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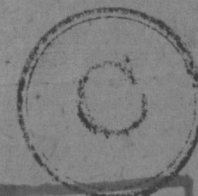
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READ—the following paper:—

From the Hon'ble Mr. G. H. STUART, M.A., Barrister-at-Law, Director of Public Instruction, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated 30th April 1902, Cur. No. 3448.

I have the honour to submit, for the information of Government, a copy of my Proceedings, Dis. No. 2395, dated 21st instant, reviewing the report on the working of the Law College, Madras, during the year 1901.

ENCLOSURE.

PROCEEDINGS of the Director of Public Instruction, Dis. No. 2395, dated 21st April 1902.

Read the following letter from R. A. NELSON, Esq., M.A., LL.M., Barrister-at-Law, Principal, Law College, Madras, to the Director of Public Instruction, dated 26th February 1902, No. 43:—

I have the honour to submit my annual report on the Law College for the year 1901.

Staff.—No changes took place in the teaching staff during the year under report, but in August 1901 the sanction of the Secretary of State to the new scheme for the re-constitution of the college, referred to in paragraph 7 of your review on my report for 1900 (*vide* Proceedings, Dis. No. 2747, dated 30th April 1901) was received (*vide* G.O., No. 447, Educational, dated 12th August 1901) under which the college with effect from the beginning of the spring term 1902, is converted into a whole-time institution, with a teaching staff of one Principal and Senior Professor, one Junior Professor, and two Assistant Professors.

2. *Accommodation.*—No important additions or alterations were made to the college buildings during the year. The only addition made was the insertion of iron bars in the lower windows of the two spiral staircases at the main entrance, leading to the upper floor.

As to the questions of providing a compound-wall and a play-ground for the college, referred to in paragraph 3 of your (Review) Proceedings, Dis. No. 2747, dated 30th April 1901, I addressed you separately in my letter No. 92, dated 5th August 1901, and I am awaiting the orders of Government on the matter.

3. *The College Council.*—The Honourable Mr. Justice Shephard having retired from service in May 1901 his place on the Council became vacant. The Council held three meetings during the year, there being nothing to call for further meetings. The first was held on the 11th April 1901, the second on the 9th September 1901, and the third on the 13th December 1901. The Proceedings of these meetings were reported to you in my letters No. 62, dated 12th April 1901, No. 110 Cl., dated 10th September 1901, and Nos. 172 and 173, dated 16th December 1901. Towards the close of the year the constitution of the Council was changed (*vide* your Proceedings, Dis. No. 6824, dated 17th December 1901), and the first meeting of the re-constituted Council was held last month.

4. *Numbers.*—The number of students on the rolls on the 31st December 1901 was as follows, the figures for the year 1900 being also added for comparison:—

Class.	Number on 31st December.	
	1901.	1900.
Third (Senior) B.L. class	105	44
Second (Intermediate) B.L. class	73	108
First (Junior) B.L. class	78	85
Pleadership class	43	23
Total	299	260

The average number on the rolls was 304 in 1901 as against 246 in 1900 and the average daily attendance was 213 as against 197 in 1900. The College thus regained its numerical strength of 1899 (293). In this connection I may add that at the present moment the strength is 380, 204 students having joined the new B.L. class.

The number of students on the 31st December 1901 arranged by the classes of the community is shewn in Appendix A, the figures of 1900 being also appended for the sake of comparison.

Appendix B shows the distribution of the students in regard to the occupation and the wealth of parents or guardians, and vaccination of students for the year 1901. The figures for the year 1900 are also added.

The distribution of students on the 31st December 1901 according to the districts from which they are drawn is shown in Appendix C. The figures for 1900 are also appended for comparison.

5. *Examination Results.*—(1) *University Law Examinations.*—(a) *B.L. Degree Examination, January 1901.*—At this examination 42 students appeared from the college direct, i.e., from the III (Senior) B.L. class of 1900, and 30 or a percentage of 71.4 were successful as against 52.2 in 1900. All the students who appeared had passed their F.L. examination in 1899, i.e., on their first appearance at it, from the II B.L. class, and they were the first batch of B.L. Degree candidates who were trained under the rule prohibiting failed F.L. candidates from continuing their studies in the college for the B.L. Degree Examination until they have passed the First examination. The figures for this and the last four examinations are given in Appendix D.

A successful percentage of 71 is certainly a high one and it affords, I think, some indication of the character of the instruction and training that the college affords, and which students, who are unhampered by employment outside their studies and who are studying only B.L. subjects, are now enabled to turn to such good account.

