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6. *Accommodation and equipment*.—More and larger class rooms are urgently required. The College examination hall, which was intended for written work, had to be used for lectures—the hearing properties of the room are faulty. It is also desirable that the larger classes should be sub-divided for their special subjects. A larger number of benches is required for class work and more seats are needed for the library. Additional black-boards and maps are urgently needed. The maps at present are antiquated, inaccurate and useless. The college play-ground is inadequate for present needs. Proposals for improvements, and estimates will be submitted separately. Hundred sets of mathematical instruments were supplied from your office during the year; an iron safe was purchased for the office and a large book case added to the library.

7. *Library and reading room*.—On my taking over charge I found the library divided into three divisions—(i) the general library, (ii) the consulting library, (iii) class libraries.

(i) The general library consisted of apparently about 3,000 books, which were kept in one of the rooms of the western wing of the college building. The catalogue was dated 1896, and supplementary catalogues were made in 1900 and 1904; new books were entered as they arrived in a manuscript list. The catalogue was antiquated and inaccurate, the classification was unintelligent and it was impossible to find a required book at a moment's notice or to discover what books relating to any given subject were in the library. The accommodation was inadequate and the books were crowded together promiscuously into any vacant space.

(ii) The consulting library consisted of three or four badly arranged and crowded almirahs which were placed at haphazard wherever there happened to be room.

(iii) The class libraries consisted of books referring to the subjects taught for the B.A., and were kept in the class rooms under the nominal supervision of a member of the class. The librarian was supposed to exercise some supervision and to take a list of these books once each term. The whole system was unnecessary and bad.

The whole western wing of the building, consisting of two large rooms (northern and southern) and an ante-room between these two rooms, has now been utilized for the library and reading-room. The class libraries have been abolished and the library

divided into a general library kept in the southern room and a consulting library in the northern room, the room between these being used as reading-room. The consulting library contains reference books and class books dealing with English (Language and Literature), Sanskrit, Tamil, Philosophy, History, Mathematics, and Biography. No books are allowed to be taken out except by Lecturers for class use in which case they are returned after use. A new large book case has been made and all the cases are open for free use and consultation by members of the staff and by students. The books are being numbered and classified in detail. The general library has been reorganised and sub-divided under 26 general heads. This will enable books to be found at short notice and will show clearly what books are to be found in the library on any subject. The number of new books added during the year was 338. The total number of books is said to be 5,884. This may or may not be correct. The number of books taken out by students was 2,323 as against 2,699 in 1905. The smallness of this number can easily be explained by the want of arrangement; and in addition, no books were allowed to be taken out during November and December owing to the rearrangement of the library. The work of classification, arrangement and cataloguing is not finished as it is of necessity a work of many months.

8. *The tutorial system and discipline.*—The tutorial system was reorganised—the tutors arrange to see their pupils once a month and send in to me a written report (on the model of English public school reports) as to the attendance, health, occupations, etc., of the students under their supervision. The system appears so far to have worked well. The discipline of the college was satisfactory, but there was a lack of public spirit and enthusiasm.

9. *University examinations.*—The results of the university examinations are appended (*vide* appendix A). For the F.A. examination 65 candidates were sent up by the college and 30 passed. The result was disappointing although the percentage of passes appears to be up to the average of recent years. It may be accounted for by the changes of staff during the year, and the number of failures in English (*vide* appendix B), which was unnecessarily large, may be due to the hearing properties of the large hall in which the English lectures were given—it being almost impossible to hear a lecturer from the back rows. The percentage of failures in the vernacular was comparatively high during the year, which is regretted. In the B.A. examination, the results showed a general improvement although no first class was obtained. In English, 46 per cent. against 26 per cent. in the previous year passed. The teaching was satisfactory, but the majority of students were either incompetent or lazy and occasionally both. Teaching in this subject also suffered from the changes in the staff during the year. In History, 9 students applied for examination, but only 6 were actually examined. Of these 5 passed—3 in the second and 2 in the third class. The History Lecturers worked well and conscientiously and the results do them credit. In Mathematics, 12 were sent up and 7 passed with 2 in the second class. The results were above the average for the college in previous years and the presidency average for this year. It is satisfactory to find that Mathematics continues to be popular, and the work done by M.R.Ry. P. V. Seshu Aiyar and M.R.Ry. K. Srinivasapatrachariar deserves mention as contributing to this result. The Philosophy section consisted of one student only who did not attend the examination. This is most discouraging as the work of the lecturers was ably and carefully done. It is some consolation to find that in the present classes the numbers have largely increased. The results in the second language were satisfactory, 14 out of 19 having passed. In general it is unsatisfactory to find that the numbers of students in the B.A. classes continue to decrease. This is partly due to the small percentage of passes in the F.A., and it is also noticeable that no students appear to join the B.A. classes from outside.

