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maintained by the head clerk under the direct supervision of the Vice-President. Articles were purchased direct by the clerk under the guidance of the General Secretary as a result of which it was possible to get trade discounts for the association.

The students of the college competed for the various tournaments organized in the city and acquitted themselves creditably.

The college sports were held this year successfully.

The Law College Day.—The College Day was celebrated this year on the 5th February 1925 under the distinguished presidency of His Excellency the Governor. The staff, the members of the Representative Council and a number of volunteers from among the students rendered useful service in making the function a success. After refreshments, the officiating Principal welcomed the President and guests who had assembled on the occasion. Mr. P. Sharfuddin, the General Secretary of the Athletic Association, then read his report. His Excellency the Governor then presented the T. Rajagopalachariar Jurisprudence prize to C. Hanumantha Rao and distributed the sports prizes and cups and the oratorical contest medals to the prize winners. His Excellency in his speech expressed the interest he took in the college and its activities and emphasised the importance of the academic side of Law which was sadly neglected in this country in favour of the professional side.

Moliere's farce 'Shopkeeper turned gentleman' was then enacted. A successful Indian dinner was held on the college premises on the day following.

In conclusion, I have to thank my staff and establishment for their hearty co-operation in making the work of the college successful.

APPENDIX A.

Class of community.	M.L. class.	B.L. class.	F.L. class.	Pleadership class.	Total for 1924-25.	Total for 1923-24.
Europeans or Eurasians	..	..	..	..	..	2
Indian Christians	..	11	11	..	22	22
Muhammadans	..	2	9	..	11	15
Hindus { Brahmans	2	241	285	144	672	714
Non-Brahmans	..	77	97	13	187	252
Total ..	2	331	402	157	892	1,005

APPENDIX B-1.

Distribution of students according to occupation of parents or guardians.

Class.	Officials.	Petty Officials.	Land holders.	Traders.	Others.	Total.
M.L.	..	..	2	..	..	2
B.L.	154	..	152	24	1	331
F.L.	138	9	217	21	17	402
Pleadership	55	..	95	5	2	157
Total for 1924-25 ..	347	9	466	50	20	892
Total for 1923-24 ..	364	6	500	69	66	1,005

APPENDIX B-2.

Distribution of students according to the financial status of their parents or guardians.

Class.	Richer class.	Middle class.	Poorer class.	Total.
M.L.	..	2	..	2
B.L.	21	306	4	331
F.L.	62	322	18	402
Pleadership	..	153	4	157
Total for 1924-25 ..	83	783	26	892
Total for 1923-24 ..	90	888	27	1,005

APPENDIX B-3.

Class.	Vaccinated.	Smallpox marks only.	Unprotected.	Total.
M.L.	2	..	..	2
B.L.	329	2	..	331
F.L.	382	20	..	402
Pleadership	142	15	..	157
Total for 1924-25 ..	855	37	..	892
Total for 1923-24 ..	967	38	..	1,005

APPENDIX C.

Distribution of Students.

District.	M.L.	B.L.	F.L.	Pleadership.	Total for 1924-25.	Total for 1923-24.
Ganjam	..	1	1	4	6	10
Vizagapatam	..	11	11	10	32	35
Golavari	..	13	14	15	42	47
Kistna	1	11	24	18	54	41
Guntur	..	16	25	12	53	47
Nellore	..	6	7	3	16	24
Madras	..	18	19	1	38	44
Chingleput	..	16	16	10	42	46
North Arcot	..	13	18	8	39	40
Chittoor	..	9	8	4	21	19
South Arcot	..	17	13	4	34	26
Tanjore	..	32	60	11	103	131
Trichinopoly	1	24	21	11	57	61
Madura	..	6	10	3	19	31
Ramnad	..	8	3	9	20	30
Tinnevely	..	16	11	5	32	49
Coimbatore	..	18	19	7	44	44
Salem	..	13	12	3	28	29
Cuddapah	..	4	4	4	12	8
Kurnool	..	1	..	..	1	6
Bellary	..	2	3	3	8	14
Anantapur	..	3	4	2	9	8
South Kanara	..	8	15	2	25	24
Malabar	..	28	35	8	71	106
Travancore	..	1	6	..	7	3
Hyderabad	..	1	1	..	2	1
Cochin	..	11	16	..	27	14
Mysore	..	16	23	..	39	48
Bangalore	..	7	1	..	8	14
Coorg	..	1	..	..	1	2
Guzerat	..	..	1	..	1	1
The Nilgiris	..	..	..	..	..	..
Padukkottai	..	..	1	..	1	2
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Results of the B.L. Degree Examinations—April 1921-22, October 1923 and April 1924.

