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READ—the following paper :—

From the Hon'ble Mr. A. G. BOURNE, D.Sc., F.R.S., Director of Public Instruction, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated 16th May 1905, C. No. 4515.

I have the honour to submit a copy of my Proceedings, Dis. No. 3286, dated 12th May 1905, reviewing the report on the working of the Law College during 1904.

ENCLOSURE.

PROCEEDINGS of the Director of Public Instruction, dated 12th May 1905, Dis. No. 3286.

Read—the following letter from C. E. ODGERS, Fsq., M.A., B.C.L., Barrister-at-law, Acting Principal, Law College, Madras, to the Director of Public Instruction, dated Madras, 17th March 1905, No. 56 :—

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Law College, Madras, for the year 1904.

2. *Staff*.—There were no changes in the professional staff of the college during the year under review. During the autumn term Mr. Nelson, the Principal of the College, was absent on leave out of India without allowances for a month in continuation of the summer vacation. During that period the work was carried on by the remaining staff. G. V. Appa Rao Pantulu, the clerk of the College, was on furlough from the 18th July 1904 and S. Ramanuja Aiyangar was appointed to act for him. The librarian of the college, T. Paranjoti Pillai, was transferred to the School of Arts during the year and V. N. Rama Rao from the office of the Director of Public Instruction was appointed to act for him. The latter was since confirmed in the Law College and the former in the School of Arts.

3. *Accommodation*.—A list of necessary new works to the college premises was forwarded to you in this office No. 128, dated 12th September 1904. These have not yet been completed.

4. *The College Council*.—The council held one meeting during the year on the 9th November 1904, there being nothing to call for further meetings. The minutes of this meeting were submitted to you with letter No. 170, dated 15th November 1904. Mr. J. G. Smith, B.A., Barrister-at-Law, was appointed in October 1904 a member of the council in the place of Mr. R. B. Michell, M.A., who has left India.

5. *Strength*.—The number of students on the rolls on the 31st December 1904 was as follows, the figures for the year 1903 being also furnished below for comparison :—

Class.	Number on 31st December	
	1904.	1903.
Senior B.L. class ...	120	205
Junior B.L. „ ...	214	156
Pleadership „ ...	37	14
Total ...	371	375

The average number on the rolls was 374 in 1904 as against 373 in 1903, and the average daily attendance was 325 as against 298 in 1903. It will be seen that there was a slight falling off in the total number of students in the college and a considerable decrease in the Senior B.L. class, which is however largely accounted for by the fact that, of the 205 B.L. students in 1903, 73 were in their third year under the old system. There was a large increase in both the F.L. and Pleadership classes.

The number of students on 31st December 1904 has been arranged according to the classes of the community to which they belonged and is shown in appendix A. The figures of the previous year are also given for purposes of comparison. The distribution of students according to the occupation and wealth of their parents or guardians and also the vaccination of students is shown in appendix B. The figures for the year 1903 are also noted. Appendix C represents the distribution of students on the last day of the year according to the districts from which they were drawn.

6. *Examination results*—(i) *University Law Examinations*—(a) *B.L. Degree Examination, January 1904*.—For this examination 198 students appeared direct from the college and 52, or a percentage of 26.26, were successful as against 70.6 in 1903. The figures for this and the preceding five examinations are shown in appendix D.

(b) *First Examination in Law, December 1904*.—For this examination 209 students were sent from this college and 88 passed, giving a percentage of 42 as against 59.9 in the previous year. The results of this and of the last six examinations are shown in appendix E.

(ii) *Pleadership Examination, January 1904*.—The results of this examination are shown in appendix F, together with the figures of the five previous examinations.

7. *Library*.—The number of volumes in the library on the 31st December 1904 was 2,130 as against 2,070 on the same date in 1903. Of the 60 volumes added to the library during the year, 6 volumes were added to the lending section and the remaining 54 volumes to the consulting section. Of the latter, two 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.	
	1904.	1903.	1904.	1903.
Students	2,765	3,642	2,215	2,937
Staff	1,899	1,307	17	28
Total ..	4,664	4,949	2,232	2,965

8. *Scholarships*—(i) *Morehead Law Scholarship*.—The holder of this scholarship for 1904 was R. V. Krishnan who stood alone in the first class in the First Examination in Law held in December 1903.

(ii) *College Scholarships*.—These are two scholarships of Rs. 100 per term. One was awarded to A. Srinivasaraghaya Chari and the other to Muhammad Sa'd-ud-din. The latter continued to hold the scholarship till the beginning of April 1904. He then discontinued his course of study, having obtained an appointment in the Government service. The vacant scholarship was divided between the two Muhammadan students, viz. (1) Muhammad Béq and (2) Muhammad Karim-ullah Fāruqi who stood equal next in order to Muhammad Sa'd-ud-din in the list of successful F.L. candidates—*vide* your Proceedings Dis. No. 7229, dated 23rd November 1904.

