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In this connexion, I would once again respectfully urge the need for a spacious hall which might serve several purposes, though the proposal has been set aside for want of funds. At present we have no separate hall for the conduct of the College terminal and annual examinations and for the University and Government Technical Examinations, and a certain amount of dislocation of the regular class work always results whenever these examinations are held. A large hall such as was suggested in the estimates submitted by me will meet these requirements besides serving as a place of assembly for the public meetings of the College societies, and the celebrations of the College Day and of the Old Boys' Day which have now to be held in the open air. It may also be used as a theatre for the College dramas which are now staged in the local theatres on the payment of a heavy rent.

4. *Strength and attendance.*—Appendix A gives the number of students on the rolls in 1924–25 and 1925–26. It will be seen that there has been a slight increase in the strength during the year under report. The increase was marked in group I of the Junior B.A. class, owing probably, to the good results in the public examinations of last year in Mathematics. In the third group of the Junior Intermediate class, there was a slight fall resulting from the unsatisfactory results obtained by the local schools in English History at the S.S.L.C. Examination of 1925.

The average number on the rolls was 386 as against 375 of last year and the average daily attendance was 333 as against 345 of last year.

5. *Distribution of students.*—Particulars under this head are given in Appendices B and C. As in former years, the largest number was from the Tanjore district; but there was also a sprinkling from even distant districts like Malabar, Coimbatore, Cochin, Coorg and Tinnevelly.

The number of Non-Brahman students was 64 this year as against 56 at the end of last year. Among them, there were 2 Muhammadans, 1 Jain and 20 students from the 'Backward classes'.

6. *The Library.*—M.R.Ry. K. S. Vaidyanatha Ayyar Avargal, M.A., L.T., was in charge of the library. The annual checking was made, as usual, in March. Only three books were found missing and efforts are being made to trace them.

The total number of volumes in the library is 12,166 the number of volumes added during the year being 404. The number of books issued to students was 4,491, as against 4,845 in 1924–25, besides 5,555 books issued as temporary loans for reference during library hours. The number of books issued to members of the staff was 1,948 as against 1,409 in 1924–25 excluding 258 loans for temporary reference.

The English Lecturers and the Lecturer in Economics state that the library is at present inadequate for the teaching of their respective subjects. Economics became a special subject of study in the College only recently, and the present yearly allotment will not suffice for the purchase of all the books requisite for the new courses of study. Sanction will therefore be applied for at the beginning of next year for a special grant for the purchase of books in English and Economics.

The Lecturer in charge of the library reports that the work of the library which has been steadily growing in volume is too much for the present staff and states that the appointment of an Assistant Librarian is necessary for efficient work.

One of our old boys has been working in the library for his Postgraduate studies in Mathematics.

The final proofs of the subjects catalogue are now being gone through, and the catalogue will be ready for use among students when the College re-opens after the vacation.

7. *Finance.*—The total receipts and charges for the year under report were Rs. 36,740–10–3 and Rs. 81,531–15–11 as against Rs. 35,238–11–0 and Rs. 75,307–14–10 in 1924–25. The net expenditure to Government was Rs. 44,791–5–8 as against Rs. 40,069–3–10 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 hostel library of which a small beginning was made last year, was considerably added to, in the course of the present year. With the profits of a benefit music performance, a donation of Rs. 25 from M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur N. Krishnaswami Ayyangar Avargal, B.A., B.L., one of the members of the Hostel Committee, and the Departmental grant of Rs. 87, 90 new volumes were purchased as also a book-case. The total number of books now in the library is 233.

The number of boarders is 65 as against 62 of last year. Among the games open to the residents of the hostel within the hostel premises are Badminton, Volley-ball and Pingpong.

The Hostel Day was celebrated by the members in February last under the presidency of Sir T. Desika Achariyar Avargal, *Kt.*, of Trichinopoly.

9. *The Tutorial system.*—The Tutorial system has been working fairly satisfactorily.

10 *The University examinations.*—The results in the University examinations are given in Appendices D to F, and were on the whole satisfactory. In the B.A., the percentage of passes was in English 58·6, in Mathematics 81·8, with two first classes, in Physics 57, in Philosophy 87·5, in Economics and History 43, and in the languages 100.

In the Intermediate examination in Group I, the percentage of passes was in English 63, and in the optional subjects 33⅓; in Group III, the percentage in English was 42 and in the optional subjects 26.

College examinations.—There were frequent examinations for each class in the various subjects in the course of the year, in addition to the promotion examinations at the end. Two students were detained in the Junior B.A. class and 17 in the Junior Intermediate class. The standard kept in view in making the promotions is being gradually raised, and it is hoped that this will lead to a steady improvement in the work of the students and in the results of the Public examinations.

11. *College tours.*—The History students of IV class were taken on a tour to the ruins of Hampi by the Lecturer in History, and the students of the Physics section of the same class visited the Sivasamudram Power Works and the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, under the guidance of the Lecturer in Physics. Both the Lecturers report that the tours were of great benefit to the students and express the hope that they will become a permanent feature of the College life.

12. *The workshop.*—A workshop class was opened this year in the Physics department. Tools and work-benches have been purchased, and it is intended to give a course of practical training in mechanics to all the Physics students of the B.A. classes next year.

13. *College activities—A. The College union.*—Besides their ordinary meetings, the union arranged also for lectures in the course of the year by the late Mr. T. V. Seshagiri Ayyar, M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib P. Rajagopala Ayyar Avargal, M.A., N. M. Shah, Esq., and Mrs. J. Butler.

B. The College dramas.—The union enacted 'Othello' in English under the presidency of the late Mr. R. Nageswara Ayyar, who was the local Sub-Judge and 'Lilavathi Sulochana' in Tamil under the patronage of His Holiness Srilasri Vaithilinga Pandarasannadhi Avargal of Tiruvaduthurai mutt. Both the plays were successfully staged and drew crowded houses.

C. The Kumbakonam College Magazine.—M.R.Ry. P. R. Krishnaswami Ayyangar, M.A., L.T., was the editor in charge at the beginning of the year, and when he took leave in July, M.R.Ry. D. Sadasiva Reddi Garu, B.A. (Oxon.), assumed the editorship of the Magazine. Since August 1925, the form and the get up of the journal have been improved, and arrangements have also been made to render the journal attractive by having several woodcuts in each number.

