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As a supplement to the author's catalogue which was printed in 1923 a subject catalogue is now under preparation and I expect to have it printed and ready for use early in July next.

7. *Finance.*—The total receipts and charges for the year under report were Rs. 35,238-11-0 and Rs. 75,106-11-8 plus £15-2-11 (adjustment slip in Indian money being yet due from the Accountant-General, Madras,) or nearly Rupees 75,307-14-10 respectively as against Rs. 30,412-7-0 and Rs. 77,505-15-0 of last year. The net expenditure to Government was Rs. 40,069-3-10 as against rupees 47,093-8-0 of last year.

8. *Hostel.*—M.R.Ry. S. A. Mani Ayyar, M.A., L.T., continued to be the sub-warden of the Hostel. The most interesting feature in the life of the hostel was the institution of the hostel library, which was formally opened in March last by M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur N. Krishnaswami Ayyangar Avargal, B.A., B.L. A sum of Rs. 64-12-8 was received as bonus for the purchases made at the local co-operative stores. The hostel committee sanctioned Rs. 100 as a grant for starting the library, and a further sum of Rs. 72 was obtained as receipts of a benefit Harikatha performance arranged by the members. The funds amounting to about Rs. 240 with the grant of Rs. 205 kindly sanctioned by the Director of Public Instruction in his Pros. R.C. No. 759-D/24, dated 13th September 1924, will enable us to have a decent collection of books for use among the residents from the beginning of next year. The number of books which the library has at present is over 100.

Some games are provided for in the hostel apart from those in the college, viz., badminton, ping-pong, and volley ball, the last two having been started this year. Volley ball has evoked considerable enthusiasm among the members.

9. *The tutorial system.*—The tutorial system has been working satisfactorily.

10. *University examinations.*—The results in the University examinations are given in Appendices D to F. They are on the whole satisfactory. In the B.A., the percentage of passes was 52 in English, 78.5 in Mathematics, 54.5 in Physics, 100 in Philosophy, 38.4 in History, 100 in Sanskrit and 100 in Tamil. We secured one first class in Mathematics and three second classes—one in Mathematics, one in Physics, and one in History.

In the Intermediate examination, the percentage of complete passes was 31 as against 24 in the previous year, and two of our students were placed in the first class.

College examinations.—There were periodical examinations held for each class in the various subjects in addition to the promotion examinations at the end of the year. Two students were detained in the Junior B.A. class and 12 (twelve) in the Junior Intermediate class.

11. *College activities.*—A. (i) *The College Union.*—Besides the usual number of ordinary meetings, the union arranged also for lectures by the following gentlemen:—(1) the Rev. R. Smailes, M.A., of Mannargudi; (2) Mr. O. N. Ramaswami Ayyar, M.A., Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies and (3) Rao Bahadur N. Krishnaswami Ayyangar, B.A., B.L.

(ii) The College Journal has entered on its 10th year of existence and has maintained its popularity among the students under the able editorship of M.R.Ry. P. R. Krishnaswami, M.A., L.T.

(iii) *The College Dramas.*—In December last the Union put on boards "Julius Caesar" in English under the presidency of Rao Bahadur C. S. Subrahmanyam Ayyar, B.A. B.L., of Mayavaram, and "Subadrarjunam" in Tamil under the patronage of His Holiness Srilasri Vaithilinga Pandarasannadhi Avargal of Tiruvaduthurai Mutt. Two of the actors in "Julius Caesar" and two in "Subadrarjunam" were presented with medals as a mark of appreciation of the histrionic talents displayed by them.

B. *The Kumbakonam College Co-operative Society.*—The finances of the society are in a satisfactory condition. The reserve fund stands at Rs. 212 and the society has, besides a foundation fund of Rs. 250, furniture worth Rs. 100.

The Secretary reports a slight fall in the enthusiasm of the members and hopes there will be better progress on the work of the society in the next year.