9. *Financial Summary.*—The following summary shows the receipts and expenditure during the year 1904 as compared with the figures since the establishment of the college in 1891:—

Year.	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Surplus.	Deficit.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1891-92	30,324	23,971	6,353	
1892-93	42,832	27,458	15,374	
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 (for 9 months from 1st April).	16,800	30,932		14,132
1901 (calendar year)	37,765	37,027	738	
1902 do.	48,150	31,168	16,982	
1903 do.	69,889	44,607	25,282	
1904 do.	(a) 60,073	(b) 36,119	23,954	
Total ..	6,92,156	54,330	1,81,175	32,361

(a) Includes library fines and sale-proceeds of calendar and catalogue, etc.

(b) Includes expenditure on scholarships and refunds.

10. *Service-books.*—The service-books of the members of the establishment who are required to maintain them have been kept and verified up to date.

11. *Conclusion.*—The standard of success attained by the college candidates in the University examinations shows a falling off. This is most marked in the case of the Degree examination, and was, to some extent, anticipated by the Principal in the last report. It is no doubt largely due to the reduction of the course from three years to two. In my opinion, it is only possible for the most competent and hard-working students to attain success in the final examination at their first attempt, that is to say, after one year's study. The standard required is high and the subjects extensive and some of them especially difficult for Indian students: for example, the English law of real property. It will be observed that there was almost a proportionate decrease in the number of successful students other than students of the Law College at the last B.L. examination.

Everything worked smoothly in the year under review and thanks are due to the staff for their able assistance.

I have only to add with great regret that during the drafting of this report, the Principal, Mr. Nelson, was compelled through ill-health, to take leave on medical certificate.

APPENDIX A.

DISTRIBUTION of students according to classes of community.

Classes of community.	Senior B.L. class.	Junior B.L. class.	Pleadership class.	Total for 1904.	Total for 1903.
Europeans and Eurasians	..	1	..	1	2
Native Christians	3	7	2	12	11
Muhammadans	3	6	..	9	5
Hindus { Brahmins	96	162	31	289	291
Non-Brahmin caste Hindus	17	37	4	58	65
Others (Jew)	1	1	..	2	1
Total ..	120	214	37	371	375

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	47	5	58	19	129
Junior B. L. class	76	9	110	19	214
Pleadership class	12	..	25	..	37
Total for 1904 ..	135	14	193	29	371
Total for 1903 ..	148	13	182	32	375

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	8	105	7	120
Junior B. L. class	10	195	9	214
Pleadership class	..	34	3	37
Total for 1904 ..	18	334	19	371
Total for 1903 ..	30	331	14	375

Vaccination.

Classes.	Vaccinated whether small-pox marked or not.	Small-pox marked only.	Unprotected.	Total.
Senior B. L. class	103	17	..	120
Junior B. L. class	175	39	..	214
Pleadership class	30	7	..	37
Total for 1904 ..	308	63	..	371
Total for 1903 ..	307	68	..	375

APPENDIX C.

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

	B. L. classes.		Pleadership class.	Total for 1904.	Total for 1903.	Remarks.
	Senior.	Junior.				
Ganjām	..	5	1	6	6	..
Vizagapatam	2	3	4	9	14	— 5
Godāvari	..	21	1	27	17	+ 10
Kistna	2	2	1	5	8	— 3
Kufnool	..	1	..	1	1	..
Nellore	3	5	2	10	5	+ 5
Cuddapah	..	1	1	2	2	..
Anantapur	1	1	1	3	3	..
Bellary	1	1	..	2	2	..
Madras	17	18	1	36	37	— 1
Chingleput	8	11	4	23	11	+ 12
North Arcot	4	9	..	13	18	— 5
South Arcot	2	5	1	8	13	— 5
Tanjore	18	26	5	49	54	— 5
Trichinopoly	3	8	1	12	15	— 3
Madura	7	11	4	22	23	— 1
Tinnevely	11	14	5	30	21	+ 9
Coimbatore	3	7	2	12	14	— 2
Salem	5	9	2	16	13	+ 3
South Canara	5	6	..	11	10	+ 1
Malabar	13	20	1	34	37	— 3
Travancore	..	3	..	3	4	— 1
Cochin	1	3	..	4	7	— 3
Mysore	7	17	..	24	34	— 10
Hyderabad (Deccan)	1	1	..	2	3	— 1
Pudukkottai	1	2	..	3	3	..
Coorg	..	2	..	2	..	+ 2
Ceylon	..	1	..	1	..	+ 1
Karikkal	..	1	..	1	..	+ 1
Total ..	120	214	37	371	375	..

