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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 17th June 1919.
No.—R.C. 4111.

I have the honour to submit herewith for the information of Government a copy of my Proceedings R.C. No. 4111/19, dated 13th June 1919, reviewing the report on the working of the Ceded Districts College, Anantapur, for the year 1918-19.

ENCLOSURE.

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, R.C. No. 4111/19,
dated 13th June 1919.

Read—the following paper :—

Letter—from M.R.Ry. S. E. RANGANADHAN AVARGAL, M.A., L.T., Principal, Ceded Districts College, Anantapur.
To—the Director of Public Instruction.
Dated—the 26th April 1919.
No.—Dis. 20.

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

Status of the college.—The college was made permanent and raised to the first grade in G.O. No. 711, Home (Education), dated 6th June 1918.

The junior B.A. class was opened, and instruction was provided in Groups I, V and VI of the B.A. degree courses of study.

Staff.—I was appointed to be Principal of the college temporarily for two years from 8th July 1918.

M.R.Ry. T. Suryanarayana, B.A. (Cantab) was appointed to act as Lecturer in Mathematics and joined duty on the forenoon of 25th July 1918. His services were transferred temporarily to the Presidency College, Madras, and he was relieved on the afternoon of the 4th January 1919.

M.R.Ry. V. Rangacharya, M.A., L.T., joined the college as acting Lecturer in History on the forenoon of 6th August 1918 in place of Mr. G. Lobo, B.A., the permanent incumbent appointed in Gazette notification No. 94, dated 24th July 1918.

Messrs. B. Appa Rao, M.A., L.T., and K. S. Subrahmanya Ayyar, B.A., L.T., Assistant Lecturers in Logic and Chemistry, respectively, joined duty on the 7th and 9th August 1918.

M.R.Ry. N. Ramani, M.A., L.T., was appointed as Assistant Lecturer in English with effect from the 13th August 1918.

M.R.Ry. V. Appa Rao, M.A., L.T., was confirmed as Lecturer in Physics in the ninth grade of the Provincial Educational Service with effect from 8th July 1918.

M. Vijayarangam Mudali was appointed mechanic sub. *pro tem.* with effect from 4th September 1918. Muhammad Qadir Husain Sahib, gymnastic and drill instructor, joined his appointment on the forenoon of 25th October 1918.

K. A. Sivasubrahmanya Yogi, who was sub. *pro tem.* head clerk in the office of the Assistant Inspector of Schools, Bellary district, succeeded G. Lakshmana Rao as clerk of the college on the 6th November 1918.

Messrs. V. Appalachariar, M. Suryanarayana Sastri and P. Sundara Sastri were confirmed in their respective appointments as Sanskrit, Telugu and Kanarese Pandits with effect from 11th January 1919.

Accommodation and equipment.—As accommodation is thoroughly inadequate for all the college classes, plans for the extension of the college buildings have been prepared and submitted for the approval of Government.

A sum of Rs. 10,000, however, was sanctioned in your Proceedings C. No. 8519, dated 11th October 1918, for being immediately utilized for the purpose. Details plans and estimates have also been submitted for the construction of an additional hostel block, with a detached kitchen and an isolation ward, providing accommodation for about 40 boarders. I earnestly hope that the proposed extensions of the hostel and college buildings will be carried out expeditiously, as additional accommodation is urgently needed. Improvements to the gas and water plant were carried out by the Public Works Department during the year at a cost of Rs. 6,033-8-9. The iron tank for the storage of water has, however, not been installed in its place yet. Messrs. Crompton & Co., Madras, carried out the electric installation at the college at a cost of Rs. 13,343-4-9. A sum of Rs. 13,000 was sanctioned in your Proceedings C. No. 5683, dated 5th July 1918, for the provision of the additional equipment necessary for the college in view of its having been raised to the first grade. The greater part of this amount was spent in the purchase of books, furniture and gymnastic apparatus.

I may add here that a compound wall has been built which greatly improves the appearance of the college though unfortunately it has not proved an entirely effectual barrier against bovine and human trespassers.

The college grounds have been largely cleared of boulders and levelled.

Proposals for the acquisition of two plots of ground opposite the college to be utilized either as play-grounds or for building quarters for one or two members of the staff have been submitted for your approval.

Transfer of students.—As, owing to war conditions, it was not possible to procure from England the apparatus and appliances necessary for imparting instruction in practical physics to the students of mathematics in the junior B.A. class, these students, four in number, were by order of the Director transferred to the Presidency College, Madras, on 15th November 1918—and instruction in Group I of the B.A. degree course has been temporarily suspended—vide G.O. No. 147, Home (Education), dated 4th February 1919.