C. *The Athletic activities.*—M.R.Ry. N. R. Subba Ayyar was in charge of the games during the period under report.

Canoeing.—The year began with great enthusiasm for canoeing, the number of members going up to 67. And for a time the students were very keen but unfortunately about the 18th July 1924 the floods in the Cauvery were unusually high and rendered canoeing risky, and in the months that followed, very little water flowed in the river with the result that we could not have any rowing at all. Owing to these circumstances beyond our control, the usual Regatta too could not be held this year.

Badminton.—Attracted a large number of students and the college teams came off successful in all the tournaments in which they took part.

Tennis.—The membership of the Tennis Club was larger than in previous years and a new court was opened in addition to the three already available for students. Our teams played matches against the Chidambaram College club, the Tanjore Union Club and the Old Boys of the College and won in two of them.

Football.—The football team won the runners-up medal in the Porayar Tournament; but was defeated in the final by the Chidambaram college team.

Hockey.—The college was represented in the Presidency College Hockey tournament and won in two of the earlier matches, but was defeated by the Christian College teams in the semi-finals.

Cricket.—Was revived, after a long interval, at the beginning of the year and has become very popular among the students. We had as many as thirteen matches in the course of the year against teams in Madras and Tanjore and in spite of the fact that the game had been started only recently, our team won six of these matches.

The annual athletic sports were held in September 1924 with H. M. Hood, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of Tanjore, as President, and were pronounced to be an unqualified success, both from the point of view of the large number of students that entered and the regular training which they had received before the final heats.

Drill and Gymnastics.—The Physical Culture classes have been made compulsory to all students of the college. Arrangements have also been made to start rifle-drill classes next year.

Scouting.—A rover troop was started in the college this year, with M.R.Ry. M. Damodara Kini Avargal, M.A., L.T., as rover master. The number of recruits entered

till now is 20. Vigorous training is being given to them. Thirteen of the rovers camped on the northern bank of the Coleroon on the 21st and 22nd of February 1925 and the camp was a great success, although it was the first of its kind.

The Kumbakonam College Old Boys' Association.—The Old Boys' Day was celebrated as usual in October last with M.R.Ry. K. S. Ramaswami Sastriar Avargal, B.A., B.L., Sub-Judge, Negapatam, as President, and the old boys took that opportunity for giving a farewell dinner in honour of the retired Principal Rao Sahib P. Rajagopala Ayyar. The number of scholarships awarded this year by the Old Boys' Association was only seven. It is hoped that the old boys who have evinced a great deal of interest in the college and have been collecting funds for increasing the number of scholarships, will succeed in increasing the number so as to be able to help all deserving and poor students.

Other scholarships.—The Director has been pleased to sanction two more scholarships to poor and deserving students this year, thus bringing the total number to eight as against six in the previous year.

The Fifth College Day.—The Fifth College Day was celebrated on the 16th of February 1925 under the presidency of the Hon'ble Sir A. P. Patro, Kt., Minister for Education, who gave away the prizes to the students that had distinguished themselves in the subjects of their studies and in the essay and elocution competitions of the year.

A new feature of the prizes this year was the institution of the "Patro Medal" for the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest. The Chidambaram College and the St. Joseph's College, Trichinopoly, sent their representatives to the competition and the competitor from the Chidambaram College won the prize.

I availed myself of the occasion to impress upon the public of Tanjore the desirability of taking immediate steps to get the college developed to a University centre under the opportunities afforded by the new University Act. The Minister for Education in his concluding address made hopeful remarks about the future of the college and exhorted the public to help the founding of a Kumbakonam University.

The statistical survey of the bodily measurements of the students of the college is appended hitherto. The averages of the measurements for different ages in 1924-25 are greater than the corresponding averages in 1923-24.

12. *General*—(1) *Excursions.*—Two excursions were undertaken by our students this year, one by the Mathematics students to the Madras Observatory, and the other by the History students to Mahabalipuram (The Seven Pagodas) and Tirukkalkundram. Both these excursions were highly appreciated by the students who felt very much benefited by them.

(2) *The Oriental Conference.*—Messrs. R. V. Krishnama Charyar and A.M. Sata-goparamanuja Charyar, the Sanskrit and Tamil Pandits of the college contributed papers to the conference held in Madras in December last.