		Number of students examined.	Number of students passed.	Percentage.
1921.	From Law College ..	193	177	91.1
	Other candidates ..	202	122	60.8
	Total ..	395	299	75.6
1922.	From Law College ..	244	213	87.3
	Other candidates ..	121	30	24.8
	Total ..	365	243	66.6
1923.	From Law College ..	218	198	90.8
	Other candidates ..	129	79	61.2
	Total ..	347	277	79.8
1924.	From Law College ..	296	225	76.0
	Other candidates ..	171	91	53.2
	Total ..	467	316	67.7

APPENDIX D-2.

Results of First Examination in Law—October 1923 and April 1924.

			Number of students examined.	Number of students passed.	Percentage.
1921.	From Law College	..	282	215	76.2
	Other candidates	..	115	62	53.9
	Total	..	397	277	69.7
1922.	From Law College	..	302	217	71.8
	Other candidates	..	151	88	58.3
	Total	..	453	305	67.3
1923.	From Law College	..	335	268	80.0
	Other candidates	..	203	127	62.6
	Total	..	538	395	73.4
1924.	From Law College	..	418	327	78.2
	Other candidates	..	296	160	54.0
	Total	..	714	487	68.2

APPENDIX D-3.

Results of the Pleaders' Examination—April 1924.

			Number of students examined.	Number of students passed.	Percentage.
1921.	From Law College	..	50	49	98.0
	Other candidates	..	14	11	78.5
	Total	..	64	60	93.7
1922.	From Law College	..	81	71	87.7
	Other candidates	..	14	6	42.9
	Total	..	95	77	81.1
1923.	From Law College	..	113	89	78.8
	Other candidates	..	10	5	50.0
	Total	..	123	94	76.4
1924.	From Law College	..	193	98	50.8
	Other candidates	..	36	12	33.3
	Total	..	229	110	48.0

APPENDIX E.

Financial statement of the receipts and charges of the Law College, Madras, during the year 1924-25.

Particulars.	RS.	A.	P.
Receipts—			
Ordinary fees including fines from students for late payment of fees	1,46,132	4	6
Library fines from students	1	8	0
Miscellaneous—			
Sale-proceeds of calendar and library catalogue	80	0	0
Total	1,46,213	12	6

Charges—

	RS.	A.	P.
Principal's salary	16,983	3	0
Special lecturers	3,333	4	0
Assistant lecturers	20,078	0	0
Establishment	3,912	0	0
Total	44,306	7	0

Contingencies—

Petty works of construction	174	0	0
Books and maps	3,977	4	11
Electricity	379	2	0
Games	677	3	0
Purchase of furniture	257	0	0
Cleaning charges	515	12	0
Rents, rates and taxes	5,281	6	0
Pay of menials	144	0	0
Postage charges	150	0	0
Telephone charges	112	8	0
Office expenses	1,161	0	3
Total	12,829	4	2

Grand total of charges .. 57,135 11 2

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Pledership	142	15	..	157
Total for 1924-25 ..	855	37	..	892
Total for 1923-24 ..	967	38	..	1,005

APPENDIX C.

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District.	M.L.	B.L.	F.L.	Pledership.	Total for 1924-25.	Total for 1923-24.
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Vizagapatam	..	11	11	10	32	35
Godavari	..	13	14	15	42	47
Kistna	1	11	24	18	54	41
Guntur	..	16	25	12	53	47
Nellore	..	6	7	3	16	24
Madras	..	18	19	1	38	44
Chingleput	..	16	16	10	42	46
North Arcot	..	13	18	8	39	40
Chittoor	..	9	8	4	21	19
South Arcot	..	17	13	4	34	26
Tanjore	..	32	60	11	103	131
Trichinopoly	1	24	21	11	57	61
Madura	..	6	10	3	19	31
Ramnad	..	8	3	9	20	30
Tinnevely	..	16	11	5	32	49
Coimbatore	..	18	19	7	44	44
Salem	..	13	12	3	38	29
Cuddapah	..	4	4	4	12	8
Kurnool	..	1	3	3	8	14
Bellary	..	2	4	2	9	8
Anantapur	..	3	4	2	9	8
South Kanara	..	8	15	2	25	24
Malabar	..	28	35	8	71	106
Travancore	..	1	6	..	7	3
Hyderabad	..	1	1	..	2	1
Cochin	..	11	16	..	27	14
Mysore	..	16	23	..	39	48
Bangalore	..	7	1	..	8	14
Coorg	..	1	..	..	1	2
Guzerat	..	..	1	..	1	1
The Nilgiris	..	..	..	..	..	..
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	Total ..	395	299	75.6
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	Other candidates	121	30	24.8
	Total ..	365	243	66.6
1923.	From Law College	218	198	90.8
	Other candidates	129	79	61.2
	Total ..	347	277	79.8
1924.	From Law College	296	225	76.0
	Other candidates	171	91	53.2
	Total ..	467	316	67.7

6 APPENDIX D-2.

Results of First examination in Law—October 1923 and April 1924.

