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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

ORDER—No. 566, Educational, dated 7th November 1900.

The following letters will be despatched to the Registrars of the Punjab, Bombay and Allahabad universities :—

(True Extract.)

M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

LETTER—No. 567, Educational, dated Fort St. George, 7th November 1900, to the Registrar of the Punjab University.

I am directed to request you to be kind enough to furnish this Government with complete information regarding the middle school and the clerical and commercial examinations conducted by the Punjab University, with special reference to the subjects prescribed for them, the number of candidates, and the percentage of passes since the examinations were started. Have the examinations proved popular, or is it probable that they will prove so?

M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

LETTER—No. 568, Educational, dated Fort St. George, 7th November 1900, to the Registrar of the University of Bombay.

I am directed to request you to be kind enough to furnish this Government with complete information regarding the school final examination conducted by the Bombay University, with special reference to the subjects prescribed for it, the number of candidates, and the percentage of passes since the examination was started. Has the examination proved popular, or is it probable that it will prove so?

M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

LETTER—No. 569, Educational, dated Fort St. George, 7th November 1900, to the Registrar of the University of Allahabad.

I am directed to request you to be kind enough to furnish this Government with complete information regarding the school final examination conducted by the Allahabad University, with special reference to the subjects prescribed for it, the number of candidates, and the percentage of passes since the examination was started. Has the examination proved popular, or is it probable that it will prove so?

M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 566, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
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The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel writes :—

“ * * * Please ascertain the actual conditions in the Lahore and Allahabad universities and whether the Punjab and North-Western Provinces Governments possess financial or other control over the universities. Ascertain also the number of their Senates.”

The calendars of the two universities are not here. Please report.

Second Assistant.

A. T. PRINGLE.
13-8-00.

In the case of the Punjab university, section 9 of the Act * of incorporation provides that “ the Senate shall have the entire management of, and superintendence over, the affairs, concerns and property of the university, and shall provide for that management and exercise that superintendence in accordance with the statutes, rules and regulations for the time being in force under this Act.” Under section 18, the statutes, rules and regulations made under the Act require the sanction of the Local Government (in one case of the Governor-General also). Section 19 provides that, “ It shall be the duty of the Local Government to require that the proceedings of the university shall be in conformity with this Act and with the statutes, rules and regulations for the time being in force under the same ; and the Local Government may exercise all powers necessary for giving effect to its requisitions in this behalf, and may (among other things) annul, by a notification in the official gazette, any such proceeding, which is not in conformity with this Act and the said statutes, rules and regulations.” Under section 21, “ the accounts of the income and expenditure of the university shall be submitted once in every year to the Local Government for such examination and audit as the Local Government may direct.”

2. The provisions of the Act † incorporating the Allahabad university are exactly similar. Under section 9, the management of the university is vested in the Senate who have to follow the rules framed under the Act, and under section 17, the rules have to be sanctioned by Government. Under section 19, Government have to see that the proceedings of the university are in conformity with the Act and rules, and under section 21, the accounts have to be submitted to Government for examination and audit every year. This university Act, however, contains the following additional provision : “ When the auditor has completed the examination and audit he shall report the result thereof to the Local Government, and that Government may thereupon disallow any payment made contrary to law and surcharge it on the person making or authorizing the making of the illegal payment.”

3. The Punjab university had in 1898-99 31 ex-officio and 94 ordinary fellows. Information is not available for 1899-1900.

Madras university has more than double the number.

M. HAMMICK.
4-9-00.

control the Governments of the Punjab and the North-Western Provinces can and do exercise over their universities is to see that the Act and the rules are strictly observed. The latest calendars, we have, of these universities are separately sent by to-day's post.

P. T. THARYAN.
15-8-00.

With reference to the Hon'ble Mr. Arundel's note on page 24 of G.O., Nos. 372-A, 372-B, dated 18th August 1900, a collection of orders regarding the Upper Secondary examination is submitted.

2. In the notification published under G.O., No. 397, Educational, dated 4th July 1896, concession was granted in the case of "Hindu and Muhammadan female" candidates to bring as their first language any of the vernaculars specified in the notification. The above concession was extended to all native females in December 1896. The rule was further modified in July 1899 by the omission of the word "female", so that all "native candidates" could bring up vernaculars for their first language.

A. T. PRINGLE.
4-9-00.

Secretary.