(3) *Flood Relief Fund.*—The members of the staff and the students of the college contributed a donation towards the local flood relief fund, which the Secretary of the Fund characterized as liberal.

I take this opportunity of expressing my cordial thanks to the members of the college staff for their hearty co-operation with me in the various activities of the college during the year.

APPENDIX A.

Statement showing particulars as to the number of students on rolls in the three terms of 1923-24 and 1924-25.

Classes.	1923-24.			1924-25.		
	First term.	Second term.	Third term.	First term.	Second term.	Third term.
First year class	118	119	116	143	139	139
Second do.	97	92	92	108	107	107
Third do.	61	62	61	69	68	67
Fourth do.	47	46	46	58	59	59
	323	319	315	378	373	372

Race or creed of scholars in institutions for males and females under instruction on 31st March 1925.

Classes of Institutions.	Distribution of pupils according to communities.													Total.
	Europeans and Anglo-Indians.	Indian Xians.	Adi-Dravidas, Adi-Andhras and kindred classes.	Mubammadians.	Brahmans.	Non-Brahman Caste Hindus.	Buddhists.	Parsis.	Aborigines and Hill tribes.	Criminal tribes.	Sikhs.	Jains.	Others.	
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Intermediate classes.														
First year	..	..	..	1	..	2	115	21	..	..	..	..	..	18
Second year	..	..	..	..	..	..	89	18	..	..	..	..	..	10
Degree Classes.														
Third year	..	..	..	..	..	..	59	8	..	..	..	..	..	6
Fourth year	..	..	..	..	..	..	53	6	..	..	..	..	..	5
Total	..	1	..	2	316	53*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37

* Includes 19 students under "Backward" classes.

APPENDIX B.

Distribution of students according to occupation of parents or guardians.

	Numbers.											Total
	Officials	Petty officials	Landholders	Traders	Coolies	Mendicants	..	..	..	..	..	
Officials	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	102
Petty officials	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52
Landholders	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	184
Traders	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
Coolies	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Mendicants	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	372

Distribution of students according to wealth.

	Rich	Middle	Poor	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Total
Rich	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Middle	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	308
Poor	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	372

APPENDIX C.

Distribution of students according to districts to which they belong—1924-25.

Name of districts.	B.A. Pass course.		Intermediate.	
	First year.	Second year.	First year.	Second year.
Tanjore	55	46	133	97
South Arcot	1	1	..	4
Trichinopoly	1	1	1	5
Tinnevely	..	1	1	..
Chittoor	1	2	..	..
Cochin State	..	1	..	..
Malabar	2	4	2	..
Salem	3	1	1	..
Travancore	..	1	..	..
North Arcot	1	1	..	..
Pudukotah State	1	..	1	..
Coorg	1	..	..	..
Chingleput	1	..	..	..
Madura	..	..	..	1
Total	67	59	189	107

APPENDIX D.

Results of the Intermediate and B.A. Degree examinations, 1924.

Examination and group.	Number examined.	Number passed.			Total.	Percentage of passes.			
		Class.				1921- 1922.	1922- 1923.	1923- 1924.	
		First.	Second.	Third.					
<i>Intermediate.</i>									
Group I	59	2	10	..	12	26.0	26.9	20.8	
Group III	32	..	16	..	16	27.0	21.9	50.0	
	91								
Part I only { Group I	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	
passed. " III	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	
Part II only { Group I	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	
passed. " III	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	
<i>B.A. Degree.</i>									
I. English language	46	..	..	24	24	62.7	80.2	52.1	
II. Special Division—									
Physical Science	11	..	1	5	6	27.8	38.8	54.5	
Mathematics	14	1	1	9	11	57.9	47.8	78.5	
History	13	..	1	4	5	50.0	73.3	38.4	
Philosophy	5	..	..	5	5	63.6	76.9	100.0	
Group VI—Sanskrit	2	..	..	2	2	..	75.0	100.0	
Group VI—Tamil	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	100.0	

	In English.	Subjects.		
Intermediate—Full pass.			B.A. Degree—Full pass— <i>cont.</i>	
Group I	21	19	Group IV	4
Group III	16	23	Group V	3
	—	—	Group VI—Sanskrit..	2
B.A. Degree—Full pass.			Group VI—Tamil ..	1
Group I	7			
Group II-A	3			
				20 out of 46.