D. The Kumbakonam College Co-operative Society.—M.R.Ry. D. Sadasiva Reddi Garu, B.A. (Oxon.) was elected vice-president of the society in the place of M.R.Ry. N. Raghava Achariyar Avargal, M.A., L.T., transferred. The membership of the society rose from 48 to 66 and its financial condition is satisfactory.

E. The Athletic activities.—M.R.Ry. P. Sankaranarayana Ayyar, M.A., L.T., was in charge of the games at the beginning of the year, and after his transfer, M.R.Ry. K. R. Appala Achariyar, M.A., L.T., has been the Secretary of the Athletics Association.

Canœing.—The floods in the Cauvery were very favourable to the Canœ Club this year. Among the interesting events of the club were the trip up the river to Tiruvadi, a distance of some twenty miles, and the annual regatta which took place under the presidency of M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib P. Rajagopala Ayyar Avargal, M.A., retired Principal of the College. Arrangements are in progress for the building of a 'Ten oars' before the next season.

Badminton.—Badminton was, as usual, very popular among the students. Our teams took part in the M.V.S. tournament held at Tiruvalur and the G.T.S. tournament at Tanjore.

Tennis.—All the four tennis courts were in full swing. The College team entered for the Hardinge tournament though without success; and had an easy win over the local Town High School team. The match with the 'Old Boys' of the College ended in a defeat for the College team.

Foot-ball.—The year was marked by a number of successes for the Foot-ball Club. Two matches were played by the College team with the Sri Minakshi College team and in both we won by three goals to nil. In the matches played with the teams of local High Schools, the College team had an easy victory.

Hockey.—In hockey we were not so successful. Our team took part in the Presidency College Hockey tournament, but did not win in the finals. So also the match played with the Sri Minakshi College team at Chidambaram ended in a defeat for our team.

Cricket.—We were lucky in having among the members of our staff several good cricketeers, and this largely accounts for the keen interest displayed by the students on the cricket field. Two matches were played in the course of the year, one with the town team and the other with the Chidambaram College team, and we won in both.

Fives, Basket-ball and Hand-tennis were other games played by the students.

Tournaments.—Tournaments were also held among the students of the College in almost all the games at the end of the year.

The annual athletic sports were held in September last, when Mrs. Hood presided over the function and gave away the prizes. The records in the various events were pronounced to be good. The Fancy Dress competition which followed the sports was much appreciated, especially the impersonations of the forester, the confectioner and the soothsayer.

Drill and gymnastics.—The physical culture classes were compulsory to all students of the College. Rifle-drill classes were also started in the course of the year.

The statistical survey of the bodily measurements of the students of the College is given in Appendix G.

F. Scouting.—M.R.Ry. M. Damodara Kini Avargal, M.A., L.T., continued to be the Rovermaster during the year. The membership of the Rover Club rose from 20 to 30 during the year. The troop has some sixteen books on scouting placed at its disposal by the College. It has also been subscribing for *The South India Boy Scout* the official organ of the Boy Scout Association of this province. Members of the club have also laid out a garden around their room in the College premises. Our Rovers acquitted themselves very creditably at the Madras Provincial Jamboree, and on other special occasions like the Health Week at Kumbakonam, the Scout Rally held during the visit of the Provincial Commissioner, and the local festivals. Two of our Rovers displayed great pluck in putting out an outbreak of fire in the town.

G. The Kumbakonam College Old Boys' Association.—The Old Boys' day was celebrated in October last with M.R.Ry. T. R. Venkatarama Sastriyar Avargal, B.A., B.L., Advocate-General, as President. On an appeal made to them the 'Old Boys' have increased the number of scholarships awarded by them from 7 to 12.

Scholarships.—The Government scholarships number eight. A proposal to the effect that additional College scholarships be sanctioned to the extent of 8 per cent

of the total number of students is now under correspondence. If this is sanctioned the College will be able to attract a number of bright students who, being too poor to study without financial help, either discontinue their studies or go to other colleges where such help is offered.

H. The College Day.—The Sixth College Day was celebrated on the 10th March. The Hon'ble Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar Avargal, K.C.I.E., Law Member, presided over the function and gave away the prizes to the students that had distinguished themselves in their respective subjects and in the essay and elocution competitions of the year.

The Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest which was started last year, was held this year also. Sri Minakshi College, Chidambaram, Findlay College, Mannargudi and The National College, Trichinopoly, sent their representatives to the competition and the 'Patro Medal' for success in the contest was won by one of our own students this year.

14. *General.*—The principle of specialization and concentration, having been accepted on all hands as essential to the advancement of higher education, it may be pointed out that Kumbakonam which has always been well known to have a special aptitude for Mathematics and which has successfully maintained that reputation in the public examinations in Mathematics in recent years may well set about to specialize in Higher Mathematics. A deputation of 'Old Boys' waited upon the Acting Director of Public Instruction during his visit to Kumbakonam in September last and put forward a plea for the opening of the Honours courses in Mathematics and Economics in the College. If this be done, it will certainly strengthen the position of the College, situated as it is between the college at Chidambaram and the colleges at Trichinopoly which have opened Honours classes in several subjects. It rests with the Government to examine the possibilities of opening Honours classes here, and to arrive at a decision.

15. *Conclusion.*—The activities of the College have in course of time become many-sided and it would not be possible for a single man to devote sufficient attention to each of them so as to secure efficiency and progress. No measure of success could therefore have been achieved without the hearty co-operation of the members of the staff, each doing his best for the College in some one direction or other, and I take this opportunity of thanking one and all of them for their valuable assistance.

Appendix A.

Statement showing particulars as to the number of students on rolls in the three terms of 1924-25 and 1925-26.

Classes.	1924-25.			1925-26.		
	First term.	Second term.	Third term.	First term.	Second term.	Third term.
First year class	143	139	139	115	124	123
Second do.	108	107	107	125	123	123
Third do.	69	68	67	77	77	76
Fourth do.	58	59	59	67	66	66
	378	373	372	384	390	388

Race or creed of scholars in institutions for males and females under instruction on 31st March 1926.

Classes of Institutions.	Distribution of pupils according to communities.														
	Europeans and Anglo-Indians.	Indian Christians.	Adi-Dravidas, Adi-Andhras and kindred classes.	Muhammadans.	Brahmans.	Non-Brahman Caste Hindus.	Buddhists.	Parsis.	Aborigines and Hill tribes.	Criminal tribes.	Sikhs.	Jains.	Others.	Total.
University and Intermediate education.														
Intermediate classes.														
First year	..	..	..	..	97	25	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	123
Second year	..	..	..	2	104	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	123
Degree classes.														
Third year	..	..	..	..	66	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	76
Fourth year	..	..	..	..	57	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	66
	..	..	..	2	324	61*	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	388

Appendix B.

