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READ—the following paper:—

From the Hon'ble Mr. G. H. STUART, M.A., Director of Public Instruction, to the Secretary to Government, Educational department, dated Madras, 4th May 1903, Cur. No. 3432.

I have the honour to submit, for the information of Government, a copy of my proceedings, Dis. No. 2676, dated 29th ultimo, reviewing the report on the working of the Law College during 1902.

ENCLOSURE.

PROCEEDINGS of the Director of Public Instruction, Dis. No. 2676, dated 29th April 1903.

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 10th March 1903, No. 55:—

I have the honour to submit my annual report on the Law College for the year 1902.

Staff.—Several changes took place in the teaching staff during the year under report consequent on the introduction of the re-organization scheme of the college as a whole-time institution sanctioned in G.O., No. 447, Educational, dated 12th August 1901. During the spring term the appointment of the whole-time junior professor not having been made by the Secretary of State, Mr. John G. Smith, B.A., Barrister-at-Law, the late senior professor, was appointed acting junior professor and M.R.Ry. P. R. Ganapati Aiyar, B.A., B.L., and M.R.Ry. T. Rajagopalachariar, M.A., B.L., were appointed first and second assistant professors, respectively. The professorial staff not being adequate to provide for instruction in Hindu and Muhammadan Law, a special lecturer was sanctioned by Government for the year 1902 on the recommendation of the College Council and M.R.Ry. K. Naraina Rao, B.A., B.L., was appointed.

During the autumn term I was unavoidably absent on leave on medical certificate for four months out of India from July 26th to November 25th, both days inclusive, and M.R.Ry. K. Naraina Rao, the special lecturer, acted for me temporarily from July 28th to August 25th, while M.R.Ry. S. Swaminadhan, M.A., LL.B., B.Sc., & Ph.D., Barrister-at-Law, acted as junior professor, the special lecturer's place being vacant during that period. On the arrival of the permanent junior professor Mr. Charles E. Odgers, M.A., B.C.L., Barrister-at-Law, from England on the 25th August he was appointed to act for me, M.R.Ry. K. Naraina Rao and M.R.Ry. S. Swaminadhan being appointed acting junior professor and special lecturer, respectively, from 26th August to 25th November. On my return to duty on the 26th November the acting officers in question reverted to their permanent appointments, M.R.Ry. Swaminadhan's acting appointment having ceased from that date. G. V. Appa Rao Pantulu, the clerk of the college, was absent on privilege leave on urgent private affairs from 19th November to 19th December, both days inclusive, T. Paranjoti Pillai, B.A., librarian, having held charge of the office in addition to his own duties.

2. *Accommodation.*—As regards the provision of a compound wall and a play-ground referred to in my report on the college for 1901 and in your (review) Proceedings, Dis. No. 2395, dated 21st April 1902, the erection of a compound wall round the Law Courts and college buildings has recently been sanctioned. The want of a play-ground for the students being much felt, I hope the question will soon be favourably settled.

3. *The College Council.*—The Council held only one meeting during the year, there being nothing to call for further meetings. The meeting was held on the 9th January 1902, the minutes thereof being reported to you in my letter No. 10, dated 10th January 1902.

4. *College rules.*—The code of rules regulating the working of the college was revised during the year and published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 21st October 1902.

5. *Numbers.*—The number of students on the college rolls on the 31st December 1902 was as follows, the figures for the year 1901 being also noted for comparison:—

Class.	Number on 31st December	
	1902.	1901.
Third (senior) B.L. class	73	105
Second (intermediate) B.L. class	No class.	73
First (junior) B.L. class	204	78
Pleadership class	15	43
Total	292	299

The average number on the rolls was 309 in 1902 as against 304 in 1901 and the average daily attendance was 247 as against 243 in 1901. The strength of the college shows a decrease of only seven on the total of the year 1901, although there was no second B.L. class on account of the reduction of the Law course from three to two years. In this connection I may add that since 31st December the numbers have risen to 377—the present strength—which shows an increase on the strength of 1901 of 78.

The number of students on the 31st December 1902 arranged by the classes of the community to which they belonged is shown in Appendix A, the figures of 1901 being also added 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 1902. The figures for the year 1901 are also appended.

The distribution of students on the 31st December 1902 according to the districts from which they are drawn is shown in Appendix C. The figures for 1901 are also noted for comparison.

6. *Examination results.*—(1) *University Law examinations.*—(a) *B.L. Degree examination, January 1902.*—At this examination 102 students appeared from the college direct, i.e., from the III (senior) B.L. class of 1901, and 70 or a percentage of 68.6 were successful as against 71.4 in 1901. The figures for this and the last four examinations are shown in Appendix D. Although the figures show a slight falling off from the percentage of 1901, the figures for that year were exceptionally high, and the successful percentage for 1902 is, I think, a very satisfactory one.