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Results of the Intermediate examination held in September 1924—Private Study.

—	First class.	Second class.	Group I.		Group III.	
			First class.	Second class.	First class.	Second class.
<i>Intermediate.</i>						
Both parts	..	..	..	4	..	1
Passed Part I only and completed ..	..	..	..	7	..	6
Passed Part II only and completed ..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Appeared for the whole examination and passed Part I only	..	..	..	10	..	3
Appeared for the whole examination and passed Part II only .. - ..	..	..	..	..	..	..

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Results of the B.A. Degree examination—Private Study, September 1924.

Subject.	First class.	Second class.	Third class.
Part I—			
English language division	..	..	14
Part II—			
Mathematics	..	*1	1
Physical Science	..	..	3
Philosophy (none appeared)	..	..	..
History and Economics	..	..	7
Group VI—Sanskrit	..	..	..
Group VI—Tamil	..	..	..

* Passed first in rank in the second-class in the Presidency in Mathematics.

Statistical survey of the girth, weight, height of the average Kumbakonam College boys for 1924-25 and 1923-24

Serial number.	Age.	Number of students observed in		Girth of average Kumbakonam College Boy in		Weight of average Kumbakonam College Boy in		Height of average Kumbakonam College Boy in	
		1923-24.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1924-25.
				INCHES.	INCHES.	LB.	LB.	FT. IN.	FT. IN.
1	14	3	1	27.0	28.0	79.0	83.5	4 11.3	5 1.0
2	15	13	5	28.9	29.3	91.5	97.9	5 0.6	4 11.6
3	16	37	37	29.4	29.0	98.6	97.4	5 3.1	5 1.1
4	17	55	48	30.3	30.3	103.5	103.5	5 3.7	5 3.4
5	18	71	56	31.0	30.6	108.7	104.2	5 4.1	5 4.2
6	19	55	67	31.3	31.4	109.6	110.5	5 4.2	5 4.9
7	20	40	46	31.7	32.0	112.4	115.6	5 4.6	5 4.6
8	21	15	39	31.5	32.1	114.0	112.5	5 3.9	5 3.9
9	22	17	30	31.2	32.9	109.6	116.5	5 5.2	5 4.7
10	23	8	8	33.6	31.9	124.0	113.4	5 5.4	5 5.6
11	24	3	14	33.7	32.0	123.8	122.5	5 3.8	5 6.3
12	25	..	1	..	36.0	..	145.0	..	5 4.0
13	26	1	3	32.0	33.0	122.0	121.7	5 2.5	5 3.8
14	28	..	1	..	31.0	..	107.5	..	5 2.5

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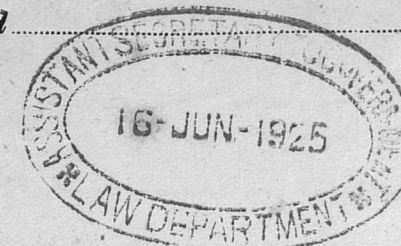
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Other scholarships :—The Director has been pleased to sanction two more scholarships to poor and deserving students this year, thus bringing the total number to eight as against six in the previous year.

The Fifth College Day.—The Fifth College Day was celebrated on the 16th of February 1925 under the presidency of the Hon'ble Sir A. P. Patro, *Kt.*, Minister for Education, who gave away the prizes to the students that had distinguished themselves in the subjects of their studies and in the essay and elocution competitions of the year.

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Classes.	1923-24.			1924-25.		
	First term.	Second term.	Third term.	First term.	Second term.	Third term.
First year class	118	119	116	143	139	139
Second do.	97	92	92	108	107	107
Third do.	61	62	61	69	68	67
Fourth do.	47	46	46	58	59	59
	323	319	315	378	373	372

Race or creed of scholars in institutions for males and females under instruction on 31st March 1925.