Distribution of students according to occupation of parents or guardians.

Occupation.	Classes.				Total.
	Fourth class.	Third class.	Second class.	First class.	
Official	23	19	40	36	118
Petty official	11	14	13	14	52
Trader	6	4	9	8	27
Landowners	25	38	61	55	179
Artisan	1	..		3	4
Coolies	..	..	..	1	1
Mendicant	..	..	..	..	..
Others	..	1	..	6	7
	66	76	123	123	388

Distribution of students according to wealth.

Class.	Rich.	Middle.	Poor.
Fourth year class	3	51	12
Third do.	3	65	8
Second do	4	100	19
First do.	5	98	20
	15	314	59

Appendix C.

Distribution statement according to the districts to which the students belong.

Serial number and districts.	Classes.				Total.
	First class.	Second class.	Third class	Fourth class.	
1. Salem	1	1	1	1	4
2. Trichinopoly	1	..	2	1	4
3. South Arcot	2	..	1	1	4
4. North Arcot	..	..	..	1	1
5. Pudukkotai	..	1	..	1	2
6. Coimbatore	..	..	2	..	2
7. Cochin State	..	..	1	..	1
8. Malabar	..	1	2	2	5
9. Chittoor	..	..	..	1	1
10. Chingleput	..	..	..	1	1
11. Coorg	..	..	..	1	1
12. Tanjore	119	120	67	56	362
	123	123	76	66	388

* Includes 20 backward class pupils.

Appendix D.

Results of the Intermediate and B.A. Degree Examinations, 1925.

Examination and group.	Number examined.	Number passed. Class. First.	Second.	Third.	Total.	Percentage of passes. 1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.
Intermediate.								
Group I	54	3	15	..	18	26·9	20·3	33·3
Group III	50	..	10	..	10	21·9	50	20
	104							
Passed part I only. Group I		..	16	..	..	..	..	..
Passed part I only. Group III		..	11	..	..	..	..	..
Passed part II only. Group I		..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Passed part II only. Group III		..	3	..	..	..	..	..
B.A. Degree.								
I English language	58	..	1	33	34	80·2	52·1	58·6
II Special Division—								
Mathematics	11	2	3	4	9	47·8	78·5	81·8
Physical Science	14	..	2	6	8	38·8	54·5	57.1
Philosophy	8	..	1	6	7	76·9	100	87·5
History	23	..	..	10	10	73·3	38·4	43·4
Group VI Sanskrit	1	..	..	1	1	75	100	100
Group VI Tamil	2	..	1	1	2	..	100	100

	English	Subjects.
Intermediate—Full pass—		
Group I	34	18
Group III	21	13
B.A. Degree—Full pass—		
Group I	5	
Group II-A	6	

B.A. Degree—Full pass—*cont.*

Group IV	5
Group V	9
Group VI Sanskrit	..
Group VI Tamil	1
	26 out of 58

Appendix E.

Results of the Intermediate Examination held in September 1925—Private study.

—	First class.	Second class.	Group I. First class.	Group I. Second class.	Group III. First class.	Group III. Second class.
Intermediate.						
Both parts	..	4	..	..	..	..
Completed by passing one part only	..	..	..	13	..	4
Appeared for the whole examination and passed Part I only.	..	..	..	2	..	1
Appeared for the whole examination and passed Part II only.	..	..	..	2	..	..

Appendix F.

Results of the B.A. Degree Examination held in September 1925—Private study.

	First class.	Second class.	Third class.
Part I—English	..	..	6
Group I Mathematics	..	..	..
,, II-A Physics	..	..	1
,, IV Philosophy	..	..	..
,, V-B History	..	..	4
,, VI	..	..	..

Appendix G.

Statistical survey of the girth, weight, height of the average Kumbakonam College boys for 1925–26 and 1924–25.

Serial No.	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			
		1924-25.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1925-26.	1924-25.		1925-26.	
				INCHES.		LB.	LB.	FT.	IN.	FT.	IN.
1	14	1	..	28	..	83·5	..	5	1	..	
2	15	5	..	29·3	..	97·9	..	4	11·6	..	
3	16	37	6	29	29	97·4	95·3	5	1	5	1
4	17	48	25	30·3	29·7	103·5	99·6	5	3	5	3
5	18	56	63	30·6	30·3	104·2	101·5	5	4	5	4
6	19	67	54	31·4	30·6	110·5	109·6	5	4·9	5	4
7	20	46	71	32	30·8	115·6	106·8	5	4·6	5	4
8	21	39	59	32·1	31·6	112·5	112·3	5	3·9	5	5
9	22	30	48	32·9	32·4	116·5	117·6	5	4·7	5	7
10	23	8	30	31·9	31·8	113·4	111·6	5	5·6	5	4
11	24	14	10	32·0	31·4	122·5	110·8	5	6·3	5	5
12	25	1	7	36·0	33·1	145·0	123·1	5	4	5	5
13	26	3	7	33·0	33·1	121·7	133·7	5	·38	5	6
14	28	1	2	31·0	32·3	107·5	119·5	5	2·5	5	3

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The total number of volumes in the library is 12,166 the number of volumes added during the year being 404. The number of books issued to students was 4,491, as against 4,845 in 1924-25, besides 5,555 books issued as temporary loans for reference during library hours. The number of books issued to members of the staff was 1,948 as against 1,409 in 1924-25 excluding 258 loans for temporary reference.

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The Lecturer in charge of the library reports that the work of the library which has been steadily growing in volume is too much for the present staff and states that the appointment of an Assistant Librarian is necessary for efficient work.

One of our old boys has been working in the library for his Postgraduate studies in Mathematics.

The final proofs of the subjects catalogue are now being gone through, and the catalogue will be ready for use among students when the College re-opens after the vacation.

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8. *Hostel.*—M.R.Ry. S. A. Mani Ayyar, M.A., L.T., continued to be the sub-warden of the hostel. The hostel library of which a small beginning was made last year, was considerably added to, in the course of the present year. With the profits of a benefit music performance, a donation of Rs. 25 from M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur N. Krishnaswami Ayyangar Avargal, B.A., B.L., one of the members of the Hostel Committee, and the Departmental grant of Rs. 87, 90 new volumes were purchased as also a book-case. The total number of books now in the library is 233.

