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G.O. No. 692, 29th April 1921

Madras Students' Advisory Committee

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G.O. No. 692, 29th April 1921

Madras Students' Advisory Committee

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READ—the following paper :—

Letter—from A. DAVIES, Esq., M.A., Bar.-at-Law, Secretary, Madras Students' Advisory Committee.

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

Dated—Madras, the 1st April 1921.

No.—650.

I have the honour to submit herewith two copies each of the proceedings of the Madras Students' Advisory Committee at its meetings held on the 16th October 1920 and 5th March 1921.

ENCLOSURES

(1)

Madras Students' Advisory Committee, Saturday, 16th October 1920.

(The twenty-third meeting of the Committee was held at the Senate House at 8 a.m.)

PRESENT :

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Madras, *President*.

The Director of Public Instruction, Madras, *Vice-President*.

M.R.Ry. Raja Vasudeva Raja Avargal, C.I.E.

Rao Bahadur K. Ramunni Menon Avargal, M.A.

The Rev. W. M. Zumbro, M.A.

Allan Gardiner, M.A.

Mr. Young Necker, M.A.

Mr. Krishnan Pandalai, LL.D., Bar.-at-Law.

The Hon'ble Rev. E. M. Macphail, M.A., B.D.

M.R.Ry. D. Appa Rao Pantulu Garu, Bar.-at-Law.

Mr. C. Madhavan Nayar, B.A., Bar.-at-Law, Secretary.

I. Received information from the following gentlemen regretting their inability to attend the meeting :—

1. The Hon'ble the Resident at Hyderabad.
2. Mr. F. S. Davies.
3. The Director of Industries.
4. Mr. K. Ramanuja Achariyar.
5. Mr. Paul Appasami.
6. The Resident of Mysore.

II. Read the following letters from Dr. T. W. Arnold, C.I.E., Educational Adviser for Indian Students, India Office :—

(1) Dated 11th March 1920, forwarding an *interim* report on the conditions of the British Universities and the possibilities of applicants from India obtaining admission in October 1920.

Recorded.

(2) Dated 18th March 1920, informing that all students intending to join the Science Classes of the University of Edinburgh in October 1920, must make their applications on or before 1st September and that students desiring to attend the classes of Chemistry in the Faculties of Arts, Science or Medicine, will be required to pass an admission examination in that subject.

Recorded.

(3) Dated the 18th March 1920, stating the conditions laid down by the Secretary to the Delegacy for Oriental Students at Oxford for admission to the School of Forestry at Oxford.

Recorded.

(4) Dated 15th April 1920, stating that applications from students to join the Science Classes at Edinburgh University in October 1920, must be received by him before the 1st July 1920, and not 1st September as previously stated.

Recorded.

(5) Dated 22nd April 1920, requesting the Secretary to publish for the information of all Indian Women Students proceeding to England with the object of studying at the Royal Free Hospital, London, that their applications must reach the Secretary not later than 1st June in each year, and the conditions under which they will be admitted.

(NOTE.—This letter was printed and published for information.)

Recorded.

(6) Dated 17th May 1920, acknowledging copies of the Proceedings of the Committee, dated 21st October 1919 and 6th March 1920, and promising to report on the state and progress of the students who went to England last year.

Recorded.

(7) Dated 20th May 1920, informing in detail that the students who applied for admission to the Cambridge University in October 1920, have practically no chance whatever, and the conditions under which they will be admitted in October 1921.

(NOTE.—Information given to all concerned.)

Recorded.

(8) Dated 10th June 1920, forwarding copies of the latest regulations governing appointments to the various Public Services in India.

Recorded.

(9) Dated 17th June 1920, forwarding 10 copies of a form of "Application for Attestation of Fitness" from the Local Advisor at Edinburgh to be filled in and sent with a Postal Order for 2s. 6d. and original certificates to the Secretary, Scottish Universities Entrance Board, 81, North Street, St. Andrew's Scotland, by every applicant for admission to Edinburgh University before a definite decision can be given as to whether or not admission to any Faculty of that University can be offered to him.

Recorded.

(10) Dated 1st July 1920, regarding students who may have already applied or who intend in future to apply for admission to Cambridge as Research Students.

(NOTE.—This communication was printed, published and communicated to all concerned.)

Recorded.

(10-a) Dated 26th August 1920, forwarding a notice regarding the future admissions of Indian Students to the University College, London.

Recorded.

Read the following Government Orders:—

(11) No. 340, Home Department (Education), dated 19th March 1920, appointing M.R.Ry. C. Madhavan Nayar to be Secretary to the Committee during the absence of Mr. Arthur Davies, on leave, or until further orders.

Recorded.

(12) No. 339, Home Department (Education), dated 19th March 1920, requesting the Secretary to furnish Dr. T. W. Arnold, with a list of the present members of the Committee and also asking the Secretary to communicate to him, at least once a year, changes or additions made in that list.

(NOTE.—A list has been sent to Dr. Arnold, and acknowledged by him in his letter dated 15th April 1920.)

Recorded.

(13) No. 379, Home Department (Education), dated 25th March 1920, communicating the order of the Government of India, No. 314, dated the 12th March 1920, containing the sequence in which the Madras University will participate in the Government of India scholarships tenable in the United Kingdom by Natives of India.

Punjab	}	1920	Allahabad	}	1922
Patna			Madras		
Calcutta	}	1921	Punjab	}	1923 and so on.
Bombay			Patna		

Recorded.

(14) No. 462, Home Department (Education), dated the 17th April 1920, recording, with remarks, the Report of the Committee from 8th March 1919 to 5th March 1920.

Recorded.

(15) No. 840, Home Department (Education), dated the 24th July 1920, raising the allowance of the Secretary to Rs. 200 per mensem inclusive of staff.

Recorded.

(15-a) Read Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, Ref. on C. No. 9925/20, dated the 22nd September 1920, forwarding, for remarks, copies of communications from the Secretary to the Government of India and from the Secretary of State regarding the insufficiency of allowances of the Government of India scholarships.

Resolved to approve the suggestion of the Government of India regarding the increase of allowance and the initial deposit.

(16) Read letter from the Registrar, University of Madras, No. 1652, dated 15th March 1920, communicating copy of a letter from the Clerk of Senatus, University of Edinburgh, with a copy of Syllabus for the "admission of students to Classes of Chemistry".

Recorded.

