

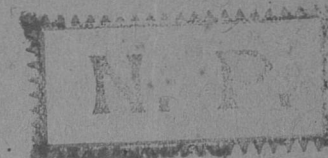
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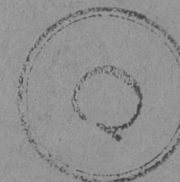
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Medical College.

Approving, with certain alterations, the revised draft of rules for the remand and dismissal of students of the Apothecary department of the —, and directing the publication of the same in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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, 26th May 1903, Ref. on C. No. 236.

In continuation of this office letter, Ref. on C. No. 236 of 1903, dated 16th instant, I have the honour to submit, for the approval of Government, a revised draft of rules for the remand and dismissal of students of the Apothecary department of the Medical College. The rules now in force are those sanctioned in G.O., No. 697, Educational, dated 7th November 1889, with a slight modification approved by Mr. Monro in 1893. But the Medical College Council considered that they should be recast and accordingly framed a fresh set of rules which have been very carefully considered both by the Principal and myself. The rules which embody the modification ordered in G.O., No. 768, dated 15th December 1902, are now submitted for the approval of Government.

2. The Hospital Assistant department having been removed from the college, it was considered desirable to have separate sets of rules for this and the Apothecary departments, and draft rules in regard to the former have been drawn up and have been referred for remarks to the Superintendents of the Medical Schools, Ráyapuram and Vizagapatam, and to Dr. Maitland. They will be submitted to Government after the remarks of these officers have been received and considered.

ORDER—No. 374, Educational, dated 8th August 1903.

The following rule will be inserted as No. 7 and the proposed rules 7 and 8 renumbered as 8 and 9 :—

“7. Students dismissed under any of the preceding rules may, if so permitted by the College Council, rejoin the college as private students after refunding all stipends previously drawn by them.”

2. The rules as thus altered are approved and will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Director of Public Instruction.
„ Surgeon-General.
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ANNEXURE.

Rules for the remand and dismissal of students in the Apothecary department of the Medical College.

1. A student who fails at the class examinations in only one subject shall undergo a re-examination in that subject at the beginning of the next session. Failure at the re-examination will entail a remand for one year. A student who fails in any practical subject shall, however, be remanded without re-examination, as he cannot undergo a practical course during the college recess. If the failure is by a student previously remanded, he shall be dismissed.

Class examinations—Failure in one subject.
2. A student who fails at the class examinations in two subjects shall be remanded for one year. If the failure is by a student previously remanded, he shall be dismissed.

Class examinations—Failure in two subjects.
3. A student who fails at the class examinations in more than two subjects shall be dismissed, whether previously remanded or not.

Class examinations—Failure in more than two subjects.
4. When a stipendiary student is remanded he may be recommended for remand either with or without stipend.

Continuance of stipend to remanded stipendiaries.
5. If a student be reported deficient in any subject of his second, third or fourth year, the Principal shall have power to exclude him from the first, second or final examination, as the case may be, before the Board. If not permitted to appear for any of the above-named examinations, he shall be dealt with according to the preceding rules for failure at the class examinations.

Withholding of permission to appear at the examinations held by the Board of Examiners.
6. A student who fails at the first, second or final examination conducted by the Board of Examiners shall be dealt with according to the rules laid down for failure at the class examinations.

Failure at the Board Examinations.
7. Students dismissed under any of the preceding rules may, if so permitted by the College Council, rejoin the college as private students after refunding all stipends previously drawn by them.
8. In the examinations conducted by the Board, failure to obtain the requisite total marks counts as failure in one subject. It shall be left to the Board of Examiners to decide in what subjects students who fail to obtain the requisite total shall be re-examined.
9. If a student be disabled by illness during his course or fails in his attendance from causes which are beyond his control and which the Principal may consider sufficient to justify exemption from dismissal, the student may be permitted to intermit his studies (without stipend in the case of stipendiary students) till the beginning of the ensuing session.

Failure from illness, etc.

[Annexure.]

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 374, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
8TH AUGUST 1903.

[SUBJECT.—*Rules for the remand and dismissal of students of the Apothecary
Department of the Medical College.*]

From the Director of Public Instruction, No. 236, dated 26th May 1903.

The rules appear to be very stringent as they provide for remand and dismissal on the results both of the class examinations as well as of the examination by the Board of Examiners. Before however they are examined in detail the Surgeon-General may be asked u.o. to favour Government with such remarks as he may have to offer on them.

P. T. THARYAN—29-5-03.

A. T. PRINGLE—1-6-03.

A. G. CARDEW—1-6-03.

To the Surgeon-General.