The number of boarders is 65 as against 62 of last year. Among the games open to the residents of the hostel within the hostel premises are Badminton, Volley-ball and Pingpong.

The Hostel Day was celebrated by the members in February last under the presidency of Sir T. Desika Achariyar Avargal., *Kt.*, of Trichinopoly.

9. *The Tutorial system.*—The Tutorial system has been working fairly satisfactorily.

10 *The University examinations.*—The results in the University examinations are given in Appendices D to F, and were on the whole satisfactory. In the B.A., the percentage of passes was in English 58·6, in Mathematics 81·8, with two first classes, in Physics 57, in Philosophy 87·5, in Economics and History 43, and in the languages 100.

In the Intermediate examination in Group I, the percentage of passes was in English 63, and in the optional subjects 33⅓; in Group III, the percentage in English was 42 and in the optional subjects 26.

College examinations.—There were frequent examinations for each class in the various subjects in the course of the year, in addition to the promotion examinations at the end. Two students were detained in the Junior B.A. class and 17 in the Junior Intermediate class. The standard kept in view in making the promotions is being gradually raised, and it is hoped that this will lead to a steady improvement in the work of the students and in the results of the Public examinations.

11. *College tours.*—The History students of IV class were taken on a tour to the ruins of Hampi by the Lecturer in History, and the students of the Physics section of the same class visited the Sivasamudram Power Works and the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, under the guidance of the Lecturer in Physics. Both the Lecturers report that the tours were of great benefit to the students and express the hope that they will become a permanent feature of the College life.

12. *The workshop.*—A workshop class was opened this year in the Physics department. Tools and work-benches have been purchased, and it is intended to give a course of practical training in mechanics to all the Physics students of the B.A. classes next year.

13. *College activities—A. The College union.*—Besides their ordinary meetings, the union arranged also for lectures in the course of the year by the late Mr. T. V. Seshagiri Ayyar, M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib P. Rajagopala Ayyar Avargal, M.A., N. M. Shah, Esq., and Mrs. J. Butler.

B. The College dramas.—The union enacted 'Othello' in English under the presidency of the late Mr. R. Nageswara Ayyar, who was the local Sub-Judge and 'Lilavathi Sulochana' in Tamil under the patronage of His Holiness Srilasri Vaithilinga Pandarasannadhi Avargal of Tiruvaduthurai mutt. Both the plays were successfully staged and drew crowded houses.

C. The Kumbakonam College Magazine.—M.R.Ry. P. R. Krishnaswami Ayyangar, M.A., L.T., was the editor in charge at the beginning of the year, and when he took leave in July, M.R.Ry. D. Sadasiva Reddi Garu, B.A. (Oxon.), assumed the editorship of the Magazine. Since August 1925, the form and the get up of the journal have been improved, and arrangements have also been made to render the journal attractive by having several woodcuts in each number.

D. The Kumbakonam College Co-operative Society.—M.R.Ry. D. Sadasiva Reddi Garu, B.A. (Oxon.) was elected vice-president of the society in the place of M.R.Ry. N. Raghava Achariyar Avargal, M.A., L.T., transferred. The membership of the society rose from 48 to 66 and its financial condition is satisfactory.

E. The Athletic activities.—M.R.Ry. P. Sankaranarayana Ayyar, M.A., L.T., was in charge of the games at the beginning of the year, and after his transfer, M.R.Ry. K. R. Appala Achariyar, M.A., L.T., has been the Secretary of the Athletics Association.

Canœing.—The floods in the Cauvery were very favourable to the Canœ Club this year. Among the interesting events of the club were the trip up the river to Tiruvadi, a distance of some twenty miles, and the annual regatta which took place under the presidency of M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib P. Rajagopala Ayyar Avargal, M.A., retired Principal of the College. Arrangements are in progress for the building of a 'Ten oars' before the next season.

Badminton.—Badminton was, as usual, very popular among the students. Our teams took part in the M.V.S. tournament held at Tiruvalur and the G.T.S. tournament at Tanjore.

Tennis.—All the four tennis courts were in full swing. The College team entered for the Hardinge tournament though without success; and had an easy win over the local Town High School team. The match with the 'Old Boys' of the College ended in a defeat for the College team.

Foot-ball.—The year was marked by a number of successes for the Foot-ball Club. Two matches were played by the College team with the Sri Minakshi College team and in both we won by three goals to nil. In the matches played with the teams of local High Schools, the College team had an easy victory.

Hockey.—In hockey we were not so successful. Our team took part in the Presidency College Hockey tournament, but did not win in the finals. So also the match played with the Sri Minakshi College team at Chidambaram ended in a defeat for our team.

Cricket.—We were lucky in having among the members of our staff several good cricketeers, and this largely accounts for the keen interest displayed by the students on the cricket field. Two matches were played in the course of the year, one with the town team and the other with the Chidambaram College team, and we won in both.

Fives, Basket-ball and Hand-tennis were other games played by the students.

Tournaments.—Tournaments were also held among the students of the College in almost all the games at the end of the year.

The annual athletic sports were held in September last, when Mrs. Hood presided over the function and gave away the prizes. The records in the various events were pronounced to be good. The Fancy Dress competition which followed the sports was much appreciated, especially the impersonations of the forester, the confectioner and the soothsayer.

Drill and gymnastics.—The physical culture classes were compulsory to all students of the College. Rifle-drill classes were also started in the course of the year.

The statistical survey of the bodily measurements of the students of the College is given in Appendix G.

F. Scouting.—M.R.Ry. M. Damodara Kini Avargal, M.A., L.T., continued to be the Rovermaster during the year. The membership of the Rover Club rose from 20 to 30 during the year. The troop has some sixteen books on scouting placed at its disposal by the College. It has also been subscribing for *The South India Boy Scout* the official organ of the Boy Scout Association of this province. Members of the club have also laid out a garden around their room in the College premises. Our Rovers acquitted themselves very creditably at the Madras Provincial Jamboree, and on other special occasions like the Health Week at Kumbakonam, the Scout Rally held during the visit of the Provincial Commissioner, and the local festivals. Two of our Rovers displayed great pluck in putting out an outbreak of fire in the town.

G. The Kumbakonam College Old Boys' Association.—The Old Boys' day was celebrated in October last with M.R.Ry. T. R. Venkatarama Sastriyar Avargal, B.A., B. L., Advocate-General, as President. On an appeal made to them the 'Old Boys' have increased the number of scholarships awarded by them from 7 to 12.