(17) Read letter from the Principal, Wesley College, Royapetta, dated 9th April 1920, forwarding a notification regarding the organization of an Indian Association Advisory Committee at Edinburgh.

Recorded.

(18) Read a pamphlet received from the Secretary, Y. M. C. A., regarding the organization of an Association in Great Britain to help the Indian Ceylonese students in Britain, and to promote their vital interests.

Recorded.

(19) Read letter from the Rev. W. M. Zumbro, M.A., Principal, American College, Madura, forwarding copy of a notice from the General Committee for the reception of foreign women students at the New York City.

Recorded.

(20) Read reports of the Advisory Committee of other Provinces:—

- (1) Bombay.
- (2) United Provinces.

Recorded.

21. Read letter from the Director of Industries, Madras, No. 153-C/20, dated 9th October 1920, forwarding, for information, copy of a G.O. No. Press 1762, Revenue (Special), dated 5th October 1920, regarding technical scholarships from Provincial fund.

Recorded.

(22) Read letter from Dr. T. W. Arnold, C.I.E., dated 2nd September 1920, informing that the Principal, Leather Sells Technical College, states that he cannot admit any further students for this year and that there will be no vacancies until 1921.

Recorded.

(NOTE.—This is being printed for publication.)

C. MADHAVAN NAIR,
Secretary.

K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR,
President.

(2)

Madras Students' Advisory Committee, Saturday, 5th March 1921.

(The twenty-fourth meeting of the Committee was held at the Senate House at 8 a.m.)

PRESENT:

Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell, M.A., C.I.E., I.C.S., Director of Industries (*In the Chair*).
Mr. Young Necker, M.A.
M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur K. Ramunni Menon Avargal, M.A.
The Rev. W. M. Zumbro, M.A.
M.R.Ry. Raja Vasudeva Raja Avargal, C.I.E.
Mr. Krishnan Pandalai, LL.D., Bar-at-Law.
The Rev. Allen Gardiner, M.A.
M.R.Ry. Paul Appasawmi Avargal, M.A., LL.B., Bar-at-Law.
Mr. Arthur Davis, M.A., Bar-at-Law, Secretary.

I. Read letters from the following gentlemen regretting their inability to attend the meeting:—

1. The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.
2. The Hon'ble the Resident at Hyderabad.
3. Mr. R. G. Grieve, Acting Director of Public Instruction.
4. Mr. K. Ramanuja Achariyar.

Recorded.

II. Read the following letters from Dr. T. W. Arnold, C.I.A., Educational Advisor for Indian Students:—

1. Dated 15th July 1920, giving a list of students who have failed to obtain admission to Cambridge in October 1921 and commenting on the conditions under which admission to Cambridge is obtainable.
2. Dated 19th August 1920, giving a list of the students who have failed to obtain admission to Oxford in October 1921.
3. Dated 16th September 1920, forwarding for information two copies of the Responsions Regulations of the University of Oxford.
4. Dated 28th September 1920, explaining the facilities for a training in Hydro-Electric Engineering.
5. Dated 28th October 1920, stating that he is relinquishing his connexion with the Students Department from 1st November 1920 and expressing his best wishes for the future progress of this work.

Recorded.

III. Read the following letters from the Joint Secretary to the High Commissioner for India, Indian Students' Branch:—

1. Dated 7th October 1920, intimating the transfer of the Indian Students' Department, from the control of the Secretary of State for India to that of Sir William Meyer, G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I., the High Commissioner for India from 1st October 1920, and that all letters be addressed in future to the Joint Secretary to the High Commissioner, Indian Students' Branch.
2. Dated 28th October 1920, stating that students must take with them to England the original testimonials and certificates and not merely copies of them and that when they have to leave India before the issue of University Certificates or Diplomas they should be provided with an official statement from the Registrar of the University to the effect that they have passed the examination in question.
3. Dated 11th November 1920, stating that applications from students desiring admission to Glasgow in October 1921 must reach the University before 30th May next and those for the Medical course commencing in April 1921 before the 14th February.

(Note.—Copies of this notice printed and communicated.)

4. Dated 30th November 1920, advising usual annual despatch of prospectuses, etc., and stating that the Dean of Guy's Hospital Medical School has notified that there are no vacancies there; that the City and Guilds Technical College, Finsbury, London, will be closed from July next and that there will be no vacancies till October 1921 for the faculty of Engineering in King's College, London.
5. Dated 1st December 1920, explaining the requirements for obtaining certificates of fitness from the Scottish Universities Entrance Board in the case of a student securing admission to a Scottish University.
6. Dated 16th December 1920, intimating the increase of fee payable on applications for certificates of fitness for admission to a Scottish University from 2s. 6d. to 5s.
7. Dated 3rd January 1921, stating that from information received from the Secretary of the Delegacy for Oriental Students at Oxford and the Secretary of the Inter-Collegiate Indian Students' Committee, Cambridge, it appears that in future the expenses of an Indian Student at either University will be certainly not less than £ 350 a year and may even reach £400 a year.

(Note.—50 copies printed for students' information.)

8. Dated 3rd January 1921, stating that the list of certificates which will exempt from a special examination in Chemistry for admission to Chemistry classes in Art, Science and Medicine at Edinburgh is not yet drawn up but it is understood that a student who has taken Chemistry in the Intermediate class of an Indian University will be exempted.
9. Dated 4th January 1921, informing that the University Court at Glasgow have resolved to increase the course from 3 to 4 years in Engineering and that exemptions from the first-year class will not be considered hereafter.
10. Dated 13th January 1921, notifying the change of address of the Joint Secretary to the High Commissioner for Indian Students' Branch from the India Office to 42, Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W. 1 but otherwise the work will continue on the same lines as hitherto.
11. Dated 13th January 1921, sending some copies of leaflets published by the University of Glasgow regarding the decision to consider no further applications for exemption from first year B.Sc. (Engineering) course.
12. Dated 20th January 1921, stating that students who desire admission to educational institutions in England should state definitely the subjects they wish to read before they leave India and that they should also realise that if they apply for admission for the study of certain

subjects, and subsequently change their minds and decide to read other subjects, any offer of admission that may have been secured for them on the basis of their original application may be cancelled in consequence of their change of plans.

13. Dated 9th February 1921, stating that the certificates of Indian applicants seeking admission to Edinburgh should contain the number of marks obtained in each subject at the examination and that students should realise that they cannot do specialised work and take the course for an ordinary degree at the same time.

