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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From the Hon'ble Mr. A. G. BOURNE, D.Sc., F.R.S., Director of Public Instruction, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Madras, 16th May 1904, C. No. 4444.

I have the honour to submit, for the information of Government, a copy of my Proceedings, Dis. No. 2094, dated 22nd April 1904, reviewing the report on the working of the Law College during 1903.

ENCLOSURE.

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, Dis. No. 2094, dated 22nd April 1904.

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, Madras, dated 10th March 1904, No. 29:—

I have the honour to submit my annual report on the Law College for the year 1903.

Staff.—No changes occurred in the college staff, during the year under report. The services of the special lecturer were continued until 31st December 1903—*vide* your letter cited in G.O., No. 715, Educational, dated 18th November 1902.

2. Accommodation.—The question of providing a suitable play-ground which was deferred by Government for consideration until 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), has not been disposed of. The provision of a suitable play-ground for the students has long been needed and could, it would seem, easily be met by appropriating to the use of the college a portion of the waste land lying to the south of the college between it and the railway. Other portions of this land have been similarly appropriated to the use of other institutions.

3. The College Council.—The Council did not meet during the year, there being nothing to call for any meeting.

4. Numbers.—The number of students on the college rolls on the 31 December 1903 was as follows, the figures for previous year being also appended for comparison:—

Class.	Number on 31st December.	
	1903.	1902.
Senior B.L. class	205	73
Junior B.L. class	156	204
Pleadership class	14	15
Total	375	292

The average number on the rolls was 373 in 1903 as against 309 in 1902, and the average daily attendance was 298 as against 247 in 1902. The strength of the college thus showed an increase of 83 on the total of the year 1902 and an increase of 76 on the number of 1901 though there are now only two B.L. classes. In this connection I may add that since the 31st December the numbers have risen to 382—the present strength.

The number of students on the 31st December 1903 arranged by the classes of the community to which they belonged is shown in Appendix A. The figures of 1902 are 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, the figures for the year 1902 being also appended.

The distribution of students on 31st December 1903 according to the districts from which they were drawn is shown in Appendix C, the figures for 1902 being noted for comparison.

5. Examination results—(i) University Law examinations—(a) B.L. degree examination, January 1903.—At this examination 68 students appeared *direct* from the college and 48 or a percentage of 70.6 were successful as against 68.6 in 1902. The figures for this and the last four examinations are shown in Appendix D.

(b) First examination in Law, December 1903.—At this examination 152 students appeared from the college *direct* and 91 passed, giving a successful percentage of 59.9 as against 64.4 and 70.9 respectively in May and December examinations, 1902. The figures for this and the last five examinations are shown in Appendix E.

(ii) Pleadership examination, January 1903.—Appendix F shows the results of this examination, the figures of the four previous examinations being also added for comparison.

6. Library.—The number of volumes in the library on the 31st December 1903 was 2,070 as against 1,939 on the same date in 1902. Of the 131 volumes added to the library, 17 volumes were put in the lending section and the remaining 114 volumes in the consulting section. Of the latter number four are the latest editions of standard works, the editions they replaced being transferred to the lending section.

Use of Library.

	Number of consultations.		Number of books lent.	
	1903.	1902.	1903.	1902.
Students	3,642	3,365	2,937	2,469
Staff	1,307	1,753	28	41
Total	4,949	5,118	2,965	2,510

The great advance made in the use of both sections of the library in 1902 has, it will be observed, been considerably increased upon during 1903.

7. Scholarships—(i) Morehead Law scholarship.—The holder of this scholarship for 1903 was M. S. Srinivasan who was awarded the scholarship in your Proceedings, Dis. No. 1220, dated 24th February 1903, he having stood highest in the First examination in Law of May 1902.

(ii) College scholarships under the old rule XI (1).—The holder of this scholarship, V. Sessa Aiyar, continued to hold the scholarship during the year. Under the new scholarship rules the scholarship sanctioned for other than a Muhammadan or Uriya student for 1903 was awarded to M. Sadasiva Rau who of the college candidate took the highest place in the F.L. examination of December 1902. The other scholarship remained vacant during the year, there being no Muhammadan or Uriya student entitled to it.

