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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, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, C. No. 4841, dated Madras, 30th May 1905.

I have the honour to submit, for the information of Government, a copy of my Proceedings Dis. No. 3666, dated 25th May 1905, reviewing the report on the working of the Presidency College, Madras, during the year 1904.

Enclosure.

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, No. 3666, dated 25th May 1905.

Read—the following letter from J. B. BILDERBECK, Esq., M.A., Principal, Presidency College, to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, No. 228, dated 17th April 1905 :—

I have the honour to submit the report on the working of the college during the academical year 1904.

2. *Changes in the staff.*—Mr. E. W. Middlemast, who was acting as Principal during my absence on deputation as a member of the Legislative Council of the Governor-General, was relieved by me on the afternoon of the 6th April 1904.

Mr. H. S. Duncan acted as Professor of English from the 12th January to the 6th April 1904, when he reverted to his permanent appointment at Kumbakónam.

Dr. Sathianadhan, having been appointed to act as Principal of the Kumbakónam College, was relieved of his duties as Professor of Mental and Moral Science on the 3rd March, his place being taken by M.R.Ry. S. Mangesha Rao, first Assistant, Teachers' College.

Mr. Fyson, who had been appointed Professor of Biology by the Secretary of State, reported his arrival on the 4th July and entered on his duties on the 11th idem, M.R.Ry. K. Ramunni Menon, who had been acting as Professor of Biology, reverting to his permanent post of senior Assistant Professor, while M.R.Ry. K. Rangachariyar, whose services had been lent to this college, terminated his connection with us at the same time.

Mr. E. H. Elliot, junior Professor of English, retired on the 27th November. Mr. P. E. Messinier, Assistant Inspector of schools, was appointed to act as junior Professor of English and entered upon his duties on the 28th November.

I wish to take advantage of this opportunity to record officially my high appreciation of the services rendered in the college by Mr. Elliot. As he was associated with me for many years in the work of teaching the English language and literature classes, I can bear testimony to his scholarly aptitudes, and to his abilities and his success as a teacher. His retirement on account of superannuation was a serious loss to the college.

M.R.Ry. A. Subrahmanya Aiyar who was transferred from the Government College, Rajahmundry, as second junior Assistant Professor, entered upon his duties on the 1st February.

M.R.Ry. S. P. Singaravelu Mudaliyar, Malayalam master and acting eighth junior Assistant Professor, resigned his appointment on the 29th March. M.R.Ry. R. S. Krishnaswami Aiyar, acting sixth Assistant, Teachers' College, acted as eighth junior Assistant Professor from the 7th to 25th April, when he was relieved by M.R.Ry. K. R. Ramaswami Aiyangar, who had been transferred from the Rajahmundry College.

M.R.Ry. K. Natesa Aiyar, having been appointed to act as Malayalam master, joined his appointment on the 2nd January and was confirmed therein on the resignation of M.R.Ry. Singaravelu Mudaliyar.

M.R.Ry. K. Virésalingam Pantulu, Telugu pandit, retired on the 31st March. M.R.Ry. V. Subba Rao, who was appointed in his place, entered upon his duties on the 5th April.

M.R.Ry. A. Kandaswami Mudaliyar, librarian, who was on leave on medical certificate for three months from the 18th January, died on the 1st March. M.R.Ry. N. Subrahmanya Aiyar was appointed to act as librarian, but was transferred after officiating for a period of two months and eight days. M.R.Ry. T. S. Srinivasa Aiyangar, librarian of the Kumbakónam College, was subsequently transferred to this college and entered upon his duties as librarian on the 10th June.

3. *Accommodation and equipment.*—In the course of the year, definite proposals to add two large lecture halls and two rooms for the use of the professors were submitted by me, and the Consulting Achitect was instructed by Government to prepare plans and estimates in connection with these proposals. These plans and estimates, I believe, are approaching completion, if they have not been already completed and submitted for the approval of Government.

Mr. Littlehailes is of opinion that a mathematical laboratory which should include a transit instrument and an equatorial is a desideratum. During the year some mathematical models were received and others indented for.

The gas installation is often a source of trouble owing mainly to leakages which were unusually heavy during the year under report. These leakages were localised and stopped, and it is hoped that a more strict and frequent inspection of the various parts of the works will enable us to prevent wastage.

