

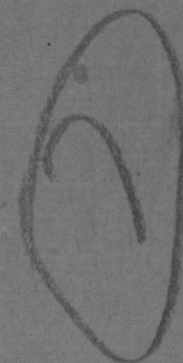
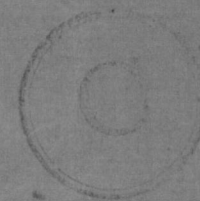
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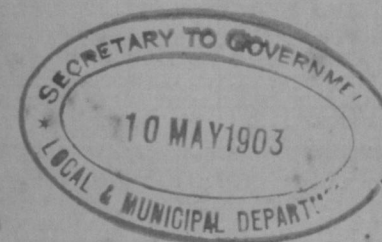
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The Secretary to Government,
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Sir,

I have the honour to submit, for the information
of Government, a copy of my Proceedings Dis No 2800, dated 5th
instant reviewing the report on the working of the
Kumbakonam College for the year 1902.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, dated 5th May 1903.

Report on the working of the Kumbakonam College during 1902.

Read the following letter from J. M. HENSMAN, Esq., Acting Principal, Government College, Kumbakonam, to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, dated 16th March 1903, No. 87 :—

I have the honour to submit my report on the working of the college for the calendar year 1902.

2. Mr. H. S. Duncan was Acting Principal for nearly nine months of the year. He gave over charge to me on the afternoon of the 24th September 1902.

3. *Changes in the staff.*—The change in Principalship has been mentioned. To the lectureship that I vacated on my appointment as Acting Principal, M.R.Ry. K. P. Gurusawmi Aiyar of the Presidency College was appointed, but he joined his appointment only on the 11th October 1902. Other changes were the following: M.R.Ry. R. S. Krishnasami Aiyar, acting fifth assistant lecturer (subsequently confirmed) was transferred in February to the Teachers' College, where he continues to act, M.R.Ry. K. Srinivasapatrachari taking his place. In March, Muhammad Azam Sahib was appointed acting lecturer and relieved M.R.Ry. K. P. Gurusami Aiyar. He went on nine months' furlough on the 11th August, M.R.Ry. K. R. Duraisami Aiyar, acting first assistant lecturer, succeeding him as acting lecturer. In filling up the place of the last-named officer, Messrs. V. R. Venkataramaiyar, T. V. Sivakumarasastri and T. T. Bhavanisami Rau, acting second, third and fourth assistant lecturers, respectively, were each promoted one step, and Mr. A. Arulanandham of the Teachers' College appointed to the vacant acting fourth assistant lectureship. Mr. Arulanandam joined his appointment on the 13th November. There was considerable dislocation of work, as usual, in consequence of the changes in the staff. But last year, we were also left shorthanded for more than three months from the 12th August, when Muhammad Azam Sahib went on leave, to the 13th November, when Mr. Arulanandam joined and, during this three months, there was also a lectureship vacant for sixteen days from the 25th September when Mr. Duncan's furlough began to the 11th October, the date on which Mr. Gurusami Aiyar joined his acting appointment. Various permanent changes also were made in the staff during the year, but as they were only on paper, I omit detailed mention of them in this place.

4. *Library.*—Appendix A shows in a tabular form the extent to which the library was used, and the number of volumes added to the library during the year. An examination of the register of books taken out reveals the fact that the books coming under the head "Literature" in the table are nearly all such as bear directly on the prescribed English texts or on the science subjects (*e.g.*, Ruskin's "Unto this last" as supplementary reading for political economy) and that all that the students care for in the way of general reading is only novels. And taking the average number on the rolls during the last three years in the different classes, I further find that while the average number of novels taken out in a year by each student of the junior classes (F.A. and B.A.) ranges from 4 to 8, the average number for the senior classes lies between one and two, showing how heavily the university examinations press on the students. The so-called "examination by compartments" would almost appear to be the necessary result of an overburdened B.A. curriculum.

