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of the junior B.A. class & the fall in that
of the senior B.A. class during the year 1904.

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Station M A D R A S, Dated the 19th AUGUST 1905.

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. A.G. Bourne, D.Sc., F.R.S.,

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department.

Sr,

With reference to para 2 of G.O. No. 394 Educational dated 9th June 1905 I have the honour to submit, for the information of Government, the enclosed copy of letter from the acting Principal, Presidency College, No. 440, dated 26th July 1905 explaining the increase in the strength of the Junior B.A. class and the fall in that of the Senior B.A. class during the year 1904. 2. No further explanation seems possible.

I have the honour to be,

S I R,

Your most obedient servant,

For Director of Public Instruction.

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Copy of a letter from the Principal, Presidency College,
Madras, No. 440, dated 26th July 1905.

In reply to your Ref on Cur No, 4841/05 dated 17th July 1905 communicating G.O. No. 394 Educational dated 9th June 1905 and calling for an explanation of the increase in the strength of the Junior B.A. class and the fall in that of the Senior B.A. in the year 1904 I have the honour to submit the following.

2. The Senior B.A. class is normally the Junior B.A. class of the previous year less the non-promoted students and plus a certain accretion of new students who come to this college in their fourth year. The strength of the Junior B.A. in the second term of 1903 was 113 of whom as many as 18 were not promoted in English and would thus not rank with the Senior class in 1904, while in the previous year all the 108 Junior B.A. students with a single exception were advanced to the 4th year class in English. Thus after subtracting the non-promoted students the increase in the senior B.A. in the two years was not dissimilar.

Year	Junior B.A.		Senior B.A.
1904	95	+45	140
1903	107	+48	155

The strength of the Junior B.A. depends on the results of the previous F.A. Examination. From the accompanying table it will be seen that in the examination of 1903-1904 not only was the percentage of passes distinctly greater but half again as many candidates got through and were thus in a position to join the various First Grade Colleges. Of these students a slightly increased percentage evidently preferred the Presidency college.

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Year	Passes at F.A.	percentage of passes	strength of Junior B.A. <i>class</i> in 1st term	Relation between Junior B.A. class and total passes in in the F.A.
1903-04	1057	45.7	198	18.5
1902-03	704	37.5	116	16.4
1901-02	730	38.6	114	15.6

The abnormal size of the Junior B.A. class in 1904 was thus mainly due to the unusual number of students who had previously satisfied the F.A. examiners. Some effect too was exercised by the failure of so many third year students to get promotion in the annual college examination.

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J. H. New

For Director of Public Instruction.

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