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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—the 14th June 1919.

No.—R.C. 3962.

I have the honour to submit herewith for the information of Government a copy of my Proceedings R.C. No. 3962, dated 11th June 1919, reviewing the report on the working of the Government Training College, Rajahmundry, for the year 1918-19.

ENCLOSURE

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, R.C. No. 3962, dated 11th June 1919.

Read—the following paper :—

Letter—from R. W. Ross, Esq., Principal, Government Training College, Rajahmundry.

To—the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Dated—Rajahmundry, the 30th April 1919.

No.—R.C. 72-C-19.

I have the honour to submit my report on the working of the Training College, Rajahmundry.

Accommodation.—The accommodation during the year has remained the same as that of the previous year. Much inconvenience has been felt on account of there not being suitable buildings for the college, and classes have been conducted with great difficulty. At present there is hardly any playground space and the only game in which the students have been able to participate is that of Volley-ball. The new site mentioned in last year's report has been approved but the land has not yet been acquired.

Staff.—There have been two changes during the year in the staff. M.R.Ry. S. Kameswara Rao Garu, Lecturer in Theory and Practice of Education, took the place of M.R.Ry. V. Sayanna Sastri Garu, who was transferred to Saidapet, and M.R.Ry. N. Raghavachari Avargal occupied the post vacated by M.R.Ry. G. K. Duggirala Garu, Lecturer in History and Geography. As in the preceding year, all members of the college staff taught regularly in the VI Form classes in the Model school and have been responsible for guiding the teachers of the Model school in definite courses of study. Two changes in the staff of the secondary grade section were made in July 1918. M.R.Ry. M. Parvatesam taking the place of the previous Headmaster, M.R.Ry. S. N. Venkataramayya Avargal, who has been away on sick leave throughout the year and M.R.Ry. A. Ganapati Ayyar being appointed temporary assistant in the place of M.R.Ry. K. Sundaresan, who was transferred elsewhere. All members of the staff have co-operated loyally with the Principal throughout the session.

Furniture and apparatus.—Rs. 2,079-2-9 have been spent on furniture, Rs. 2,239 on science apparatus and Rs. 1,269-1-9 on books. Science apparatus and books have been purchased in India, but it is hoped that, with the conclusion of the war, these items will, in future, be obtained from England.

Strength and attendance.—In the L.T. section 59 graduates were promised seats, but when the college opened in July, only 46 of these joined. Subsequently two of the number suddenly disappeared, as they had decided to continue their studies elsewhere. In the secondary grade section, 100 students were admitted and of these none ran away. During the year, many of the students were attacked by 'Influenza' which unfortunately proved fatal in the case of two—one a graduate and the other a secondary grade student.

The qualifications of students for the last two years are tabulated below:—

	1917-18	1918-19.
M.A.	4	4
B.A. (Hon.)	3	1
B.A.	41	38
F.A.	...	7
Matriculates	7	...
Special examination for failed Matriculates	...	14
S.S.L.C.	87	79

Of the 43 students belonging to the collegiate section, 36 were Brahmans, three non-Brahmans, three Indian Christians and one was a Muhammadan.

Forty-one received Government stipends, one received a Board stipend and one a Municipal stipend.

The distribution of students according to their special subjects was 29 History and Geography; seven Mathematics; seven Physical Science.

Of the 100 secondary grade students, 79 were Brahmans, four were non-Brahmans and 17 Indian Christians. Only 46 of these received Government stipends. The remainder came at their own expense or were helped by taluk boards, municipal councils or private institutions. The distribution of students according to their districts was as follows:—

District.	Collegiate section.	Secondary section.
Bellary	1	1
Chittoor	...	1
Cuddapah	1	1
Ganjam	3	6
Gōdāvari	23	28
Guntur	5	21
Kurnool	...	3
Kistna	7	26
Nellore	1	1
Vizagapatam	2	12

Model school.—In the year 1917-18, there were three divisions of the VI Form. The number of boys totalled 108. A large number of these boys were supplementary students whom it was considered undesirable to re-admit. The strength of each division had also to be decreased, as the class rooms are not large enough to accommodate 40 pupils and batches of observation students. For these reasons, during the year 1918-19, there have only been two divisions of the VI Form with 30 boys in each. Apart from this alteration, the number of divisions in the school have remained the same as in the previous year. The numbers on the rolls for the last two years are shown below:—

	1918.		1919.	
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
Upper Secondary department ...	245	...	170	...
Lower Secondary " ...	101	...	86	...
Primary department ...	55	3	49	1

The average number on the rolls and the average daily attendance during the year was 314 and 263, respectively.