5. *Strength.*—The subjoined statement shows the strength of the college classes at the close of the years 1901 and 1902. There is a fall in the strength of the B.A. classes, this being ultimately traceable to what I may call two successive lean years for the F.A. candidates at this station. The small junior B.A. of 1901 became a small senior B.A. in 1902, and was not replaced by a larger one in the latter year. The underselling in the matter of fees referred to by Mr. J. B. Bilderbeck in his annual report of this college for 1895-96 continues, I have every reason to believe, to unfavourably affect the strength of the B.A. classes in this college. We have no quarrel whatever with the superior attractions of colleges in Madras though they draw a great many students from this district :—

	Number on rolls on the 31st December									
	1901.					1902.				
	Senior B.A.	Junior B.A.	Senior F.A.	Junior F.A.	Total.	Senior B.A.	Junior B.A.	Senior F.A.	Junior F.A.	Total.
B.A. Course—										
Total strength	46	23	..	..	69	29	24	..	..	53
Language branch	37	23	..	..	..	25	24	..	..	..
Second language	39	23	..	..	..	23	24	..	..	..
Mathematics	17	8	..	..	..	7	3	..	..	..
History	15	12	..	..	..	12	17	..	..	..
Logic	5	3	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
F.A. Course	..	..	72	39	111	..	..	51	72	123
Total	..	..	..	..	180	..	..	..	..	176

6. Appendix B shows the distribution of the students according to the districts to which they belonged. As has been the case for a number of years, the great bulk of the students came from the Tanjore district.

7. Particulars regarding the classes of the community from which the students were drawn, and their social and economic conditions are given in Appendix C.

8. *Examinations.*—(1) *Annual examinations.*—The junior classes were examined in December. Out of 72 in the junior F.A. class, eight were refused promotion. In the junior B.A. class, one had not put in the necessary attendance in the languages, and was consequently promoted only in the science branch—mathematics. Another student wanted six days to complete his attendance during the first term, and had to remain in the junior class this year. Two were allowed to continue their studies only in history and the second language, and three only in the languages.

(2) *University examinations.*—Appendix D gives particulars of the B.A. and F.A. examinations. Of the two that passed the F.A. in the first class, one T. K. Rajagopalan obtained the first place in the Presidency. The F.A. results were much better than in 1901, and would have been still better but for the very unusual number of failures in history in a year when the number of failures in English was, as was anticipated, very low. But only one failed in history alone. Physiology claimed the next highest number of failures.

Appendix E gives the number of failures in each subject and the officers responsible for the different subjects.

As will appear from Appendix D, in English twelve passed out of the twenty-three that actually underwent the B.A. English examination, a result that exceeded anticipation as the class as a whole gave us the most unpromising material we had to work on during the last five or six years. But the gain in English led, as was to be expected, to loss in some at least of the science subjects. The mental capacity of a rather large proportion of the boys was so limited that it was nearly impossible for them to master more than one or two of the subjects at the same time, and I am confirmed in this opinion by the fact brought to my notice by M.R.Ry. V. R. Venkataramaiyar that three out of the six failures in mathematics were by "deficiency

in total marks." It was not altogether a surprise that only one passed in each of the two branches—mathematics and logic. In history the results were very good. As M.R.Ry. K. Sundararamaiyar reminds me, this is the fifth time in succession that the college has scored what may be regarded as a decided success in this subject. The Tamil and Sanskrit results were excellent, considering the very trying papers that were set in the two languages. Apart from the unusual nature of the questions set, the question papers were almost the size of small pamphlets, the mere careful reading of which must have occupied no small part of the time allotted to the papers. With all these drawbacks, it was a great satisfaction to find that Tamil and Sanskrit each secured a first class.

9. *College prizes and scholarships.*—The following students have been recommended for the Morris medal, and the Beauchamp and Muppanar prizes, and your sanction is awaited :—

R. Krishnasami Sastri	...	Morris medal.
P. S. Ramasami	...	Beauchamp and Muppanar's prize (English composition).
N. Ramaiya	...	Beauchamp and Muppanar's prize (mathematics).
V. Kothandaraman	...	Do. do. (history).
V. R. Subrahmanyam	...	Do. do. (logic).

The Subrahmanyam scholarships were held by—

B.A. class.	F.A. class.
(1) N. Ramaiya.	(3) V. Kuppu Rau.
(2) G. Ramudu.	(4) S. R. Kasinathan.

The Edward Bird scholarship was held by R. Krishnasami Sastri.