Classes of Institutions.	Distribution of pupils according to communities.										
	Europeans and Anglo-Indians.	Indian Xians.	Adi-Dravidas, Adi-Andhras and kindred classes.	Muhammadians.	Brahmans.	Non-Brahman Caste Hindus.	Buddhists.	Parsis.	Aborigines and Hilltribes.	Criminal tribes.	Others.
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Intermediate classes.											
First year	..	1	..	2	115	21	..	..	..	..	139
Second year	..	..	..	..	89	18	..	..	..	..	107
Degree Classes.											
Third year	..	..	..	..	59	8	..	..	..	..	67
Fourth year	..	..	..	..	53	6	..	..	..	..	59
Total	..	1	..	2	316	53	..	..	..	..	372

* Includes 19 students under "Backward" classes.

APPENDIX B.

Distribution of students according to occupation of parents or guardians.

	Numbers.
Officials	102
Petty officials	52
Landholders	184
Traders	31
Coolies	1
Mendicants	2
Total	372

Distribution of students according to wealth

Rich	18
Middle	308
Poor	46
Total	372

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Distribution of students according to districts to which they belong 1924-25.

Name of districts.	B.A. Pass course.		Intermediate.	
	First year.	Second year.	First year.	Second year.
Tanjore	55	46	133	97
South Arcot	1	1	..	4
Trichinopoly	1	1	1	5
Tinnevely	..	1	1	..
Chittoor	1	2	..	..
Cochin State	..	1	..	..
Malabar	2	4	2	..
Salem	3	..	1	..
Travancore	..	1	..	..
North Arcot	1	1	..	..
Pudukotah State	1	..	1	..
Coorg	1	..	..	..
Chingleput	1	..	..	..
Madura	..	..	..	1
Total	67	59	139	107

APPENDIX D.

Results of the Intermediate and B.A. Degree examinations, 1924.

Examination and group.	Number examined.	Number passed.			Total.	Percentage of passess.		
		Class.				1921- 1922.	1922- 1923.	1923- 1924.
		First.	Second.	Third.				
<i>Intermediate.</i>								
Group I	59	2	10	..	12	26.0	26.9	20.3
Group III	32	..	16	..	16	27.0	21.9	50.0
	91							
Part I only { Group I	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..
passed. { " III	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..
Part II only { Group I	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..
passed. { " III	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..
<i>B. A. Degree.</i>								
I. English language	46	..	..	24	24	62.7	80.2	52.1
II. Special Division—								
Physical Science	11	..	1	5	6	27.8	38.8	54.5
Mathematics	14	1	1	9	11	57.9	47.8	78.5
History	13	..	1	4	5	50.0	73.3	38.4
Philosophy	5	..	..	5	5	63.6	76.9	100.0
Group VI—Sanskrit	2	..	..	2	2	..	75.0	100.0
Group VI—Tamil	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	100.0

	In English.	Subjects.		B.A. Degree—Full pass—cont.
Intermediate—Full pass.				
Group I	21	19	Group IV	4
Group III	16	23	Group V	3
			Group VI—Sanskrit..	2
B.A. Degree—Full pass.			Group VI—Tamil ..	1
Group I	7			
Group II-A	3			
				20 out of 46.

APPENDIX E.

Results of the Intermediate examination held in September 1924—Private Study.

	First class.	Second class.	Group I.		Group III.		
			First class.	Second class.	First class.	Second class.	
<i>Intermediate.</i>							
Both parts	..	..	..	4	..	1	
Passed Part I only and completed ..	..	..	..	7	..	6	
Passed Part II only and completed..	..	..	..	1	..	..	
Appeared for the whole examination and passed Part I only	..	..	..	10	..	3	
Appeared for the whole examination and passed Part II only	..	..	..	..	..	..	

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Part I—			
English language division	..	..	14
Part II—			
Mathematics	..	1	1
Physical Science	..	..	3
Philosophy (none appeared)	..	..	..
History and Economics	..	..	7
Group VI—Sanskrit	..	..	..
Group VI—Tamil	..	..	..