APPENDIX D.

RESULTS of the B.L. Degree Examination.

				Number of students examined.	Number of students 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
1904—						
From Law College	..	..	..	198	52	26.26
Other candidates	..	..	..	197	14	7.10
Total	..	..	..	395	66	16.60

APPENDIX E.

RESULTS of the First Examination in Law.

				Number of students examined.	Number of students passed.	Percentage.
1899—						
From Law College	..	..	..	214	63	29.4
Other candidates	..	..	..	244	53	21.7
Total	..	..	..	458	116	25.3
1900—						
From Law College	..	..	..	83	63	75.9
Other candidates	..	..	..	319	161	50.5
Total	..	..	..	402	224	55.7
1901—						
From Law College	..	..	..	78	55	70.5
Other candidates	..	..	..	202	103	50.99
Total	..	..	..	280	158	56.4
May 1902—						
From Law College	..	..	..	59	38	64.4
Other candidates	..	..	..	118	43	36.4
Total	..	..	..	177	81	45.8
December 1902—						
From Law College	..	..	..	199	141	70.9
Other candidates	..	..	..	137	66	48.2
Total	..	..	..	336	207	61.6
December 1903—						
From Law College	..	..	..	152	91	59.9
Other candidates	..	..	..	169	61	36.1
Total	..	..	..	321	152	47.3
December 1904—						
From Law College	..	..	..	209	88	42
Other candidates	..	..	..	181	57	31
Total	..	..	..	390	145	36.5

APPENDIX F.

RESULTS of the Pledership Examination.

				Number of students examined.		Number passed.		Percentage.	
				First grade.	Second grade.	First grade.	Second grade.	First grade.	Second grade.
1899—									
From Law College	..	..	..	36	7	18	19.4	69.4	
Other candidates	..	..	..	133	13	53	9.7	49.6	
Total	..	..	..	169	20	71	11.8	53.8	
1900—									
From Law College	..	..	..	85	15	1	6.6	13.5	
Other candidates	..	..	..	100	1	24	1.2	13.5	
Total	..	..	..	200	1	25	1.2	13.0	
1901—									
From Law College	..	..	..	9	1	1	11.1	60.0	
Other candidates	..	..	..	80	91	9	11.25	51.5	
Total	..	..	..	89	92	10	5.5	51.9	
1902—									
From Law College	..	..	..	19	1	7	36.8	70.0	
Other candidates	..	..	..	45	158	9	20.0	39.9	
Total	..	..	..	64	159	16	25.0	42.6	
1903—									
From Law College	..	..	..	7	1	2	28.6	75.0	
Other candidates	..	..	..	77	118	16	20.8	47.2	
Total	..	..	..	84	119	18	21.4	43.3	
1904—									
From Law College	..	..	..	8	4	4	50	50	
Other candidates	..	..	..	41	118	7	17	67.7	
Total	..	..	..	49	118	11	22.4	71.1	

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Staff.—Mr. Nelson was absent on leave without allowances for a month in continuation of the summer vacation and he has, since the close of the year, been obliged to take leave on medical certificate, handing over charge to Mr. C. E. Odgers who has been appointed to act as Principal.

2. *Strength and attendance.*—There was a large increase in the strength of the Junior B.L. and Pledership classes, but a considerable falling off in that of the B.L. class, which is accounted for by the fact that 73 of the 205 students in the corresponding class of the previous year were in their third year of study under the old rules. The total strength of the college and the average number on the rolls, however, were about the same as in 1903, while there was a marked improvement in the average daily attendance.

3. *Library.*—The figures showing the extent to which the library was used by the students of the college compare unfavourably with those of the previous year. This was probably due to the large decrease in the strength of the Senior B.L. class.

4. *Examinations.*—The marked decline in the percentages of passes at the B.L. degree examination and the First Examination in Law, more especially at the former, which was to some extent anticipated by the Principal in his last report, is attributed by him and perhaps rightly to the reduction of the course from three years to two. The results of the Pledership Examination were satisfactory, all the eight students that appeared from the college having passed.

5. *Finance*.—The fee and other receipts fell from Rs. 69,889 to Rs. 60,073 in consequence to a large extent of the decline in the strength of the Senior B.L. class. There was also a marked decrease in the expenditure, but the surplus balance was Rs. 23,954 against Rs. 25,282 for the previous year.

6. The general efficiency of the college was maintained during the year.

A. G. BOURNE,
Director of Public Instruction.

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

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

To the Director of Public Instruction,
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No special remarks are called for.

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