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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. 3867.

I have the honour to submit herewith for the information of Government a copy of my Proceedings R.C. No. 3867/19, dated 11th June 1919, reviewing the report on the working of the Queen Mary's College for Women, Madras, for 1918-19.

ENCLOSURE

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, R.C. No. 3867/19,
dated 11th June 1919.

Read—the following paper :—

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

To—the Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—the 25th April 1919.

No.—C. 121.

I have the honour to submit my report on the fifth year's working of the college during the year 1918-19.

The college re-opened after the summer vacation on the 8th July 1918.

Teaching Staff.—I was obliged to take leave on medical certificate for three months, viz., July 8th to October 7th. During the greater portion of this period Miss G. C. McCormick acted as Principal until her departure on one year's leave on medical certificate on September 12th. Miss A. Sergeant was transferred from her work as Inspectress, Northern Circle, to fill the temporary vacancy here on August 13th and acted as Principal for a short time and as First Assistant throughout the year.

Miss M. G. Alexander continued her work in the college.

Miss Gunther, Miss Joseph and Miss Handoo continued to hold their previous posts. Miss Handoo resigned on April 4th on account of her approaching marriage.

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

French—Miss de la Hey ; Miss Sergeant.

Latin—Miss de la Hey ; Miss Alexander.

Sanskrit Translation—M.R.Ry. K. Gopalakrishnamma.

Sanskrit Texts—M.R.Ry. Y. Venkateswara Sastri.

Kanarese—M.R.Ry. Sivasankara Sastri.

Malayalam—M.R.Ry. K. Venkateswara Sastri.

Telugu—M.R.Ry. A. V. Narasimham Pantulu.

Persian and Urdu—Moulvi Mir Haidar Ali Sahib.

2. The number of new admissions to the college during July 1918 was 41. The total number in all four classes on 31st July 1918 was 104. There were five more admissions and six withdrawals during the course of the year ; thus on 31st

March 1919 the total number on the rolls was 103. A slight decrease in numbers will be noticed this year. This is due to two causes—(a) a somewhat large percentage of failures in the first-year class led to some withdrawals, (b) the success of the Intermediate candidates resulted in several of them passing out of this college to the Presidency College and Medical College for further courses of study. It should be noted that we have now one Muhammadan student.

(a) Numerical strength and attendance—

Year.	Number on rolls on 31st March.	Average number on rolls.	Average daily attendance.	Percentage of attendance.
1917-18	108	110	108	93.64
1918-19	103	114	97	94.17

(b) Classification of students according to race—

Year.	Europeans.	Indian Christians.	Brahmans.	Non-Brahman Caste Hindus.	Muhammadans.	Total.
1917-18	25	39	15	29	1	108
1918-19	26	32	12	33	1	103

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

Arcot, South	1	Kanara, South	3
Arcot, North	2	Kurnool	1
Bangalore	5	Madras	24
Chingleput	3	Malabar	22
Chittoor	1	Nellore	2
Cochin	18	The Nilgiris	1
Coimbatore	4	Ramnad	1
Coorg	2	Salem	1
Godavari	2	Tanjore	2
Guntur	1	Tinnevely	1
Hyderabad	2	Trichinopoly	1
Kistna	1	Vizagapatam	2
		Total	103

First-year class (strength of class 41).—Four students took the subjects for group (i) and seven students the subjects for group (ii). These all attended the Presidency College for instruction in Part II. Thirty students took the subjects for group (iii) with the following combination of subjects:—

Ancient History, Modern History and Logic	19
Do. do. and Malayalam	5
Do. do. and Tamil	2
Do. do. and Telugu	2
Modern History, Logic and Sanskrit	1
Ancient History, Persian and Urdu	1

In the promotion examination 25 students have been granted promotion to the second-year class.

Second-year class (strength of class 40).—The results of the Intermediate examination of 1918 were remarkably good. Of the 24 students appearing from the college, there were only two complete failures. Two gained first classes holding the 14th and 17th places in the Presidency. Including these two, twelve passed the full examination, ten passed in either Part I or Part II; of these five had already passed in one part and thus attained a full pass. Four distinctions were gained—in Tamil, Ancient History, Modern History and Chemistry.

Checha George won the Krupabhai Sathianadhan Memorial Medal for English.

Four students from this class joined the Presidency College for Honours courses and one for a Science pass course, two joined the Medical College and six re-joined in the third-year class of this college.

For the Intermediate examination of 1919, 28 have appeared for the full examination for the first time and 4 for Part I. Of these 28, eight took the subjects for group (ii) and twenty the subjects for group (iii) in the following combinations:—

Ancient History, Modern History and Logic	13
Do. do. and Malayalam	3
Do. do. and Tamil	1
Do. Logic and Tamil	1
Do. do. and Latin	1
Do. do. and French	1

Six entered for the examination as private students.

Third-year class.—The class began with a strength of 12, all taking group (v), History or Economics as their optional group. One student withdrew in August 1918.

In the promotion examination, eight have gained promotion to the fourth-year class.

Fourth-year class (strength of class 11).—The results of our first appearance for the B.A. Degree Examination were most satisfactory.

Of the 5 students sent in for the whole examination, 4 passed in full and 1 passed in Part II only. The two sent in for Parts I and II respectively both passed. It is noteworthy that throughout both the Intermediate and B.A. Examinations of 1918, there were no failures at all in the History, Logic and Languages—Optional subjects.