10. *College examinations.*—Periodical examinations to test the progress of the students continued to be conducted during the year. The annual examinations for promotion from the junior to the senior F.A. and B.A. classes were held on the 17th December and following days. Due strictness and care were exercised in making these promotions. In the F.A. class, 52 out of 68 students, or 76 per cent. were promoted against 83 per cent. in the previous year. In the B.A. class, 21 out of 27 students, studying all the branches, secured promotion. Two students were not

promoted in English, three in Mathematics and one in Tamil. One student, who was reading the languages only, could not be promoted for want of requisite attendance. One student, who was attending the Philosophy section only, was duly promoted.

11. *Scholarships and prizes.*—The Edward Bird scholarship continued to be held by S. Kasturi of the Senior F.A. class. The Subrahmanyam scholarships were held by—

T. K. Nagaraja Rau (Senior B.A. class).
N. Raghunathan (Junior B.A. class).
R. Balasubrahmanyam (Senior F.A. class).
R. Srinivasagopalachari (Junior F.A. class).

As recommended in this office letter C. No. 81 of 07, dated 18th March 1907, the Morris medal and Beauchamp and Muppanar's prizes for the year under report will be awarded to the following students:—

Morris medal	...	...	...	...	S. Kasturi.
Beauchamp and Muppanar's prize (English)	...	...	...	...	Do.
Do.	do.	(Mathematics)	...	...	Do.
Do.	do.	(History)	...	...	N. Naganathan.
Do.	do.	(Philosophy)	...	...	Not awarded.

The T. Rama Rau gold medal for English has been awarded by the University to S. Kasturi of this college.

12. *Athletics and sports.*—The classes have drill once a week, but it is confined to a comparatively small number as the majority of students take part in the college games. Football, tennis and fives continued to be popular. The College Athletic Committee was reorganized and a new Committee consisting of five of the staff and three members elected from the students was formed. The admission of students to the management of the college games proved popular and an increased interest in the college games was noted. The athletic sports were held in October and were most successful. Members of the college also took part in the inter-collegiate sports at Tanjore. Successful football matches were played against the S.P.G. College, Trichinopoly, the Town High school, Kumbakonam and other teams. The college play-ground, which includes three tennis courts, a football ground and a fives court, is too small to accommodate the players of the various games. The Athletic fund at the beginning of the year amounted to Rs. 301-13-10. The amount collected during the year was Rs. 563-9-4 and the amount spent was Rs. 681-6-2. The balance to the credit of the fund at the end of the year was Rs. 184-1-0. The increased expenditure during the year testifies to the increased interest and activity displayed by the students at the various games and sports. In this connection the energy of M.R.Ry. T. V. Sivakumara Sastriar deserves mention as contributing very largely to the success of the college Athletics.

13. *Finance.*—The receipts, consisting of fees, fines and miscellaneous sale-proceeds of the usufruct of the trees, etc., in the college compound, fell to Rupees 15,323-10-9 from Rs. 17,499-13-0 in the previous year. The fines and the miscellaneous receipts alone amounted to Rs. 21-8-0 and Rs. 88-14-9, respectively. The fall in the fee income was due to the decreased average strength during the year. The expenditure amounted to Rs. 34,693-12-4, which was a little less than that of the previous year, viz., Rs. 34,705-13-4; but the total net cost of the college rose from Rs. 17,206-0-4 to Rs. 19,370-1-7, and the net cost per student also increased from Rs. 76 to Rs. 94 as the result of a decrease in the average number on the rolls.

14. *The hostel.*—In the first term of 1906 there were 30 students in residence in the hostel, and in the second term 26; the average monthly boarding charges (exclusive of room rent) were Rs. 9-10-0 in the first term and Rs. 10-6-0 in the second, these rates being fixed by the expenditure of the previous month. In October the General Committee, finding the strength of the hostel unsatisfactory and the whole system unbusinesslike, resolved to levy a fixed monthly rate of Rs. 8 (*plus*

Rs. 1-8-0 or Rs. 2 for room rent) throughout the year 1907, the new rate to come in force on January 1st of that year. The result of this has been to increase the numbers and the present strength (March 1907) is 65. The hostel is built to hold 70. Apart from the financial question the hostel has worked well throughout and reflects great credit on M.R.Ry. P. V. Seshu Aiyar, the Superintendent.