14. Dated 10th February 1921, forwarding a copy of circular letter issued by the General Council of Medical Education and Registration regarding the qualifications to be demanded of Medical students after the 1st January 1923.

Recorded.

IV. Read the following Government Orders:—

1. No. 855, Home (Education), dated 28th July 1920, communicating the communique of the Government of India, dated 17th July 1920, containing the information that colleges at Cambridge are full and further admissions are impossible.
2. Memorandum No. 1984 B-1, dated 9th October 1920, communicating the telegram from the Government of India, dated 8th October 1920, that in future all remittances on behalf of Indian students should be forwarded to the Joint Secretary to the High Commissioner and not to Dr. Arnold.
3. No. 1199, Home (Education), dated 14th October 1920, communicating letter No. 1239 of the Government of India (Department of Education), dated 1st October 1920, relating to the admission of Indian students to the Australian Universities and the interchange of lectures between the two countries.
4. No. 1213, Home (Education), dated 18th October 1920, communicating letter No. 1277 of the Government of India, dated 8th October 1920, stating that the control of the Indian Students Department was handed over to the High Commissioner with effect from 1st October.
5. No. 1324, Home (Education), dated 11th November 1920, communicating letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, No. 1453 E. B. dated 1st November 1920, stating that students who proceed to Great Britain for Engineering courses should at least have passed the Intermediate Examination and that they should invariably consult the Student's Advisory Committee before leaving India.
6. No. 1327, Home (Education), dated 11th November 1920, stating that the Government are not prepared to reconsider the orders already passed in G.O. No. 840, Home (Education), dated 24th July 1920, that the increase allowance of Rs. 200 granted to the Secretary should include the remuneration of his staff and that the duty allowance of Rs. 15 paid to the clerk of the Law College should continue to count towards his pension and leave allowances.
7. No. 1420, Home (Education), dated 4th December 1920, appointing Mr. Saiyid Ross Masud, Director of Public Instruction, Hyderabad, to be a Member of the Committee till 1st June 1921 vice Maulvi Maddi Hussain Shaib Bilgrami resigned.

Recorded.

8. No. 208, Home (Education), dated 9th February 1921, communicating letter from the Government of India, Department of Education, No. 154, dated 28th January 1921, calling for proposals for the reconstitution of the Committee having in view the recommendations of the Government of India that the Committees may be strengthened by the inclusion of specialists, especially from among the younger professors who are acquainted with recent conditions in educational work in Great Britain.

The Committee recommends that it should be strengthened by the appointment of three additional members—preferably Indians—within five years of the dates on which they came or returned to India after completing their courses of education or training in United Kingdom.

9. No. 230, Home (Education), dated 12th February 1921, communicating an extract of a despatch from the Secretary of State for India that in regard to other branches of Engineering such as Mechanical, Electrical and Mining Engineering the student should be advised to obtain admission to a British University or College before he leaves India.

10. No. 234, Home (Education), dated 14th February 1921, communicating copy of a letter from the High Commissioner for India on the subject of the applications of Oriental students for admission to the Oxford University and the decision of the Delegacy for Oriental students at Oxford to close the list on the 30th March 1921 and circulate it among the colleges early in April.

11. No. 239, Home (Education), dated 16th February 1921, communicating copy of a communique issued by the Government of India announcing the reduction of the maximum age limit from 24 years to 23 years from the year 1924 for students who seek appointment to the Indian Service of Engineers.

12. No. 276, Home (Education), dated 24th February 1921, communicating a copy of communique by the Government of India that the alteration in the designation of the officers in charge of the Indian Students' Branch will in no way affect the work of the branch.

Recorded.

V. Read Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, C. No. 1170 of 1921, dated 4th February 1921, stating that two State Scholarships for the study of Sanskrit by Indians will be available for award in 1921.

Recorded.

VI. Read reports of the following Provincial Advisory Committees:—

- (1) Calcutta from 1919 April to March.
- (2) Behar and Orissa from 1st April 1919 to 31st March 1920.
- (3) Dacca for the year ending 31st March 1920.
- (4) Allahabad—Minutes of a meeting held on the 20th November 1920.

Recorded.

VII. Read note by the Secretary that the usual annual circulars about the existence and usefulness of the Committee were despatched on the 10th to 13th February 1921 to all the Principals of Colleges and the Headmasters of Secondary Schools as required in G.O. No. 735, Edl., dated 4th July 1916.

Recorded.

VIII. Read the Secretary's Annual Report from 6th March 1920 to 5th March 1921.

Approved.

ARTHUR DAVIES,
Secretary.
5th March 1921.

A. Y. G. CAMPBELL,
President.

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Madras Students' Advisory Committee—Secretary's Report.

6th March 1920 to 4th March 1921.

During seven months of the year under report (viz., from 1st May to 31st December 1920) the Secretary was absent upon leave and Mr. C. Madhavan Nair who was then Acting Principal of the Law College and later became Government Pleader acted as Secretary in his place. In accordance with Resolution No. 14 of the Committee at its 22nd meeting on the 6th March 1920, by G.O. No. 840, Home Department (Education), dated the 24th July 1920, the allowance of the Secretary was raised to Rs. 200 per mensem inclusive of the remuneration of the staff. As the staff consist of a part-time clerk who gets Rs. 15 per mensem, this means that the allowance of the Secretary has been raised to Rs. 185 per mensem. In England, the Students' Department has been transferred from the India Office to the High Commissioner, and there are in future to be two Joint Secretaries to the High Commissioner attending to the work of the Students' Department. Dr. T. W. Arnold, who has been connected with the Advisory work from its inception in 1909, has retired, and in recognition of his very valuable service received a Knighthood. Mr. Sen, the Warden at 21 Cromwell Road, has been appointed as one of the Joint Secretaries and the other post has not yet been filled. This committee is specially requested however to point out to students and parents who might not understand the nature and purpose of these changes that they in no way affect the advisory work of the Students' Department, which is being carried on on exactly the same lines as in the past.

