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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

Letter—from C. A. PATERSON, Esq., M.A., LL.B., Officiating Registrar, University of Madras.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Senate House, the 19th February 1907.

No.—503.

I have the honour, by desire of the Syndicate, to forward for the information of Government a detailed specification of the matters which the Syndicate, on a perusal of the report by the Commission of Inspection on the several colleges of Government, considers require the special attention of the Director of Public Instruction with a view to such steps being taken to remedy the defects pointed out as may be considered necessary. The several managers of the affiliated colleges in the Presidency have been invited to notify to the Syndicate such steps as they propose to take or have already taken for this end by 1st July 1907.

With reference to G.O., No. 682, Educational, dated the 23rd October 1906, and endorsement No. 224-1, Educational, dated the 13th February 1907, forwarding replies to the previous letter on the subject from the Syndicate, I am now to ask for a reply only as to matters not dealt with in the communications already forwarded to the Syndicate.

ENCLOSURES.

(1)

Presidency College.

The Syndicate would draw the attention of the Government to the fact that the Commission found that one of the Assistant Professors recently appointed to teach English was an F.A. who, till his nomination to the Presidency College, had for several years been employed as an Inspector of Schools. Similarly, that the Acting Professor of Philosophy had recently been transferred from the First Assistantship of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, to his present post apparently without other special qualification for the post than that he graduated in Ethics and Logic in 1884. Both must have been considerably out of touch with the subjects they were appointed to teach. This, it is said, is due to the exigencies of the system of promotion in the educational department, but the Syndicate are strongly of opinion that a system which results in appointments like these to a first-grade college that is intended to serve as a model to the Presidency so far, at least, as the college is concerned stands in urgent need of amendment. An Assistant for the supervision of the practical work in Chemistry should be provided for every fifteen students. The Commission would, in view of the early retirement of the present Professor of Chemistry, recommend the employment in future of two Professors of Chemistry—one to teach Inorganic and the other Organic Chemistry. They should be required to superintend the elementary practical work and undertake the training, chiefly practical, of students for original research work. The Chemical Laboratory is sufficient for all the requirements of teaching Chemistry for the B.A. degree, but much yet remains to be done to fit it for advanced work. Some supervision needs to be exercised over students who are living in hired lodgings in the town.

(2)

Government College, Kumbakonam.

The present staff of the institution is, in general, insufficient in point of qualification for a first-grade college. The qualifications of members of the staff, particularly of those who teach English, should be better than they are. The arrangement by which two of the three Assistants who teach Mathematics have also to teach Sanskrit, Physiology, Composition and Translation is objectionable. With a few exceptions, therefore, the staff does not consist of men specially qualified and engaged in special work; and the arrangements generally suggest an attempt to distribute the work irrespective of the qualifications of those to whom it is allotted. The blackboards are small and unsuitable; the supply of maps for teaching History is altogether insufficient; and a number of instruments and models are required for the teaching of Applied Mathematics. Greater strictness should be exercised in the collection of fines for late payment of fees.

(3)

Government College, Mangalore.

The teaching of Algebra and Geometry is very defective. The assistant teacher should be required to bring his knowledge of the methods of teaching his subject up to date. His present ignorance of these methods should no longer be tolerated. Some system of supervising students who have not got their homes in the town should be devised.

(4)

Government College, Rajahmundry.

The arrangement by which the Principal has to supervise the Training College in addition to his ordinary duties in the college is not a good one and should cease. The frequent changes which take place in the staff should be avoided as far as possible. Much greater attention should be paid to the qualifications of the staff. At present, it requires strengthening in various directions. The accommodation should be increased. The arrangements for the teaching of Advanced Physics require a thorough overhauling. Gas and electric current supply, more modern physical and chemical apparatus, accommodation for practical work, and a number of minor appliances for lecture demonstration are all necessary and should be supplied. The stock of maps for teaching History should be increased.

Order—No. 98, Educational, dated 28th February 1907.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Director of Public Instruction.
,, Registrar of the Madras University.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 98, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
28TH FEBRUARY 1907.

[SUBJECT.— *Submitting certain remarks by the Syndicate of the University on the defects requiring remedy in Government Colleges.*]

Previous papers.

G.O., No. 682, Educational, dated 23rd October 1906.
Endt. „ 224-1 „ „ 13th February 1907.

From the Registrar of the Madras University, dated 19th February 1907, No. 503.

With his letter No. 503, dated 19th February 1907, the Registrar of the Madras University (Mr. Paterson) submits copies of notes by the Syndicate pointing out certain defects in the Government Colleges, which, in its opinion, require remedy. He also states that the several Managers of affiliated Colleges in the Presidency have been invited to notify by 1st July 1907 to the Syndicate such steps as they propose to take or have already taken in this direction.

2. Mr. Paterson further enquires what action has been taken on the points noticed in the report of the Commission, other than those dealt with in G.O., No. 682, Educational, dated 23rd October 1906, and endorsement No. 224-1, Educational, dated 13th February 1907.

3. The defects pointed out in the several Government Colleges in the notes now submitted are more or less the same as those already noticed by the Commission in their special reports on individual Colleges and dealt with on pages 3 to 5 of the notes with G.O., No. 682, Educational, dated 23rd October 1906. These reports were

Vide paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 682, Educational, dated 23rd October 1906, transferred to the Director of Public Instruction for information and such action as he might deem necessary. The Director

of Public Instruction has not yet reported what action he has taken on those reports. 4. It is submitted that the observations of the Syndicate received with the Registrar's letter may be communicated to the Director of Public Instruction in continuation of paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 682, Educational, dated 23rd October 1906,

C. A. SOUTER.
H. D. TAYLOR.

with the request that he will report what steps he has taken or proposes to take to remedy the several defects pointed out.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—26-2-07.

C. A. SOUTER—27-2-07.

Please draft accordingly.

H. D. TAYLOR—27-2-07.

The draft placed below is for approval.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—27-2-07.

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SENATE HOUSE, 19 FEB 1907

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FROM

C. A. PATERSON, Esq., M.A., LL.B.,

Offg. Registrar, University of Madras.

TO

The Secretary to Government

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I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

C. A. Paterson
Offg. Registrar.

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C. A. PATERSON,
Offg. Registrar.

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Educational Department.
C.No.394 Edl., from the Registrar of the Madras University, No.503,
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Subject.

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