Three of the four duly qualified students took their degree at the Convocation of 1918, being our first graduates. N. Nallamuttu Ammal was awarded the Akkamma Gari medal for proficiency in English.

Eight students of this year's fourth year class have appeared for the B.A. Degree Examination of 1919 in full and one for Part II. Two entered for the examination as private candidates.

Library.—The library has been strengthened considerably this year in all its divisions including that of the vernacular languages. The books are becoming too many for the present accommodation.

Financial.—The total receipts from fees amounted to Rs. 4,113-10-0 and the total expenditure to Rs. 55,876-10-4. The net expenditure from Provincial funds was thus Rs. 51,763-0-4.

Sports.—Badminton and Tennis have been played with varying keenness throughout the year. In Badminton, we again won both the Y.W.C.A. shields.

In Tennis we came in third in the Atkinson Cup tournament.

Scholarships.—The number of Government scholarships was further increased. There were 51 students in receipt of Government scholarships during the year. There were also other students holding special scholarships.

Prizes.—The Lord Pentland Prize for English in the Intermediate classes was won by Mrs. S. Roy.

Before leaving Madras, Her Excellency Lady Pentland expressed a wish to award a prize in the college with the gift of money presented to her by the ladies of Madras. I believe this prize is to be awarded in the B.A. classes, but I have not yet the full details of the scheme.

I may here take the opportunity of expressing my gratitude for all that the college owes to the interest and friendship of Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Pentland. In these early years of development and expansion, it has been a great support to feel that the welfare of the college was so near their hearts. By the retirement of Sir Henry Stone, the college has lost one who was also closely connected with its foundation. A large portrait of him has very kindly been presented to the college by Diwan Bahadur C. Ramanujam Chetti.

Building.—The new block which was completed in July 1918 has been occupied by the Hindu students during the year. I had, however, to give up the new kitchens to their proper use, and consequently, in spite of the occupation of the new block, there has been hardly any more hostel accommodation than in 1917-18. All the houses have been over-crowded during the year under report and it has been difficult to provide class rooms for the language teaching.

The foundation stone of the central block was laid by His Excellency Lord Pentland on March 24th, 1919. The munificent gift of the Maharaja of Jeypore is being utilized in the building of this block. I cannot say how anxious I am to see the centre block begun and completed. The present over-crowding in the hostel, though not so bad as to be dangerous to health, robs the girls of the quiet independence of life which ought to be theirs.

As far as I can see at present there is going to be a large increase in numbers in July next which will necessitate the renting of the military bungalow again or even of some larger house.

We are still in great need of a compound wall.

Hostel.—The hostel has continued to be very popular. I have had to refuse several applications for residence from students of other Government institutions, though I have continued to find room for former students of this college who are continuing their course of education in Madras at the Presidency College or at the Medical College.

There has been a further subdivision of the Hindu section, in order to enable the Nayar students to have food according to their taste. The management of the different sections is being undertaken more and more fully by the students themselves, each section having a member of the staff as adviser. The numbers of the hostel students excluding the members of the staff are given below:—

		Europeans.	Indian Christians.	Caste Hindus.	Total.
European section	...	21	5	...	26
Indian Christian section.	Malayali	2	12	...	14
	Tamil	...	10	...	10
	Telugu	...	...	...	...
Caste Hindu section.	Vegetarian—	...	...	15	15
	Malayali	...	6	14	20
	Others	...	...	10	10
	Non-vegetarian	...	...	...	...
Total					95

Health.—The Government having given permission to obtain a medical adviser for the college, Dr. (Miss) McNeill of the Rainy Hospital has visited the college at each reopening after holidays. Her help has chiefly been sought by members of the hostel, but day students have also availed themselves of it.

Her advice has been most useful and in a year of such universal sickness, we have been almost entirely free from illness of any kind.

The Advisory Council met on the 15th November 1918. Her Excellency Lady Pentland presided. The Council has been recently reconstituted to fill the places of former members who have now left Madras or who cannot attend the meetings.

Future development.—I trust that the deliberations of Government on the question of the teaching of science in the college will soon result in the provision of buildings and of staff for the purpose. We have received from England the bulk of the necessary stores. I feel more and more keenly that the opening of a Science side is necessary to widen the sphere of usefulness of the college.

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2. The most noteworthy event of the year was the sanction of the Secretary of State to the permanent retention of the college, which, it will be observed, has more than justified its existence.

3. There was a slight decrease in the total strength which has been explained by the Principal. The number of non-Brahman students slightly increased and the presence of a Muhammadan student is gratifying. The bulk of the students were contributed as usual by Madras, Malabar and Cochin, Malayali ladies being most forward in prosecuting their studies for the University course.

4. The results of the Intermediate and the B. A. Degree examinations of 1918 were good.

5. It is satisfactory to note that the hostel is very popular as evidenced by the steady increase in the number of students partaking of its benefits.

6. The Principal is requested to be good enough to address the Director in due course about the provision of additional accommodation and the renting of the military bungalow referred to in the report. The question of enclosing the college buildings with a compound wall is under the consideration of Government.

7. The Director congratulates the Principal and the members of the staff on another year's successful work.

8. The several paragraphs of the report should have been numbered.

R. LITTLEHAILES,
Acting Director of Public Instruction.

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