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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; C. No. 5258, dated 14th June 1905.

I have the honour to submit, for the information of Government, a copy of my Proceedings, Dis. No. 4033, dated 10th June 1905, reviewing the report on the working of the Teachers' College and the Hindu Branch Training School, Saidapet, for the year 1904.

Enclosure.

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, Dis. No. 4033, dated 10th June 1905.

Read—the following letter from A. A. HALL, Esq., M.A., Principal, Teachers' College, Saidapet, to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, dated 10th April 1905, No. 99-D. :—

I have the honour to submit the report on the work of the Teachers' College and its Branch Training school at Saidapet during the year 1904.

Teachers' College, Saidapet.

2. *Teaching Staff.*—There were very few changes in the staff during the year ; in a great measure I attribute the good results obtained to this fact. Miss C. L. Gillingham joined the College as Lady Superintendent of the Primary department in September last.

3. *Accommodation.*—There was no substantial addition to the accommodation. Tiffin rooms were constructed.

4. *Strength and Attendance.*— Normal Section—

Year.	M.A's.	B.A's.	F.A's.	Matriculation.	Total.
31st December 1903	2	33	22	16	73
31st „ 1904	1	35	15	17	68

Of the 68 students, two were Eurasians, 12 were Native Christians, 51 Brahmans, two non-Brahman Caste Hindus and one was a Panchama.

Sixty-four of these students were holding Government stipends and four were paying students. Of the two Eurasians, who were ladies, one was a B.A. and the other an F.A.

The average number on the rolls and the average daily attendance during the year were 63 and 61, respectively.

5. The school had 417 pupils on the last day of the year—

Year.	Upper Secondary.	Lower Secondary.	Primary.	Total.
1903	92	184	158	434
1904	94	166	157	417

The classes were strong enough to afford efficient practice to the students under training. The average number on the rolls and the average daily attendance were 432 and 395, respectively.

6. *Examinations—Normal Section.*—For the theoretical portion of the L. T. Degree examination 37 appeared, of whom 33 or 89 per cent. were successful against 86 per cent. in the previous year. Of the 33 candidates that appeared for the practical portion of the L. T. Degree, 24 passed with four in the 1st class, the percentage being 73 against 72 per cent. last year. This is by far the best result we have had since the L. T. Degree was established.

7. *Teachers' Certificate Examination—Written Test.*—Fifteen students appeared for the second-grade Collegiate examination held in December last and 9 passed, or 60 per cent. against 70 per cent. in the preceding year. In the examination of the Upper Secondary grade 17 appeared, of whom six passed.

8. *Government Technical Examinations in Drawing.*—Thirty students who were under training appeared for the Elementary grade in Free-hand outline Drawing and 17 of them passed, three being in the 1st class—a percentage of 57 against 54 in the previous year. One student appeared for the Intermediate grade and he passed.

9. *Special Drawing Examination.*—During the year under report, the new curriculum specially framed for normal students by Mr. Stone was followed. An examination in special drawing was conducted by M.R.Ry. Velayuda Asari of the School of Arts assisted by myself on the 5th December 1904, at which all passed, 20 in the 1st class, 33 in the 2nd class and 5 in the 3rd class.

10. *Kindergarten.*—The arrival of Miss Gillingham gave a great impetus to Kindergarten teaching. We have never had a teacher with so much experience of Kindergarten methods or with such special training as Miss Gillingham, and the students, especially the juniors, were very anxious to work under her. The same spirit is evinced this year. Her work seems to have excited considerable interest outside the College. We have had teachers from all over the Presidency coming to Saidapet for a few days at a time to see the work of the Kindergarten school, and even from such distant places as Travancore, Rajputana and Hyderabad, specialists have been sent by the Educational authorities of those States to report on the working of the Kindergarten. I anticipated this in my last year's report when I observed that "I feel certain the appointment of the Lady Superintendent will be a very great stimulus in making Primary Education in this Presidency more scientific and more thorough".