His Excellency the Governor's visit.—His Excellency Lord Pentland visited the college on the 23rd August 1918. An address of welcome was presented to His Excellency and he was requested to declare the college formally open as a first-grade college. Opportunity was also taken of Lord Pentland's visit to request His Excellency to unveil a portrait of Sir Henry Stone in the college hall, and to announce a number of valuable endowments which the college has been fortunate in receiving from public-spirited citizens in the district.

The following extracts from His Excellency's speech are of interest:—"When I laid the foundation stone of these buildings four years ago, I little thought that my next visit to Anantapur would be for the purpose of formally declaring them the home of a first-grade college. They were originally intended as you are aware for the municipal high school. But when the proposal to establish a second-grade college for the Ceded districts was finally approved, it at once occurred to those concerned that they were even more adapted for collegiate purposes and with the full agreement and approval of the municipal council they were diverted to the use of the new college, accommodation suitable for the high school being found in the historical building known as 'Munro's Cutcherry.' Two years have now elapsed and the presence of those who contended not only that the Ceded districts were entitled to a college of their own but that they could supply the necessary number of under-graduates has been amply justified. Students have not only been forthcoming,

they have done credit to the college, and in full confidence that this institution will take a prominent and useful place in the educational equipment of the country the Madras Government recently sanctioned the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to raise it to the status of a first-grade college.

"The Principal of the college has referred, and rightly, to the personal interest taken by the Hon'ble Mr. Stone in the fortunes of this college. It will, I know, be a great satisfaction to him that before finally severing his connexion with this country he has been able to see this college attain full maturity. I am glad to think that his unflinching interest and fostering care gratefully appreciated and that I am to have the privilege of unveiling a permanent memento of his connexion with it.

"Another pleasant duty has also fallen to me on this occasion and that is to announce a number of permanent endowments by which several public-spirited gentlemen in the Ceded districts propose to signify their recognition of the importance of this occasion and of the part which this college is called upon to play in the intellectual and educational life of the Ceded districts. Mr. Hampayya of Guntakal has announced his intention to endow this college with a sum of Rs. 10,000 to be devoted to scholarships for deserving non-Brahman students. Khan Sahib Imam-ud-din Sahib, your Municipal Chairman, is giving Rs. 1,000 to endow a Muhammadan scholarship. Mr. Sanjiva Reddi of Madigubba village, Anantapur taluk, is giving Rs. 1,000 the interest on which is to form a scholarship to be awarded every alternate year to a student of the junior Intermediate class who is certified to by the Principal to be poor and deserving of help. And Rao Sahib P. Adimurti Rao, the President of the Anantapur Taluk Board, is giving Rs. 500 the interest on which is to be given as a prize, in money or books at the discretion of the Principal, to the best student in English of the senior B.A. class. I congratulate the college, and on its behalf desire to extend to these gentlemen the sincere thanks of the Government and of the college authorities for the laudable and public-spirited example which they have thus set and I sincerely hope that in the years to come they will find many imitators."

Other endowments have been subsequently made to the college by the following gentlemen:—

M.R.Ry. H. Siva Rao Garu, Vice-President, Anantapur District Board, Rs. 1,000 for a biennial scholarship to a poor student of the junior B.A. class. M.R.Ry. A. Konda Reddi, Rs. 1,000 for a scholarship to a Reddi student. M.R.Ry. K. Krishna Rao Garu, Rs. 500 for a Sanskrit prize to a student of the B.A. class taking Group VI. M.R.Ry. M. Lakshminarasappa, M.A., Rs. 200 for a Telugu prize.

All the amounts mentioned have been invested in 5½ per cent war bonds, and application has been made to the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments for their administration.

I have in this connexion to acknowledge with thankfulness the keen and active interest which Rao Bahadur T. Raghaviah Garu, B.A., the present Collector of Anantapur, has taken in the welfare of the college.

Affiliation in Groups V and VI of the B.A. degree courses.—In response to your letter R.M. No. 9168, dated 20th December 1918, applying for the further affiliation of the college in Groups V and VI of the B.A. degree courses of study, the Commission appointed by the Syndicate consisting of Mr. F. E. Corley, M.A. (convener), and M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib G. Venkataranga Rao Garu, M.A., visited the college on 31st January 1919 and conducted a local inquiry. The Commission in its report drew special attention to the need for the strengthening of the staff and the provision of additional accommodation. The further affiliation of the college in Groups V and VI (with Telugu as the main language) was sanctioned in G.O. No. 380, dated 26th March 1919.