4. *Strength and attendance.*—The following statement indicates the number of students on the rolls in the first and second terms of 1903 and 1904 :—

Classes.	1903.		1904.	
	1st term.	2nd term.	1st term.	2nd term.
Junior F.A.	70	72	52	52
Senior ,, ...	73	70	77	77
Junior B.A.	116	113	198	185
Senior ,, ...	155	174	140	149
M.A.	20	18	19	19
Total ..	434	447	486	482

Two students died in the course of the first term and 38 left at the end of the first term, while 36 were admitted during the second term.

The average number on the rolls for the year 1904 was 466·58, and the average daily attendance was 433·9.

5. *Appendix A*—gives the distribution of students on the rolls on the 31st December according to (i) caste or race, (ii) wealth of parents, (iii) occupation of parents ; and Appendix B shows the distribution of students according to the districts to which they belong. There is a marked increase among non-Brahman caste Hindus.

6. *Appendix C*—gives the number of students studying the various second languages.

7. *Science division.*—The following statement shows the number of students in the several Science divisions :—

—	Junior B.A.		Senior B.A.	
	1st term.	2nd term.	1st term.	2nd term.
Mathematics	36	34	23	28
Physics	38	35	23	24
Chemistry	25	15	11	11
Botany	10	10	5	6
Animal Physiology	..	..	2	..
Zoology	8	8	3	4
Geology	6	5	12	12
Mental and Moral Science.. ..	31	31	17	15
History	42	43	40	44
Total ..	196	181	136	144

Of the 181 students attending the Junior B.A. class in science, seven were reading in the senior class for languages, and of 144 in the various Science divisions of the senior B.A. class, eight were reading in the junior B.A. class for languages.

8. *Library—The General Library.*—During 1904, 6,076 volumes were issued to students from the General Library as against 5,994 in 1903. The accompanying statement gives the number of issues of books, according to subjects, for the two years 1903 and 1904 :—

Subjects.	1903.	1904.
History and Political economy	1,095	1,025
Biography, memoirs	301	252
Travels, voyages, etc.	12	19
Literature	3,556	3,624
Mathematical, Physical and Natural science	694	842
Philosophy	336	314
Total ...	5,994	6,076

The books taken out for consultation in the room during 1904 numbered 714 as against 1,102 in 1903.

During 1904, 651 volumes were issued to the Professors, Assistant Professors, and other members of the staff as against 571 in 1903.

The Consulting Library.—The appended statement gives the number of consultations according to classes for the years 1903 and 1904 :—

Class.	1903.	1904.
F.A. Junior class	1,373	1,040
F.A. Senior class	2,458	1,855
B.A. Junior class	2,531	2,623
B.A. Senior class	3,329	2,896
M.A. Class	331	260
Professors, Assistant Professors and Masters	385	308
Total ...	10,407	8,981

The fall in the recorded number of consultations both in the General Library and the Consulting Library finds its explanation in the fact that our library staff, which ordinarily consists of a Librarian and one peon, was inadequate for the work it had to undertake during the year. For two months in the beginning of the year, the peon was in sole charge of the Library and during the second term of the year, the time and energies of both Librarian and peon were largely employed in the urgent work of library reorganisation. In consequence, many applications for books could not be attended to, while in other cases, books were, I fear, issued without proper registration. Our Library has grown so much in recent years—over 2,000 books having been added during the last four years—and so much more extended use is being made of it by the students, that it is absolutely necessary that the staff should be strengthened.

During the year under report, 794 volumes were added to the library. The general, consulting and class libraries have all been examined and the entries of books in the register verified. Catalogues of the books in the four class libraries have been prepared and printed. A card catalogue of all the books in the library was undertaken in 1904 and completed last month. The administration of the library has also been reorganised in various particulars.

In carrying out these important changes and improvements, I received most willing, zealous and efficient assistance from T. S. Srinivasa Aiyangar who was appointed Librarian in June 1904, and I desire to place on record my appreciation of his services.

In the preparation of the card catalogue, the librarian received some assistance from Messrs. K. R. Ramaswami Aiyangar and K. Natesa Aiyar, Assistant Professors of the college, to whom my thanks are due.

9. *Appendix D and Appendix E* provide tables of the results of the University Examinations held in December 1904.

In the First Examination in Arts, *seven* of the college students were placed in the first class.

In the B.A. Degree examination, the results were on the whole satisfactory. *One* was placed in the first class in English, but in my opinion deserved a higher place in the list than that assigned to him. *Five* obtained a first class in Malayalam, *two* in Sanskrit and *five* in the Science division. Students of this College headed the lists in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Botany and Geology.