		Number of students examined.	Number of students passed.	Percentage.
1921.	From Law College	282	215	76.2
	Other candidates	115	62	53.9
	Total	397	277	69.7
1922.	From Law College	302	217	71.8
	Other candidates	151	88	58.3
	Total	453	305	67.3
1923.	From Law College	335	268	80.0
	Other candidates	203	127	62.6
	Total	538	395	73.4
1924.	From Law College	418	327	78.2
	Other candidates	296	160	54.0
	Total	714	487	68.2

APPENDIX D-3.

Results of the Pleaderships examination—April 1924.

		Number of students examined.	Number of students passed.	Percentage.
1921.	From Law College	50	49	98.0
	Other candidates	14	11	78.5
	Total	64	60	93.7
1922.	From Law College	81	71	87.7
	Other candidates	14	6	42.9
	Total	95	77	81.1
1923.	From Law College	113	89	78.8
	Other candidates	10	5	50.0
	Total	123	94	76.4
1924.	From Law College	193	98	50.8
	Other candidates	36	12	33.3
	Total	229	110	48.0

APPENDIX E.

Financial statement of the receipts and charges of the Law College, Madras, during the year 1924-25.

Particulars.	RS.	A.	P.
Receipts—			
Ordinary fees including fines from students for late payment of fees	1,46,132	4	6
Library fines from students	1	8	0
Miscellaneous—			
Sale-proceeds of calendar and library catalogue	80	0	0
Total	1,46,213	12	6

Charges—

	RS.	A.	P.
Principal's salary	16,983	3	0
Special lecturers	3,333	4	0
Assistant lecturers	20,078	0	0
Establishment	3,912	0	0
Total	44,306	7	0

Contingencies—

Petty works of construction	174	0	0
Books and maps	3,977	4	11
Electricity	379	2	0
Games	677	3	0
Purchase of furniture	257	0	0
Cleaning charges	515	12	0
Rents, rates and taxes	5,281	6	0
Pay of menials	144	0	0
Postage charges	150	0	0
Telephone charges	112	8	0
Office expenses	1,161	0	3
Total	12,829	4	2

Grand Total of Charges

57,135.12

R.O.P. No. 12-A-13/24-25, dated 30th April 1925.

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To the Principal, Law College, Madras, with spare copies.
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I have the honour to submit herewith for the information of Government a copy of my Proceedings R.O.P. No. 12-A-13/24-25, dated 30th April 1925, reviewing the annual report on the working of the Law College, Madras, for the year ending 1924-25.

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I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report on the working of the Law College for the year 1924-25.

College Staff.—I was on leave from the 10th April 1924 to the 2nd March 1925 and C. Kunhi Raman, Esq., B.A., B.L., Barrister-at-Law was officiating as Principal during my absence. By G.O. No. 1702, Law (Education), dated the 5th November 1924, the Government introduced a new scheme of instruction in the college. Under this new scheme the staff of the college is to consist of a Principal and twelve assistant lecturers who are to be legal practitioners of not more than six years standing at the Bar, and a certain number of special lecturers who are to be selected from among the senior members of the profession. This scheme came into effect from the 1st January 1925 and from that date a new staff of twelve assistant lecturers and six special lecturers have been doing duty. It is noteworthy that the Honourable the Chief Justice has kindly consented to be one of the special lecturers for a year. Arrangements are being made to correlate the lectures with tutorial classes. With a view to give effect to the scheme as contemplated in paragraph 5 of the Government Order above referred to, I am addressing the Director of Public Instruction to obtain sanction for additional staff for the library.

College Council.—During my absence Mr. C. Kunhi Raman acted as Secretary to the Council. By the abolition of the two professorships, the two professors ceased to be members of the Council from the 1st January 1925. There was no other change in the personnel of the Council. It met five times during the year.