10. The services of non-gazetted officers were verified and brought up to date.

11. The by-laws laid down in the University calendar were followed.

12. The discipline of the college was all that could be desired and the tutorial system worked satisfactorily. Seven meetings were held during the year.

13. The Literary Society did fairly good work. But the interest in the working of the society during the latter half of the year seemed to require constant external stimulus, and the number of meetings were fewer than usual. The success of the society seems to rise and fall with the varying personal influence of the office-bearers from year to year. The work of the Tamil society also appeared to have flagged last year, the cause apparently being the same.

14. Foot-ball fully maintained its popularity. In addition to the usual inter-tutorial matches, others were played with teams from the local Town High school, one with a team composed of past students of this college and one with a team at Tanjore—in all of which our college teams were the winners. Interest in tennis, I am sorry to say, has continued to fall off, and badminton and fives have remained stationary. No college sports were held during the year.

In Appendix F will be found the usual statement of receipts and charges of the Recreation club.

15. In the following table will be found the financial condition of the college for the last two years :—

Receipts.

Year.	Fees, fines and miscellaneous.
1901	Rs. A. P. 12,209 4 0
1902	12,646 6 9

Charges.

Year.	Principal.	Lecturers, Assistant Lecturers, and establishment.	Travelling allowance.	Contingencies.	Scholarships.	Special charges.	Total.
1901	Rs. A. P. 8,502 2 6	Rs. A. P. 26,625 0 1	Rs. A. P. 24 4 0	Rs. A. P. 826 4 4	Rs. A. P. 277 15 5	Rs. A. P. 448 0 0	Rs. A. P. 36,255 10 4
1902	8,936 1 10	26,434 5 8	12 2 0	1,120 13 8	111 0 0		37,062 7 2

16. *General.*—Some of the recipients of both the Poor Fund and the Subrahmanyam scholarships in former years continued to send contributions to the Poor Fund, and the fund was in consequence in a fairly prosperous condition last year.

The new library room sanctioned in G.O., No. 1925 W., dated 10th July 1902, and the hostel have at last been taken in hand, and I am happy to be able to state that building operations will be commenced at once. It only remains for me to state, what I have no doubt Mr. H. S. Duncan would endorse if he were here, that every member of the teaching staff worked with unabated interest and energy during the year.

APPENDIX A.—General and consulting library.

Class.	Biography.	Literature.	Novels.	Mathematics.	Science.	Logic.	History.	Total.
Senior B.A. ..	4	107	48	4	3	6	16	188
Junior ..	9	83	117	2	1	1	13	226
Senior F.A. ..	17	125	147	35	4	..	20	348
Junior ..	25	142	296	29	9	..	16	517
M.A. student ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
Total ..								1,307
Books taken by the members of the staff ..								437
Books taken from the class libraries ..								488
Grand Total ..								2,232

Classes.	Books other than Dictionaries—Shelf B.	Remarks.
Senior B.A. ..	189	As the dictionaries in use were placed in open tables for free and unrestrained use by the students from the beginning of 1902, no statistics for Shelf A are given.
Junior ..	260	
Senior F.A. ..	653	
Junior ..	958	
Total ..		2,060
Consultations by members of the staff ..		258
Total ..		2,318

The number of volumes added to the library during the year was 192.

APPENDIX B.—Distribution of students according to the districts.

Class.	Tanjore.	Madura.	Trichinopoly.	South Arcot.	Tinnevely.	Salem.	Total.
Senior B.A. ..	27	1	..	1	..	..	29
Junior ..	21	1	1	..	1	..	24
Senior F.A. ..	51	..	..	..	..	..	51
Junior ..	71	..	..	..	..	1	72
Total ..		170	2	1	1	1	176

APPENDIX C.—Class of the community and social and economic condition of the students.

Class.	Native Christians.	Muhammadans.	Brahmans.	Non-Brahmans.	Rich.	Middle.	Poor.	Officials.	Petty officials.	Traders.	Landholders.	Artisans.	Coolies.	Mendicants.	Total.
Senior B.A. ..	..	..	28	1	1	23	5	9	1	2	17	..	..	..	29
Junior ..	..	..	21	3	1	17	6	4	2	..	16	1	..	1	24
Senior F.A. ..	..	..	48	2	2	41	8	11	1	2	37	..	..	..	51
Junior ..	..	..	1	66	5	59	12	16	2	2	50	..	..	2	72
Total ..	1	1	163	11	5	140	31	40	6	6	120	1	..	3	176

APPENDIX D.—Results of examinations.

