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FEBRUARY.

Reports.

Approving, with remarks, the proposals of the Director of Public Instruction that the — on certain educational institutions may be for the calendar instead of for the official year, and that the dates for their submission to Government may be altered accordingly.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From the Hon'ble Mr. G. H. STUART, M.A., Barrister-at-Law, Director of Public Instruction, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Madras, 23rd January 1901, Ref. on C. No. 13745 of 1900.

In continuation of paragraph 3 of my Proceedings No. 8032, dated 14th August last, submitted with my letter No. 8122 of the 16th idem (read in G.O., No. 415, Educational, dated 3rd September 1900), and with reference to G.O., No. 509, Educational, dated 17th October last, I have the honour to recommend that the reports on all the institutions mentioned in the Government order quoted above be for the calendar year except in the case of the Medical College and the College of Agriculture, the reports on which may deal with the college year. The following are the reports mentioned in the Government order, the period to which each relates being also noted:—

Official year.

First-grade colleges.	College of Agriculture.
Law College.	School of Arts.
Medical College.	Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.
Teachers' College.	

Calendar year.

College of Engineering.	Reformatory School, Chingleput.
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For the Medical College and the College of Agriculture, the college year is from July to June, and the reports on these institutions may deal with this period which will practically be the same as the official year, as the colleges close for the midsummer vacation soon after the close of the official year. In regard to all the other institutions, it is desirable that the annual report be a record of the work of the calendar year. This proposal, I beg to submit, would, if adopted, remove the anomalies incidental to the present system under which an annual report, while it gives an account of the work of one academical year, has also to present statistics which properly belong to the following academical year, and I beg that it may be approved. I may point out that the question was raised once before in G.O., No. 661, Educational, dated 7th September 1893, in connection with the Law College report, but was left over for future consideration. The matter does not, however, seem to have been taken up since.

2. If this proposal meets with the approval of Government, the dates noted in column 1 of the appendix to G.O., No. 509, Educational, dated 17th October 1900, may be altered in the following cases as shown against each:—

15th May		First-grade colleges.
15th "		Law College.
31st "		Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.
1st June		School of Arts.
15th "		College of Agriculture.
15th "		Teachers' College.

ORDER—No. 55, Educational, dated 4th February 1901.

The proposals of the Director of Public Instruction are approved with the exception that no alteration will be made in the case of the report on the College of Agriculture. No change having been proposed in the period with which that report is to deal, its submission by the 15th of June would not appear to be practicable.

(True Extract.)

M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

Exd. A. D. Xavier.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 55, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
4TH FEBRUARY 1901.

[Annual Reports on Colleges and Schools.]

The Director of Public Instruction considers that the annual reports on colleges and other educational institutions should be a record of the work of the academical year, and proposes that the reports on the following institutions which now deal with the official year should in future be for the calendar year:—

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| (1) First-grade colleges, | (4) School of Arts, and |
| (2) Law College, | (5) Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund. |
| (3) Teachers' College, | |

2. The reports on the College of Engineering and the Reformatory School, Chingleput, are for the calendar year and no change in them is necessary.

3. As for the reports on the Medical College and the College of Agriculture the Director says that they may continue to be for the official year as these institutions close for the midsummer vacation soon after the close of the official year and their academical year is from July to June. If then the reports of these institutions be for the official year, they will practically deal with the work of their academical year.

4. There appears to be no objection to the proposal of the Director given in paragraph 1 of this note and it may be approved. If this is approved, the dates of submission of these reports to Government may be fixed as recommended by the Director in paragraph 2 of his letter. In this paragraph he pushes up by three months the date of the report on the College of Agriculture, apparently by mistake. No change is contemplated in the period with which that report is to deal; nor will it be possible to push it up as it has to be reviewed by the Board of Revenue and the Director. The present date, viz., 15th September, may, therefore, be retained in this case.

5. The Director's letter suggests the consideration of the larger question whether the report on public instruction should not be for the calendar year, but the sanction of the Government of India will no doubt be necessary before any alteration is made in this respect.

P. T. THARYAN.
26-1-01.

The whole question is already confused, and it is feared that there is no remedy. Either the calendar year or the official year should from the first have been adopted and kept to for educational returns. If the principal report of the twelvemonth—the report on public instruction—were to be made one for the calendar year, the quinquennial review would sooner or later have to be altered, as that is for five official years. If it were altered, one of two things would have to be done: a period of four years and nine months would have to be compared with one of five years or else fresh statistics would have to be collected for the quarter which under the revised system would have been included in the previous quinquennium: that is to say, the next quinquennial report would cover the calendar years 1897—1901, and the last quinquennial statistics (for the period ending March 1897) would have to be corrected retrospectively into statistics for the calendar years 1892—1896. Otherwise, comparisons would be false.

2. In all cases of this kind, I venture to think worse confusion and trouble always result from attempts to set right what has been done wrong than from accepting an error and resolving to perpetuate it.

A. T. PRINGLE.
28-1-01.

Secretary—

It is submitted that the Director's proposals may be accepted, the general educational report being left alone as it is.

M. HAMMICK.
28-1-01.

Honourable Member—

I think the Director's proposals may be approved. He will arrange about the statistics. The apparent mistake about the Agricultural College should be noted.

A. T. A[RUNDEL].
30-1-01.

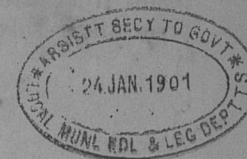
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P. T. THARYAN.
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A. T. PRINGLE.
31-1-01.

Educational (190 /) Department.

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