Scholarships.—The Government scholarships number eight. A proposal to the effect that additional College scholarships be sanctioned to the extent of 8 per cent

of the total number of students is now under correspondence. If this is sanctioned the College will be able to attract a number of bright students who, being too poor to study without financial help, either discontinue their studies or go to other colleges where such help is offered.

H. The College Day.—The Sixth College Day was celebrated on the 10th March. The Hon'ble Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar Avargal, K.C.I.E., Law Member, presided over the function and gave away the prizes to the students that had distinguished themselves in their respective subjects and in the essay and elocution competitions of the year.

The Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest which was started last year, was held this year also. Sri Minakshi College, Chidambaram, Findlay College, Mannargudi and The National College, Trichinopoly, sent their representatives to the competition and the 'Patro Medal' for success in the contest was won by one of our own students this year.

14. *General.*—The principle of specialization and concentration, having been accepted on all hands as essential to the advancement of higher education, it may be pointed out that Kumbakonam which has always been well known to have a special aptitude for Mathematics and which has successfully maintained that reputation in the public examinations in Mathematics in recent years may well set about to specialize in Higher Mathematics. A deputation of 'Old Boys' waited upon the Acting Director of Public Instruction during his visit to Kumbakonam in September last and put forward a plea for the opening of the Honours courses in Mathematics and Economics in the College. If this be done, it will certainly strengthen the position of the College, situated as it is between the college at Chidambaram and the colleges at Trichinopoly which have opened Honours classes in several subjects. It rests with the Government to examine the possibilities of opening Honours classes here, and to arrive at a decision.

15. *Conclusion.*—The activities of the College have in course of time become many-sided and it would not be possible for a single man to devote sufficient attention to each of them so as to secure efficiency and progress. No measure of success could therefore have been achieved without the hearty co-operation of the members of the staff, each doing his best for the College in some one direction or other, and I take this opportunity of thanking one and all of them for their valuable assistance.

Appendix A.

Statement showing particulars as to the number of students on rolls in the three terms of 1924–25 and 1925–26.

Classes.	1924–25.			1925–26.		
	First term.	Second term.	Third term.	First term.	Second term.	Third term.
First year class	143	139	139	115	124	123
Second do.	108	107	107	125	123	123
Third do.	69	68	67	77	77	76
Fourth do.	58	59	59	67	66	66
	378	373	372	384	390	388

Race or creed of scholars in institutions for males and females under instruction on 31st March 1926.

Classes of Institutions.	Distribution of pupils according to communities.													
	Europeans and Anglo-Indians.	Indian Christians.	Adi-Dravidas, Adi-Andhras and kindred classes.	Muhammadans.	Brahmans.	Non-Brahman Caste Hindus.	Buddhists.	Parsis.	Aborigines and Hill tribes.	Criminal tribes.	Sikhs.	Jains.	Others.	Total.
University and Intermediate education.														
Intermediate classes.														
First year	..	..	..	..	97	25	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	123
Second year	..	..	..	2	104	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	123
Degree classes.														
Third year	..	..	..	..	66	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	76
Fourth year	..	..	..	..	57	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	66
	..	..	..	2	324	61*	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	388

Appendix B.

Distribution of students according to occupation of parents or guardians.

Occupation.	Classes.				Total.
	Fourth class.	Third class.	Second class.	First class.	
Official	23	19	40	36	118
Petty official	11	14	13	14	52
Trader	6	4	9	8	27
Landowners	25	38	61	55	179
Artisan	1	..	..	3	4
Coolies	..	..	..	1	1
Mendicant	..	..	..	..	..
Others	..	1	..	6	7
	66	76	123	123	388

Distribution of students according to wealth.

Class.	Rich.	Middle.	Poor.
Fourth year class	3	51	12
Third do.	3	65	8
Second do.	4	100	19
First do.	5	98	20
	15	314	59

Appendix C.

Distribution statement according to the districts to which the students belong.

Serial number and districts.	Classes.				Total.
	First class.	Second class.	Third class	Fourth class.	
1. Salem	1	1	1	1	4
2. Trichinopoly	1	..	2	1	4
3. South Arcot	2	..	1	1	4
4. North Arcot	..	..	..	1	1
5. Pudukkotai	..	1	..	..	2
6. Coimbatore	..	..	2	..	2
7. Cochin state	..	..	1	..	1
8. Malabar	..	1	2	2	5
9. Chittoor	..	..	..	1	1
10. Chingleput	..	..	..	1	1
11. Coorg	..	..	..	1	1
12. Tanjore	119	120	67	56	362
	123	123	76	66	388

* Includes 20 backward class pupils.

Appendix D.

Results of the Intermediate and B.A. Degree Examinations, 1925.

Examination and group.	Number examined.	Number passed. Class. First	Second.	Third.	Total.	Percentage of passes. 1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.
Intermediate.								
Group I	54	3	15	..	18	26·9	20·3	33·3
Group III	50	..	10	..	10	21·9	50	20
	104							
Passed part I only. Group I		..	16	..	..	..	..	..
Passed part I only. Group III		..	11	..	..	..	..	..
Passed part II only. Group I		..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Passed part II only. Group III		..	3	..	..	..	..	..
B.A. Degree.								
I English language	58	..	1	32	34	80·2	52·1	58·6
II Special Division—								
Mathematics	11	2	3	4	9	47·8	78·5	81·8
Physical Science	14	..	2	6	8	38·8	54·5	57·1
Philosophy	8	..	1	6	7	76·9	100	87·5
History	23	..	..	10	10	73·3	38·4	43·4
Group VI Sanskrit	1	..	..	1	1	75	100	100
Group VI Tamil	2	..	1	1	2	..	100	100

	English	Subjects.
Intermediate—Full pass—		
Group I	34	18
Group III	21	13
	—	—
B.A. Degree—Full pass.—		
Group I	5	
Group II-A	6	

B.A. Degree—Full pass—*cont.*	
Group IV	5
Group V	9
Group VI Sanskrit	..
Group VI Tamil	1
	26 out of 58

Appendix E.

Results of the Intermediate Examination held in September 1925—Private study.

—	First class.	Second class.	Group I. First class.	Group I. Second class.	Group III. First class.	Group III. Second class.
Intermediate.						
Both parts	..	4	..	..	..	..
Completed by passing one part only	..	..	..	13	..	4
Appeared for the whole examination and passed Part I only.	..	..	..	2	..	1
Appeared for the whole examination and passed Part II only.	..	..	..	2	..	..