8. Financial summary.—The following summary shows the receipts and expenditure during the year 1903 compared with the receipts and expenditure since the establishment of the college in 1891. It will be seen that the surplus for 1903 is with one exception (1895-96) the highest on record:—

Year.	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Surplus.	Deficit.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1891-92	30,324	23,971	6,353	
1892-93	42,832	27,458	15,362	
1893-94	54,610	41,413	13,197	
1894-95	59,960	38,984	20,976	
1895-96	67,337	41,427	25,910	
1896-97	65,830	42,644	23,186	
1897-98	59,567	51,370	8,197	
1898-99	50,628	49,590	1,038	
1899-1900	28,391	46,620		18,229
1900 calendar year—9 months from 1st April.	16,800	30,932		14,132
1901 calendar year	37,765	37,027	738	
1902	48,150	31,168	16,982	
1903	(a) 69,889	(b) 44,607	25,282	
Total	6,32,083	5,07,211	1,57,221	32,361

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

9. *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.

10. *Conclusion.*—The high standard of success attained by the college candidates in the B.L. degree examinations in 1901 and 1902 was well maintained in 1903 and it was the same with the Pleaders' examination. In the F.L. examination, 1903, there was a falling off of 11 per cent. on the passes of 1902. On the whole I do not think that the high percentage of success attained in the F.L. and B.L. examinations during the past few years under the old three years' course can be maintained under the reduced course, and this will be specially the case in the degree examination. A one year course for that examination is very short and only the best students can reasonably hope to pass. The two years' course affords a chance to all to secure their Law degree in two years, but in the majority of cases, possibly a large majority, the course of study for the degree examination will have to be supplemented by a year's further private study. It is not a question of the college not being able to afford the full amount of instruction needed. It is a question of the ability of students to assimilate the instruction in so short a time.

Everything worked smoothly during the year under review and I must express my thanks to the members of the staff for their able assistance.

APPENDIX A.

Distribution of students according to classes of the community.

Classes of community.	Senior B.L. class.	Junior B.L. class.	Pleadership class.	Total for 1903.	Total for 1902.
Europeans and Eurasians	1	1	..	2	2
Native Christians	9	2	..	11	10
Muhammadans	..	5	..	5	1
Hindus .. { Brahmans	155	124	12	291	225
Non-Brahman Caste Hindus	40	23	2	65	54
Others (Jew)	..	1	..	1	..
Total ..	205	156	14	375	292

APPENDIX B.

Distribution of students according to the occupation of their parents or guardians.

Classes.	Officials.	Traders.	Land-holders.	Others.	Total.
Senior B.L. class	77	6	106	16	205
Junior B.L. class	65	7	69	15	156
Pleadership class	6	..	7	1	14
Total for 1903 ..	148	13	182	32	375
„ for 1902 ..	101	14	158	19	292

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

Classes.	Richer classes.	Middle classes.	Poorer classes.	Total.
Senior B.L. class	20	179	6	205
Junior B.L. class	10	139	7	156
Pleadership class	..	13	1	14
Total for 1903 ..	30	331	14	375
„ for 1902 ..	24	255	13	292

Vaccination.

Classes.	Vaccinated whether small-pox marked or not.	Small-pox marked only.	Unprotected.	Total.
Senior B.L. class	173	32	..	205
Junior B.L. class	125	31	..	156
Pleadership class	9	5	..	14
Total for 1903 ..	307	68	..	375
„ for 1902 ..	219	73	..	292

APPENDIX C.

Distribution of students according to the districts to which they belonged.