11. *Model Garden.*—I took advantage of the presence of four Agricultural Instructors of Government Training schools, who came for training last year, to lay out a permanent garden for the Kindergarten children. It was quite successful; the children themselves worked in the garden, each cultivating three plots of ground; and all the details of gardening, such as, preparing the soil, sowing the seeds, top-dressing and weeding were done by the children themselves.

12. *Examination in Drill.*—Sixty-four students were examined in Drill by Captain Vaughan of the 78th Mapilla Rifles and the following were his remarks :—"Good. Movements were on the whole accurately and smartly carried out".

13. *Practising Section—Matriculation Examination.*—Nineteen pupils appeared for this examination and eight passed—a percentage of 42 against 37 in 1903.

14. *Lower Secondary Examination.*—Twenty-eight appeared, of whom 21 passed—a percentage of 75 against 68 last year.

15. *Primary Examination.*—Eleven pupils out of 15 who appeared for this examination were successful—a percentage of 73 against 68 in 1903.

16. *Annual Examination.*—The table below gives the results of the annual examinations of the practising classes :—

Forms or classes.	Number examined.	Number found fit for promotion.
V form	28	14
IV „	42	29
III „	37	22
II „	52	29
I „	66	33
Fourth class	39	34
Third „	26	19
Second „	35	34
First „	25	22
Infant „	28	21

17. *Examination in Drawing.*—Seven pupils appeared for the examination in Free hand Outline Drawing, of whom four passed.

18. *Special Gymnastic Class.*—Five instructors in Government Training schools underwent training in the Gymnasium attached to the College.

19. *Library.*—The library was removed to the room upstairs in the new building and all the books are being rearranged and catalogued. I hope to issue the new catalogue early in April next. There were 6,010 volumes in the library against 5,990 last year. Two thousand eight hundred and seventy-three books were issued to students and pupils against 3,864 in the previous year.

20. *The Teachers' College Teachers' Association.*—This association, which completed its 15th year on 31st December 1904, contained 64 members and held five public and 25 ordinary meetings during the year. The lectures delivered and subjects discussed were very instructive to the students.

21. *The Teachers' College Day.*—The day was held as usual in December last when Colonel King, C.I.E., I.M.S. presided, and Major Elliot, I.M.S., D.Sc., read an instructive paper on "A Factor in Education".

22. *The Recreation Club.*—The club provided for out-door games—Tennis, foot-ball and cricket. Newspapers were supplied.

23. *History of Students.*—Sixty eight students passed out of the College and almost all of them have secured appointments.

24. *Teachers' College Hostels.*—There were four hostels attached to the College which were attended by 61 members as shown below :—

Smartha section	40
Vaishnava section	10
Non-brahmin section...	...
Christian section	11

25. *Finance.*—The total expenditure on this institution up to the 31st December 1904 was Rs. 52,796–10–9. The total income from fees amounted to Rs. 5,348–9–3 and that from Miscellaneous sources amounted to Rs. 3,713–10–2. The net cost to Government of maintaining the College was thus Rs. 43,734–7–4, and the cost of educating each student was Rs. 643 against Rs. 637 in 1903.

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26. *Strength and Attendance—Normal Section.*—

Grade.	31st December 1903.	31st December 1904.
Lower Secondary	19	9
Primary	28	25

of these 34 students, 5 were from Madras, 26 from the Chingleput district, 2 from Trichinopoly and one from the Tanjore district.

All these were Government stipendiaries. The vernacular of 29 students was Tamil, and that of the remaining five, Telugu. The average age of the students was 22 years. The average number on the rolls and the average daily attendance were 34 and 31 respectively against 47 and 44 in the previous year.

27. *Examinations—Written Test.*—

Grade.	1903.			1904.		
	Number appeared.	Number passed.	Percentage.	Number appeared.	Number passed.	Percentage.
Lower Secondary	20	12	60	9	8	88
Primary	28	21	75	25	16	64

28. *Special Fifth Standard Examination.*—12 students appeared for the examination, of whom 9 passed, 3 in the first class and 6 in the second class—a percentage of 75 against 69 in the previous year.