The volume of work done is much the same as last year as appears from the tables appended. On the whole indeed there seems to be a strong upward tendency. The number of interviews recorded is probably much lower than the number actually held, as it appears that many of the interviews held by Mr. Madhavan Nair at his house and elsewhere away from the office were not entered in the books. The number of students of whose departure to the United Kingdom there is a reasonable certainty is only 40 as against 56 of last year. Probably at least another 15 or 20 have gone without the fact being noted in the books, as more than 30 notices of issue of passports beyond those of students known to have gone have been received in the office. But there are also two definite reasons why the numbers this year should have decreased rather than increased. The first is the fall in the value of the rupee. The second and more important is to be found in the extraordinary congestion of all educational institutions in Great Britain. They are having the greatest difficulty in providing sufficient room for Native born students, and as a natural though regrettable result students from India—even the well qualified, who in normal

pre-war times would have certainly found admission—have had to be rejected. This is illustrated by the cases of Oxford and Cambridge. Out of 22 applicants from this Presidency only 4 have found admission at Oxford and one (a lady) to a Training College at Cambridge. Of the 17 rejected ones 2 had taken the M.A., 4 the B.A. (Honours), one the pass B.A. of this University and of the remaining 10, 7 were taking their B.A. examination (either pass or Honours) in March 1920, 5 of the 7 having taken a 1st class in the Intermediate. The students had taken the trouble to apply early, only three of these applications reaching London later than March 1920, and the applications were in almost every case supported by excellent testimonials. These are in fact students who would not only have profited very considerably themselves by a course at Oxford or Cambridge, but would have strengthened the bond between the educated Indian and British institutions: and it is a very great pity that the exigencies of the time have made it impossible for these ancient Universities to receive them.

In his letter of 15th July 1920 announcing the names of those who failed to obtain admission at Cambridge, Dr. Arnold after pointing out that since 1916 on the representation of Indian students to the Vice-Chancellor, an officer appointed and financed by the University itself and in no way responsible to the India Office (which in this matter acts merely as a forwarding agency) has been in charge of the task of procuring admission for Indian students, proceeds to mention a criticism freely made in Great Britain and India that in past years while applicants through Advisory Committees failed to secure admission, other students with inferior qualifications who ignored the Committee and applied to the colleges direct on their arrival has been successful. His letter on this point seems to be important enough to require exact quotation. "I quite realize," he writes, "that complaints are certain to be made so long as college tutors after telling Mr. Manning" (who is the official referred to above) "that all their vacancies have been filled and that they can take no further Indian students subsequently admit Indian applicants who press their cases in person. That has happened several times in the past, and neither Mr. Manning nor any one else can be sure that it will not happen in the future." Upon this Dr. Arnold advised the Secretary here not to hesitate to admit these facts to the students concerned, but that he should also warn them that in the opinion of Mr. Manning there was no prospect whatever of the application being successful and that the chance that at the last moment any college authority would offer admission to further Indian students was so remote that any applicant would be extremely ill-advised to make the journey to England on so vague a possibility.

In one case at least the journey was made and your Secretary met the student by chance in the streets of Oxford. He had tried for some weeks at a number of colleges, but his efforts were in vain and he was in despair. Your Secretary knew some of the college authorities as personal friends or relatives, but his efforts were equally unavailing. Everywhere it seemed that the colleges were already over-crowded and a month later a post-card, the last received, showed that there was even then no hope of success. What has happened to this student since is not known.

This year the number of applicants for Oxford and Cambridge who have already sent in their applications is 26 for October 1921 and 2 for October 1922. Those for this year include 3 who are among the rejected of last year.

The work of the Committee has been on the usual lines. The great variety of subjects of inquiry may be indicated by mentioning a few beyond the ordinary every day ones. Painting, Sculpture, Insurance Office work, Tailoring, Fisheries, Aeronautics, Secretarial training, Specialized Geographical study, Gold Thread Industry, Automobile Engineering, Soap manufacture, Banking, Oil and Fats, Training in After-care, Plant-breeding, Leather, Chemistry, Pottery, glass and paper manufacture, are among the strange topics on which the Secretary has been asked for information. Frequently an answer can be ferretted out of the office library, but, where the inquiry appears to be a serious one and no information is available locally, the Students' Department in London have very willingly supplied what is needed.

Applications for admission to works, e.g., for the manufactory of soap, glass, paper, are always very difficult, perhaps owing to a natural reluctance on the part of the owners of such works to teach their secrets to possible competitors, but at present they are even more difficult than usual owing to the world condition of trade.

Four cases of students who have been in England and returned to this country leaving debts behind them have been treated by this Committee. In one case there is a very large debt to an Edinburgh bookseller, and in spite of every effort this Committee has been able to obtain nothing but promises, and the papers connected have had to be returned to London. Out of the other three cases where students owed money to the Distressed Indian Students' Aid Committee, the full amount has been paid in one case, half in another and there seem to be good hopes of the remaining half in this case and the whole in the third being refunded in time. It is very important to insist on the repayment of these debts, as the good name of Indian students in Great Britain generally may suffer—even though it be unjustly—by the laxity of a very small number among them.

A seventeenth edition of the Handbook has been published in 1920. The Secretary's copy is already gathering addenda and corrections, and it is to be hoped a new edition will appear each year, especially in these days of rapid change.

TABLE I.—Number of applicants, letters received, replies sent and interview held from 6th March 1920 to March 1921.

Community to which applicants belong.	1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.
Hindus	196	146	219	395	414
Muhammadans	20	3	6	32	33
Indian Christians	30	22	31	67	73
Domiciled community	18	9	10	22	18
Total ..	264	180	266	516	538
Number of communications received	257	279	325	829	1,077
„ replies sent	258	280	297	860	962
„ interviews held	63	55	128	253	140

TABLE II.—Number of students who have gone to the United Kingdom.

Community to which those who have left belong.	1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.
Hindus	4	3	6	42	28
Muhammadans	1	..	..	3	1
Indian Christians	1	..	1	9	10
Domiciled community	1	1	..	2	1

TABLE III.—Studies to be pursued in the United Kingdom.

	1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.
University Degrees in Arts and Sciences	4	3	4	24	16
Indian Civil Service and other services	1	..	1	..	..
Bar	2	..	1	18	7
Engineering	1	..	..	4	4
Medicine	2	1	2	6	5
Tanning	..	..	..	..	1
Forestry	1	..	..	5	1
Agriculture	..	..	..	4	4
Accountancy	..	..	..	1	..
Commerce and banking	..	..	..	2	..
Unknown	..	..	..	3	2

TABLE IV.—Educational centres to which students have gone.

	1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.
Oxford	..	1	3	7	4
Cambridge	2	2	1	7	1
London	1	..	..	19	20
Edinburgh	3	..	1	12	5
Glasgow	..	1	1	..	..
Aberdeen	..	..	..	..	1
Dublin	..	..	..	..	1
Manchester	..	..	..	1	1
Leeds	..	..	..	..	3
Unknown	1	..	..	5	4

Order—No. 692, Law (Education), dated 29th April 1921.