(b) *First Examination in Law, May 1901.*—At this examination 78 appeared from the college direct, and 55 passed, giving a successful percentage of 70.5 as against 75.9 in 1900. The exact results for this and the last four examinations are shown in appendix E.

The successful percentage in this examination of students appearing direct from the college was also very good, though not quite so large as the record figure of 1900. But taking the figures of the two examinations of the year together 71.4 (B.L.) and 70.5 (F.L.) and comparing them with the corresponding figures of 1900, it will be observed that the aggregate percentage of success attained in 1901 stood at 71 as against 64 in 1900; as compared with the corresponding percentages obtained by other candidates of 45 in 1901 and 40 in 1900.

(ii) *Pleadership Examination, January 1901.*—Appendix F shows the results of this examination. The figures of the two previous years are also added for comparison. It will be observed that there is a great improvement on the figures of 1900, though the percentage of success among the first-grade candidates is very poor. Some improvement in this respect may be reasonably looked for hereafter under the modified conditions of the examination referred to in paragraph 5 (at the conclusion) of my report for 1900.

6. *Library.*—The number of volumes in the library on the 31st December 1901 was 1,831, as against 1,730 on the same date in 1900. Of the new additions, 14 volumes were added to the lending library and 90 volumes to the consulting library. Of the latter number, 9 are the latest editions of standard works, the editions they replaced being transferred to the lending section. The others are all new books.

Use of Library.

	Number of consultations.		Number of books lent.	
	1901.	1900.	1901.	1900.
Students	2,687	3,366	2,164	1,836
Staff	269	217	6	4

The use made of the books in the lending library was much larger in 1901 than in the preceding years, having increased from 1,713 volumes issued during 1897-98 (when the strength of the college was 612) to 2,164 in 1901 (when the strength was only 299). On the other hand the number of consultations, though exceeding the number in 1897-98 by 181, has fallen from 3,799 in 1899-1900 and 3,366 in 1900 to 2,687. It is probable, I think, that the continued increase of the lending library by transfer from the consulting library has led to its increased use, students, not unnaturally, preferring to obtain the use of a book for a week certain at home than for a day at a time (with the uncertainty* of being able to obtain it on the following day) in the college. A library catalogue revised throughout and brought up to date, and the college calendar for 1902 are daily expected from the Government Press.

7. *Occupation of students.*—The following summary shows the occupation or otherwise of the students on the 31st December 1901:—

Class.	Number employed.	Number not employed.	Total number.
Third B.L. class	* 4	101	105
Second do.	† 9	64	73
First do.	3	75	78
Pleaders class	† 8	35	43
Total	24	275	299

* Of these, one was a second grade pleader.

† Of these, two were officials on leave.

† Of these, one was an article clerk, one a second grade pleader on leave and the rest were clerks on leave.

8. *Scholarships*—(i) *Morehead Law scholarship.*—The holder of this scholarship for 1901 was V. Radhakrishnayya who stood highest, in the first class, in the list of successful candidates of the F.L. Examination in 1900 appearing from the II B.L. class.

(ii) *College scholarships under Rule XI (i).*—The holders of these two scholarships for 1900, viz., C. P. Kamaswami Aiyar and K. Asadullah Khan, continued to hold their scholarships during the year under report. The new scholar for 1901, who stood highest in the college examinations of 1900, is R. Srinivasa Chari. He was awarded the scholarship in your Proceedings, Dis. No. 1226, dated 27th February 1901. The other scholarship remained vacant during the year, there having been no Muhammadan student in the class in 1900.

9. *Financial summary.*—The following summary shows the receipts and expenditure during the year 1901 as compared with 1900:—

Year.	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Net profit.	Net deficit.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1901	* 37,765 7 3	37,027 7 9	737 15 6	.. .. .
1900	† 30,333 1 0	40,576 8 3	.. .. .	10,243 7 3

* Includes Rs. 24-7-3, library fines, &c.

† Includes Rs. 45, library fines, &c.

N.B.—The figures in the "Expenditure" column do not include the amount spent on scholarships and refunds (Rs. 360 scholarships in 1901 and Rs. 408-11-4 in 1900, respectively), but include all other items.