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				INCHES.	INCHES.	LB.	LB.	FT. IN.	FT. IN.
1	14	3	1	27.0	28.0	79.0	83.5	4 11.3	5 1.0
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3	16	37	37	29.4	29.0	98.6	97.4	5 3.1	5 1.1
4	17	55	48	30.3	30.3	103.5	103.5	5 3.7	5 3.4
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8	21	15	39	31.5	32.1	114.0	112.5	5 3.9	5 3.9
9	22	17	30	31.2	32.9	109.6	116.5	5 5.2	5 4.7
10	23	8	8	33.6	31.9	124.0	113.4	5 5.4	5 5.6
11	24	3	14	33.7	32.0	123.8	122.5	5 3.8	5 6.3
12	25	..	1	..	36.0	..	145.0	..	5 4.0
13	26	1	3	32.0	33.0	122.0	121.7	5 2.5	5 3.8
14	28	..	1	..	31.0	..	107.5	..	5 2.5

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Canoeing.—The year began with great enthusiasm for canoeing, the number of members going up to 67. And for a time the students were very keen but unfortunately about the 18th July 1924 the floods in the Cauvery were unusually high and rendered canoeing risky, and in the months that followed, very little water flowed in the river with the result that we could not have any rowing at all. Owing to these circumstances beyond our control, the usual Regatta too could not be held this year.

Badminton.—Attracted a large number of students and the college teams came off successful in all the tournaments in which they took part.

Tennis.—The membership of the Tennis Club was larger than in previous years and a new court was opened in addition to the three already available for students. Our teams played matches against the Chidambaram College club, the Tanjore Union Club and the Old Boys of the College and won in two of them.

Football.—The football team won the runners-up medal in the Porayar Tournament; but was defeated in the final by the Chidambaram college team.

Hockey.—The college was represented in the Presidency College Hockey tournament and won in two of the earlier matches, but was defeated by the Christian College teams in the semi-finals.

Cricket.—Was revived, after a long interval, at the beginning of the year and has become very popular among the students. We had as many as thirteen matches in the course of the year against teams in Madras and Tanjore and in spite of the fact that the game had been started only recently, our team won six of these matches.

The annual athletic sports were held in September 1924 with H. M. Hood, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of Tanjore, as President, and were pronounced to be an unqualified success, both from the point of view of the large number of students that entered and the regular training which they had received before the final heats.

Drill and Gymnastics.—The Physical Culture classes have been made compulsory to all students of the college. Arrangements have also been made to start rifle-drill classes next year.

Scouting.—A rover troop was started in the college this year, with M.R.Ry. M. Damodara Kini Avargal, M.A., L.T., as rover master. The number of recruits entered

till now is 20. Vigorous training is being given to them. Thirteen of the rovers camped on the northern bank of the Coleroon on the 21st and 22nd of February 1925 and the camp was a great success, although it was the first of its kind.

The Kumbakonam College Old Boys' Association.—The Old Boys' Day was celebrated as usual in October last with M.R.Ry. K. S. Ramaswami Sastriar Avargal, B.A., B.L., Sub-Judge, Negapatam, as President, and the old boys took that opportunity for giving a farewell dinner in honour of the retired Principal Rao Sahib P. Rajagopala Ayyar. The number of scholarships awarded this year by the Old Boys' Association was only seven. It is hoped that the old boys who have evinced a great deal of interest in the college and have been collecting funds for increasing the number of scholarships, will succeed in increasing the number so as to be able to help all deserving and poor students.

Other scholarships.—The Director has been pleased to sanction two more scholarships to poor and deserving students this year, thus bringing the total number to eight as against six in the previous year.

The Fifth College Day.—The Fifth College Day was celebrated on the 16th of February 1925 under the presidency of the Hon'ble Sir A. P. Patro, Kt., Minister for Education, who gave away the prizes to the students that had distinguished themselves in the subjects of their studies and in the essay and elocution competitions of the year.

A new feature of the prizes this year was the institution of the "Patro Medal" for the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest. The Chidambaram College and the St. Joseph's College, Trichinopoly, sent their representatives to the competition and the competitor from the Chidambaram College won the prize.