Examination in Drill.—Most of the students under training were examined in drill by the Staff Sergeant Baker (1/32nd Battalion, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Rifles) on the 27th of March 1918. He was very well pleased with the display of physical exercises, but found many defects in the way in which squad drill was conducted.

Library.—During the year, the school and college libraries have been well used and the various librarians have been so careful in the way they have maintained their registers that no books have been lost. The total number of volumes in the College General library on the 31st of March 1919 was 4,612, and the number of volumes in the special libraries amounted to 818. The number of books issued from the General and Special libraries during the year was 5,004.

The college reading-room was well used, as is evidenced by the fact that 2,084 books were consulted by the students.

The Model school library consists of 1,589 books which are in charge of four teachers. One thousand four hundred and fifty-eight books were issued to the pupils during the year.

Training College Teachers' Association.—The collegiate and secondary grade sections have had their separate associations and held meetings regularly. Both of them held their annual meetings in the month of March and talked about the desirability of organising a college-day annual meeting to which all old boys should be invited.

Recreation Club.—Most of the students have been unable to take part in Hockey or foot-ball as there is no play-ground accommodation; but they have tried to get recreation by playing Volley-ball and many interesting contests have taken place during the year. Students were divided into various batches and each batch played every other batch. Mr. Noehren, Director of Physical Instruction, during his week's visit to the college did a great deal to show the students how to play the game vigorously. The Boys' scout movement has been started in the school and the few boys selected have shown a great interest in it. There is at present one trained Scout-master and an Assistant Scout-master, who has not yet been trained.

The College Hostel.—A building near the college has been rented and used as a hostel. Thirty-seven students have been accommodated in it and Government has contributed a sum of Rs. 276 towards the rent of the building. As more accommodation is required, another building has been selected where, it is hoped, students will be more comfortable and live under better sanitary conditions. The average cost of boarding and lodging of each student was about Rs. 12 per mensem.

Tutorial system.—The various lecturers throughout the year have continually met the students in small batches and have endeavoured to understand the needs of each individual student. In the Mathematics and Science sections, where the numbers are small, there has been no difficulty about having periodical meetings; but the same cannot be said with regard to the History section.

In the secondary grade section, members of the staff have visited several students in their lodgings, but very little tutorial work has been attempted.

Finance.—The receipts and charges of the Model school and the college during the year under report were Rs. 9,786-15-9 and Rs. 50,649-13-11, respectively. The net cost to Government of maintaining the school and college was Rs. 40,862-14-2 and the cost of educating each graduate student was about Rs. 590.

The following statement gives details of the receipts and charges of the school and college during 1918-19:—

	Receipts.		Rs.	A.	P.
Model school fees ...	...	...	9,530	0	0
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	256	15	9
Total ...	...	...	9,786	15	9

<i>Charges.</i>			
Principal and lecturers	19,402	4	4
Masters and teachers	8,054	10	2
Temporary assistants	6,847	15	9
Clerks, librarian and servants	2,016	1	1
Famine batta and local allowance	765	14	5
Travelling allowance of officers and establishment	123	13	0
Do. of private students	299	8	6
Books and maps	1,269	1	9
Laboratory charges	2,239	0	9
Petty construction and repairs	260	0	6
Purchase of, and repairs to, furniture	2,079	2	9
Games	18	5	0
Stipends of students	6,265	11	7
Gymnasia	56	8	9
Miscellaneous	10	7	0
Printing at private presses	6	8	0
Other contingencies	1,294	12	7
Total	50,649	13	11

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

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2. Steps are being taken for the acquisition of the site approved for the location of the training school.

3. The fall in the strength of the L.T. section from 48 to 43 is to be regretted. The Acting Director trusts that the untrained graduates in the Telugu districts for whose benefit the college has been revived will seek admission into it in larger numbers without overstepping the limit of accommodation available. The attention of inspecting officers is especially invited to this remark.

4. The working of the college continued to be satisfactory.

(True extract)

R. LITTLEHAILES,
Acting Director of Public Instruction.

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