Strength.—The total number of students admitted in July 1924 was 932, viz., M.L. 18, B.L. 337, F.L. 414 and Pleaders 163. Of these, 37 left college during the year for various reasons and 3 died of illness. So the number of students on the rolls on the 31st March 1925 was 892 against 1,005 and 702, respectively, on the same date in the two previous years. Last year the number was abnormal as the Government by a special order permitted all students who had taken the first year's course in 1922-23 to join the B.L. class in 1923-24 before passing the F.L. examination. For the first time in the annals of this institution and of the University, a lady student was admitted during the year in the F.L. class.

A sum of Rs. 519-1-0 was sanctioned as refund of fees in the case of ten students for various reasons. The strength of the classes for four preceding years is given below for comparison:—

	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.
M.L.	19	27	12	6	2
B.L.	202	252	225	380	381
F.L.	292	312	354	425	401
Pleaders	55	81	113	194	157
Total	568	672	704	1,005	892

The distribution of students according to classes of communities, occupation and financial status of parents or guardians, etc., appear in Appendices A and B.

The district distribution of the students is given in Appendix C.

The following table gives the number of hours of instruction each student had in the several subjects dealt with in the college during the academic year 1924-25 including the special lectures that were delivered:—

<i>F.L. class.</i>			
Jurisprudence	103	Torts	140
Roman Law	153	Indian Constitutional Law ..	97
Contracts and Specific Relief ..	179	Negotiable Instruments ..	11
<i>B.L. class.</i>			
Property including Trusts and Easements.	106	Muhammadan Law	93
Land Tenures	30	Criminal Law	88
Hindu Law	132	Law of Evidence	105
<i>Pleadership class.</i>			
Civil Procedure	81	Hindu Law	103
Law of Landlord and Tenant ..	23	Criminal Procedure	53
Criminal Law	87	Law of Property	43
Torts	48	Law of Evidence	32
Contracts	70		

The total number of working days was 161 for the B.L. and Pledership classes and 160 for the F.L. class.

Results of Examinations—(1) *University Law Examination, April 1924*—(a) *B.L. Degree Examination*.—Two hundred and ninety-six candidates appeared from the college for the examination in April 1924, of whom 225 (including 7 first and 66 second class) were declared successful. The percentage of passes was 76 as against 91 of the previous year and 87 of 1922.

(b) *First Examination in Law*.—Four hundred and eighteen students appeared from the college, of whom 327 passed—7 in the first and 87 in the second class—with a percentage of 76 as against 80 of the previous year and 72 of 1922.

Appendix D gives the results of the preceding years

(2) *High Court Pledership Examination*.—One hundred and ninety-three candidates appeared from the college, of whom 98 passed with a percentage of 51 as against 79 of the previous year. The fall in the percentage of passes is probably due to an especially stiff paper in Civil Procedure.

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	Consulting.		Lending.		Clas.		Reading-room.	
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Students	15,429	15,414	735	156	12,835	13,600	7,758	5,897
Staff	2,176	2,149	26	57	22	35	97	124
Total	17,605	17,563	760	213	12,857	13,635	7,855	6,021

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The University Students' Club with its residential quarters and provision of sumptuous and healthy meals at reasonable rates was taken advantage of as usual by a large number of students. The following table shows the number of resident and non-resident members from the Law College:—

	Resident.	Non-resident.
Brahmans	37	49
Non-Brahmans	26	28
Total	63	77

The Students' Representative Council with a large majority of elected members played its usual useful part in the life of the college. The Moot Club was particularly active during the year. Four successful meetings were held at which interesting cases were argued. The legal talent and argumentative skill displayed by the students at these debates were spoken of highly by the gentlemen who presided on these occasions. I take this opportunity to thank the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Odgers, Mr. Chaudhari of the Calcutta Bar and Mr. Vere Mockett who were kind enough to do so.

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1922-23.	1922-23.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1921-22.
1921-22.	1921-22.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1920-21.
1920-21.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1919-20.
1919-20.	1919-20.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1918-19.
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Class.	Vaccinated.	Smallpox marks only.	Unprotected.	Total.
M.L.	2	..	..	2
B.L.	329	2	..	331
F.L.	382	20	..	402
Pledership	143	15	..	157
Total for 1924-25 ..	855	37	..	892
Total for 1923-24 ..	967	38	..	1,005