I availed myself of the occasion to impress upon the public of Tanjore the desirability of taking immediate steps to get the college developed to a University centre under the opportunities afforded by the new University Act. The Minister for Education in his concluding address made hopeful remarks about the future of the college and exhorted the public to help the founding of a Kumbakonam University.

The statistical survey of the bodily measurements of the students of the college is appended hitherto. The averages of the measurements for different ages in 1924-25 are greater than the corresponding averages in 1923-24.

12. General.—(1) *Excursions.*—Two excursions were undertaken by our students this year, one by the Mathematics students to the Madras Observatory, and the other by the History students to Mahabalipuram (The Seven Pagodas) and Tirukkalkundram. Both these excursions were highly appreciated by the students who felt very much benefited by them.

(2) *The Oriental Conference.*—Messrs. R. V. Krishnama Charyar and A.M. Sata-goparamanuja Charyar, the Sanskrit and Tamil Pandits of the college contributed papers to the conference held in Madras in December last.

(3) *Flood Relief Fund.*—The members of the staff and the students of the college contributed a donation towards the local flood relief fund, which the Secretary of the Fund characterized as liberal.

I take this opportunity of expressing my cordial thanks to the members of the college staff for their hearty co-operation with me in the various activities of the college during the year.

APPENDIX A.

Statement showing particulars as to the number of students on rolls in the three terms of 1923-24 and 1924-25.

Classes.	1923-24.			1924-25.		
	First term.	Second term.	Third term.	First term.	Second term.	Third term.
First year class	118	119	116	143	139	139
Second do.	97	92	92	108	107	107
Third do.	61	62	61	69	68	67
Fourth do.	47	46	46	58	59	59
	323	319	315	378	373	372

Race or creed of scholars in institutions for males and females under instruction on 31st March 1925.

Classes of Institutions.	Distribution of pupils according to communities.										
	Europeans and Anglo-Indians.	Indian Xians.	Adi-Dravidas, Adi-Andhras and kindred classes.	Muhammadians.	Brahmans.	Non-Brahman Caste Hindus.	Buddhists.	Parsis.	Aborigines and Hilltribes.	Criminal tribes.	Others.
UNIVERSITY AND INTERMEDIATE EDUCATION.											
Intermediate classes.											
First year	..	1	..	2	115	21	..	..	..	..	139
Second year	..	..	..	..	89	18	..	..	..	..	107
Degree Classes.											
Third year	..	..	..	..	59	8	..	..	..	..	67
Fourth year	..	..	..	..	53	6	..	..	..	..	59
Total	..	1	..	2	316	53*	..	..	..	..	372

* Includes 19 students under "Backward" classes.

APPENDIX B.

Distribution of students according to occupation of parents or guardians.

	Numbers.
Officials ..	102
Petty officials ..	52
Landholders ..	184
Traders ..	31
Coolies ..	1
Mendicants ..	2
Total ..	372

Distribution of students according to wealth.

Rich ..	18
Middle ..	308
Poor ..	46
Total ..	372

APPENDIX C.

Distribution of students according to districts to which they belong 1924-25.

Name of districts.	B.A. Pass course.		Intermediate.	
	First year.	Second year.	First year.	Second year.
Tanjore ..	55	46	138	97
South Arcot ..	1	1	..	4
Trichinopoly ..	1	1	1	5
Tinnevely ..	..	1	1	..
Chittoor ..	1	2	..	..
Cochin State ..	..	1	..	..
Malabar ..	2	4	2	..
Salem ..	3	1	1	..
Travancore ..	..	1	..	..
North Arcot ..	1	1	..	..
Pudukotah State ..	1	..	1	..
Coorg ..	1	..	..	..
Chingleput ..	1	..	..	..
Madura ..	..	..	..	1
Total ..	67	59	139	107

APPENDIX D.

Results of the Intermediate and B.A. Degree examinations, 1924.

