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To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—the 12th June 1906.
No.—Cur. No. 4492.

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Dated—the 26th March 1906.
No.—40-D.

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On the 31st December 1905, the strength of the hostels were as follows:—

Smartha hostel	36
Vaishnava hostel	15
Christian hostel	12
Non-brahman hostel	1

Of the five non-brahmans, two, who were Kshatriyas from Coorg, were boarders in the Christian hostel, and one was permitted to live outside with his family. The average rate for boarding and lodging of all the hostels during the year was Rs. 10 a month.

14. *Finance.*—The total cost of maintaining the institution up to 31st December 1905 was Rs. 50,644. Under receipts, collections from fees from the practising section amounted to Rs. 5,859, and from miscellaneous sources, Rs. 1,183. The net cost therefore to Government of maintaining the college was Rs. 43,602—which was Rs. 597 for educating each student against Rs. 694 of 1904.

15. *General remarks.*—That which makes the past year remarkable is the success of the students in the L.T. examination. More students passed the L.T. examination during the year under report than in any previous year. I do not expect such good results this year. The students I selected are not quite such a good lot. There are no lady students in the L.T. section and there is only one Master of Arts, and he comes from the Bombay University. The quality of students varies from year to year although I do my best to choose the most promising of those that apply. I am pleased to report that all the students under training obtained appointments at the conclusion of their training. In fact, I think, the supply of trained teachers is not quite equal to the demand, especially is this the case with the First in Arts men and the Matriculates. As usual, the graduates who passed in science and in mathematics more easily obtained appointments than those who specialised in history or in moral science.

I have again to bring to your notice the excellent spirit that exists both among the students and the members of the staff. All orders that I give are obeyed with readiness and with pleasure; consequently every thing proceeds easily and successfully. There is, of necessity, a deal of work to be done by the staff out of school

hours. The management of the hostels, the giving of magic lantern exhibitions, the control of the school games, foot-ball, cricket and tennis, the necessity of assisting the students in preparing criticism and other lessons, and the presiding over meetings held by the various associations connected with the college are undertaken willingly by the various members of the staff out of school hours. I have to mention that the University Commission paid a visit to the college in October last and witnessed the working of the college and the arrangement of the hostels. At the close of their inspection, they expressed themselves favourably on everything that they saw except, perhaps, on the facilities for the teaching of physics and chemistry.

APPENDIX A.

(*i*) *Distribution of pupils in the Practising school.*

Year.	Upper Secondary Department.	Lower Secondary Department.	Primary Department.	Total.
1904	94	166	157	417
1905	99	162	148	409

(*ii*) *Distribution of pupils according to their nationality.*

Europeans and Eurasians.	Muhammadans.	Native Christians.	Non-Brahman caste Hindus.	Brahmans.	Total.
10	26	15	243	115	409

(*iii*) *Distribution of pupils according to class of wealth.*

Richer class.	Middle class.	Poorer class.	Total.
6	95	308	409

(*iv*) *Distribution of pupils according to the occupation of their parents or guardians.*

Officials.	Petty officials.	Traders.	Land-holders.	Coolies.	Total.
95	32	55	204	23	409

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The condition of the college continued to be satisfactory. This is chiefly due to its residential character and to the enthusiasm displayed by the Principal and his staff, both in and out of college.

The lower classes of the practising school profited much from the able supervision of Miss Gillingham and show clearly what can be done with such classes if they are properly taught.

The upper classes seem little better than in the majority of secondary schools. Although considerable strictness is exercised in regard to promotions from the First Form upwards each form appears to always contain a large number unfit to enter the next higher form and 72 per cent. of those who attempted to pass the Matriculation proved unfit to do so.

It will be interesting to see whether the better training in the lower classes produces its due effect later on. The Principal is requested to watch the future progress of the pupils who have been properly trained in the lower classes. It would probably be well to refuse admission to others.

The Principal is requested to consider and report what measures might be taken to render the practising school a model worthy of imitation by the teachers who go forth from the college to take charge of secondary schools.

Greater prominence might with advantage have been given in the report to any alterations and improvements in the system of training introduced during the year and less to the percentages of passes in the various examinations.

The Director is willing to believe that the college already does much more for the students than prepare them for an examination which few of them ought to find much difficulty in passing.

Several slight inaccuracies in the language of the report have unfortunately escaped the notice of the Principal.