29. *Drawing Examination.*—34 students appeared for the standard examinations and all passed.

30. *Examination in Drill.*—An examination in Drill was conducted by Captain Vaughan of the 78th Mapilla Rifles and the following were his remarks : "Drill was well done. Movements were accurate and showed good instruction."

31. *Practising Section.*—There were 170 pupils on the rolls on 31st December 1904 against 154 in the preceding year.

32. *Primary Examination.*—8 pupils of the fourth class appeared for this examination and 7 passed, a percentage of 87·5 against a percentage of 62 in the previous year.

33. *Library.*—There were 780 volumes in the library at the end of last year, and 486 books were issued to the members of the staff and the students of the school.

34. *History of Normal Students.*—All the students that passed out from the school have secured appointments.

35. *Finance.*—The total receipts amounted to Rs. 474–9–5, and the expenditure to Government Rs. 4,925–12–4, the net cost being Rs. 4,451–2–11. The average cost of training a student was Rs. 131.

36. *General Remarks.*—In your review on the report of last year you asked me to mention any improvements I had made as a result of my experience at Cambridge. Neglecting many minor details, I may mention three changes of importance—

(1) During a criticism lesson, students take notes, and they formulate the criticism on the teacher from these notes. Until this year, the students took them in an unsystematic way, and it was not always easy to find out those whose criticism was defective. At the beginning of the year, I introduced a criticism note book in which every detail that has to be noticed by the critic is placed under a definite heading, and as a result the criticism is sure to be more logical and more thorough ; I enclose a specimen book for your perusal. Occasionally I look through these note books and I am able to judge whether a student has taken pains to criticise well, has noticed and has written the important points in his note book.

(2) The children of the Kindergarten classes had used the garden simply as a place of observation, a help to form correct perceptions of plants. This is all right. But it is possible to make children do more than this with great profit to themselves, by making them do the work of the gardener under effective supervision. This I introduced last July with the happiest results. Each child had three small plots of ground given it which it cultivated. The four agricultural students were placed in charge of the children and the garden. Thus a very valuable aid was given to the Nature Study in the Kindergarten school.

(3) Every year, about 10 men come for training who seem to lack the very elements necessary for a good teacher. They have no energy, no power of keeping order, a shy and shrinking manner. Consequently they improve but little, and the boys they instruct are very little benefited by their teaching. In previous years, we treated them just as we did the promising students, without making any distinction. At Cambridge, they place such men under a special tutor. I tried this last year at the Teachers' College. I placed 9 men under M.R.Ry. S. Subrahmanya Aiyar, and gave him instructions to devote all his time in the practising school to the improvement of these men, whenever they were teaching. Five succeeded in passing the L.T. Degree, a much better result than I at one time anticipated.

The results of the working of the College may be considered successful, I think, and I attribute this to two causes, firstly, there were very few changes in the staff, and secondly there was the best possible tone among both the assistants and the students. All worked willingly and pleasantly. We have made a good start again this year. More graduates applied for scholarships than ever applied before. There are 3 lady graduates, one of whom is an M.A. and 44 graduates, two of whom are M. A's. I have again to thank the members of the staff for the zealous manner in which they carried out all the duties they had to perform in the school, and for the readiness with which they accepted other work out of school hours for the benefit of the students, for instance in managing the four hostels, and in helping the students in the games. Mr. Braithwaite I particularly wish to mention, for he trained the football team so well, that they only once met with defeat throughout the season.

In conclusion, I have to thank the Hon'ble Sir James Thomson for a visit paid to the College while he was acting Governor of this Presidency. He took great interest in the work of the College as a whole, but especially in that portion which is under the charge of the Lady Superintendent.