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(By order of the Government, Ministry of Education)

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To the Secretary, Madras Students' Advisory Committee.
 „ Director of Public Instruction.
 „ Registrar, University of Madras.
 „ Publicity Officer.

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The Secy. Madras
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Reg. Univ. of Madras
The Publicity Officer

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The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Madras, President.
The Director of Public Instruction, Madras, Vice-President.
M.R.By. Raja Vasudeva Raja Avargal, C.I.E.
Rao Bahadur K. Ramunni Menon Avargal, M.A.
The Rev. W. M. Zumbro, M.A.
Allan Gardiner, M.A.
Mr. Young Necker, M.A.
Mr. Krishnan Pandalai, LL.D., Bar.-at-Law.
The Hon'ble Rev. E. M. Macphail, M.A., B.D.
M.R.By. D. Appa Rao Pantulu Garu, Bar.-at-Law.
Mr. C. Madhavan Nayar, B.A., Bar.-at-Law, Secretary.

I. Received information from the following gentlemen regretting their inability to attend the meeting :—

1. The Hon'ble the Resident at Hyderabad.
2. Mr. F. S. Davies.
3. The Director of Industries.
4. Mr. K. Ramanuja Achariyar.
5. Mr. Paul Appasami.
6. The Resident of Mysore.

II. Read the following letters from Dr. T. W. Arnold, C.I.E., Educational Adviser for Indian Students, India Office :—

(1) Dated 11th March 1920, forwarding an interim report on the conditions of the British Universities and the possibilities of applicants from India obtaining admission in October 1920.
Recorded.

(2) Dated 18th March 1920, informing that all students intending to join the Science Classes of the University of Edinburgh in October 1920, must make their applications on or before 1st September and that students desiring to attend the classes of Chemistry in the Faculties of Arts, Science or Medicine, will be required to pass an admission examination in that subject.
Recorded.

(3) Dated the 18th March 1920, stating the conditions laid down by the Secretary to the Delegacy for Oriental Students at Oxford for admission to the School of Forestry at Oxford.
Recorded.

(4) Dated 15th April 1920, stating that applications from students to join the Science Classes at Edinburgh University in October 1920, must be received by him before the 1st July 1920, and not 1st September as previously stated.
Recorded.

(5) Dated 22nd April 1920, requesting the Secretary to publish for the information of all Indian Women Students proceeding to England with the object of studying at the Royal Free Hospital, London, that their applications must reach the Secretary not later than 1st June in each year, and the conditions under which they will be admitted.

(NOTE.—This letter was printed and published for information.)

Recorded.

(6) Dated 17th May 1920, acknowledging copies of the Proceedings of the Committee, dated 21st October 1919 and 8th March 1920, and promising to report on the state and progress of the students who went to England last year.

Recorded.

(7) Dated 20th May 1920, informing in detail that the students who applied for admission to the Cambridge University in October 1920, have practically no chance whatever, and the conditions under which they will be admitted in October 1921.

(NOTE.—Information given to all concerned.)

Recorded.

(8) Dated 10th June 1920, forwarding copies of the latest regulations governing appointments to the various Public Services in India.

Recorded.

(9) Dated 17th June 1920, forwarding 10 copies of a form of "Application for Attestation of Fitness" from the Local Advisor at Edinburgh to be filled in and sent with a Postal Order for 2s. 6d. and original certificates to the Secretary, Scottish Universities Entrance Board, 81, North Street, St. Andrew's Scotland, by every applicant for admission to Edinburgh University before a definite decision can be given as to whether or not admission to any Faculty of that University can be offered to him.

Recorded.

(10) Dated 1st July 1920, regarding students who may have already applied or who intend in future to apply for admission to Cambridge as Research Students.

(NOTE.—This communication was printed, published and communicated to all concerned.)

Recorded.

(10-a) Dated 26th August 1920, forwarding a notice regarding the future admissions of Indian Students to the University College, London.

Recorded.

Read the following Government Orders:—

(11) No. 340, Home Department (Education), dated 19th March 1920, appointing M. R. K. C. Madhavan Nayar to be Secretary to the Committee during the absence of Mr. Arthur Davies, on leave, or until further orders.

Recorded.

(12) No. 339, Home Department (Education), dated 19th March 1920, requesting the Secretary to furnish Dr. T. W. Arnold, with a list of the present members of the Committee and also asking the Secretary to communicate to him, at least once a year, changes or additions made in that list.

(NOTE.—A list has been sent to Dr. Arnold, and acknowledged by him in his letter dated 15th April 1920.)

Recorded.

(13) No. 379, Home Department (Education), dated 25th March 1920, communicating the order of the Government of India, No. 314, dated the 12th March 1920, containing the sequence in which the Madras University will participate in the Government of India scholarships tenable in the United Kingdom by Natives of India.

Punjab	1920	Allahabad	1922
Patna		Madras	
Calcutta	1921	Punjab	1923 and so on.
Bombay		Patna	

Recorded.

(14) No. 462, Home Department (Education), dated the 17th April 1920, recording, with remarks, the Report of the Committee from 8th March 1919 to 5th March 1920.

Recorded.

(15) No. 840, Home Department (Education), dated the 24th July 1920, raising the allowance of the Secretary to Rs. 200 per mensem inclusive of staff.

Recorded.

(15-a) Read Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, Ref. on C. No. 9925/20, dated the 22nd September 1920, forwarding, for remarks, copies of communications from the Secretary to the Government of India and from the Secretary of State regarding the insufficiency of allowances of the Government of India scholarships.

Resolved to approve the suggestion of the Government of India regarding the increase of allowance and the initial deposit.

(16) Read letter from the Registrar, University of Madras, No. 1652, dated 15th March 1920, communicating copy of a letter from the Clerk of Senatus, University of Edinburgh, with a copy of Syllabus for the "admission of students to Classes of Chemistry".

Recorded.

(17) Read letter from the Principal, Wesley College, Royapetta, dated 9th April 1920, forwarding a notification regarding the organization of an Indian Association Advisory Committee at Edinburgh.

Recorded.

(18) Read a pamphlet received from the Secretary, Y. M. C. A., regarding the organization of an Association in Great Britain to help the Indian Ceylonese students in Britain, and to promote their vital interests.

Recorded.