At the M.A. Degree examination held in January 1905, *five* students of the College appeared in Physics and *two* passed, one in the second class and the other in the third class; *one* appeared in Chemistry but failed; *two* appeared in Zoology and *one* passed in the third class. Moreover, one student who had been reading English sent up his application for the examination and submitted a dissertation, but as he was offered and accepted an appointment in Burma during the second term of the year, he discontinued his studies and did not present himself for the examination in January. From the report of the examiners, it would appear that the dissertation submitted by him was considered to be the best of the year.

University prizes.—The following university prizes were awarded to students of this College :—

Arni Gold medal for Physics, Arni Gold medal for Chemistry, Pitti Muniswami Chetty Gold medal for Mathematics, Grigg Memorial medal for English, Bysani Madhava Chetti Gold medal for Sanskrit, and Marsh prize for Mathematics.

10. *M.A. students.*—Of the 19 students on the College rolls during the year, two were studying Mathematics, six Physics, five Chemistry, one Zoology, two Geology, two English and one Sanskrit.

11. *College examinations.*—The annual examination of the Junior F.A. and the Junior B.A. classes was held in December 1904. Out of 50 students in the Junior F.A. class, 45 were promoted. Out of 180 in the English Language division of the Junior B.A. class, 155 were promoted; out of 174 in the Second Language division in the same class 150 were promoted; in Science, 144 were promoted out of 181 students.

12. *Fees.*—The number of students who paid their fees by instalments was 128 in the first term and 104 in the second term.

13. The subjoined statement gives the names of the students to whom the College endowed scholarships and prizes were awarded :—

Scholarship or prize.	Name of student.
The Thomson scholarship	G. Damodara Rao.
,, Senior Subramania Aiyar scholarship	V. Muthuswami.
,, Junior do.	M. Subba Rao.
Lord Elphinstone prize	C. Venkataraman.
The Bourdillon prize for Tamil	C. P. Venkataraman.
Do. Telugu	K. Venkappaiya Sastri.
The Maharaja of Travancore's prize	D. Sundaram.
,, Powell Vernacular prize	T. A. Ramalingam.
,, Maharaja of Vizianagram's prize	C. Venkataraman.
,, Arbuthnot prize	T. K. Rajagopalan. C. Venkataraman.
,, Gordon prize	K. Santanagopalan.
,, Innes Gold medal	T. K. Rajagopalan.
,, Senior Thomson prize	Do.
,, Junior Thomson prize	V. S. Sundaram.
,, Oppert prize	R. Krishnamachari.

14. *Finance.*—The following statement shows the receipts and charges during the years 1903 and 1904, excluding the charges on account of scholarships and buildings:—

	1903. Rs.	A.	P.	1904. Rs.	A.	P.
Receipts.						
Fees	38,138	4	11	* 43,776	1	3
Charges.						
Principal, Professors and Assistant Professors	1,07,930	5	0	1,01,504	15	4
Masters and Pandits	5,984	4	2	6,359	6	7
Establishment including clerk, librarian and mechanic	5,115	9	9	5,455	1	8
Demonstrators	500	0	0	650	0	0
Travelling allowance	128	11	6	529	1	11
Purchase of apparatus	233	0	0	141	0	0
Library and class books	3,011	8	1	2,145	8	3
Laboratory charges including Europe stores	22,686	12	1	7,530	3	3
Purchase of and repairs to furniture	179	5	6	725	0	0
Rents, rates and taxes	2,755	15	6	2,755	15	6
Other contingencies	450	14	9	702	3	6
Printing at private presses ...	33	10	0	43	10	0
Total ...	1,49,010	0	4	1,28,542	2	0

* Includes library fees and fines Rs. 133-13-0, sale-proceeds of catalogues and calendars Rs. 1-4-0, sale by auction of deal wood boxes Rs. 42-3-3, sale-proceeds of distilled water Rs. 9 and contribution from the College of Engineering and the Board of Revenue for gas supplied Rs. 122-5-0.

15. *Games and Athletics.*—Mr. R. Littlehailes was the Honorary Secretary of the Presidency College Athletic Association throughout the year.

For the Lawn-tennis club a new court was opened during the year, but it has fallen into disuse, as the number of members in the club declined. The Havelock Trophy at the Madras Athletic Association tournament was won by a student of this college.