As these rules have been framed by officers with practical experience in teaching and examining, of which I have had none, I would advise their acceptance as they stand. To me, the uninitiated, rule 3 looks somewhat drastic, nor do I grasp the object of rule 5. In the latter case why should the Board of Examiners not be left to deal with the student without interference on the part of the Principal?

D. SINCLAIR—17-6-03.

The Surgeon-General advises that the rules may be accepted as they stand but at the same time thinks that rules 3 and 5 are open to objection.

2. It is submitted that whatever rules the Director and the College authorities with the sanction of Government make in regard to the Apothecary department must correspond with the rules made by the University in regard to the L. M. & S. and the M. B. & C. M. department. At present a candidate for either of these degrees or for the various intermediate university examinations in connection with them can appear as many times as he has money and energy or perseverance enabling him to do so. There seems therefore to be no valid reason why the candidates for the apothecary's diploma should not be allowed to do the same. The apothecary students are taught with the L.M. & S. students.

3. The only point against the apothecary students is that they are almost entirely stipendiary students receiving stipends from the Madras (Military), Straits Settlements or other Governments or from the Dufferin fund or from some local body. Some of them are exempted from the examination rules for admission to the College. It seems therefore sufficient that for failure in one or two subjects or in total marks either in the class examinations or in the examinations by the Board of Examiners

they shall be remanded once (in each class), with or without stipends as the College authorities consider necessary and that for subsequent failures or for failure in more than two subjects they should cease to be stipendiaries and forfeit the exemption, if any, granted to them. If they wish to continue their studies afterwards as private students and are qualified to do so they may be permitted to do it provided they refund all scholarships previously drawn by them. No restriction need be placed on private students. If this suggestion is approved the Director may be asked u.o. what he and the College authorities have to say on it.

4. If it is not approved it is submitted that the draft rules 3 and 5 should go out, the words "or more" being inserted between "two" and "subjects" in line 2 of rule 2. Rule 1 should also provide for a student who fails only in one subject after a remand for failure in two or more subjects: a further remand in that case may be allowed.

P. T. THARYAN—20-6-03.

The Director of Public Instruction may be asked to favour us with his opinion and that of the College authorities on the proposal to allow students to continue to appear as private students, as above suggested.

A. G. CARDEW—20-6-03.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

The Principal, Medical College, strongly opposes the suggestion that a remand should be allowed once in each class. It is, he says, "quite out of the question. It might mean in individual cases, that a student would take eight years before passing his final examination and would tend to encourage the production of the so-called 'chronic,' an individual of very undesirable character, who used in former days to be well known at all medical schools. . . . Apart from other considerations, it would be hard upon the stipending bodies to ask them to contribute year after year to the medical education of a person who even if he ultimately passed, could never do them any credit in after years".

I agree with Col. Maitland.

2. As to the suggestion that a student should be allowed to continue in the College as a private student after failure as a stipendiary the Principal remarks that it is essential in all cases that the College Council should first decide whether it is desirable that the student should be allowed this privilege. If it is obvious to the members of the College Council that the student will not benefit by any further training it is of no use allowing him to continue to waste both time and money. It would also be necessary to consult the original stipending bodies as to whether they would employ such a student, should he ultimately pass.

3. I do not think the matter is of much practical importance, as few if any students would apply for permission to read as private candidates if they were compelled as a preliminary to refund all stipends previously drawn by them. Private students do not appear for the Medical Board Examinations; they go in for the university course ending with the L.M. & S. I would not however object to some such rule as this:

A "Students dismissed under any of the preceding rules may, if so permitted by the College Council, rejoin the College as private students after refunding all stipends previously drawn by them." But I would very much object to any rule which would enable a lazy and undesirable student to remain in the College as long as he chose to pay the fees. There is no such rule in any institution. It is true that a candidate is allowed by the University to appear as many times as he likes for the L.M. & S. examination; but such a candidate cannot claim to rejoin the Medical College after each failure.

4. I consider rule 3 should stand: a student who fails in three subjects after a year's study is not likely to get to the end of the four years' course successfully; and it is a kindness to him to dismiss him at once.

Rule 1 does provide for the case of a student who fails in one subject after a remand for any cause: he is to be dismissed. This provision should also be retained.

The Principal agrees with me in the above two recommendations.