The belief which I expressed in paragraph 9 of my report for 1900 that no deficit was likely to occur during 1901 has, I am glad to say, been justified, the figures for the year showing a credit balance of Rs. 737-15-6. This, no doubt, is

trifling, when compared with the average yearly balance of over Rs. 14,000 from 1891-92 to 1898-99; but the financial equilibrium has been more than restored, and further advance in this direction may be confidently anticipated.

10. *Service books.*—The service books of all the members of the establishment, who are required to maintain them under the rules of the Civil Service Regulations, have been written up and verified up to date.

11. *Conclusion.*—The close of 1901 has brought with it, I regret to say, a termination of the services in the college of M.R.Ry. K. P. Govinda Menon, M.R.Ry. V. C. Desikachariar, M.R.Ry. M. R. Ramakrishna Aiyar and M.R.Ry. T. Rangachariar who were respectively, first, second, third and fourth Assistant Professors. The first of these gentlemen had served in the college from 1893, the second from 1895, and the third and fourth from 1897. The establishment under the new scheme of whole-time Assistant Professorships rendered the withdrawal of these gentlemen inevitable, but the loss to the college of the services of Vakils of the High Court trained by experience in law and its instruction is much to be regretted. For the success which attended the working of the college in 1901, I must express my thanks to Mr. J. G. Smith, the Senior Professor, M.R.Ry. K. Narayana Rao, the Junior Professor, and the gentlemen above referred to.

APPENDICES.

A.

Classes of community.	Third B.L. class.	Second B.L. class.	First B.L. class.	Pleader-ship class.	Total for 1901.	Total for 1900.
Europeans and Eurasians .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	1	1	.. .. .
Native Christians	2	1	2	2	7	4
Muhammadans	1	.. .. .	1	.. .. .	2	1
Hindus	83	56	58	31	228	201
Brahmans	19	16	17	9	61	54
Non-Brahman Caste Hindus .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Others .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Total	105	73	78	43	299	260

B.

Occupation.

Classes.	Officials.	Traders.	Land-holders.	Others.	Total.
Third B.L. class	42	3	53	7	105
Second do.	28	6	36	3	73
First do.	42	2	33	1	78
Pleaders class	14	1	26	2	43
Total for 1901	126	12	148	13	299
Total for 1900	94	12	137	17	260

Wealth.

Classes.	Richer classes.	Middle classes.	Poorer classes.	Total.
Third B.L. class	14	85	6	105
Second do.	11	59	3	73
First do.	6	69	3	78
Pleaders class	1	40	2	43
Total for 1901	32	253	14	299
Total for 1900	30	216	14	260

Vaccination.

Classes.	Vaccinated, whether small-pox marked or not.	Small-pox marked only.	Unprotected.	Total.
Third B.L. class	76	29	..	105
Second do.	52	21	..	73
First do.	63	15	..	78
Pleadership class	27	16	..	43
Total for 1901	218	81	..	299
Total for 1900	185	75	..	260

C.

District or Province.	B.L. classes.			Pleadership class.	Total for 1901.	Total for 1900.	Remarks.
	Third.	Second.	First.				
Ganjám	2	3	..	1	6	8	- 2
Vizagapatam	2	1	2	3	8	7	+ 1
Górávari	8	3	1	7	19	15	+ 4
Kistna	..	4	2	3	9	3	+ 6
Kurnool	..	1	..	..	1	1	..
Nellore	..	1	2	1	4	2	+ 2
Cuddapah	1	..	1	..	2	2	..
Anantapur	..	..	1	..	1	2	- 1
Bellary	2	..	..	..	2	4	- 2
Madras	11	5	10	2	28	23	+ 5
Chingleput	4	3	..	..	7	12	- 5
North Arcot	8	5	3	1	17	19	- 2
South Arcot	3	..	4	2	9	5	+ 4
Tanjore	18	12	16	5	51	43	+ 8
Trichinopoly	4	3	1	5	13	12	+ 1
Madura	2	6	4	1	12	10	+ 2
Tinnevely	5	1	3	4	13	11	+ 2
Coimbatore	4	5	4	2	15	11	+ 4
Salem	3	..	6	1	10	7	+ 3
South Canara	5	2	2	2	11	8	+ 3
Malabar	5	8	7	1	21	19	+ 2
Travancore	4	1	1	..	6	8	- 2
Cochin	3	1	..	2	6	6	..
Mysore	9	7	7	..	23	18	+ 5
Coorg	..	..	1	..	1	1	..
Pudukkóttai	2	2	..	..	4	3	+ 1
Total	105	73	78	43	299	260	

D.

