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The strength of the various sections is given below :—

Section.	Europeans.	Indian Christians.	Caste Hindus.	Total.
European section	34	6	..	40
Indian Christian sections—	..	..	..	..
Malayali	..	32	..	32
Tamil—Telugu	..	14	..	14
Caste Hindu sections—	..	..	..	..
Vegetarian—	..	..	..	..
Malayali	..	..	16	16
Brahman and others	..	5	30	35
Non-vegetarian—	..	..	..	..
Malayali	..	..	13	13
Others	..	..	18	18
Total	..	..	..	168

11. *Health*.—For the first time I have to make a report that the health of the hostel has not been good. The overcrowding may have helped to cause this, but the heavy rains in November seemed to bring the beginning of troubles, with several minor ailments among the more weakly students. At the end of November enteric

broke out among the members of the Malayali Christian section, and altogether there were six cases. I am glad to say that all made good recoveries, and four of them were able to rejoin College, and complete their year's work. The Health Officer of the Corporation was unable to discover any cause for the outbreak of the disease, which indeed was prevalent in Madras at the time. Worse, however, was to follow—several students from the West Coast returned after Christmas suffering from influenza colds. One of these students, T. Subadhra Ammal, developed fever on January 9th; she was removed to her sister's house in Madras on the 12th, and died there on the 23rd of double pneumonia. She was the best student in her class (IIIrd year).

Since then, but for one case of mumps imported from Hyderabad, there has been no sickness.

In view of these troubles, it has been thought better to institute a more regular system of medical supervision, the details of which I hope to lay before you very shortly.

12. The Advisory Council met twice during the year, Her Excellency Lady Willingdon presiding on both occasions.

Her Highness the Junior Ranee of Travancore visited the College on 24th February 1921. She kindly sent a donation of Rs. 100 to the Stone Poor Student Fund as a token of her interest in the College. Another kind donor to the above fund during the year was Mrs. Alwar Chetty. I may here mention that this fund has been of considerable help and service throughout the year.

13. *College Day*.—The first College Day was held on November 24th and proved very successful. An Old Students' Association has been formed, which has met with warm support, and which I hope is going to prove a valuable link between the College and its past members.

14. *Tutorial system*.—During the long term it was decided to institute the Tutorial System, as it was felt that the increasing numbers rendered such a system desirable. Intercourse between teachers and taught has always been very close in this College, because of its residential character, and I do not know that the institution of the Tutorial System has made any marked change. I think, however, that the girls have been pleased to feel that they each had a definite claim upon the interest of a particular member of the staff. It has also made it possible for me to delegate certain matters, e.g., the granting of leave of absence, to the College tutors concerned.

15. *Future development*.—(a) First and foremost I would put the acquisition of the property adjoining the College, in order that, for the time being at least, we should be free from anxiety about hostel accommodation. Closely connected with this matter is the pressing necessity for the construction of another block of kitchens.

(b) *The teaching of Science*.—I have recently laid before you proposals for making temporary arrangements for teaching Science (Intermediate classes, groups I and II) in this College. Judging from the applications already received for next year, an even larger proportion of students will apply for instruction in these groups.

During this past year the Presidency College had to make special arrangements for the large class of girls and the difficulties have been very great. I do not think we ought to wait till the proposed Science buildings are ready, if we can possibly make any satisfactory arrangement for taking the Science groups now. It is disappointing that no appointment has yet been made to the post sanctioned in G.O. No. 1289, Home (Education), dated 24th October 1919, for a lady graduate in Science.

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4. The College continued to maintain its high level of efficiency and the results of the Intermediate and B.A. degree examinations were as usual very good.

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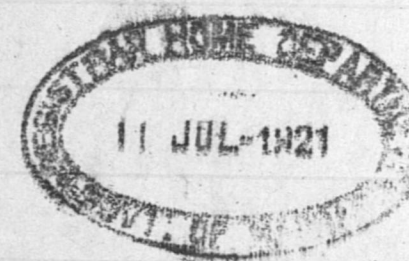
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The strength of the various sections is given below:—

Section.	Europeans.	Indian Christians.	Caste Hindus.	Total.
European section	34	6	..	40
Indian Christian sections—	..	..	..	..
Malayali	..	32	..	32
Tamil—Telugu	..	14	..	14
Caste Hindu sections—	..	..	..	..
Vegetarian—	..	..	..	..
Malayali	..	..	16	16
Brahman and others	..	5	30	35
Non-vegetarian—	..	..	..	..
Malayali	..	..	13	13
Others	..	..	18	18
Total	..	..	..	168