Examination and group.	Number examined.	Number passed.			Total.	Percentage of passes.		
		Class.				1921- 1922.	1922- 1923.	1923- 1924.
		First.	Second.	Third.				
<i>Intermediate.</i>								
Group I	59	2	10	..	12	26.0	26.9	20.3
Group III	32	..	16	..	16	27.0	21.9	50.0
	91							
Part I only { Group I	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..
passed. " III	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..
Part II only { Group I	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..
passed. " III	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..
<i>B. A. Degree.</i>								
I. English language	46	..	..	24	24	62.7	80.2	52.1
II. Special Division—								
Physical Science	11	..	1	5	6	27.8	38.8	54.5
Mathematics	14	1	1	9	11	57.9	47.8	78.5
History	13	..	1	4	5	50.0	73.3	38.4
Philosophy	5	..	..	5	5	63.6	76.2	100.0
Group VI—Sanskrit	2	..	..	2	2	..	75.0	100.0
Group VI—Tamil	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	100.0

In English. Subjects.		B.A. Degree—Full pass—cont.	
Intermediate—Full pass.		Group IV	4
Group I	21	Group V	3
Group III	16	Group VI—Sanskrit	2
		Group VI—Tamil	1
B.A. Degree—Full pass.			
Group I	7		
Group II-A	3		
			20 out of 46.

APPENDIX E.

Results of the Intermediate examination held in September 1924—Private Study.

	First class.	Second class.	Group I.		Group III.		
			First class	Second class.	First class.	Second class.	
<i>Intermediate.</i>							
Both parts	..	..	..	4	..	1	
Passed Part I only and completed	..	..	..	7	..	6	
Passed Part II only and completed	..	..	..	1	..	..	
Appeared for the whole examination and passed Part I only	..	..	..	10	..	3	
Appeared for the whole examination and passed Part II only	..	..	..	..	..	..	

APPENDIX F

Results of the B.A. Degree examination—Private Study, September 1924.

Subject.	First class.	Second class.	Third class.
Part I—			
English language division	..	..	14
Part II—			
Mathematics	..	..	1
Physical Science	..	..	3
Philosophy (none appeared)	..	..	..
History and Economics	..	..	7
Group VI—Sanskrit	..	..	..
Group VI—Tamil	..	..	..

* Passed first in rank in the second-class in the Presidency in Mathematics.

Statistical survey of the girth, weight, height of the average Kumbakonam College boys for 1924-25 and 1923-24.

Serial number.	Age.	Number of students observed in		Girth of average Kumbakonam College Boy in		Weight of average Kumbakonam College Boy in		Height of average Kumbakonam College Boy in	
		1923-24.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1924-25.
				INCHES.	INCHES.	LB.	LB.	FT. IN.	FT. IN.
1	14	3	1	27.0	28.0	79.0	83.5	4 11.3	5 1.0
2	15	13	5	28.9	29.3	91.5	97.9	5 0.6	4 11.6
3	16	37	37	29.4	29.0	98.6	97.4	5 3.1	5 1.1
4	17	55	48	30.3	30.3	103.5	103.5	5 3.7	5 3.4
5	18	71	56	31.0	30.6	108.7	104.2	5 4.1	5 4.2
6	19	56	67	31.3	31.4	109.6	110.5	5 4.2	5 4.9
7	20	40	46	31.7	32.0	112.4	115.6	5 4.6	5 4.6
8	21	15	39	31.5	32.1	114.0	112.5	5 3.9	5 3.9
9	22	17	30	31.2	32.9	109.6	116.5	5 5.2	5 4.7
10	23	8	8	33.6	31.9	124.0	113.4	5 5.4	5 5.6
11	24	3	14	33.7	32.0	123.8	122.5	5 3.8	5 6.3
12	25	..	1	..	36.0	..	145.0	..	5 4.0
13	26	1	3	32.0	33.0	122.0	121.7	5 2.5	5 3.8
14	28	..	1	..	31.0	..	107.5	..	5 2.5

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2. The number on rolls rose from 315 in 1924 to 372 in 1925 the increase being shared by all the classes.

3. The results of the University Examinations were on the whole satisfactory.

4. The Principal may submit proposals for improving the accommodation of the college, but no guarantee as to the provision of funds can be given.

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