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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. 2431 dated 9th May 1904 reviewing the report on the working of the Kumbakonam College during 1903.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

S. Sathumadham
Director of Public Instruction.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, dated 9th May 1904.

Kumbakonam College.

Read the following letter from S. SATHIANADHAN, Esq., Acting Principal, Government College, Kumbakonam, to the Director, Public Instruction, Madras, dated 15th March 1904, No. 82:—

I have the honour to submit the following report on the working of the College for the calendar year 1903.

2. *Changes in the staff.*—Mr. H. S. Duncan was made permanent Principal of the College on the 17th November 1903. He was absent on furlough throughout the year and the College was in charge of Mr. J. M. Hensman during the year under report. There were several changes in the College staff. Mr. Muhammad Azam Sahib, B.A., joined the College on the 1st May 1903 as acting lecturer, and M.R.Ry. V. R. Venkata-ramaiyar was transferred to the Inspectorate. Mr. P. V. Seshu Aiyar, B.A., was appointed to act as third assistant lecturer to do the mathematical work that had been done by Mr. V. R. Venkata-ramaiyar; but he fell ill, and was unable to join the appointment till September. A mathematics graduate M.R.Ry. T. K. Venkata-ramaiyar, B.A., was appointed temporarily from 10th August to 13th September. It will be seen, therefore, that the College was short-handed for some time so far as mathematical teaching was concerned. Mr. A. Arulanandham, who was acting as fourth assistant lecturer, was transferred to the Teachers' College with effect from the 1st May 1903. M.R.Ry. V. Saminadhaiyar, the Tamil pandit, after a distinguished service extending over 23 years, was transferred to the Presidency College on the 9th November 1903, and M.R.Ry. V. M. Satagoparamanujachariyar was appointed in his place on the 23rd November 1903. There were several changes in the position of the lecturers and assistant lecturers which I have not referred to. The frequent changes in the staff must have caused considerable dislocation of work, but the changes were, I believe, unavoidable.

3. *Strength.*—The tabular statement below shows the strength of the College during the years 1902 and 1903:—

	Number on rolls on the 31st December.									
	1902.					1903.				
	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	29	24	..	..	53	31	20	..	..	51
Language branch	25	24	..	..	..	24	20	..	..	..
Second language	23	24	..	..	..	22	20	..	..	..
Mathematics	7	3	..	..	..	6	5	..	..	..
History	12	17	..	..	..	12	10	..	..	..
Logic	4	4	..	..	..	3	4	..	..	..
F.A. Course—										
Total strength	..	..	51	72	123	..	..	82	64	146
Total	..	..	..	..	176	..	..	..	..	197

The total strength advanced from 176 to 197, the increase being confined to the F.A. classes. The junior B.A. class was not so strong as in the previous year, but as has been pointed out in the previous reports, the strength of this class depends a great deal upon the results of the First in Arts examination as a whole. Mr. J. M. Hensman, in his report for 1902, referred to the underselling in the matter of fees as likely to affect the strength of the B.A. classes; but the present strength of the B.A. classes (70) and that of the College as a whole (231) do not point to any such result. So far, there is reason to think that the strength of the College is on the increase. The History branch attracts the largest number of students, next comes Mathematics and then Mental and Moral Science.

Ninety-two per cent. of the students are Brahmans, and they are mostly the sons of petty landholders. As might be expected, Tanjore furnished the largest number of pupils to the College; for out of 197, only five were from other districts. I have no doubt that when the hostel is completed, the College will attract a larger number of pupils from other districts.

4. *Examinations, College.*—Promotions to the second and fourth classes were regulated by examinations held at the end of the year. As many as seven were kept down in the junior F.A. and three in the junior B.A.—one in Mathematics, one in English and one in History. Besides the annual examinations for promotion, half-yearly examinations were held to test the progress of the students. There were also special examinations for awarding certain College prizes and scholarships.

University.—For the First in Arts examination 80 were sent up, and of these, 48 or 60 per cent. passed. The percentage of passes was much higher than that of the previous year, and also compares very favourably with that for the Presidency as a whole (45.7 per cent.). In Physiology there were only seven failures as against 15 in the previous year. The number of failures in Mathematics was more than in the previous year, owing to the College having worked short-handed in this subject. Fifteen passed in the English language branch of the B.A. Degree examination out of 23 examined. This result is also an improvement on the previous year, and is above the average for the Presidency which was only 62.6 per cent. The History results were splendid. All the eleven that appeared passed, six being placed in the second class. In Mental and Moral Science three appeared and one passed, and in Mathematics six appeared and two passed. I have already alluded to the disadvantage which the College was labouring under during the year in regard to mathematical teaching.

