O. No. 1293, Home (Education), dated 11th October 1917. I have nothing to add to the two reports R.C. No. 365/17, dated 6th/9th May 1918 and R.C. No. 16-D/19, dated 4th February 1919, already submitted on the working of the scheme.

Excursions.—The students of the Physical Science section visited the Perambur Railway Workshops, the Harbour, the Waterworks, the King Institute, Guindy, the Observatory, the Electric Power station, the X-ray department, General Hospital and the Presidency College laboratories.

The Natural Science section went on an excursion to the Seven Pagodas.

The secondary grade students visited the School of Arts, Madras, the Corporation School, Periamet and the Chengalvaraya Naicker's Technical Institute, Vepery.

The Manual Training class students visited the School of Arts and the Manual Training Centre, Egmore.

A course of twelve lectures on *Physiology and Hygiene* was delivered by Mr. A. G. Nohren, Physical Adviser to the Government of Madras, as in the two previous years. Almost all the students attended the lectures.

The Government sanctioned the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to institute a special course of twelve lectures on the *Kindergarten system* in the Teachers' College, Saidapet, for the benefit of teachers engaged in teaching young children or in supervising work in the Kindergarten. The lectures were delivered by Miss C. Gordon during the Christmas vacation. Another course of lectures for a second batch was also sanctioned and these commenced on the 31st March 1919.

A new feature in the conduct of work with the L.T. section this year was that trial was given to a scheme that had been decided on by Mr. Duncan, with a view to give graduates under training some idea of the courses of study, up to the school final standard, in subjects other than those in which they were specialising. In accordance with this scheme, during the short term *general lectures* on the scope and character of the courses in Mathematics, in Physical and in Natural Science were delivered for the benefit of the graduates in English and in History, and on History and Geography for the benefit of the graduates in English, in Science and in Mathematics. The students seemed generally interested in this new scheme of lectures.

An experiment was tried in regard to English as well, an attempt being made for the first time to hold discussion classes on the 'Seminar system', and the results, so far, were encouraging. Further endeavours will be made in these new directions during the next year.

Among other matters of general interest, I should make prominent mention of the Armistice celebrations when the members of the staff, students and pupils most enthusiastically participated in the rejoicings, and the visit paid to the College by the officers from the Front. The College was also visited by the Hon'ble Mr. Sharp, Educational Commissioner with the Government of India, and the Hon'ble Mr. C. F. De La Fosse, Director of Public Instruction, United Provinces.

M.R.Ry. M. C. S. Anantapadmanaba Rao Avargal, M.A., L.T., and M.R.Ry. M. O. Parthasarathi Ayyangar, M.A., L.T., were permitted to attend the Indian Science Congress, and M.R.Ry. T. K. Venkatarama Ayyar, M.A., L.T., the Indian Mathematical Conference. M.R.Ry. M. O. Parthasarathi Ayyangar read a paper before the Science Congress.

In conclusion I desire to express my indebtedness to the acting Vice-Principal and the members of the College and school staff for their hearty co-operation with me in carrying on the work of the College.

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2. During the year under report there was an increase in the number of Masters of Arts and Honours graduates under training while the number of Pass B.A.'s remained almost stationary. The number of lady graduate students under training continued to be six.

3. The results of the L.T. Degree examination and the preliminary examination for teachers' certificates of the secondary grade, although very fair, did not compare favourably with those of last year, while those of the S.S.L.C. examination were disappointing. The acting Principal is requested to be good enough to give the upper secondary classes of the Model school his special attention.

4. The general condition of the institution, however, continued to be satisfactory notwithstanding the numerous but unavoidable changes that occurred on the staff during the year.

5. The acting Director is pleased to note that the experiment of imparting moral instruction according to the scheme approved by Government has proved a success.

R. LITTLEHAILES,
Acting Director of Public Instruction.

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Local and Municipal Department			
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Public Dept.			
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Letter only.	Complete G.O.	Special issue copies of G.O.	Notes.
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† To be initialled and dated.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SECRETARIAT.

(a) If a paper is marked to be printed urgently, the Superintendent of the section concerned should sign the Press slip. The Superintendent should exercise a careful discretion in the matter.

(b) Each letter, memorandum, or order, or set of orders, in the file of correspondence should be headed in succession with the Roman numeral I, II, III, etc., the number being written in red ink or blue chalk above the item. The particular papers to be printed in the special issue-copies should be indicated by the Roman numeral (I, II, etc.), by which that item has been headed in the correspondence file. All matter, including marginal remarks or references, to be printed should be written in ink and matter which should not be printed should be encircled. Initials and signatures that are not quite legible should be re-written distinctly.

(b¹) For rules regarding printing of notes, see rule 315 of the office Manual.

(c) The number of copies and the details of distribution should be filled in by the Superintendent or Referencer concerned.

(d) In the absence of special instructions to the Press to keep matter standing for a specified period, ordinary papers of 8 pages and under will be kept standing for one week, and larger papers for two weeks only. The type of notes and of all confidential papers is distributed immediately after striking.

(e) This slip, properly and completely filled in, should accompany every paper sent to Press; it will be returned by the Press when proofs are furnished; it should be sent to the Press when a call is made for revised proofs or when a corrected proof is sent for striking. When finally returned by Press it should be filed with the original order or letter.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PRESS.

(a) If, in the opinion of the Superintendent of the Press, a paper has been marked urgent unnecessarily, he should send the Press slip to the Registrar with a remark to that effect.

(b) Unless a note to the contrary is made against the matter, pencil entries should not be printed. The Superintendent of the Press may bring to the notice of the Registrar any instance of incomplete or careless editing.

(c) Signature copies of letters to the Secretary of State or to the Government of India should be printed on hand-made paper.

(d) This slip should be returned by the Press to the Secretariat when proofs are furnished; it will be sent back to the Press when proofs are returned corrected and should be finally returned to the Secretariat when struck-off copies are supplied.

(e) The names of the Secretary and Members should be printed in full when they occur on the right-hand side, only the first time when they appear on the left side, the initials alone being printed later.

TO PRESS, MADRAS COTY.

Please send proof in duplicate. The papers have been carefully edited.

Proof returned corrected. Please strike off and send number of copies as indicated.

As the matter is clear manuscript and has been carefully edited, (b) proof need not be sent. Please print and supply number of copies as indicated.

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

TO BE FILLED IN BY THE PRESS.

Diary.	Initials of Press official.
Received in Press on.....	3/7/19
First proof furnished on.....	3/7
Call for revised proof received on.....	
Revised proof furnished on.....	
Corrected proof received for striking on.....	
Final copies supplied on.....	10/7/19

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