	Examined.	Passed.	Percentage.
1897.. { From Law College	88	25	28.4
{ Other candidates	121	27	22.3
Total	209	52	24.8
1898.. { From Law College	35	10	28.5
{ Other candidates	197	48	24.3
Total	232	58	25.0
1899.. { From Law College	73	22	30.1
{ Other candidates	244	72	29.9
Total	317	94	29.6
1900.. { From Law College	46	24	52.2
{ Other candidates	272	76	27.9
Total	318	100	31.4
1901.. { From Law College	42	30	71.4
{ Other candidates	286	111	38.8
Total	328	141	43.0

E.

	Examined.	Passed.	Percentage.
1897.. { From Law College	245	74	30.2
{ Other candidates	246	55	22.3
Total	491	129	24.8
1898.. { From Law College	250	111	44.4
{ Other candidates	268	92	34.3
Total	518	203	39.1
1899.. { From Law College	214	63	29.4
{ Other candidates	244	53	21.7
Total	458	116	25.3
1900.. { From Law College	83	63	75.9
{ Other candidates	319	161	50.5
Total	402	224	55.7
1901.. { From Law College	78	55	70.5
{ Other candidates	202	103	50.99
Total	280	158	56.4

F.

	Examined.	Passed.		Percentage.	
		First grade.	Second grade.	First grade.	Total passes.
1899.. { From Law College	36	7	18	19.4	69.4
{ Other candidates	133	13	53	9.7	49.6
Total	169	20	71	11.8	53.8
1900.. { From Law College	15	..	1	..	6.6
{ Other candidates	* 185	1	24	1.2	13.5
Total	200	1	25	.5	13.6
1901.. { From Law College	† 10	1	5	11.1	60.0
{ Other candidates	† 171	9	79	11.25	51.5
Total	181	10	§ 84	5.5	51.9

* Of these, 85 appeared for the first grade and 100 for second grade.

† Of these, one appeared for the second grade.

‡ Of these, 83 appeared for the first grade and 91 for the second grade.

§ Includes 44 of the first-grade candidates who have qualified for the second grade.

Proceedings, Dis. No. 2395 of 1902.

The most important event of the year was the sanction received from the Secretary of State for the reorganization of the college and its conversion into a full-time institution.

2. *Staff.*—There were no changes in the staff during the year; but owing to the introduction of the new scheme several changes have taken place since its close. The Director shares the Principal's regret that the Assistant Professors who had long been connected with the college had to sever their connection with the institution.

3. *Accommodation.*—Government has been addressed regarding the loan of a portion of land on the esplanade for use as a play-ground for the college and their orders are awaited. It is also hoped that provision will be made in the budget estimates of the Public Works Department for next year for the construction of a compound wall round the college.

4. *Library*.—The addition of 104 volumes raised the number of books in the library to 1,834 and the Principal's remarks in regard to the use made of it by the students are noted. It is hoped that the library catalogue brought up to date will soon be issued.

5. *Strength and Attendance*.—The statement in paragraph 4 which compares the strength of the college at the close of the two last years shows that the loss sustained during the previous year was made good during the year under report. It is also satisfactory to note that since the close of the year the strength has still further increased, the reduction of the course to two years under the new scheme having brought in as many as 204 students into the first class. The particulars in regard to the districts from which students were drawn show that Tanjore as usual took the lead followed by Madras, while the Mysore State came in next with 23 students. The Nilgiris continued unrepresented and students from outside the jurisdiction of this department formed the same proportion to the total number as in the previous two years. Sixteen students of the B.L. classes against nine on the 31st December 1900 had outside employment; but under the new scheme this will no longer be possible.

6. *Examinations*.—The results of the B.L. examination of January 1901 were a considerable improvement over those of the previous years, the percentage of success having risen from 52 to 71. This is probably due to the fact that all the students who appeared had passed the first examination in law before beginning their studies for the degree examination and were thus able to devote their whole attention to the examination. At the first examination in Law of May 1901, however, the results did not compare favourably with those of the previous year, though a high percentage of success was still maintained. The outcome at the Pleaders' examination was much better than it was in 1900, six having passed out of ten that appeared from the college, though only one of these qualified for the first grade.

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9. *General*.—The working of the college reflects much credit on the Principal and the staff. The Director considers that the Principal's report may be abridged by the relegation of some of the statements in the body of the report to the appendix. This has now been done in this office and the same procedure should be adopted by the Principal in future reports.

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