15. *Literary and other societies*.—The college literary society increased in popularity, and during the latter portion of the year displayed increased activity. The number of meetings held during the year was larger than in any previous year. It is hoped that in conjunction with the improvements in the library it may induce students to think for themselves and to read books of general interest and not merely text-books. The Historical and Sanskrit societies continued to do good work.

16. *General*.—In writing the present report I have deviated from the use of tabular statements and have endeavoured to give the whole of the facts, wherever it has been possible, in narrative form.

APPENDIX A.

RESULTS of F.A. and B.A. examinations, 1906.

	Number sent up.	Number examined.	Number passed.				Percentage for 1905.	Percentage for 1906.
			First class	Second class.	Third class.	Total.		
First examination in Arts	65	65	..	30	..	30	48	46
B.A. degree examination—								
I. English Language division	26	26	..	4	8	12	26	46
II. Second Language division—								
Tamil	7	7	..	1	4	5	33	71
Sanskrit	12	12	..	4	5	9	71	75
III. Science division—								
Mathematics	12	12	..	2	5	7	43	58
History	9	6	..	3	2	5	32	83
Philosophy	1	..	..	..	..	..	86	..

APPENDIX B.

STATEMENT of failures in the F.A. examination, 1906.

Subjects.	Number failed.		Percentage.	
	1905.	1906.	1905.	1906.
English	16	19	50	54
Sanskrit	5	14	16	40
Tamil	..	3	..	8
Mathematics	11	14	34	40
Physiology	17	8	53	23
History	26	18	81	51

Number failed in one subject only	11
Do. in two subjects	7
Do. in three subjects	10
Do. in four do.	4
Do. in five do.	1
Do. due to deficiency in total marks	2
Total	35

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3. There was a fall in the strength of the college at the close of the year and the decrease was particularly marked in the History and the Philosophy sections of the B.A. classes. It is reported, however, that one of these sections has since regained its normal strength. The institution is still of a local nature, 96 per cent. of the students belonging to the Tanjore district.

4. The results of the First Examination in Arts were not satisfactory though those of the B.A. showed some improvement over the previous year. There was no first class obtained at either examination and the largest number of failures was in English.

5. The Principal's remarks on the reclassification of the library and on the satisfactory working of the college hostel, the literary societies and athletic clubs and on the improvements effected in the tutorial system are noted with interest. His proposals for improving the accommodation and for a better supply of furniture and apparatus are awaited.

T. T. LOCAN,
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1906	..	..	..	205	191	
H. D. TAYLOR.						

2. The results produced at the University examinations show a general improvement over those of the previous year, although in the case of the Mathematics and History sections of the B.A. they were very poor, the percentage of failures having been 58 and 83, respectively—*vide* appendix A.

3. The Director has noticed all the salient points in his review. Submitted that the papers may be simply "recorded".

4. A draft is placed below for approval.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—22-5-07.

*The increase in the strength of the hostel relates to 1907.

H. D. TAYLOR—24-5-07.

Nothing* more seems necessary this year. The result of Mr. Hodges' management cannot yet be seen.

C. A. SOUTER—23-5-07.

H. D. TAYLOR—24-5-07.

Yes. (I do not quite see why these reports should come to Government, unless the Director of Public Instruction has anything to bring specially to the notice of Government.)

G. S. F[ORBES]—26-5-07.

It has been customary for all reports on Government Colleges to come to Government and to be marked for Editors' Table?

H. D. TAYLOR—28-5-07.

Did not the Honourable Member two years ago note that he desired these reports to be circulated to him?

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All the College reports for 1904, 1905 and 1906 have been searched. It is submitted that no such orders as the one referred to by the Secretary can be traced. Attention is, however, invited to the notes with G.O., No. 546, Educational, dated 10th August 1905. But it is not, it is submitted, to the point.

2. The latest orders of the Honourable Member on the subject are contained in the notes with G.O., No. 353, Educational, dated 19th May 1906.

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and the average daily attendance of the four classes together were 205 and 191, respectively, against 225 and 210 in the previous year. The number of students in the several Science divisions of the two B.A. classes taken together was 28 in mathematics, 22 in history and five in philosophy, against 30, 36 and 10, respectively, in the previous year. It will be observed that the fall in the total strength has chiefly affected the history and philosophy sections of the B.A. classes. Changes among the staff and perhaps the unavoidable delay that occurred in the appointment of the permanent Principal should account for the fall in the strength of the college during the year.