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2. *Staff.*—The only event of importance was the appointment in September last of Miss C. L. Gillingham as Superintendent of the primary department.

3. *Library.*—The library was removed to the room in the new building intended for it. It received an addition of twenty books only during the year.

The number of books consulted has again largely decreased. The following figures should be capable of some explanation.

1902	4819
1903	3864
1904	2873

4. *Strength and attendance.*—The number of students under training fell from 73 to 68, the decrease being almost confined to the second-grade collegiate class. Native Christians were four more than in the previous year and Europeans and Eurasians remained stationary at two, both of these being women. There was a decrease under Brahmans and Non-Brahman caste Hindus, and there were no Muhammadans. The presence of a Panchama student is noted. The practising section also contained a smaller number of pupils than in the previous year, but it was still considered strong enough to afford sufficient practice to the student-teachers.

5. *Examinations*—(i) *Training section.*—The College acquitted itself creditably at both the theoretical and practical portions of the L.T. degree examination. The results of the written test for teachers' certificates of the second-grade collegiate were an improvement on those of the previous year, the percentage of passes being 60 (not 70 as stated in the report) against 45 in the preceding year. The Upper Secondary students did poorly at the written test, 11 out of 17 candidates having failed. No information has been funished as regards the practical tests.

(ii) *Practising section.*—The results obtained by this section at the public examinations compared favourably with those of the previous year, but those of the Matriculation examination were susceptible of further improvement. Not more than half the number of pupils in the first and fifth forms and very little more than half of that of the second form were found fit for promotion at the end of the year.

6. *Special subjects of instruction.*—The results of the Government Elementary examination in drawing were very fair and those of the special drawing examination very good. The practising section also did fairly well at the special examination in drawing. The Director is glad to note that the kindergarten class presided over by Miss Gillingham was popular and well appreciated and that a model garden has been laid out for the practical benefit of the kindergarten pupils.

7. *Special gymnastic class.*—This class was attended during the year by the gymnastic instructors of some of the Government Training schools, who were selected for a special course of instruction, especially in drill, in view to the more efficient discharge of their duties. No private students seem to have joined the class.

8. *Finance.*—The total net cost of the College fell from Rs. 45,935 to Rs. 43,734, but owing to a decrease in the average number on the rolls the net cost to Government of maintaining each student rose from Rs. 638 to Rs. 694 and not to Rs. 643, the figure given in paragraph 25 of the report.

9. *General.*—Paragraph 36 of the report records the improvements effected in the methods of training the students as a result of the Principal's experience gained during his stay at Cambridge while he was on furlough. The criticism note-book might be more valuable as a means of training if care were taken that the entries in it were more neatly and methodically made against each head than they have been in

the specimen sent for the Director's perusal. It is gratifying to note that almost all the students who completed their course of training during the year have been following the profession of teaching.

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10. There was a fall in the strength of the training section from 47 to 34, the decrease being more marked in the lower secondary than in the primary class; on the other hand the practising section was stronger than in the preceding year. The importance of utilizing to the fullest extent the accommodation available for students under training must not be lost sight of. The practising school is a mere adjunct to the Training school and it should not be allowed to increase in strength to an indefinite extent. At the written tests for teachers' certificates the lower secondary students obtained very good results, but those of the primary grade were not so successful. The latter, however, obtained very fair results at the special fifth standard examination held for the first time last year with the sanction of Government. The fact that all the students who left the school at the close of the year secured appointments points no doubt to a judicious selection of the students for admission but with the present dearth of trained teachers a larger number should have been secured. The school has now been placed under the control of the Inspector of Training schools, who should see that the full number of students is taken next year. Owing to the fall in the average number on the rolls the net cost of educating each student rose from Rs. 101 to Rs. 131.

11. On the whole the report is a record of good work done during the year on which the Principal, the *vice*-Principal and the staff deserve to be congratulated.

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

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

To the Director of Public Instruction.
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Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

T. R. Scw

For Director of Public Instruction.

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