Appendix F.

Results of the B.A. Degree Examination held in September 1925—Private study.

	First class.	Second class.	Third class.
Part I—English	..	..	6
Group I Mathematics	..	..	..
,, II-A Physics	..	..	1
,, IV Philosophy	..	..	..
,, V-B History	..	..	4
,, VI	..	..	..

Appendix G.

Statistical survey of the girth, weight, height of the average Kumbakonam College boys for 1925–26 and 1924–25.

Serial No.	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	
		1924-25.	1925-26	1924-25.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1925-26.
				INCHES.		LB.	LB.	FT. IN.	FT. IN.
1	14	1	..	28	..	83·5	..	5 1	..
2	15	5	..	29·3	..	97·9	..	4 11·6	..
3	16	37	6	29	29	97·4	95·3	5 1	5 1
4	17	48	25	30·3	29·7	103·5	99·6	5 3	5 3
5	18	56	63	30·6	30·3	104·2	101·5	5 4	5 4
6	19	67	54	31·4	30·6	110·5	109·6	5 4·9	5 4
7	20	46	71	32	30·8	115·6	106·8	5 4·6	5 4
8	21	39	59	32·1	31·6	112·5	112·3	5 3·9	5 5
9	22	30	48	32 9	32·4	116·5	117·6	5 4·7	5 7
10	23	8	30	31·9	31·8	113·4	111·6	5 5·6	5 4
11	24	14	10	32·0	31·4	122·5	110·8	5 6·3	5 5
12	25	1	7	36·0	33·1	145·0	123·1	5 4	5 5
13	26	3	7	33·0	33·1	121·7	133·7	5 ·38	5 6
14	28	1	2	31·0	32·3	107 5	119·5	5 2·6	5 3

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I have the honour to submit my report on the working of the College during the year ending with the 31st of March 1926.

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The average number on the rolls was 386 as against 375 of last year and the average daily attendance was 333 as against 345 of last year.

5. *Distribution of students.*—Particulars under this head are given in Appendices B and C. As in former years, the largest number was from the Tanjore district; but there was also a sprinkling from even distant districts like Malabar, Coimbatore, Cochin, Coorg and Tinnevelly.

The number of Non-Brahman students was 64 this year as against 56 at the end of last year. Among them, there were 2 Muhammadans, 1 Jain and 20 students from the 'Backward classes'.

6. *The Library.*—M.R.Ry. K. S. Vaidyanatha Ayyar Avargal, M.A., L.T., was in charge of the library. The annual checking was made, as usual, in March. Only three books were found missing and efforts are being made to trace them.

The total number of volumes in the library is 12,166 the number of volumes added during the year being 404. The number of books issued to students was 4,491, as against 4,845 in 1924–25, besides 5,555 books issued as temporary loans for reference during library hours. The number of books issued to members of the staff was 1,948 as against 1,409 in 1924–25 excluding 258 loans for temporary reference.

The English Lecturers and the Lecturer in Economics state that the library is at present inadequate for the teaching of their respective subjects. Economics became a special subject of study in the College only recently, and the present yearly allotment will not suffice for the purchase of all the books requisite for the new courses of study. Sanction will therefore be applied for at the beginning of next year for a special grant for the purchase of books in English and Economics.

The Lecturer in charge of the library reports that the work of the library which has been steadily growing in volume is too much for the present staff and states that the appointment of an Assistant Librarian is necessary for efficient work.

One of our old boys has been working in the library for his Postgraduate studies in Mathematics.

The final proofs of the subjects catalogue are now being gone through, and the catalogue will be ready for use among students when the College re-opens after the vacation.

7. *Finance.*—The total receipts and charges for the year under report were Rs. 36,740-10-3 and Rs. 81,531-15-11 as against Rs. 35,238-11-0 and Rs. 75,307-14-10 in 1924-25. The net expenditure to Government was Rs. 44,791-5-8 as against Rs. 40,069-3-10 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 hostel library of which a small beginning was made last year, was considerably added to, in the course of the present year. With the profits of a benefit music performance, a donation of Rs. 25 from M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur N. Krishnaswami Ayyangar Avargal, B.A., B.L., one of the members of the Hostel Committee, and the Departmental grant of Rs. 87, 90 new volumes were purchased as also a book-case. The total number of books now in the library is 233.

The number of boarders is 65 as against 62 of last year. Among the games open to the residents of the hostel within the hostel premises are Badminton, Volley-ball and Pingpong.

The Hostel Day was celebrated by the members in February last under the presidency of Sir T. Desika Achariyar Avargal., *Kt.*, of Trichinopoly.

9. *The Tutorial system.*—The Tutorial system has been working fairly satisfactorily.

10. *The University examinations.*—The results in the University examinations are given in Appendices D to F, and were on the whole satisfactory. In the B.A., the percentage of passes was in English 58·6, in Mathematics 81·8, with two first classes, in Physics 57, in Philosophy 87·5, in Economics and History 43, and in the languages 100.

In the Intermediate examination in Group I, the percentage of passes was in English 63, and in the optional subjects 33⅓; in Group III, the percentage in English was 42 and in the optional subjects 26.

College examinations.—There were frequent examinations for each class in the various subjects in the course of the year, in addition to the promotion examinations at the end. Two students were detained in the Junior B.A. class and 17 in the Junior Intermediate class. The standard kept in view in making the promotions is being gradually raised, and it is hoped that this will lead to a steady improvement in the work of the students and in the results of the Public examinations.

11. *College tours.*—The History students of IV class were taken on a tour to the ruins of Hampi by the Lecturer in History, and the students of the Physics section of the same class visited the Sivasamudram Power Works and the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, under the guidance of the Lecturer in Physics. Both the lecturers report that the tours were of great benefit to the students and express the hope that they will become a permanent feature of the College life.

12. *The workshop.*—A workshop class was opened this year in the Physics department. Tools and work-benches have been purchased, and it is intended to give a course of practical training in mechanics to all the Physics students of the B.A. classes next year.

13. *College activities—A. The College union.*—Besides their ordinary meetings, the union arranged also for lectures in the course of the year by the late Mr. T. V. Seshagiri Ayyar, M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib P. Rajagopala Ayyar Avargal, M.A., N. M. Shah, Esq., and Mrs. J. Butler.