(b) *First Examination in Law.*—There were two examinations held during the year—one in May 1902 according to the old by-laws, and another in December 1902 under the revised by-laws of the University consequent on the reduction of the Law course from three to two years. At the examination held in May, 59 appeared from the college direct and 38 passed, giving a successful percentage of 64.4 as against 70.5 in 1901; and at the one held in December, 199 students appeared from the college direct and 141 passed, giving a successful percentage of 70.9. These latter were the first batch of F.L. candidates who joined for a single year's F.L. course in

lieu of the old three terms course. The exact results for these and the last four examinations are shown in Appendix E, from which it will be observed that, although the figures of the May examination show some decrease on the figures of the corresponding examination in 1901, the percentage attained in the December examination is equal to that attained in 1901.

(ii) *Pleaderships examination, January 1902.*—Appendix F shows the results of this examination, the figures of the three previous years being also appended for comparison. The figures for 1902 show a marked improvement on those of the previous years, especially in the passes for the first grade, which show a successful college percentage of 36.8 as against 11.1 in 1901.

7. *Library.*—The number of volumes in the library on the 31st December 1902 was 1,939 as against 1,834 on the same date in 1901. Of the 105 volumes added to the library in 1902, 10 volumes were put in the lending section and the remaining 95 in the consulting section. Of the latter number, two 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.	
	1902.	1901.	1902.	1901.
Students	3,365	2,687	2,469	2,164
Staff	1,753	269	41	6
Total	5,118	2,956	2,510	2,170

A great advance has been made in the use of both the sections of the college library. The number of volumes issued from the lending section during the calendar year 1902 is 2,510 (the strength of the college then being 292), while the corresponding number during the year 1895-96, when the strength was 731, was 1,102. The number of volumes issued from the consulting section was never so large as in 1902.

8. *Scholarships*—(i) *Morehead Law Scholarship.*—This scholarship for 1902 was divided equally between two students, viz., V. T. Krishnamachari and A. Lakshminarayanan, who stood highest in the second class in the list of successful candidates of the First Examination in Law in 1901 from the II B.L. class having been bracketed equal—*vide* your Proceedings, Dis. No. 252, dated 15th January 1902.

(ii) *College Scholarships under the old Rule XI (1).*—The holder of this scholarship for 1901, viz., R. Sreenivasachari, continued to hold his scholarship during the year under report. The new scholar for 1902 who stood highest in the college examinations of 1901 is V. Sessa Aiyar. He was awarded the scholarship in your Proceedings, Dis. No. 2116, dated 8th April 1902. The other scholarship remained vacant during the year, the single Muhammadan student in the class in 1901 having failed to pass in the college examination.

9. *Financial Summary.*—The following summary shows the receipts and expenditure during the year 1902 compared with 1901:—

Year.	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Surplus.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1902	(a) 48,149 14 0	(b) 31,167 13 9	16,982 0 3
1901	(a) 37,765 7 3	(b) 37,387 7 9	377 15 6

(a) Includes library fines and sale-proceeds of calendar, catalogue, etc.
(b) Includes expenditure on scholarships and refunds.

This surplus of Rs. 16,982 as against Rs. 378 in 1901 testifies to the renewed financial prosperity of the college which has, it may be added, despite a deficit of Rs. 18,229 in 1899-1900, paid surpluses to the State amounting to Rs. 1,13,350 since its establishment in 1891.

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.*—Both from the academic and financial point of view, the new scheme has commenced very promisingly. The class of students who now join the college are both socially and intellectually of a distinctly good quality and this in conjunction with the fact that no longer hampered with their B.A. studies and conscious of the fact that they have but one year in which to prepare for each examination they work with a will and intelligence, and to afford them instruction is no longer a mere task. I am very glad to be able to report thus favourably on the working of the new scheme and my thanks are due to all those who have been associated with me in its first year's trial.

APPENDIX A.—Distribution of Students according to classes of the community.

Classes of community.	Third B.L. class.	Second B.L. class.	First B.L. class.	Pleaders-ship class.	Total for 1902.	Total for 1901.
Europeans and Eurasians	1	..	1	1	2	1
Native Christians	9	..	1	..	10	7
Muhammadans	1	..	..	..	1	2
Hindus	56	157	12	225	228	228
{ Brahmans	16	36	2	54	61	61
{ Non-Brahman Caste Hindus	..	..	..	..	..	..
{ Others	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	73	N.C. II B.L. class.	204	15	292	299

APPENDIX B.—Distribution of Students according to the occupation of their parents or guardians.

Classes.	Officials.	Traders.	Land-holders.	Others.	Total.
Third (Senior) B.L. class	28	6	36	3	73
First or Junior B.L. class	72	7	111	14	204
Pleaders-ship class	1	1	11	2	15
Total for 1902	101	14	158	19	292
„ for 1901	126	12	148	13	299

Distribution of Students according to the wealth condition of their parents or guardians.

Classes.	Richer classes.	Middle classes.	Poorer classes.	Total.
Third B.L. class	11	59	3	73
First (Junior) B.L. class	12	184	8	204
Pleaders-ship class	1	12	2	15
Total for 1902	24	255	13	292
„ for 1901	32	253	14	299

Vaccination.

