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[Despatch Abstract.]

Medical College

Directing the continuance for three years of the class for Chemists & Druggists in the — substituting the Lower Secondary ex. for the Matriculation as the entrance test for admission to that class.

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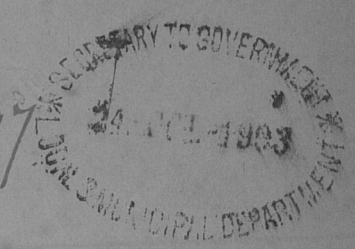
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From

[Name] The Hon'ble Mr. G. H. Stuart, M.A.,

[Designation] Director of Public Instruction,

[Station] Madras.

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R. C. No. 6383 of 03.

Dated 23rd OCTOBER 1903.

Enclosures 2

Received 24th October 1903.

Registered 26th October 1903.

SUBJECT.

Submitting report called for regarding the suggestion to close the Chemist and Druggist department of the Medical College and the separation of the Apothecary section from the College section for purposes of instruction.

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To

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The Secretary to Government,
Educational Department.

Sir,

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ms 5-10-03
With reference to para 4 of G.O. No. 348, Educational, dated 22nd July last I have the honour to submit the enclosed copy of a letter from the Principal, Medical College, No. 246, dated 24th August 1903 forwarding a resolution of the College Council advocating the continuance of the Chemist and Druggist class but recommending that the Lower Secondary Examination be substituted for the Matriculation Examination as the entrance test. The Principal supports these proposals and the Surgeon-General to whom the Principal's letter was referred states that "for reasons given by LT. Col. Maitland the recommendation of the College Council to lower the educational standard may be given effect to as an experimental measure for a period of three years, at the end of which, the question of the retention or abolition of the Chemist and Druggist class can be decided". I beg to support the recommendation of the Surgeon-General. As no class was formed this session for want of candidates no expenditure will be incurred on it during the current year.

2. As regards the question of separating the College and apothecary departments referred to in the same para. of the G.O. quoted above I have the honour to subjoin the Resolution of the College Council on the subject:-

"The Council is of opinion that it is not practicable to separate the apothecary section from the college section in lectures and class examinations."

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The reasons in support of this resolution are given in the enclosed copy of the Principal's letter No. 278 dated 11th September last. I do not agree with the Principal in his remarks in para 2 of his letter. It is not so much a difference of intelligence as a difference in the amount of knowledge possessed at entrance by the two classes of students that makes their separation ~~desirable~~ in lectures and class examinations desirable. Besides it is only fair to the students themselves and I may add to Government also which spends a great deal of money on their training, that ^{the} arrangements for their instruction should not be hampered by any circumstances that render efficient instruction impossible. I am for these reasons decidedly of opinion that the separation of the college and apothecary sections both for instruction and examinations should be effected if Government is prepared to defray the necessary additional expenditure on increased staff and accommodation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. A. Scott

For Director of Public Instruction.

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No. 246.

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Madras Medical College, 58P

24th August 1903.

From

Lieut. Colomel. J. Maitland, M.D., I.M.S., 4

Principal, Medical College.

To

The Director of Public Instruction,

M a d r a s.

Sir,

Referring to paragraph 2 of your Proceedings Dis No. 4217, dated 6th July 1903, I have the honour to give below the Resolution passed at the meeting of the College Council on the 19th inst, on the suggestion to close the Chemist and Druggist department of the college--

" The Council is strongly of opinion that the class of Chemists and Druggists should be maintained; but it considers that the standard of admission should be lowered, the Lower secondary being substituted for the Matriculation. The latter examination is an unnecessarily high standard for Chemists and Druggists"

With reference to the above resolution I have ascertained from one of the leading Chemists in Madras, whom I have consulted, that one of the main reasons for the paucity of candidates for the Chemist and Druggist class is the preliminary qualification that is required.

P The Chemist in question says " many an intelligent youth who is unable to matriculate would make a good Chemist". This was also the view of the Committee who were appointed in 1895 to revise the curriculum for the Chemist and Druggist class . The Committee recommended the substitution of the Lower Secondary Examination, but Government would not consent. I think that there can be no manner of doubt that the Committee were right, and in this the College Council agree with me.

With reference to the question of abolishing the Chemist and Druggist class, the Chemist to whom I referred was very strongly of opinion that the course should be continued. He stated that he

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himself employed 10 men who were trained in the Madras Medical College, and these "have proved themselves most capable assistants, and are preferable to the imported Chemist"; and he also stated that he had frequently had applications from other parts of India for Madras trained men.

There is another cogent reason for continuing to train Chemists and Druggists. At present many of the second rate firms of Chemists in Madras employ either persons holding the L.M.S. degree or men who have no qualifications at all. It is to be hoped that in course of time it will be possible for Government to pass an Act to regulate the conduct of pharmaceutical business and to prohibit the employment of any unqualified men. Bearing this in mind it would not be wise policy to discontinue the training of Chemists and Druggists.

I have the honour to be, &c.

Signed/ J. Maitland, Lieut. Col. M.D. I.M.S.,
Principal.

(True Copy)

J. Maitland

For Director of Public Instruction.

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No. 278.

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Madras Medical College.
11th September 1903.

From

The Principal,

Medical College,

Madras,

To

The Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

Sir,

In reply to your Reference on C.No. 6434 of 03, dated the 7th instant, I have the honour to state that were the instruction of the Apothecary Department separated from that of the College Department, the whole course of instruction would have to be doubled. For example, at the present time, from 14 to 15 classes are held every day, with the exception of Wednesday. If the separation of the two departments were effected, from 23 to 24 classes would have to be held on those days of the week. I need hardly say that neither would the staff of lectures have sufficient time to carry on such a large number of classes, nor are there a sufficient number of class-rooms in the College to accommodate so many classes.

2. I may add that when the College Council considered this question, they came to the conclusion that, even had it been feasible to give separate instruction to these two departments, but little benefit would result, because just as great differences, in regard to intelligence, are found to exist between the different classes of the College Department, as between the latter and the Apothecary Department. For example, many of the L.M.S students are just as deficient ⁱⁿ intelligence and general knowledge as the worst of the Apothecary Department, whilst on the other hand some of the best of the latter would be able to hold their own in the M.B. class.

3. It will be gathered from what has been said above that the College Council was of opinion not only that it would not be feasible to separate the two departments, but also that it would not be desirable to do so.

4. I may further add that this question has many times been informally discussed at Council meetings, and there has always been a consensus of opinion that any change in the present system was undesirable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) J. Maitland, M.D.,

Principal, Medical College.

(True Copy)

J. A. Scott

For Director of Public Instruction.

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The Government accept the recom-
mendation of the College Council that
the class for Chemists and Druggists ^{should} be
continued, ~~but~~ ^{and} that the standard of
admission ^{should} be lowered, ~~as suggested~~
~~by the Surgeon General, however, with~~
~~the concurrence of the Director, the~~
lower secondary examination is
being substituted for the practical
as the entrance test, ^{but} ~~which~~ ^{is} ~~as an~~
experimental ~~measure~~ ^{that} for the
years. At the end of ~~that~~ period
the question of the further conti-
nuance of the class will again be
considered.

Considered.

2. The reasons given by the Director for separating the college and apothecary departments. both for instruction and examination do not appear to be ^{enough} strong ^{as} to justify the large expenditure which such a course ^{would} render necessary, and the Govt. agrees with the college Council that ~~it is not~~ ^{such separation is} desirable.

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