B. The College dramas.—The union enacted 'Othello' in English under the presidency of the late Mr. R. Nageswara Ayyar, who was the local Sub-Judge and 'Lilavathi Sulochana' in Tamil under the patronage of His Holiness Srilasri Vaithilinga Pandarasannadhi Avargal of Tiruvaduthurai mutt. Both the plays were successfully staged and drew crowded houses.

C. The Kumbakonam College Magazine.—M.R.Ry. P. R. Krishnaswami Ayyangar, M.A., L.T., was the editor in charge at the beginning of the year, and when he took leave in July, M.R.Ry. D. Sadasiva Reddi Garu, B.A. (Oxon.), assumed the editorship of the Magazine. Since August 1925, the form and the get up of the journal have been improved, and arrangements have also been made to render the journal attractive by having several woodcuts in each number.

D. The Kumbakonam College Co-operative Society.—M.R.Ry. D. Sadasiva Reddi Garu, B.A. (Oxon.) was elected vice-president of the society in the place of M.R.Ry. N. Raghava Achariyar Avargal, M.A., L.T., transferred. The membership of the society rose from 48 to 66 and its financial condition is satisfactory.

E. The Athletic activities.—M.R.Ry. P. Sankaranarayana Ayyar, M.A., L.T., was in charge of the games at the beginning of the year, and after his transfer, M.R.Ry. K. R. Appala Achariyar, M.A., L.T., has been the Secretary of the Athletics Association.

Canoeing.—The floods in the Cauvery were very favourable to the Canoe Club this year. Among the interesting events of the club were the trip up the river to Tiruvadi, a distance of some twenty miles, and the annual regatta which took place under the presidency of M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib P. Rajagopala Ayyar Avargal, M.A., retired Principal of the College. Arrangements are in progress for the building of a 'Ten oars' before the next season.

Badminton.—Badminton was, as usual, very popular among the students. Our teams took part in the M.V.S. tournament held at Tiruvalur and the G.T.S. tournament at Tanjore.

Tennis.—All the four tennis courts were in full swing. The College team entered for the Hardinge tournament though without success; and had an easy win over the local Town High School team. The match with the 'Old Boys' of the College ended in a defeat for the College team.

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Foot-ball.—The year was marked by a number of successes for the Foot-ball Club. Two matches were played by the College team with the Sri Minakshi College team and in both we won by three goals to nil. In the matches played with the teams of local High Schools, the College team had an easy victory.

Hockey.—In hockey we were not so successful. Our team took part in the Presidency College Hockey tournament, but did not win in the finals. So also the match played with the Sri Minakshi College team at Chidambaram ended in a defeat for our team.

Cricket.—We were lucky in having among the members of our staff several good cricketeers, and this largely accounts for the keen interest displayed by the students on the cricket field. Two matches were played in the course of the year, one with the town team and the other with the Chidambaram College team, and we won in both.

Fives, Basket-ball and Hand-tennis were other games played by the students.

Tournaments.—Tournaments were also held among the students of the College in almost all the games at the end of the year.

The annual athletic sports were held in September last, when Mrs. Hood presided over the function and gave away the prizes. The records in the various events were pronounced to be good. The Fancy Dress competition which followed the sports was much appreciated, especially the impersonations of the forester, the confectioner and the soothsayer.

Drill and gymnastics.—The physical culture classes were compulsory to all students of the College. Rifle-drill classes were also started in the course of the year.

The statistical survey of the bodily measurements of the students of the College is given in Appendix G.

F. Scouting.—M.R.Ry. M. Damodara Kini Avargal, M.A., L.T., continued to be the Rovermaster during the year. The membership of the Rover Club rose from 20 to 30 during the year. The troop has some sixteen books on scouting placed at its disposal by the College. It has also been subscribing for *The South India Boy Scout* the official organ of the Boy Scout Association of this province. Members of the club have also laid out a garden around their room in the College premises. Our Rovers acquitted themselves very creditably at the Madras Provincial Jamboree, and on other special occasions like the Health Week at Kumbakonam, the Scout Rally held during the visit of the Provincial Commissioner, and the local festivals. Two of our Rovers displayed great pluck in putting out an outbreak of fire in the town.

G. The Kumbakonam College Old Boys' Association.—The Old Boys' day was celebrated in October last with M.R.Ry. T. R. Venkatarama Sastriyar Avargal, B.A., B. L., Advocate-General, as President. On an appeal made to them the 'Old Boys' have increased the number of scholarships awarded by them from 7 to 12.

Scholarships.—The Government scholarships number eight. A proposal to the effect that additional College scholarships be sanctioned to the extent of 8 per cent of the total number of students is now under correspondence. If this is sanctioned the College will be able to attract a number of bright students who, being too poor to study without financial help, either discontinue their studies or go to other colleges where such help is offered.

H. The College Day.—The Sixth College Day was celebrated on the 10th March. The Hon'ble Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar Avargal, K.C.I.E., Law Member, presided over the function and gave away the prizes to the students that had distinguished themselves in their respective subjects and in the essay and elocution competitions of the year.

The Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest which was started last year, was held this year also. Sri Minakshi College, Chidambaram, Findlay College, Mannargudi and The National College, Trichinopoly, sent their representatives to the competition and the 'Patro Medal' for success in the contest was won by one of our own students this year.

14. *General.*—The principle of specialization and concentration, having been accepted on all hands as essential to the advancement of higher education, it may be pointed out that Kumbakonam which has always been well known to have a special aptitude for Mathematics and which has successfully maintained that reputation in the public examinations in Mathematics in recent years may well set about to specialize in Higher Mathematics. A deputation of 'Old Boys' waited upon the Acting Director of Public Instruction during his visit to Kumbakonam in September last and put forward a plea for the opening of the Honours courses in Mathematics and Economics in the College. If this be done, it will certainly strengthen the position of the College, situated as it is between the college at Chidambaram and the colleges at Trichinopoly which have opened Honours classes in several subjects. It rests with the Government to examine the possibilities of opening Honours classes here, and to arrive at a decision.

15. *Conclusion.*—The activities of the College have in course of time become many-sided and it would not be possible for a single man to devote sufficient attention to each of them so as to secure efficiency and progress. No measure of success could therefore have been achieved without the hearty co-operation of the members of the staff, each doing his best for the College in some one direction or other, and I take this opportunity of thanking one and all of them for their valuable assistance.

Appendix A.