(19) Read letter from the Rev. W. M. Zumbro, M.A., Principal, American College, Madura, forwarding copy of a notice from the General Committee for the reception of foreign women students at the New York City.

Recorded.

(20) Read reports of the Advisory Committee of other Provinces:—

- (1) Bombay.
- (2) United Provinces.

Recorded.

21. Read letter from the Director of Industries, Madras, No. 153-C/20, dated 9th October 1920, forwarding, for information, copy of a G.O. No. Press 1762, Revenue (Special), dated 5th October 1920, regarding technical scholarships from Provincial fund.

Recorded.

(22) Read letter from Dr. T. W. Arnold, C.I.E., dated 2nd September 1920, informing that the Principal, Leather Seller's Technical College, states that he cannot admit any further students for this year and that there will be no vacancies until 1921.

Recorded.

(NOTE.—This is being printed for publication.)

C. MADHAVAN NAIR,
Secretary.

K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR,
President.

(2)

Madras Students Advisory Committee, Saturday 5th March 1921

(The twenty-fourth meeting of the Committee was held
at the Senate House at 8 a.m.)

PRESENT:

Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell, M.A., C.I.E., I.C.S., Director of Industries (*In the Chair*).
Mr. Young Necker, M.A.
M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur K. Ramunni Menon Avargal, M.A.
The Rev. W. M. Zumbro, M.A.
M.R.Ry. Raja Vasudeva Raja Avargal, C.I.E.
Mr. Krishnan Pandalai, LL.D., Bar-at-Law.
The Rev. Allen Gardiner, M.A.
M.R.Ry. Paul Appasawmi Avargal, M.A., LL.B., Bar-at-Law.
Mr. Arthur Davis, M.A., Bar-at-Law, Secretary.

I. Read letters from the following gentlemen regretting their inability to attend the meeting:—

1. The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.
2. The Hon'ble the Resident at Hyderabad.
3. Mr. R. G. Grieve, Acting Director of Public Instruction.
4. Mr. K. Ramanuja Achariyar.

Recorded.

II. Read the following letters from Dr. T. W. Arnold, C.I.E., Educational Advisor for Indian Students:—

1. Dated 15th July 1920, giving a list of students who have failed to obtain admission to Cambridge in October 1921 and commenting on the conditions under which admission to Cambridge is obtainable.
2. Dated 19th August 1920, giving a list of the students who have failed to obtain admission to Oxford in October 1921.
3. Dated 16th September 1920, forwarding for information two copies of the Responsions Regulations of the University of Oxford.

4. Dated 28th September 1920, explaining the facilities for a training in Hydro-Electric Engineering.

5. Dated 28th October 1920, stating that he is relinquishing his connexion with the Students Department from 1st November 1920 and expressing his best wishes for the future progress of this work.

Recorded.

III. Read the following letters from the Joint Secretary to the High Commissioner for India, Indian Students' Branch:—

1. Dated 7th October 1920, intimating the transfer of the Indian Students' Department, from the control of the Secretary of State for India to that of Sir William Meyer, G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I., the High Commissioner for India from 1st October 1920, and that all letters be addressed in future to the Joint Secretary to the High Commissioner, Indian Students' Branch.

2. Dated 28th October 1920, stating that students must take with them to England the original testimonials and certificates and not merely copies of them and that when they have to leave India before the issue of University Certificate or Diplomas they should be provided with an official statement from the Registrar of the University to the effect that they have passed the examination in question.

3. Dated 11th November 1920, stating that applications from students desiring admission to Glasgow in October 1921 must reach the University before 30th May next and those for the Medical course commencing in April 1921 before the 14th February.

(Note.—Copies of this notice printed and communicated.)

4. Dated 30th November 1920, advising usual annual despatch of prospectuses, etc., and stating that the Dean of Guy's Hospital Medical School has notified that there are no vacancies there; that the City and Guilds Technical College, Finsbury, London, will be closed from July next and that there will be no vacancies till October 1921 for the faculty of Engineering in King's College, London.

5. Dated 1st December 1920, explaining the requirements for obtaining certificates of fitness from the Scottish Universities Entrance Board in the case of a student securing admission to a Scottish University.

6. Dated 16th December 1920, intimating the increase of fee payable on applications for certificates of fitness for admission to a Scottish University from 2s 6d to 3s.

7. Dated 3rd January 1921, stating that from information received from the Secretary of the Delegacy for Oriental Students at Oxford and the Secretary of the Inter-Collegiate Indian Students' Committee, Cambridge, it appears that in future the expenses of an Indian Student at either University will be certainly not less than £350 a year and may even reach £400 a year.

(Note.—50 copies printed for students' information.)

8. Dated 3rd January 1921, stating that the list of certificates which will exempt from a special examination in Chemistry for admission to Chemistry classes in Art, Science and Medicine at Edinburgh is not yet drawn up but it is understood that a student who has taken Chemistry in the Intermediate class of an Indian University will be exempted.

9. Dated 4th January 1921, informing that the University Court at Glasgow have resolved to increase the course from 3 to 4 years in Engineering and that exemptions from the first-year class will not be considered hereafter.

10. Dated 13th January 1921, notifying the change of address of the Joint Secretary to the High Commissioner for Indian Students' Branch from the India Office to 42, Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W. 1 but otherwise the work will continue on the same lines as hitherto.

11. Dated 13th January 1921, sending some copies of leaflets published by the University of Glasgow regarding the decision to consider no further applications for exemption from first year B.Sc. (Engineering) course.

12. Dated 20th January 1921, stating that students who desire admission to educational institutions in England should state definitely the subjects they wish to read before they leave India and that they should also realise that if they apply for admission for the study of certain subjects, and subsequently change their minds and decide to read other subjects, any offer of admission that may have been secured for them on the basis of their original application may be cancelled in consequence of their change of plans.

13. Dated 9th February 1921, stating that the certificates of Indian applicants seeking admission to Edinburgh should contain the number of marks obtained in each subject at the examination and that students should realise that they cannot do specialised work and take the course for an ordinary degree at the same time.

14. Dated 10th February 1921, forwarding a copy of circular letter issued by the General Council of Medical Education and Registration regarding the qualifications to be demanded of Medical students after the 1st January 1923.

Recorded.

IV. Read the following Government Orders:—

1. No. 855, Home (Education), dated 28th July 1920, communicating the communique of the Government of India, dated 17th July 1920, containing the information that colleges at Cambridge are full and further admissions are impossible.