5. *College prizes and scholarships.*—The following students have been awarded the Beauchamp and Muppanar's prizes:—

K. S. Krishnasami	(Morris' medal.
Do.	Beauchamp and Muppanar's prize (English composition).
G. Ramudu	Beauchamp and Muppanar's prize (Mathematics).
S. Krishnamurthi	Do. do. (History).
S. Subrahmanyam	Do. do. (Logic).

The Subrahmanyam scholarships were held by—

B.A. class.	F.A. class.
(1) G. Ramudu	S. K. Kasinathan.
(2) S. Ramannujam	K. Narayanaswami.

The Edward Bird scholarship was held by K. Srinivasan.

6. The lecturers have sent in their reports regarding the working of the tutorial system, and I find that it has worked satisfactorily. The discipline of the College seems to have been well maintained during the year.

7. The services of the non-gazetted officers have been verified.

8. The students seem to take a lively interest in out-door games. It is quite a sight to see almost all of them on the playground after the College is over. Tennis, foot-ball and cricket are the most popular games.

9. The recreation club is in a flourishing condition judging from the finances (*vide* Appendix F).

10. The assistant lecturers take it in turns to superintend the gymnastic instruction, and this helps to keep up this part of the work of the College in an efficient condition.

APPENDIX E

Failures in F.A.

Subject.	Number failed.	Names of officers.
English	18	{ J. M. Hensman, Esq. Mr. Muhammad Azam Sahib.
Sanskrit	7	{ M.R.Ry. K. P. Gurusami Aiyar. Sanskrit Pandit.
Tamil	3	{ Tamil Pandit.
Mathematics	22	{ M.R.Ry. Duraisami Aiyar. " P. V. Seshu Aiyar. " Bhavanisami Rau.
History	17	{ M.R.Ry. Sundararamaiyar. " Duraisami Aiyar.
Physiology	7	{ M.R.Ry. S. Narayanasami Aiyar. " Bhavanisami Rau.
Deficiency in Total ...	2	

APPENDIX F.

Recreation Club.

Receipts.	Amount.	Charges.	Amount.
Balance on the 1st January 1903	RS. A. P. 224 4 7	Tennis	RS. A. P. 126 8 0
Students' subscription	400 0 0	Football including the cost of the two Tanjore matches	1 6 0 0
Tennis do.	48 4 0	Badminton and fines	0 6 0
Badminton and fines subscription	5 10 0	Cricket	5 15 0
Interest on Savings Bank deposits	4 2 0	Establishment	42 0 0
Sale of old ball, etc.	0 8 0		
		Balance on the 1st January 1904	300 13 0
Total	682 12 7		381 15 7
		Total	682 12 7

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2. *Staff*.—There were several unavoidable changes in the staff, but they were confined to the assistants.

3. *Strength and attendance*.—The total strength of the college increased from 176 to 197, but the increase was almost entirely confined to the senior F.A. class. The Mathematics section as well as the Philosophy section of the B.A. classes showed no improvement in strength.

4. *Examinations*.—The results obtained at the First Examination in Arts showed considerable improvement, 60 per cent. having passed against 39 in the previous year. The results in the Language division of the B.A. degree examinations except in Sanskrit were also better than those of the previous year, but in mathematics and logic, the results continued to be unsatisfactory. Considering the smallness of these two sections, better results ought to have been produced, especially in the logic section the staff of which remained unchanged throughout the year.

5. *Library*.—Both the students and the members of the staff appear to have made good use of the library to which 308 new volumes were added during the year.

6. *Finance*.—The total expenditure during the year was Rs. 31,800, while the receipts amounted to Rs. 13,923. The net cost was thus Rs. 17,877 against Rs. 24,416 in the previous year, and the net cost per student consequently fell from Rs. 149 to Rs. 96.

7. *The Recreation Club and other Societies*.—The several societies connected with the College worked well, as also the tutorial system which has long been in operation.

8. The administration of the college during the year under report was satisfactory.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) A. G. BOURNE,
Director of Public Instruction.

To the Principal, Kumbakonam College,
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" the Inspector of Schools, Southern Circle.
" the Assistant Inspector of Schools, Tanjore-Trichinopoly division.

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Director of Public Instruction.

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2. There was an advance in the strength of the College and the results of the several university examinations were on the whole better than in 1902 and satisfactory except in the case of the Mathematics & Logic divisions of the B.A. degree examination. Efforts should be made to improve the teaching in these subjects. ~~It was~~
3. The net cost per student fell from Rs 149 to Rs 96.
4. The Govt agree with the Director in considering that the Administration of the College during the year was

Satisfactory.

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