Statement showing particulars as to the number of students on rolls in the three terms of 1924-25 and 1925-26.

Classes.	1924-25.			1925-26.		
	First term.	Second term.	Third term.	First term.	Second term.	Third term.
First year class	143	139	139	115	124	123
Second do.	108	107	107	125	123	123
Third do.	69	68	67	77	77	76
Fourth do.	58	59	59	67	66	66
	378	373	372	384	390	388

Race or creed of scholars in institutions for males and females under instruction on 31st March 1926.

Classes of Institutions.	Distribution of pupils according to communities.													
	Europeans and Anglo-Indians.	Indian Christians.	Adi-Dravidas, Adi-Andhras and kindred classes.	Muhammedans.	Brahmans.	Non-Brahman Caste Hindus.	Buddhists.	Parsis.	Aborigines and Hill tribes.	Criminal tribes.	Sikhs.	Jains.	Others.	Total.
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Intermediate classes.														
First year	..	..	..	..	97	25	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	123
Second year	..	..	..	2	104	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	123
Degree classes.														
Third year	..	..	..	..	66	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	76
Fourth year	..	..	..	..	57	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	66
	..	..	..	2	324	61*	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	388

* Includes 20 backward class pupils.

Appendix B.

Distribution of students according to occupation of parents or guardians.

Occupation.	Classes.				Total.
	Fourth class.	Third class.	Second class.	First class.	
Official	23	19	40	36	118
Petty official	11	14	13	14	52
Trader	6	4	9	8	27
Landowners	25	38	61	55	179
Artisan	1	..	..	3	4
Coolies	..	..	..	1	1
Mendicant	..	..	..	..	..
Others	..	1	..	6	7
	66	76	123	123	388

Distribution of students according to wealth.

Class.	Rich.	Middle.	Poor.
Fourth year class	3	51	12
Third do.	3	65	8
Second do.	4	100	19
First do.	5	98	20
	15	314	59

Appendix C.

Distribution statement according to the districts to which the students belong.

Serial number and districts.	Classes.				Total.
	First class.	Second class.	Third class	Fourth class.	
1. Salem	1	1	1	1	4
2. Trichinopoly	1	..	2	1	4
3. South Arcot	2	..	1	1	4
4. North Arcot	..	..	..	1	1
5. Pudukkotai	..	1	..	1	2
6. Coimbatore	..	..	2	..	2
7. Cochin State	..	..	1	..	1
8. Malabar	..	1	2	2	5
9. Chittoor	..	..	..	1	1
10. Chingleput	..	..	..	1	1
11. Coorg	..	..	..	1	1
12. Tanjore	119	120	67	56	362
	123	123	76	66	388

Appendix D.

Results of the Intermediate and B.A. Degree Examinations, 1925.

Examination and group.	Number examined.	Number passed. Class. First	Second	Third.	Total.	Percentage of passes. 1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.
Intermediate.								
Group I	54	3	15	..	18	26·9	20·3	33·3
Group III	50	..	10	..	10	21·9	50	20
	104							
Passed part I only. Group I		..	16	..	..	..	..	..
Group III		..	11	..	..	..	..	..
Passed part II only. Group I		..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Group III		..	3	..	..	..	..	..
B.A. Degree.								
I English language	58	..	1	33	34	80·2	52·1	58·6
II Special Division—								
Mathematics	11	2	3	4	9	47·8	78·5	81·8
Physical Science	14	..	2	6	8	38·8	54·5	57·1
Philosophy	8	..	1	6	7	76·9	100	87·5
History	23	..	..	10	10	73·3	38·4	43·4
Group VI Sanskrit	1	..	..	1	1	75	100	100
Group VI Tamil	2	..	1	1	2	..	100	100

	English	Subjects.
Intermediate—Full pass—		
Group I	34	18
Group III	21	13
	—	—
B.A. Degree—Full pass.—		
Group I	5	
Group II-A	6	

B.A. Degree—Full pass—*cont.*

Group IV	5
Group V	9
Group VI Sanskrit ..	..
Group VI Tamil ..	1
	26 out of 58

Appendix E.

Results of the Intermediate Examination held in September 1925—Private study.

—	First class.	Second class.	Group I. First class	Group I. Second class.	Group III. First class.	Group III. Second class.
Intermediate.						
Both parts	..	4	..	..	..	..
Completed by passing one part only	..	..	..	13	..	4
Appeared for the whole examination and passed Part I only.	..	..	..	2	..	1
Appeared for the whole examination and passed Part II only.	..	..	..	2	..	..

Appendix F.

Results of the B.A. Degree Examination held in September 1925—Private study.

	First class.	Second class.	Third class.
Part I—English	..	..	6
Group I Mathematics	..	..	..
,, II-A Physics	..	..	1
,, IV Philosophy	..	..	..
,, V-B History	..	..	4
,, VI	..	..	..

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APPENDIX G.

Statistical survey of the girth, weight, height of the average Kumbakonam College boys for 1925–26 and 1924–25.

Serial No.	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	
		1924-25.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1925-26.
				INCHES.		LB.	LB.	FT. IN.	FT. IN.
1	14	1	..	28	..	83·5	..	5 1	..
2	15	5	..	29·3	..	97·9	..	4 11·6	..
3	16	37	6	29	29	97·4	95·3	5 1	5 1
4	17	48	25	30·3	29·7	103·5	99·6	5 3	5 3
5	18	56	63	30·6	30·3	104·2	101·5	5 4	5 4
6	19	67	54	31·4	30·6	110·5	109·6	5 4·9	5 4
7	20	46	71	32	30·8	115·6	106·8	5 4·6	5 4
8	21	39	59	32·1	31·6	112·5	112·3	5 3·9	5 5
9	22	30	48	32·9	32·4	116·5	117·6	5 4·7	5 7
10	23	8	30	31·9	31·8	113·4	111·6	5 5·6	5 4
11	24	14	10	32·0	31·4	122·5	110·8	5 6·3	5 5
12	25	1	7	36·0	33·1	145·0	123·1	5 4	5 5
13	26	3	7	33·0	33·1	121·7	133·7	5 ·38	5 6
14	28	1	2	31·0	32·3	107·5	119·5	5 2·5	5 3

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Recorded.

2. The total strength of the College increased from 372 in 1924—25 to 388 in 1925—26 even though there was a slight fall in that of the First University class.

3. The results of the B.A. Degree Examination were on the whole satisfactory.

R. G. GRIEVE,
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