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Read—the following paper:—

From A. WILLIAMS, Esq., Deputy Secretary to the Government of Home Department (Education), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Educational Department, dated Calcutta, 27th January No. 114.

With reference to the resolution of the Government of India appointing a commission in connection with Indian universities, I am directed to forward, for information of the Governor in Council, a copy of a letter addressed to the members of the commission defining their functions.

ENCLOSURE.

From J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.S.I., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Department (Education), to the local members of the University Commission, Calcutta, 27th January 1902, No. 97/101.

The Governor-General in Council has appointed a commission to visit the universities of British India and to report upon the actual condition of the universities and their affiliated colleges and institutions and upon any suggestions which may be made for the improvement of their constitution and working.

The commission is constituted as follows:—

President:

The Honourable Mr. T. Raleigh.

Members:

Permanent		The Honourable Syed Hossain Bilgrami, Nawab Imad-ul Bahadur, B.A.	
		J. P. Hewett, Esq., C.S.I., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.	
		A. Pedler, Esq., C.I.E., F.R.S., Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.	
		A. G. Bourne, Esq., D.Sc., F.R.S., Indian Educational Service.	
Local		The Reverend D. Mackichan, M.A., D.D., LL.D.	
		Calcutta ..	The Honourable Mr. Asutosh Mukhopadhyay, M.A., D.L.
		Madras ..	Mr. C. Sankaran Nayar, B.A., B.L.
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The Government of India are already in possession of a considerable body of information regarding the actual state of higher education in India, and many suggestions have been received as to the changes which may, with advantage, be made in the present system. There is a general demand that the powers of the older universities should be enlarged so as to render

capable of being teaching and not merely examining bodies. It has also been suggested that suitable regulations should be made for the election of fellows; and that the constitution and powers of the syndicate in the three older universities should be placed on a statutory basis. With a view to the maintenance of the standard of teaching and discipline in affiliated colleges, it has been represented that the universities should be empowered and encouraged to exercise a closer supervision than is at present possible. Complaints are frequently heard as to the tendency of university examinations to lower the aims and pervert the methods of education in colleges, and it seems desirable that the courses of study now prescribed should be passed under review and that the standards accepted in different universities should be carefully compared.

Before deciding on any course of action, the Government of India think it right to take the advice of those who, as teachers or as members of governing bodies, have been actively engaged in university work.

The commission will visit and report upon the five universities of British India.

To assist the commission in their inquiry, it has been decided to appoint a local commissioner at each of the five university centres. The duties of the local commissioner will be, to make known the objects of the inquiry among teachers and others concerned, to communicate to the president the names of those persons who ought in his opinion to be invited to give evidence and to invite his assent to their being summoned, and finally to sit with the commission above named while they are inquiring into the condition and the needs of his own university and to assist them in conducting the investigation. He will not visit other universities, nor will he be required to join in the preparation of the final report.

The Governor-General in Council has learned with satisfaction that you are able and willing

to act as local commissioner for the university of

Calcutta
Bombay
Madras
Allahabad
the Punjab

The proceedings of the commission will be conducted in public. But it will be open to any person to submit information in the form of a written statement to the president. It is not proposed by Government to publish the evidence in full.

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C. J. WEIR,

Ag. Secretary to Government.

Copy to the Director of Public Instruction.
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