2. Memorandum No. 1984 B-1, dated 9th October 1920, communicating the telegram from the Government of India, dated 8th October 1920, that in future all remittances on behalf of Indian students should be forwarded to the Joint Secretary to the High Commissioner and not to Dr. Arnold.

3. No. 1199, Home (Education), dated 14th October 1920, communicating letter No. 1239 of the Government of India (Department of Education), dated 1st October 1920, relating to the admission of Indian students to the Australian Universities and the interchange of lectures between the two countries.

4. No. 1213, Home (Education), dated 18th October 1920, communicating letter No. 1277 of the Government of India, dated 8th October 1920, stating that the control of the Indian Students Department was handed over to the High Commissioner with effect from 1st October.

5. No. 1324, Home (Education), dated 11th November 1920, communicating letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, No. 1453 E. B. dated 1st November 1920, stating that students who proceed to Great Britain for Engineering courses should at least have passed the Intermediate Examination and that they should invariably consult the Student's Advisory Committee before leaving India.

6. No. 1327, Home (Education), dated 11th November 1920, stating that the Government are not prepared to reconsider the orders already passed in G.O. No. 840, Home (Education), dated 24th July 1920, that the increase allowance of Rs. 200 granted to the Secretary should include the remuneration of his staff and that the duty allowance of Rs. 15 paid to the clerk of the Law College should continue to count towards his pension and leave allowances.

7. No. 1420, Home (Education), dated 4th December 1920, appointing Mr. Saiyid Ross Masud, Director of Public Instruction, Hyderabad, to be a Member of the Committee till 1st June 1921 *vice* Maulvi Maddi Hussain Shaib Bilgrami resigned.

Recorded.

8. No. 208, Home (Education), dated 9th February 1921, communicating letter from the Government of India, Department of Education, No. 154, dated 28th January 1921, calling for proposals for the reconstitution of the Committee having in view the recommendations of the Government of India that the Committees may be strengthened by the inclusion of specialists, especially from among the younger professors who are acquainted with recent conditions in educational work in Great Britain.

The Committee recommends that it should be strengthened by the appointment of three additional members—preferably Indians—within five years of the dates on which they came or returned to India after completing their courses of education or training in United Kingdom.

9. No. 230, Home (Education), dated 12th February 1921, communicating an extract of a despatch from the Secretary of State for India that in regard to other branches of Engineering such as Mechanical, Electrical and Mining Engineering the student should be advised to obtain admission to a British University or College before he leaves India.

10. No. 234, Home (Education), dated 14th February 1921, communicating copy of a letter from the High Commissioner for India on the subject of the applications of Oriental students for admission to the Oxford University and the decision of the Delegacy for Oriental students at Oxford to close the list on the 30th March 1921 and circulate it among the colleges early in April.

11. No. 239, Home (Education), dated 16th February 1921, communicating copy of a communique issued by the Government of India announcing the reduction of the maximum age limit from 24 years to 23 years from the year 1924 for students who seek appointment to the Indian Service of Engineers.

12. No. 276, Home (Education), dated 24th February 1921, communicating a copy of communique by the Government of India that the alteration in the designation of the officers in charge of the Indian Students' Branch will in no way affect the work of the branch.

Recorded.

V. Read Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, C. No. 1170 of 1921, dated 4th February 1921, stating that two State Scholarships for the study of Sanskrit by Indians will be available for award in 1921.

Recorded.

VI. Read reports of the following Provincial Advisory Committees:—

- (1) Calcutta from 1919 April to March.
- (2) Behar and Orissa from 1st April 1919 to 31st March 1920.
- (3) Dacca for the year ending 31st March 1920.
- (4) Allahabad—Minutes of a meeting held on the 20th November 1920.

Recorded.

VII. Read note by the Secretary that the usual annual circulars about the existence and usefulness of the Committee were despatched on the 10th to 13th February 1921 to all the Principals of Colleges and the Headmasters of Secondary Schools as required in G.O. No. 735, Edl., dated 4th July 1916

Recorded.

VIII. Read the Secretary's Annual Report from 6th March 1920 to 5th March 1921.

Approved.

ARTHUR DAVIS,
Secretary.
5th March 1921.

A. Y. G. CAMPBELL,
President.

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Madras Students Advisory Committee—Secretary's Report.

6th March 1920 to 4th March 1921.

During seven months of the year under report (viz. from 1st May to 31st December 1920) the Secretary was absent upon leave and Mr. C. Madhavan Nair who was then Acting Principal of the Law College and later became Government Pleader acted as Secretary in his place. In accordance with Resolution No. 14 of the Committee at its 22nd meeting on the 6th March 1920, by G.O. No. 840, Home Department (Education), dated the 24th July 1920, the allowance of the Secretary was raised to Rs. 200 per mensem inclusive of the remuneration of the staff. As the staff consist of a part-time clerk who gets Rs. 15 per mensem, this means that the allowance of the Secretary has been raised to Rs. 185 per mensem. In England, the Students' Department has been transferred from the India Office to the High Commissioner, and there are in future to be two Joint Secretaries to the High Commissioner attending to the work of the Students' Department. Dr. T. W. Arnold, who has been connected with the Advisory work from its inception in 1909, has retired, and in recognition of his very valuable service received a Knighthood. Mr. Sen, the Warden at 21 Cromwell Road, has been appointed as one of the Joint Secretaries and the other post has not yet been filled. This committee is specially requested however to point out to students and parents who might not understand the nature and purpose of these changes that they in no way affect the advisory work of the Students' Department, which is being carried on on exactly the same lines as in the past.

The volume of work done is much the same as last year as appears from the tables appended. On the whole indeed there seems to be a strong upward tendency. The number of interviews recorded is probably much lower than the number actually held, as it appears that many of the interviews held by Mr. Madhavan Nair at his house and elsewhere away from the office were not entered in the books. The number of students of whose departure to the United Kingdom there is a reasonable certainty is only 40 as against 56 of last year. Probably at least another 15 or 20 have gone without the fact being noted in the books, as more than 30 notices of issue of passports beyond those of students known to have gone have been received in the office. But there are also two definite reasons why the numbers this year should have decreased rather than increased. The first is the fall in the value of the rupee. The second and more important is to be found in the extraordinary congestion of all educational institutions in Great Britain. They are having the greatest difficulty in providing sufficient room for Native born students, and as a natural though regrettable result students from India—even the well qualified, who in normal pre-war times would have certainly found admission—have had to be rejected. This is illustrated by the cases of Oxford and Cambridge. Out of 22 applicants from this Presidency only 4 have found admission at Oxford and one (a lady) to a Training College at Cambridge. Of the 17 rejected ones 2 had taken the M.A., 4 the B.A. (Honours), 1 the pass B.A. of this University and of the remaining 10, 7 were taking their B.A. examination (either pass or Honours) in March 1920, 5 of the 7 having taken a 1st class in the Intermediate. The students had taken the trouble to apply early, only three of these applications reaching London later than March 1920, and the applications were in almost every case supported by excellent testimonials. These are in fact students who would not only have profited very considerably themselves by a course at Oxford or Cambridge, but would have strengthened the bond between the educated Indian and British institutions: and it is a very great pity that the exigencies of the time have made it impossible for these ancient Universities to receive them.