As to finance—the North-Western Provinces university calendar does not show its budget—but from the Punjab calendar, page 368, it appears that the Government there granted Rs. 30,980 to the university, and this must give the Government a considerable influence.

2. In the Punjab, the university is much more liberal in its views than is the case here in Madras. The study of English is not made obligatory for a degree in "Oriental learning"—while, apparently, a man can take a degree in Law—without matriculating, as candidates may go up and pass the Intermediate examination in Law on a mere permission from the Chief Court (*vide* page 162 of the calendar).

3. In no university in India is any examination held by Government allowed to rank as a test for entrance—and I have found out from Mr. Stuart that there is no such arrangement in the Scotch universities as Mr. Grigg apparently supposed.

The Punjab university holds a "Middle School examination," also a "Clerical and Commercial examination." But it is not known what success attends these attempts to encourage the modern side of education. Mr. Cotton was not able to say.

Ask the Registrars of the Punjab and Bombay universities for information about these examinations, number of candidates, percentage of success, subjects, etc., since they were started.

A.T.A.
23-10-00.

In Bengal the Calcutta university has not adopted any scientific and technical course as an alternative to the Matriculation (*vide* page 155 of Mr. Cotton's report).

4. I presume the view of the Madras Senate, if approached with a view of instituting an alternative examination, would be that, in their opinion, it is advisable that every undergraduate, whether proceeding for a modern or a literary degree, should possess a certain amount of literary knowledge which is guaranteed by the present Matriculation test, and that, in the interests of higher education, it is not advisable to permit persons to proceed to a degree in the university without this preliminary

4. The Allahabad university had in 1899-1900 7 honorary, 17 ex-officio, and 87 ordinary fellows.

5. It will thus be seen that all the

grounding. This is, of course, precisely the view taken at Oxford as regards "Smalls" or "the first preliminary examination." Every undergraduate has to pass that, whether he intends to proceed to a Literary degree or to a Mathematical one, or one in Medicine.

5. If there was a demand for another class of examination outside the university, such as exists in England, no doubt the Madras university would meet it just as Oxford and Cambridge meets the demand in England by local examinations and the grant of diplomas, which, however, of course carry no weight inside the university. But here there is at present no such demand.

Every student desires either to be pleader, medical man, engineer, agriculturist, or to enter Government service, or be a merchant—and the present university examinations answer in all these cases except in the case of the merchant—and unfortunately here there is no demand for a test at all as there is in England. A candidate for a clerkship in a bank or a merchant's office at home gains by the possession of a local university certificate of competence in French, German, Book-keeping, etc. But in this country, at present, from natives, there is no similar demand. Making the test won't make the demand, and it comes back to the oft-repeated statement that the "Upper Secondary" will never be popular for years to come unless it becomes a qualification leading on to high Government employ.

6. The university might be approached in two ways—it might be asked to further modernize the Matriculation examination, or it might be asked to undertake the management of a "final school examination"—equivalent to the Upper Secondary—as is done by the universities of Bombay, Allahabad and Punjab.

But even if it did manage the final school examination—unless it was made equivalent to Matriculation—it would not succeed any more than it does now.

7. In any case it is submitted that it is very doubtful whether in this matter it is wise to follow the other universities. Calcutta has not moved and apparently takes the same view as the university of Madras, and it seems after all the proper view for the university to take. The university is not a machine for turning out half-educated boys with a diploma. It is instituted for the encouragement of sound learning, and that object is best attained by making its degrees a real mark of culture and by maintaining a high standard. It is submitted that any course which may tend to lower the standard of culture among graduates and undergraduates is to be deprecated, and for this reason it is submitted that the university would be right in refusing to recognize any examination of the type of the upper secondary as an entrance examination to the university.

M. HAMMICK.
4-9-00.

Honourable Member—

I am inclined to agree, but let us get the information asked for on page 2.

A.T.A[RUNDEL].
23-10-00.

A school final examination is conducted by the Allahabad university as well. Would it not therefore be better to write to the Registrar of that university also?

P. T. THARYAN.
24-10-00.

Yes.

A. T. PRINGLE.
25-10-00.

The reference below may issue.

P. T. THARYAN.

A. T. PRINGLE.
2-11-00.

Secretary.

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M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S.,
Ag. Secretary to the Government of Madras.

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The University of Bombay.
The University of Allahabad.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
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