Strength and distribution of students.—The number of students on the rolls on the 31st March 1919 was 100 as against 50 for the corresponding period in 1918. The strength of the college was thus exactly double that of the previous year. There were 46 students in the first-year class, 37 in the second-year class and 17 students in the junior B.A. class during the second term. The average number on the rolls was 101 and the average daily attendance 86.

The distribution of students according to caste, wealth of parents and districts was as follows:—

(a) Caste—		77
Brahmans	...	20
Non-Brahmans	...	2
Muhammadans	...	1
Indian Christian	...	...
Total		100
(b) Wealth—		4
Richer classes	...	94
Middle	...	2
Poorer	...	...
Total		100
(c) Districts—		35
Anantapur	...	30
Bellary	...	15
Kurnool	...	8
Cuddapah	...	4
Chittoor	...	2
Gōdāvari	...	4
Mysore	...	1
Guntūr	...	1
Tanjore	...	...
Total		100

Statistics of language studies other than English.—The following statement shows the number of students who took up the various second languages for composition and translation in Part I and as a subject in Part II of the Intermediate course:—

Part I		First-year class.	Second-year class.
COMPOSITION			
Telugu	...	40	28
Kanarese	...	1	2
Tamil	...	...	1
Urdu	...	1	2
TRANSLATION.			
Sanskrit	...	4	4
Total		46	37
Part II			
Telugu	...	4	3
Kanarese	...	...	1
Sanskrit	...	2	3
Total		6	7
INTERMEDIATE			
STATISTICS OF GROUPS			
Group I	...	23	16
„ III	...	23	21
Total		46	37
JUNIOR B.A. CLASS.			
Group V History	...	...	13
Group VI { Telugu and Sanskrit	...	...	2
{ Telugu and South Indian History	...	...	2
Total		...	17

College and University examinations.—The results of the Intermediate examination were very fair. Seventeen students were sent up for the whole examination, and

three appeared for Part I only, having already passed in Part II. Of the former eight passed completely, one obtaining a first class, and two passed in Part I, while all three of the latter were successful. Thirteen out of the twenty students sent up or 65 per cent passed in the English Part, which in view of the Presidency average was decidedly satisfactory.

Forty out of the forty-six students in the first-year class, and all the seven-teen students of the junior B.A. class were promoted.

Library.—Nearly Rs. 6,000 were spent on the library during the year, i.e., Rs. 4,000 over the budget allotment for the year. The extra sum was in the nature of a special grant for books in view of the opening of the B.A. classes. More than 1,000 volumes were added to the library, chiefly in the departments of English and History, and the total number of books at the end of the year was 2,668 as against 1,607 in the previous year.

The number of books studied in the library or issued for short periods was 4,423.

Further special grants for books will be necessary for one or two years more to bring the library up to the requisite standard.

The books in the library were carefully checked towards the end of March. Only one small book in history could not be traced, and I propose writing it off.

Games.—Whatever the intellectual limitations of the students of these districts I am glad to say that the majority of them have a healthy love of sports. Hockey, foot-ball, badminton and tennis were played regularly during the greater part of the year. Several hockey and foot-ball matches were played not only against the local police and municipal school teams but also against the mission high school at Gooty. When funds permit, I intend arranging for visits to Bellary and Bangalore for matches against school or college teams.

College union.—A college literary union was started during the year and worked somewhat fitfully though not without some measure of success. Lectures on “The value of literary studies,” “School and college life in Great Britain” and “The system of village government in ancient India” were delivered and one or two debates were held.

Receipts and charges.—The receipts and charges during the years 1917–18 and 1918–19 are given in the following statement:—

	Receipts.			1917-18.			1918-19.		
				RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Fees	...	...	...	5,120	12	8	8,764	8	0
Fines	...	...	...	15	12	0	62	4	0
Miscellaneous (hostel room rents)	...	...	...	299	10	8	548	10	7
Total	...	...	...	5,436	2	8	9,375	6	7
	Charges.			1917-18.			1918-19.		
				RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Principal and Lecturers	...	...	...	12,651	8	10	18,609	4	1
Establishment	...	...	...	1,067	8	9	1,495	1	7
Travelling allowance	...	...	...	375	8	2	242	9	6
War allowance (teachers)	...	...	...	...	...	...	121	15	0
Do. (establishment)	...	...	...	...	...	...	208	0	6
Books and maps	...	...	...	1,932	11	7	5,823	11	0
Laboratory charges	...	...	...	4,233	12	11	3,287	8	3
Games	...	...	...	203	13	1	286	6	2
Europe stores	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,569	7	0
Rents, rates and taxes	...	...	...	100	12	10	100	12	10
Purchase and repairs to furniture (college)	...	...	...	5,650	15	2	4,779	13	8
Do. (hostel)	...	...	...	580	15	0	52	8	0
Hot and cold weather charges	...	...	...	22	10	7	163	15	10
Cleaning charges	...	...	...	125	9	0	270	2	10
Office expenses	...	...	...	452	12	10	442	4	7
Service postage and telegrams	...	...	...	60	0	0	100	0	0
Printing charges	...	...	...	45	0	0	...	...	...
Pay of mentals	...	...	...	...	...	...	220	0	0
Scholarships	...	...	...	69	1	7	279	0	0
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	2	14	0	9	13	0
Total	...	...	...	27,575	15	8	38,062	6	0

Training Section.