Classes.	Vaccinated, whether small-pox marked or not.	Small-pox marked only.	Unprotected.	Total.
Third B.L. class	52	21	..	73
First (Junior) B.L. class	158	46	..	204
Pleadership class	9	6	..	15
Total for 1902 ..	219	73	..	292
.. for 1901 ..	218	81	..	299

APPENDIX C.—Distribution of students according to the districts to which they belonged.

	B.L. classes.		Pleadership class.	Total for 1902.	Total for 1901.	Remarks.
	Third.	First.				
Ganjām	3	4	..	7	6	
Vizagapatam	1	7	..	8	8	+ 1
Górávari	3	16	1	20	19	
Kistna	4	2	..	6	9	+ 1
Kurnool	1	2	..	3	1	- 3
Nellore	1	6	..	7	1	+ 2
Caddapah	..	..	..	..	4	+ 3
Anantapur	..	1	..	1	2	+ 2
Bellary	..	1	..	1	1	
Madras	5	12	1	18	28	- 1
Chingleput	3	6	..	9	7	- 10
North Arcot	5	11	1	17	17	+ 2
South Arcot	12	9	..	21	9	
Tanjore	3	31	1	44	51	- 7
Trichinopoly	5	9	..	14	13	- 1
Madura	1	7	1	9	13	+ 1
Tinnevely	14	2	..	16	15	+ 1
Coimbatore	5	9	2	16	10	+ 4
Salem	3	6	..	9	11	- 2
South Canara	2	21	4	27	21	+ 12
Malabar	8	4	1	13	6	+ 1
Travancore	1	4	..	5	6	
Cochin	7	17	1	24	23	+ 1
Mysore	..	..	..	..	1	- 1
Coorg	..	1	..	1	..	+ 1
Hyderabad (Deccan)	2	1	..	3	4	- 1
Pudukkóttai	..	..	..	..	..	
Total ..	73	204	15	292	299	

APPENDIX D.—Results of the B.L. degree examination.

	Examined.	Passed.	Percentage.
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
1902 .. { From Law College	102	70	68.6
.. { Other candidates	280	109	38.9
Total ..	382	179	46.8

APPENDIX E.—Results of the First examination in Law.

	Examined.	Passed.	Percentage.
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
1902 .. { From Law College	59	38	64.4
May. { Other candidates	118	43	36.4
Total ..	177	81	45.8
1902 .. { From Law College	199	141	70.9
Dec. { Other candidates	137	66	48.2
Total ..	336	207	61.6

APPENDIX F.—Results of the Pleadership examination.

	Examined.		Passed.		Percentage.	
	First grade.	Second grade.	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	1	6.6	13.5	
.. { Other candidates	85	100	24	1.2		
Total ..	200	1	25	1.2	13.0	
1901 .. { From Law College	9	1	5	11.1	60.0	
.. { Other candidates	80	91	79	11.25	51.5	
Total ..	89	92	84	5.5	51.9	
1902 .. { From Law College	19	1	7	36.8	70.0	
.. { Other candidates	45	158	9	20.0	39.9	
Total ..	64	159	16	25.0	42.6	

Proceedings Dis. No. 2676, dated 29th April 1903.

Staff.—Effect was given during the year to the Secretary of State's despatch sanctioning the introduction of the scheme for the reorganization of the college. Accordingly, the college worked as a full-time institution for the first time during the year with a newly constituted staff and under the revised rules sanctioned by Government. The first and second Assistant Professors, who were originally appointed for one year, have, since the close of the year under review, been appointed to the posts permanently.

2. *Accommodation.*—The estimate for the construction of a compound wall for the college has been sanctioned in G.O., No. 3360-W., dated 28th November 1902, but the provision of a suitable play-ground has been deferred for consideration after the

issue of final orders in regard to the proper conservation of the ground adjoining the High Court and the Law College (*vide* G.O., No. 181, Educational, dated 27th March 1902).

3. *Library*.—The library was strengthened by the addition of 105 volumes bringing the total number of books up to 1,939. The considerable improvement in the use made of it by the students is noted with satisfaction.

4. *Strength and attendance*.—Notwithstanding the non-existence of the second B.L. class in consequence of the reduction in the law course, the total strength on the 31st December last was about the same as at the close of the previous year; and the numbers are reported to have since risen to 377, which is 78 more than in 1901.

5. *Examinations*.—The results of the First examination in Law of May 1902 and of the B.L. degree examination were not quite so good as those of the previous year, though a high percentage of success was still maintained. Better results were, however, obtained at the F.L. examination held in December last under the revised by-laws. The percentage of success at the Pleaders' examination was the highest during the past four years.

6. *Finance*.—As anticipated in the last review, the college regained its financial position, the accounts for the year showing a surplus of Rs. 16,982 against Rs. 378 in 1901.

7. The efficient condition of the college during the first year of its working under the new scheme reflects much credit on the Principal and the staff.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. H. STUART,
Director of Public Instruction,

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2. The results of the year's work were satisfactory.

3. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Director's review, it is observed that the appointments of Messrs. P. R. Ganapati Aiyar and T. Rajagopala Chariyar are still non-pensionable and subject to a term's notice on either side.

(True Extract.)

A. G. CARDEW,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

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