In his letter of 15th July 1920 announcing the names of those who failed to obtain admission at Cambridge, Dr. Arnold after pointing out that since 1916 on the representation of Indian students to the Vice-Chancellor, an officer appointed and financed by the University itself and in no way responsible to the India Office (which in this matter acts merely as a forwarding agency) has been in charge of the task of procuring admission for Indian students, proceeds to mention a criticism freely made in Great Britain and India that in past years while

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applicants through Advisory Committees failed to secure admission, other students with inferior qualifications who ignored the Committee and applied to the colleges direct on their arrival has been successful. His letter on this point seems to be important enough to require exact quotation. "I quite realize," he writes, "that complaints are certain to be made so long as college tutors after telling Mr. Manning" (who is the official referred to above) "that all their vacancies have been filled and that they can take no further Indian students subsequently admit Indian applicants who press their cases in person. That has happened several times in the past, and neither Mr. Manning nor any one else can be sure that it will not happen in the future." Upon this Dr. Arnold advised the Secretary here not to hesitate to admit these facts to the students concerned, but that he should also warn them that in the opinion of Mr. Manning there was no prospect whatever of the application being successful and that the chance that at the last moment any college authority would offer admission to further Indian students was so remote that any applicant would be extremely ill-advised to make the journey to England on so vague a possibility.

In one case at least the journey was made and your Secretary met the student by chance in the streets of Oxford. He had tried for some weeks at a number of colleges, but his efforts were in vain and he was in despair. Your Secretary knew some of the College authorities as personal friends or relatives, but his efforts were equally unavailing. Everywhere it seemed that the colleges were already over-crowded and a month later a post-card, the last received, showed that there was even then no hope of success. What has happened to this student since is not known.

This year the number of applicants for Oxford and Cambridge who have already sent in their applications is 26 for October 1921 and 2 for October 1922. Those for this year include 3 who are among the rejected of last year.

The work of the committee has been on the usual lines. The great variety of subjects of inquiry may be indicated by mentioning a few beyond the ordinary every day ones. Painting, Sculpture, Insurance Office work, Tailoring, Fisheries, Aeronautics, Secretarial training, Specialized Geographical study, Gold Thread Industry, Automobile Engineering, Soap manufactory, Banking, Oil and Fats, Training in After-care, Plant-breeding, Leather, Chemistry, Pottery, glass and paper manufacture, are among the strange topics on which the Secretary has been asked for information. Frequently an answer can be ferretted out of the office library, but, where the inquiry appears to be a serious one and no information is available locally, the Students' Department in London have very willingly supplied what is needed.

Application for admission to works, e.g., for the manufactory, of soap, glass paper, are always very difficult, perhaps owing to a natural reluctance on the part of the owners of such works to teach their secrets to possible competitors, but at present they are even more difficult than usual owing to the world condition of trade.

Four cases of students who have been in England and returned to the country leaving debts behind them have been treated by this Committee. In one case there is a very large debt to an Edinburgh bookseller, and in spite of every effort this Committee has been able to obtain nothing but promises, and the papers connected have had to be returned to London. Out of the other three cases where students owed money to the Distressed Indian Students' Aid Committee, the full amount has been paid in one case, half in another and there seem to be good hopes of the remaining half in this case and the whole in the third being refunded in time. It is very important to insist on the repayment of these debts, as the good name of Indian students in Great Britain generally may suffer—even though it be unjustly—by the laxity of a very small number among them.

A seventeenth edition of the Handbook has been published in 1920. The Secretary's copy is already gathering addenda and corrections, and it is to be hoped a new edition will appear each year, especially in these days of rapid change.

TABLE I.—Number of applicants, letters received, replies sent and interview held from 6th March 1920 to March 1921.

Community to which applicants belong.	1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.
Hindus	196	146	219	395	414
Muhammadans	20	3	6	32	33
Indian Christians	30	22	31	67	73
Domesticated community	18	9	10	22	18
Total	264	180	266	516	538
Number of communications received	257	279	325	329	1077
„ replies sent	258	280	297	860	962
„ interviews held	63	55	128	253	140

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TABLE II.—Number of students who have gone to the United Kingdom.

Community to which those who have left belong.	1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.
Hindus	4	3	6	42	28
Muhammadans	1	..	..	3	1
Indian Christians	1	..	1	9	10
Domiciled community	1	1	..	2	1

TABLE III.—Studies to be pursued in the United Kingdom.

—	1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.
University Degrees in Arts and Sciences	4	3	4	24	16
Indian Civil Service and other services	1	..	1	..	..
Bar	2	..	1	18	7
Engineering	1	..	..	4	4
Medicine	2	1	2	6	5
Tanning	..	..	..	..	1
Forestry	1	..	..	5	1
Agriculture	..	..	..	4	4
Accountancy	..	..	..	1	..
Commerce and banking	..	..	..	2	..
Unknown	..	..	..	3	2

TABLE IV.—Educational centres to which students have gone.

—	1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.
Oxford	..	1	3	7	4
Cambridge	2	2	1	7	1
London	1	..	..	19	20
Edinburgh	3	..	1	12	5
Glasgow	..	1	1	..	..
Aberdeen	..	..	..	..	1
Dublin	..	..	..	..	1
Manchester	..	..	..	1	3
Leeds	..	..	..	..	4
Unknown	1	..	..	5	..

Order—No. 692, Law (Education), dated 29th April 1921.

Recorded.

(By order of the Governor-in-Council)

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To the Secretary, Madras Students' Advisory Committee.

" Director of Public Instruction.

" Registrar, University of Madras.

" Publicity Officer.

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(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.

A

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

B

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

C

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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