11. *Health*.—For the first time I have to make a report that the health of the hostel has not been good. The overcrowding may have helped to cause this, but the heavy rains in November seemed to bring the beginning of troubles, with several minor ailments among the more weakly students. At the end of November enteric

broke out among the members of the Malayali Christian section, and altogether there were six cases. I am glad to say that all made good recoveries, and four of them were able to rejoin College, and complete their year's work. The Health Officer of the Corporation was unable to discover any cause for the outbreak of the disease, which indeed was prevalent in Madras at the time. Worse, however, was to follow—several students from the West Coast returned after Christmas suffering from influenza colds. One of these students, T. Subadhra Ammal, developed fever on January 9th; she was removed to her sister's house in Madras on the 12th, and died there on the 23rd of double pneumonia. She was the best student in her class (IIIrd year).

Since then, but for one case of mumps imported from Hyderabad, there has been no sickness.

In view of these troubles, it has been thought better to institute a more regular system of medical supervision, the details of which I hope to lay before you very shortly.

12. The Advisory Council met twice during the year, Her Excellency Lady Willingdon presiding on both occasions.

Her Highness the Junior Ranee of Travancore visited the College on 24th February 1921. She kindly sent a donation of Rs. 100 to the Stone Poor Student Fund as a token of her interest in the College. Another kind donor to the above fund during the year was Mrs. Alwar Chetty. I may here mention that this fund has been of considerable help and service throughout the year.

13. *College Day*.—The first College Day was held on November 24th and proved very successful. An Old Students' Association has been formed, which has met with warm support, and which I hope is going to prove a valuable link between the College and its past members.

14. *Tutorial system*.—During the long term it was decided to institute the Tutorial System, as it was felt that the increasing numbers rendered such a system desirable. Intercourse between teachers and taught has always been very close in this College, because of its residential character, and I do not know that the institution of the Tutorial System has made any marked change. I think, however, that the girls have been pleased to feel that they each had a definite claim upon the interest of a particular member of the staff. It has also made it possible for me to delegate certain matters, e.g., the granting of leave of absence, to the College tutors concerned.

15. *Future development*.—(a) First and foremost I would put the acquisition of the property adjoining the College, in order that, for the time being at least, we should be free from anxiety about hostel accommodation. Closely connected with this matter is the pressing necessity for the construction of another block of kitchens.

(b) *The teaching of Science*.—I have recently laid before you proposals for making temporary arrangements for teaching Science (Intermediate classes, groups I and II) in this College. Judging from the applications already received for next year, an even larger proportion of students will apply for instruction in these groups. During this past year the Presidency College had to make special arrangements for the large class of girls and the difficulties have been very great. I do not think we ought to wait till the proposed Science buildings are ready, if we can possibly make any satisfactory arrangement for taking the Science groups now. It is disappointing that no appointment has yet been made to the post sanctioned in G.O. No. 1289, Home (Education), dated 24th October 1919, for a lady graduate in Science.

(c) Referring to the question of limiting the numbers of admissions to the College, which was raised in the last report, while agreeing that the benefits of University education should be offered as widely as possible to girls, I hope you will not be disappointed if, from now onwards, we no longer have the remarkable success in the public examinations which has hitherto been our portion. It is not possible to give the same individual attention to each member of a class now that the classes are so much larger.

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2. The total strength of the College increased by 18 during the year, and it is gratifying to note that castes and districts which were hitherto scarcely represented contributed a larger number of students.

3. The growing popularity of Science subjects, among the students of the College, ensuring as it does a larger supply of women for the medical and scientific teaching professions, is a matter for congratulation.

4. The College continued to maintain its high level of efficiency and the results of the Intermediate and B.A. degree examinations were as usual very good.

5. The Director hopes that with the completion of the Central block and the introduction of the arrangements approved in Proceedings R.C. No. 651/21-W.B., dated 26th May 1921, for a more regular supervision of the health of the boarders, much of the congestion will be relieved, better conditions of health secured, and satisfactory medical supervision ensured.

6. The Director congratulates the Principal and the members of the staff on another year's successful work, and feels confident that the fears expressed in the last paragraph of the report will not be realized.

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