The Foot-ball club was vigorous and turned out a team which maintained the honour of the college by winning again the challenge cup presented by the college for competition among the colleges in the Presidency.

The Cricket club, I regret to say, continued on the down grade and holds a bad record for the year.

The Hockey club, instituted in 1903, is actively supported and had a successful year.

A very successful athletic sports meeting was held on the 15th October. The competition was fairly keen and some of the events were well contested.

The money mentioned in last year's report as having been collected for the purpose of providing a cricket pavilion and endowing an Athletic Sports Prize fund was handed over to the Presidency College Athletic Association, and has been placed as a fixed deposit in the National Bank of India. The interest thereon almost covers the cost of the prizes required in connection with the College Athletic sports which the committee of the Association has resolved should be held every year.

16. *College council.*—Four meetings of the College council were held during the year—one in January to consider the results of the annual examination and to make promotions, the second on the 15th April to consider the advisability of commemorating the sixty-third anniversary of the foundation of the College, the third on the 21st April to award the endowed prizes and scholarships and the fourth in October to arrange vacations and holidays for 1905.

17. *Social gatherings.*—The Principal and Professors of the College were at home to the students of the college on the 23rd April, in order to commemorate the sixty-third anniversary of the opening of the College. The function, which was well attended and passed off most agreeably, seemed to awaken a considerable amount of interest in the students.

On the 23rd December, the Principal and Professors held a conversazione to which former students of the college were invited. A large number of old students accepted the invitation and seemed greatly to appreciate the opportunity of showing their interest in the college. The exhibitions and demonstrations in the various college laboratories proved particularly attractive to the guests.

18. *College societies.*—During the year under report, the College Societies, in some cases, showed signs of slackness. These societies, as a rule, expect and in some cases require outside support as well as encouragement from members of the College staff. On the other hand, it seems to be desirable to arouse in the members a spirit of self-reliance, to encourage spontaneity of effort and, at the same time, to discourage the tendency—so frequently in evidence in the work of these societies—to exhibit a fictitious vigour and vitality which, in many cases, is little better than noisy self-advertisement. A policy of non-interference or detachment on the part of the College staff would be as disastrous to the interests of these societies as a policy of over-stimulation or excessive nursing. If these societies are to develop naturally and healthily, a *viâ media* between these extremes is necessary, but it is not by any means easy to discover one in every case. The fact that these College societies continue to exhibit some activity in a greater or less degree and to obtain subscriptions from members justifies the inference that the students themselves appreciate the advantages of membership.

19. *Residence of students.*—Of the students in the college, 125 during the first term and 117 during the second term resided in the Victoria Hostel.

20. *Madras Educational Rules.*—These rules, so far as they are applicable to the college, have been followed and the registers have been properly kept.

21. *Service registers.*—The entries in these registers have been verified up to the end of the year 1904.

22. *Professors' reports.*—The Professor of Chemistry is of opinion that students of the junior B. A. Class in Branch II-A and II-B should be promoted to the senior B.A. class only when the Professors of Physics and Chemistry both approve of their promotion. He reports that there are five students working in the college for their M.A. degree in chemistry, but that, as matters now stand, "their study is unfortunately accompanied by very little teaching".

The Professor of Physics reports that he finds it difficult to arrange the work of the M.A. students satisfactorily without more assistance than he has at present. He is dissatisfied with the results of the B.A. degree examination, as the class was a much better one than in the previous year.

The Professor of Mathematics reports favourably of the work of the Junior F.A. class, but he was not satisfied with the Senior F.A. class which contained some very good and some very bad students. Of the Junior B.A. class, he reports that half the class could not understand the principles taught to them and that many of the students would do better if they devoted their energies to another subject. Students, who have no taste for mathematics, take up this subject merely in order to prepare themselves for the examination for entrance into the College of Engineering. The average work done by the students in the Senior B.A. class was very good.

The Professor of Biology reports that the specimens of a botanical character have been rearranged, in which work, as well as in putting the herbarium sheets in order, he was greatly assisted by the Demonstrator S. Sundararaman. The herbarium has also been added to, a considerable number of specimens having been kindly presented by Mrs. Bourne.

He also reports that dredging was continued and that a collection is being made for the Central Museum.