District.	M.L.	B.L.	F.L.	Pleadership.	Total for 1924-25.	Total for 1923-24.
Ganjam	..	1	1	4	6	10
Vizagapatam	..	11	11	10	32	35
Gōlavari	..	13	14	15	42	47
Kistna	1	11	24	18	54	41
Guntur	..	16	25	12	53	47
Nellore	..	6	7	3	16	24
Madras	..	18	19	1	38	44
Chingleput	..	16	16	10	42	46
North Arcot	..	13	18	8	39	40
Chittoor	..	9	8	4	21	19
South Arcot	..	17	13	4	34	26
Tanjore	..	32	60	11	103	131
Trichinopoly	1	24	21	11	67	61
Madura	..	6	10	3	19	31
Ramnad	..	8	8	9	20	30
Tinnevely	..	16	11	5	32	49
Coimbatore	..	13	19	7	44	44
Salem	..	13	12	3	38	39
Cuddapah	..	4	4	4	12	8
Kurnool	..	1	..	..	1	0
Bellary	..	2	3	3	8	14
Anantapur	..	3	4	2	9	8
South Kanara	..	8	15	2	25	24
Malabar	..	28	35	8	71	106
Trayancore	..	1	6	..	7	8
Hyderabad	..	1	1	..	2	1
Cochin	..	11	16	..	27	14
Mysore	..	16	23	..	39	48
Bangalore	..	7	1	..	8	14
Coorg	..	1	..	..	1	2
Guzerat	..	..	1	..	1	1
The Nilgiris	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pudukkōttai	..	..	1	..	1	2
Total ..	2	331	402	157	892	1,005

Results of the B.L. Degree Examinations—April 1921-22, October 1923 and April 1924.

			Number of students examined.	Number of students passed.	Percentage.
1921.	From Law College ..	..	193	177	91.1
	Other candidates ..	..	202	122	60.8
	Total ..		395	299	75.6
1922.	From Law College ..	..	244	213	87.3
	Other candidates ..	..	121	30	24.8
	Total ..		365	243	66.6
1923.	From Law College ..	..	218	198	90.8
	Other candidates ..	..	129	79	61.2
	Total ..		347	277	79.8
1924.	From Law College ..	..	296	225	76.0
	Other candidates ..	..	171	91	53.2
	Total ..		467	16	67.7

Distribution of students according to assignment of parents or guardians

Distribution of students according to the financial status of their parents or guardians

Class.		Master class.	Middle class.	Poorer class.	Total.
..	..	..	2	1	3
..	..	21	800	1	821
..	..	63	923	10	996
..	..	..	161	4	165
Total for 1921-22 ..		86	783	25	894
Total for 1922-23 ..		96	638	27	761

APPENDIX D-2.

Results of First Examination in Law—October 1923 and April 1924.

		Number of students examined.	Number of students passed.	Percentage.
1921.	From Law College	282	215	76.2
	Other candidates	115	62	53.9
	Total	397	277	69.7
1922.	From Law College	302	217	71.8
	Other candidates	151	88	58.3
	Total	453	305	67.3
1923.	From Law College	335	263	80.0
	Other candidates	203	127	62.6
	Total	538	395	73.4
1924.	From Law College	418	327	78.2
	Other candidates	296	160	54.0
	Total	714	487	68.2

APPENDIX D-3.

Results of the Pleaders Examination—April 1924.

		Number of students examined.	Number of students passed.	Percentage.
1921.	From Law College	50	49	98.0
	Other candidates	14	11	78.5
	Total	64	60	93.7
1922.	From Law College	81	71	87.7
	Other candidates	14	6	42.9
	Total	95	77	81.1
1923.	From Law College	113	89	78.8
	Other candidates	10	5	50.0
	Total	123	94	76.4
1924.	From Law College	193	98	50.8
	Other candidates	36	12	33.3
	Total	229	110	48.0

APPENDIX E.

Financial statement of the receipts and charges of the Law College, Madras, during the year 1924-25.

Particulars.	RS.	A.	P.
Receipts—			
Ordinary fees including fines from students for late payment of fees	1,46,132	4	6
Library fines from students	1	8	0
Miscellaneous—			
Sale-proceeds of calendar and library catalogue	80	0	0
Total	1,46,215	12	6

APPENDIX D-1.

Class.	Admitted.	Examinable.	Passed.	Percentage.
1921.	282	282	215	76.2
1922.	302	302	217	71.8
1923.	335	335	263	80.0
1924.	418	418	327	78.2
Total	1,337	1,337	1,022	76.4

APPENDIX C.

Class.	Admitted.	Examinable.	Passed.	Percentage.
1921.	282	282	215	76.2
1922.	302	302	217	71.8
1923.	335	335	263	80.0
1924.	418	418	327	78.2
Total	1,337	1,337	1,022	76.4

APPENDIX B-1.

Results of the B.L.A. D. Examinations—April 1921-22, October 1923 and April 1924.

Year.	From Law College.	Other candidates.	Total.
1921.	148	148	296
1922.	148	148	296
1923.	148	148	296
1924.	148	148	296
Total	592	592	1,184

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