	B.L. classes.		Pleadership class.	Total for 1903.	Total for 1902.	Remarks.
	Senior.	Junior.				
Ganjám	4	2	..	6	7	— 1
Vizagapatam	6	7	1	14	8	+ 6
Górávari	10	6	1	17	20	— 3
Kistna	6	1	..	8	6	+ 2
Kurnool	1	..	..	1	3	— 2
Nellore	2	2	1	5	7	— 2
Cuddapah	2	..	..	2	..	+ 2
Anantapur	2	1	..	3	1	+ 2
Bellary	1	1	..	2	1	+ 1
Madras	22	15	..	37	18	+ 19
Chingleput	3	8	..	11	9	+ 2
North Arcot	11	5	2	18	17	+ 1
South Arcot	8	4	1	13	9	+ 4
Tanjore	30	24	..	54	44	+ 10
Trichinopoly	9	5	1	15	12	+ 3
Madura	6	14	3	23	13	+ 10
Tinnevely	10	11	..	21	17	+ 4
Coimbatore	8	4	2	14	16	— 2
Salem	6	7	..	13	3	+ 10
South Canara	6	4	..	10	9	+ 1
Malabar	21	15	1	37	33	+ 4
Travancore	4	..	..	4	5	— 1
Cochin	5	2	..	7	6	+ 1
Mysore	19	15	..	34	24	+ 10
Hyderabad (Deccan)	1	2	..	3	1	+ 2
Pudukkottai	2	1	..	3	3	..
Total ..	205	156	14	375	292	

APPENDIX D.

Results of the B.L. degree examination.

	Examined.	Passed.	Percentage.
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
1903 .. { From Law College	68	48	70.6
Other candidates	218	103	47.2
Total ..	286	151	52.8

APPENDIX E.

Results of the First examination in Law.

				Examined.	Passed.	Percentage.
1899	{ From Law College Other candidates	..	..	214	63	29.4
		..	..	244	53	21.7
	Total	..	..	458	116	25.3
1900	{ From Law College Other candidates	..	..	83	63	75.9
		..	..	319	161	50.5
	Total	..	..	402	224	55.7
1901	{ From Law College Other candidates	..	..	78	55	70.5
		..	..	202	103	50.99
	Total	..	..	280	158	56.4
1902 May.	{ From Law College Other candidates	..	..	59	38	64.4
		..	..	118	43	36.4
	Total	..	..	177	81	45.8
1902 Dec.	{ From Law College Other candidates	..	..	199	141	70.9
		..	..	137	66	48.2
	Total	..	..	336	207	61.6
1903 Dec.	{ From Law College Other candidates	..	..	152	91	59.9
		..	..	169	61	36.1
	Total	..	..	321	152	47.3

APPENDIX F.

Results of the Pleaderships examination.

				Examined.		Passed.		Percentage.	
				First grade.	Second grade.	First grade.	Second grade.	First grade.	Total passes.
1899	{ From Law College Other candidates	..	..	35	..	7	18	19.4	69.4
		..	..	133	..	13	53	9.7	49.6
	Total	..	..	169	..	20	71	11.8	53.8
1900	{ From Law College Other candidates	..	..	15	..	1	1	..	6.6
		..	..	85	100	..	24	1.2	13.5
	Total	..	..	200	..	1	25	1.2	13.0
1901	{ From Law College Other candidates	..	..	9	1	1	5	11.1	60.0
		..	..	80	91	9	79	11.25	51.5
	Total	..	..	89	92	10	84	5.5	51.9
1902	{ From Law College Other candidates	..	..	19	1	7	7	36.8	70.0
		..	..	45	158	9	72	20.0	39.9
	Total	..	..	64	159	16	79	25.0	42.6
1903	{ From Law College Other candidates	..	..	7	1	2	4	28.6	75.0
		..	..	77	118	16	76	20.8	47.2
	Total	..	..	84	119	18	80	21.4	43.3

Proceedings Dis. No. 2094 of 1904.

Accommodation.—The provision of a play-ground for the college should be made the subject of a separate communication.

2. *Library.*—The library received an addition of 131 volumes during the year, and there was a large increase in the number of books taken out or consulted by the students, which however is accounted for by the increase in the strength of the college. The average number of books used by a student was not greater than in the previous year.

3. *Strength and attendance.*—The marked increase in the strength of the senior B.L. class is due to the large number in the junior B.L. class last year, viz., 204. The number joining the junior B.L. class this year fell to 156. The number of Europeans and Eurasians remained very small. The number of Muhammadans rose from one to five.

4. *Examinations.*—The results of the B.L. and Pleaderships examinations of January 1903 were satisfactory, but those of the First examination in Law of December 1903 deteriorated, the percentage of passes being the lowest since the year 1900.