5. The Surgeon-General objects to draft rule 5. There was a similar rule for Hospital Assistants which I have now struck out leaving it to the Medical Board alone to decide on the merits of students. The Medical College authorities have however always strongly insisted on the necessity of a preliminary judgment being passed by the College Council on candidates before permitting them to appear for examination by the Medical Board of Examiners. I have therefore included a provision for this among the draft rules.

There is of course a similar provision in the case of the university examinations; a candidate for the L.M. & S. examination has to produce a certificate that his conduct and progress have been satisfactory; and the Principal if he is not satisfied on these points may refuse to grant the certificate. I am not however much in love with the rule and think no great harm can be done by omitting it.

6. There is no necessity for any rigid correspondence between these rules and the university rules for L.M. & S. students.

G. H. STUART—25-7-03.

With reference to the Director's remarks at B *supra*, rule 5 may be struck out and the rule suggested at A on page 2 may be added with the proviso that the students in question are educationally qualified to continue their studies.

P. T. THARYAN—31-7-03.

Personally, I would lean to the side of severity; it is of comparatively trifling consequence that a student, who, from laziness or inability to grasp a subject, is unable to compete with his fellows at a period—that following his first year—when the novelty of the surroundings or nervousness or other deterrent may be expected to wear off, should be forced to earn his employment elsewhere than in medicine or surgery. Why should lazy or incapable persons of this sort be turned loose on the public? In the case of the L. M. & S. degree, where any number of "shots" are allowed, Mr. Tharyan, the advocate of leniency on the present occasion, has just told me of a suggestive instance in which a man who struggled in at his eighth attempt prescribed cod-liver oil for a baby. I do not wonder: a man of that kind would be capable of most things. And these "chronics" (as it is said they are called) in the apothecary and hospital assistants classes would in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred be better engaged than in poisoning people. I venture to urge the retention of rule 5 and would not allow the incapable stipendiaries the chance of passing by some fluke or other as private students.

A. T. PRINGLE—31-7-03.

"Chronics" ought not to be allowed, but the discretion as to whether a student should have another chance or not should vest, it seems to me, in the College authorities, and should not be fixed by an undeviating rule. In such cases at home it is always for the College to decide whether an undergraduate or student shall be allowed to try again. I have known very worthy people who have been ploughed more than once, and who being allowed to try again, have passed and become excellent pastors and the like. It is impossible to lay down with safety an absolute rule for all such cases, the power to pass examinations not being equal in all, and the Principal of the College, with his Council, is the proper authority to adjudicate. They may re-admit the pains-taking, but stupid, candidate who has honestly done his best and failed, while they may exclude the negligent and unsatisfactory student. In rule 1—at the end—I would therefore propose to read "shall be liable, at the discretion of Council, to be dismissed." Rules 2 and 3 the same, and I would introduce the rule proposed by the Director of Public Instruction at A.

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J. T. [HOMSON].

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A. G. CARDEW—4-8-03.

The draft rules, I understand, vest decision in the Principal. The Secretary's idea is to make dismissal under rules 1, 2 and 3 dependent on the Council's order.

These rules will have been submitted by the Principal to the Council under rule 6 (page 9 of the Calendar) and I assume the Council has accepted them. I assume also that the Principal would in every case affecting a student have before him the reports of each professor; but since the Council has accepted the rules and they are distinct as to the grounds for dismissal "the discretion of the Council" would be either ineffective or if exercised in favour of the defaulting student would nullify the rule.

2. I think we had better accept them. "Chronics" are not persons to be tolerated, and the intelligence and skill of an officer of the apothecary class should have that irreducible minimum which the rules will enforce.

3. The rule at A of the Director's note is harmless apparently and will provide all the relief from severity to which the rules may appear open.

J. T[HOHSON]—5-8-03.

The draft placed below may issue.

P. T. THARYAN—6-8-03.

A. T. PRINGLE—6-8-03.

A. G. CARDEW—7-8-03.

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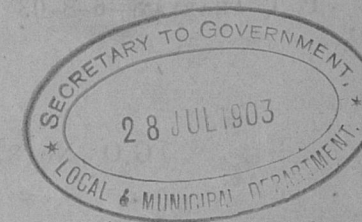
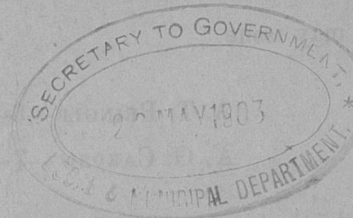
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[Designation] Director of Public Instruction,

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Your most obedient servant,

G. H. Stueck

Director of Public Instruction,

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C. No. 862, From the SP9, No. 236, dated 26-5- 1903

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ORDER

No. 374, dated 8-8-1903

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