	RS.	A.	P.
Pay of teachers, teaching allowance, etc.	1,669	0	1
Stipends	2,382	5	1
Contingencies	153	0	0
Travelling allowance	213	10	6
Establishment	46	10	8
War allowance	12	10	8
Total	4,427	5	0

Hostel.—As I have remarked elsewhere, the present hostel accommodation is thoroughly inadequate and plans and estimates for the construction of an additional block have been submitted for the approval of Government. The number of boarders ranged during the year between 30 and 50.

M.R.Ry. P. Sundara Sastri, the Kanarese Pandit, resigned the hostel managership on 18th November 1918 and the college clerk K. A. Sivasubrahmanya Yogi was appointed in his place.

I have submitted separate proposals for the appointment of a sub-warden from among the members of the staff, who may be permitted to live in the warden's quarters free of rent, and for the payment of a monthly remuneration to the hostel manager from Provincial funds. Such an arrangement is in my opinion very essential for the good discipline and efficient working of the hostel.

Tutorial system.—The tutorial system worked satisfactorily during the year.

Madras Educational Rules.—Such of the rules as are applicable to the college have been observed.

Service registers.—The service books have been verified up to 31st March 1919.

The secondary grade training class.—The training class attached to the college was in charge of M.R.Ry. R. Narayana Rao, B.A., L.T., throughout the year. Thirty-nine students were sent up for the Preliminary examination held in March 1919 as against 32 in the previous year. Of these, 20 were provincial stipendiaries, 5 Board stipendiaries and 14 non-stipendiaries.

As in the previous year, I gave the class a course of lectures on English phonetics, while Mr. B. Appa Rao lectured to the students on the general principles of education.

The students attended the local municipal high school for practical training. Government in their Order No. 425, Home (Education), dated 4th April 1919, have sanctioned the continuance of the class for the year 1919-20.

General.—The discipline of the college was very satisfactory.

The college had to be closed for about a fortnight in October 1918 owing to the prevalence of influenza. Many of the students and some of the members of the staff fell victims to the disease though fortunately there was not a single fatal case among them.

A type-writer was sanctioned for the college in G.O. No. 1448, Home (Education), dated 12th November 1918, but it has not been supplied to the office, as there is none on the clerical staff competent to work the machine. As the office work is growing too heavy for a single clerk to manage, the need is felt for a second clerk with a knowledge of type-writing.

I take this opportunity of thanking the members of the staff for their cordial co-operation in the work of the college.

R.C. No. 4111/19, dated 13th June 1919.

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2. The report is a record of good work done by the college in difficult circumstances.

3. The prominent features of the year were the permanent retention of the college and the raising of its status to the first grade by the opening of a third-year class and the provision of instruction therein in Groups I, V and VI of the B.A. Degree Pass course, in the two latter of which the affiliation of the institution has been sanctioned. Owing to the difficulty of obtaining supplies of stores, apparatus and other laboratory appliances from Europe during the war, it was found necessary to

transfer the four students of the third class who had taken up Group I to the Presidency College along with the Lecturer in Mathematics.

4. The gradual increase in the strength of the college from 41 in the first year and 50 in the second to 100 at the close of the third year is satisfactory evidence of the fact that the college supplies an educational need in the Ceded districts.

5. In Memorandum No. 1056-A, dated 26th May 1919, Government have stated that the question of the provision of funds for extensions to the college will be considered when the detailed plans and estimates for the work which the Superintending Engineer has been asked to prepare are sanctioned. Temporary measures for the location of the hostel in a rented building pending the construction of an additional block are under consideration.

6. The results of the Intermediate examination were satisfactory on the whole and the Principal and the staff deserve to be congratulated on the successful working of the college during the year.

R. LITTLEHAILES,
Acting Director of Public Instruction.

To the Principal, Ceded Districts College, Anantapur.
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" the Inspector of Schools, Third Circle.
" the Assistant Inspector of Schools, Anantapur district.
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R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
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