Examinations.	Number applied.	Number examined.	Number passed.				Percentage for 1901.	Percentage for 1902.
			Class.					
			First.	Second.	Third.	Total.		
First Examination in Arts	47	46	2	16	..	18	30	39
B.A., English Language	25	23	..	6	..	12	57	52
„ Second Language { Tamil	10	10	1	7	1	9	100	90
„ { Sanskrit	13	13	1	1	8	10	78	78
„ Mathematics	7	7	..	1	..	1	79	14
„ History	12	10	..	3	5	8	67	80
„ Logic	4	3	..	..	1	1	60	33

APPENDIX E.—Failures in F.A.

Subject.	Number failed.	Names of officers.
English ...	5	H. S. Duncan, Esq. J. M. Hensman, Esq. Mr. Muhammad Azam Sahib. Mr. K. P. Gurusami Aiyar.
Sanskrit ...	4	Sanskrit Pandit.
Tamil ...	3	Tamil Pandit.
Mathematics ...	13	M.R.Ry. V. R. Venkataramaiyar. „ T. T. Bhavanisami Rau.
History ...	21	Messrs. K. Sundararamaiyar and K. R. Duraisami Aiyar.
Physiology ...	15	Mr. S. Narayanasami Aiyar.
Deficiency in total ...	1	

APPENDIX F.—Recreation club.

Receipts.	Amount.	Charges.	Amount.
	RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.
Balance on the 1st January 1902 ..	41 9 10	Tennis ..	125 14 0
Students' subscription ..	359 0 0	Football ..	72 8 6
Tennis ..	52 4 0	Establishment ..	45 8 0
Badminton and fives ..	1 4 0		
Interest on Savings Bank deposits ..	2 0 2		
Fines handed over to Recreation club ..	8 5 0	Balance on the 1st January 1903 ..	243 14 6
Sale of old balls, etc. ..	3 12 0		
Total ..	468 3 1	Total ..	468 3 1

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2. *Staff.*—There were several changes in the staff, the most notable of which was that which occurred in the office of Principal.

3. *Library.*—The number of volumes in the library at the beginning of the year has not been reported as required in last year's review.

4. *Strength and attendance.*—The strength of the college showed again a slight fall from 180 to 176. The mathematics section was very weak and this fact, coupled with the very poor results obtained in the B.A. degree examination, shows that the subject demands greater attention.

5. *Examinations.*—At the First examination in Arts the college achieved better success than in the previous year, though the percentage was still low; but at the B.A. degree examination the results in mathematics and logic were very disappointing, and this the Principal attributes to the generally inferior mental calibre of the students. This should have been observed at the time of the annual college examinations, and those students who were evidently unable to complete the course in the ordinary time should not have been promoted. The large number of failures in history in the F.A. examination has not been accounted for.

6. *Finance.*—Including a special charge of Rs. 448, the nature of which should be reported, the expenditure during the year was Rs. 37,062, while the receipts were Rs. 12,646. The net cost was thus Rs. 24,416 against Rs. 24,046 the previous year, and the net cost per student rose from Rs. 147 to Rs. 149.

7. The administration of the college during the year was fairly satisfactory.

(A true Extract.)

(sd) G. H. Stuart
Director of Public Instruction.

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To the Principal, Kumbakonam College, with five spare copies.

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There was a further falling off in the strength of the College which is much to be regretted, but the net cost remained almost the same as in the previous year and the average cost per pupil rose by only Rs 2. The results of the University examinations were on the whole poor and the large number of failures in history in the First. in. arts. and in mathematics and Logic in the B.a. examination re-
the Director's attention. He is requested to
quires looking into. The Director will report whether the feasibility of substituting Physical Science for Moral Science and Logic in the B.a. class has been considered as required in G.O. no. 631 vol D of 19th September 1899. If the College cannot hold its own against the

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