5. *Finance.*—The financial condition of the college during the year was very satisfactory, the closing surplus balance being Rs. 25,282 against Rs. 16,982 for the preceding year. The fee receipts during the year were the highest on record since the establishment of the college in 1891.

6. The Principal and the staff deserve to be congratulated on the successful administration of the college during the year.

A. G. BOURNE,
Director of Public Instruction.

To the Principal, Law College, with 20 spare copies.

„ Principals of other Government Colleges.

„ President, College Council, with a spare copy.

„ Honourable the Chief Justice,

„ Honourable the Advocate-General, } with C.L.

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Public Instruction in other Provinces, for information.

Copy to Government, with C.L.

ORDER—No. 353, Educational, dated 8th June 1904.

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2. With reference to paragraph 3 of the report it is observed that under No. 3 of the College rules the Council should have met at least once a quarter. The Director of Public Instruction is requested to invite the attention of the President of the Council to the matter. Even if there is no specific business for special consideration it is desirable that the Council should meet to hear the report of the Principal on the state of affairs.

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
Editors' Table.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 353, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
8TH JUNE 1904.

[SUBJECT.—*Law College Report for 1903.*]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 16th May 1904, No. 4444.

The draft placed below is submitted for approval.

P. T. THARYAN—25-5-04.

If the papers about the play-ground are not here, send for them.

A. GALLETTI—26-5-04.

The papers about the play-ground for the Law College have been obtained and are put up. Please see G.Os., No. 513, Educational, dated 7th August 1899; No. 698, Educational, dated 13th October 1899; and No. 181, Educational, dated 27th March 1902; also G.O., No. 3360 W., dated 28th November 1902.

RAMAN UNNI NAYAR—1-6-04.

The boundary wall is still under construction.

P.T.T.—1-6-04.

His Excellency the Governor seems to have been dealing with the question of the play-ground himself in the Public Works department.

A.G.—1-6-04.

H. D. TAYLOR—2-6-04.

I can't find the order showing the present constitution of the Council.

G. S. F[ORBES]—3-6-04.

Please put up.

H.D.T.—4-6-04.

Please see G.O., No. 681, Educational, dated 21st November 1901. The list of existing members will be found on page 207 of the last Quarterly Civil List. Mr. Michell having left India his name has been omitted. No successor has yet been appointed.

P.T.T.—4-6-04.

The Director should have suggested a successor, but has not done so; office should have noticed the oversight.

A.G.—4-6-04.

Resubmitted to the Honourable Member. The Director of Public Instruction will be requested to submit a nomination to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Michell's absence from India.

H.D.T.—4-6-04.

No quarterly Civil List in my room!

G.S.F.—5-6-04.

Who is responsible for arranging books and other periodicals in Honourable Member's room? Please see that the omission is at once supplied.

H.D.T.—6-6-04.

The Library clerk attends to the books in the Honourable Member's house. He belongs to the Chief Secretariat establishment and the attention of the Chief Assistant, Chief Secretariat,* will be drawn to the matter. Meanwhile the office copy of the last Quarterly Civil List is submitted.

* Done.

P.T.T.—7-6-04.

P.T.T.—6-6-04.

A.G.—6-6-04.

H.D.T.—7-6-04.

Thanks. I have added a few words as reason for meeting even when there is no specific business.

G.S.F.—7-6-04.

[G.O., No. 353, Educational, dated 8th June 1904.]

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From

[Name] The Hon'ble Mr. A.G. Bourne, D.Sc., F.R.S.,

[Designation] Director of Public Instruction,

[Station] Madras.

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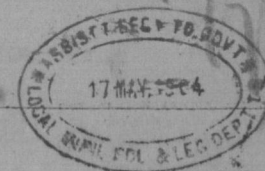
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4. The Principal considers that owing to ^{the} reduction of ^{the}

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The course for the B. A. degree examination from three to two years there will be a falling off in the percentage of success in the degree examination in future. The point is not noticed in the Directors' review, but the Govt. do not see why if the needed instruction is properly given it cannot be assimilated within the time available.

5. The results of the year's work were fair, and the financial results were very satisfactory.

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To.

Mr. D. P. J.

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