A. G. Bourne,
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H. D. Taylor,
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The draft placed below recording the report is submitted for approval. The Director's review is full.

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The Secretary has marked the report of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, for the Honourable Member.

The Honourable Member has said that these college reports need not go to him unless any important question arises in connection with any of them—please see notes and orders with G.O., No. 353, Educational, dated 19th May 1906.

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Very well. I marked this for the Honourable Member as Sir James Thomson's instructions were that the reports should be circulated to him.

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Of the five non-brahmans, two, who were Kshatriyas from Coorg, were boarders in the Christian hostel, and one was permitted to live outside with his family. The average rate for boarding and lodging of all the hostels during the year was Rs. 10 a month.

14. *Finance.*—The total cost of maintaining the institution up to 31st December 1905 was Rs. 50,644. Under receipts, collections from fees from the practising section amounted to Rs. 5,859, and from miscellaneous sources, Rs. 1,183. The net cost therefore to Government of maintaining the college was Rs. 43,602—which was Rs. 597 for educating each student against Rs. 694 of 1904.

15. *General remarks.*—That which makes the past year remarkable is the success of the students in the L.T. examination. More students passed the L.T. examination during the year under report than in any previous year. I do not expect such good results this year. The students I selected are not quite such a good lot. There are no lady students in the L.T. section and there is only one Master of Arts, and he comes from the Bombay University. The quality of students varies from year to year although I do my best to choose the most promising of those that apply. I am pleased to report that all the students under training obtained appointments at the conclusion of their training. In fact, I think, the supply of trained teachers is not quite equal to the demand, especially is this the case with the First in Arts men and the Matriculates. As usual, the graduates who passed in science and in mathematics more easily obtained appointments than those who specialised in history or in moral science.

I have again to bring to your notice the excellent spirit that exists both among the students and the members of the staff. All orders that I give are obeyed with readiness and with pleasure; consequently every thing proceeds easily and successfully. There is, of necessity, a deal of work to be done by the staff out of school hours. The management of the hostels, the giving of magic lantern exhibitions, the control of the school games, foot-ball, cricket and tennis, the necessity of assisting the students in preparing criticism and other lessons, and the presiding over meetings held by the various associations connected with the college are undertaken willingly by the various members of the staff out of school hours. I have to mention that the University Commission paid a visit to the college in October last and witnessed the working of the college and the arrangement of the hostels. At the close of their inspection, they expressed themselves favourably on everything that they saw except, perhaps, on the facilities for the teaching of physics and chemistry.

APPENDIX A.

(i) Distribution of pupils in the Practising school.

Year.	Upper Secondary Department.	Lower Secondary Department.	Primary Department.	Total.
1904	94	166	157	417
1905	99	162	148	409

(ii) Distribution of pupils according to their nationality.

Europeans and Eurasians.	Muhammadans.	Native Christians.	Non-Brahman caste Hindus.	Brahmans.	Total.
10	26	15	243	115	409

(iii) Distribution of pupils according to class of wealth.

Richer class.	Middle class.	Poorer class.	Total.
6	95	308	409

(iv) Distribution of pupils according to the occupation of their parents or guardians.

Officials.	Petty officials.	Traders.	Land-holders.	Coolies.	Total.
95	32	55	204	23	409

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The condition of the college continued to be satisfactory. This is chiefly due to its residential character and to the enthusiasm displayed by the Principal and his staff, both in and out of college.

The lower classes of the practising school profited much from the able supervision of Miss Gillingham and show clearly what can be done with such classes if they are properly taught.

The upper classes seem little better than in the majority of secondary schools. Although considerable strictness is exercised in regard to promotions from the First Form upwards each form appears to always contain a large number unfit to enter the next higher form and 72 per cent. of those who attempted to pass the Matriculation proved unfit to do so.

It will be interesting to see whether the better training in the lower classes produces its due effect later on. The Principal is requested to watch the future progress of the pupils who have been properly trained in the lower classes. It would probably be well to refuse admission to others.

The Principal is requested to consider and report what measures might be taken to render the practising school a model worthy of imitation by the teachers who go forth from the college to take charge of secondary schools.

Greater prominence might with advantage have been given in the report to any alterations and improvements in the system of training introduced during the year and less to the percentages of passes in the various examinations.

The Director is willing to believe that the college already does much more for the students than prepare them for an examination which few of them ought to find much difficulty in passing.

Several slight inaccuracies in the language of the report have unfortunately escaped the notice of the Principal.

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

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