The Acting Professor of Logic and Moral Philosophy reports that the senior B.A. class was weak both in number and in calibre; that his lectures in logic to the senior F.A. class were well attended, and that the Philosophical Association had not been "working so vigorously as it ought to have done" but shows great improvement in the current year.

The Acting Professor of History reports that he was satisfied with the History work of the Senior B.A. class, though he expected that *three*—instead of only *one*—of his students would have obtained a first class at the recent B.A. degree examination. The Junior B.A. class is not so satisfactory.

The Professor of Sanskrit and Comparative Philology reports that the work in connection with the various "Second languages taught in the college was done satisfactorily". He observes that the test in the second language, both in the B.A. and the F.A. examinations, is very unequal in part owing to the unequal difficulty of the works that are studied in the various languages and in part to the inequality in the standards of examination and valuation. He also reports that the student who was reading in the College for the M.A. Degree examination in Sanskrit of 1905 passed the examination and was the only successful candidate of the year.

My thanks are due to Messrs. A. Mayhew and W. F. Grahame for their kindness in reporting on the essays sent in for the Arbuthnot Prize, to Mr. F. B. Evans, I.C.S., for similar services in connection with the Elphinstone Prize Essays, and to Mr. V. Kanakasabhai Pillai, a former student of this college, for reporting on the translations submitted by the competitors for the Powell Vernacular Prize.

APPENDIX A.

(i) Distribution of students according to caste or race—

Europeans and Eurasians		10
Native Christians		6
Muhammadans		11
Hindus	Brahmans	372
	Non-Brahman Caste Hindus	83
	Total	482

(ii) Distribution of students according to wealth—

Richer class	51
Middle „	400
Poorer „	31
Total	482

(iii) Distribution of students according to the occupation of parents or guardians—

Officials	248
Petty officials and menial servants	5
Traders	14
Landholders	150
Artisans	1
Mendicants	2
Others	62
Total	482

APPENDIX B.

Distribution of students by districts.

District.	Junior F.A.	Senior F.A.	Junior B.A.	Senior B.A.	M.A.	Total.
Arcot, North	2	3	8	3	..	16
„ South	..	3	6	7	..	16
Bellary	3	3	4	1	1	12
Canara, North	..	1	1	..	..	2
„ South	3	4	6	6	2	21
Chingleput	2	4	5	2	1	14
Coimbatore	5	3	9	8	2	27
Ganjám	..	..	1	4	..	5
Gódávari	..	2	2	1	..	5
Kistna	..	3	7	3	..	13
Madras	7	12	12	6	1	38
Madura	1	5	12	8	..	26
Malabar	1	3	28	14	2	48
Nellore	3	5	2	2	..	12
Salem	..	2	4	4	1	11
Tanjore	14	11	27	28	3	83
Tinnevelly	..	3	13	16	1	33
Trichinopoly	2	5	10	4	1	22
Vizagapatam	1	1	2	5	1	10
Cochin	1	..	14	12	..	27
Coorg	2	..	..	..	..	2
Hyderabad	1	..	..	2	..	3
Jaffna	..	1	1	1	..	3
Mysore	3	2	4	10	1	20
Tudukkóttai	..	..	4	1	1	6
Travancore	1	1	3	1	1	7
Total	52	77	185	149	19	482

APPENDIX C.

The following statement shows the number of students studying the various second languages:—

Tamil	125
Telugu	59
Canarese	20
Malayalam	61
Sanskrit	138
Latin	4
Persian	3
Hindustani	4
Uriya	2
French	1
Total	417

APPENDIX D.

Examinations.—(i) The results of the University examinations held in December 1904 are given below :—

—	Applied.	Examined.	Passed. First class.	Passed. Second class.	Passed. Third class.	Passed. Total.	Percentage passed from the college.	Percentage passed for the whole University.
First Examination in Arts	77	76	7	35	..	42	55	40·3
B.A. Degree examination—								
I. English Language division	109	105	1	31	47	79	75	58·0
II. Second Language division—								
Tamil	29	29	..	11	13	24	83	78·9
Telugu	10	8	..	1	6	7	87	
Canarese	6	6	..	3	1	4	67	
Malayalam	19	18	5	8	5	18	100	
Sanskrit	47	46	2	10	21	33	72	
Uriya	2	2	..	2	..	2	100	
Latin	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total ..	113	109	7	35	46	88	81	
III. Science division—								
Mathematics	27	27	2	8	9	19	70	53·6
Physics	26	23	1	3	5	9	39	44·9
Chemistry	11	10	..	4	3	7	70	50·0
Botany	6	5	..	1	2	3	60	60·0
Zoology	4	4	..	..	3	3	75	68·7
Geology	10	10	1	3	4	8	80	71·4
Mental and Moral Science	15	15	..	9	4	13	87	55·9
History	41	38	1	17	16	34	89	62·4
Total ..	140	132	5	45	46	96	73	

APPENDIX E.

The following statement gives the information as to the number of students that were examined and the number that failed in different subjects of the First examination in Arts.

First examination in Arts.	Examined.	Failed.
I. English	76	19
II. Second language—		
Tamil	28	3
Telugu	20	4
Canarese	4	...
Malayalam	3	...
Sanskrit	21	...
Persian	...	...
Hindustani	...	...
Latin	...	...
III. Mathematics	76	19
IV. Physiology	76	14
V. History	76	6

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Staff.—There were, as usual, numerous but unavoidable changes in the staff. During the year Mr. E. H. Elliot retired after a long and faithful service in the department extending over thirty years, and the Director notes with pleasure the testimony borne by the Principal to Mr. Elliot's success as a teacher and his devotion to duty.

2. *Accommodation and equipment.*—It is hoped that it will be possible to provide the two additional lecture rooms during the present year. The proposal to erect a mathematical laboratory should form the subject of a separate communication.

3. *Library.*—The library was reorganized during the year. The Principal's explanation for the fall in the recorded number of consultations both in the general and consulting libraries is noted. The question of strengthening the library establishment does not seem to call for immediate attention.

4. *Strength and attendance.*—There were at the close of the year 482 students on the rolls as against 447 in the preceding year, the increase having been contributed chiefly by the senior F.A. and junior B.A. classes. The average number on the rolls and the average daily attendance also showed an appreciable increase, having risen from 425·6 and 394·6 to 466·58 and 433·9 respectively. The Principal is requested to be good enough to explain if possible the abnormal increase in the strength of the junior B.A. class and the fall in that of the senior B.A. class. All the important districts besides several provinces outside the Presidency were represented in the college, Tanjore, Malabar and Madras having supplied the largest number of students to it. As in the preceding year, Sanskrit was the most popular of the second languages, and history and mathematics continued to be the most popular of the optional subjects ; next in popularity came physics.

5. *Examinations.*—The results of the university examinations were as usual satisfactory.

6. *Finance.*—The receipts for the year rose from Rs. 38,138 to Rs. 43,776, but the charges fell from Rs. 1,49,010 to Rs. 1,28,542, the decrease in the latter case having occurred to a considerable extent under salaries but chiefly under laboratory charges which were abnormally swollen last year owing to the fitting up of the electro-technical laboratory. The net cost of the college consequently decreased from Rs. 1,10,872 to Rs. 84,766 and the net cost per student from Rs. 261 to Rs. 182.

7. *General.*—The Principal's remarks on the working of college societies are noted. It is hoped that something will be done to revive the interest in cricket. The organization of a social gathering and a conversazione was a feature of the year calculated to strengthen the ties of attachment between the teachers and the taught and is noted with pleasure. It is stated that 125 of the students during the first term and 117 during the second term resided in the Victoria hostel. It should have been reported where the remaining students were lodged and boarded. The reports of the professors of chemistry and physics would seem to point out to the necessity for an additional staff for teaching those subjects. The matter will receive attention.

8. It is within the knowledge of the Director that some members of the staff and a few of the senior students are engaged during their leisure hours and in the vacation in research work of a literary or scientific character; he thinks, however, that there is room for greater effort in this direction and feels sure that the staff will agree with him that the Presidency College should take the lead in demonstrating to the public that preparation for examinations is only the routine portion of the work of a college. He desires that prominence should be given in future reports to any original or special work which has been carried on during the year. The Director has introduced certain changes in the conditions of the award of the scholarship tenable by graduates in the hope that some students may be found willing to undertake research work.

9. *Conclusion.*—The Director is glad to note that the College continued to be maintained in an efficient condition during the year.

(True Extract.)

A. G. BOURNE,
Director of Public Instruction.

To the Principal, Presidency College.
" Principals of other Colleges.
" Inspector of Schools, Central Circle.
" Assistant Inspector of Schools, Presidency Division.
" Editors, "Indian Journal of Education" and "Educational Review".

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

To the Director of Public Instruction.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

Educational Department.

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