5. *Classification of students.*—One hundred and ninety-six out of 204 students or 96 per cent. belonged to the Tanjore district; three students, one in each of the B.A. classes and the other in the Senior F.A. class, were natives of the Trichinopoly district; one in the Senior F.A. class came from Coimbatore; two, one in each of the F.A. classes, belonged to South Arcot; and of the remaining two, who were in the junior F.A. class, one belonged to the Kistna district and the other to Malabar. Brahmins continued to predominate as usual, 192 or 94 per cent. belonging to that caste. Eleven were non-Brahmins, of whom there was one in each of the B.A. classes, while three were in the senior F.A. class and six in the junior F.A. class. The only Muhammadan student was in the senior F.A. class. The vast majority, about 82 per cent. of the students, was drawn from the middle class. Twenty-seven pupils or 13 per cent. belonged to the poorer class and the remainder, a small minority of five per cent., to the richer class. As regards the occupation of their parents, 144 boys or 70 per cent. were the sons of landholders; the parents of 40 boys were officials and those of 11, petty officials; traders and artisans were represented by eight and one respectively.

6. *Accommodation and equipment.*—More and larger class rooms are urgently required. The College examination hall, which was intended for written work, had to be used for lectures—the hearing properties of the room are faulty. It is also desirable that the larger classes should be sub-divided for their special subjects. A larger number of benches is required for class work and more seats are needed for the library. Additional black-boards and maps are urgently needed. The maps at present are antiquated, inaccurate and useless. The college play-ground is inadequate for present needs. Proposals for improvements, and estimates will be submitted separately. Hundred sets of mathematical instruments were supplied from your office during the year; an iron safe was purchased for the office and a large book case added to the library.

7. *Library and reading room.*—On my taking over charge I found the library divided into three divisions—(i) the general library, (ii) the consulting library, (iii) class libraries.

(i) The general library consisted of apparently about 3,000 books, which were kept in one of the rooms of the western wing of the college building. The catalogue was dated 1896, and supplementary catalogues were made in 1900 and 1904; new books were entered as they arrived in a manuscript list. The catalogue was antiquated and inaccurate, the classification was unintelligent and it was impossible to find a required book at a moment's notice or to discover what books relating to any given subject were in the library. The accommodation was inadequate and the books were crowded together promiscuously into any vacant space.

(ii) The consulting library consisted of three or four badly arranged and crowded almirahs which were placed at haphazard wherever there happened to be room.

(iii) The class libraries consisted of books referring to the subjects taught for the B.A., and were kept in the class rooms under the nominal supervision of a member of the class. The librarian was supposed to exercise some supervision and to take a list of these books once each term. The whole system was unnecessary and bad.

The whole western wing of the building, consisting of two large rooms (northern and southern) and an ante-room between these two rooms, has now been utilized for the library and reading-room. The class libraries have been abolished and the library divided into a general library kept in the southern room and a consulting library in

the northern room, the room between these being used as reading-room. The consulting library contains reference books and class books dealing with English (Language and Literature), Sanskrit, Tamil, Philosophy, History, Mathematics, and Biography. No books are allowed to be taken out except by Lecturers for class use in which case they are returned after use. A new large book case has been made and all the cases are open for free use and consultation by members of the staff and by students. The books are being numbered and classified in detail. The general library has been reorganised and sub-divided under 26 general heads. This will enable books to be found at short notice and will show clearly what books are to be found in the library on any subject. The number of new books added during the year was 338. The total number of books is said to be 5,884. This may or may not be correct. The number of books taken out by students was 2,323 as against 2,699 in 1905. The smallness of this number can easily be explained by the want of arrangement; and in addition, no books were allowed to be taken out during November and December owing to the rearrangement of the library. The work of classification, arrangement and cataloguing is not finished as it is of necessity a work of many months.

8. *The tutorial system and discipline.*—The tutorial system was reorganised—the tutors arrange to see their pupils once a month and send in to me a written report (on the model of English public school reports) as to the attendance, health, occupations, etc., of the students under their supervision. The system appears so far to have worked well. The discipline of the college was satisfactory, but there was a lack of public spirit and enthusiasm.

9. *University examinations.*—The results of the university examinations are appended (*vide* appendix A). For the F.A. examination 65 candidates were sent up by the college and 30 passed. The result was disappointing although the percentage of passes appears to be up to the average of recent years. It may be accounted for by the changes of staff during the year, and the number of failures in English (*vide* appendix B), which was unnecessarily large, may be due to the hearing properties of the large hall in which the English lectures were given—it being almost impossible to hear a lecturer from the back rows. The percentage of failures in the vernacular was comparatively high during the year, which is regretted. In the B.A. examination, the results showed a general improvement although no first class was obtained. In English, 46 per cent. against 26 per cent. in the previous year passed. The teaching was satisfactory, but the majority of students were either incompetent or lazy and occasionally both. Teaching in this subject also suffered from the changes in the staff during the year. In History, 9 students applied for examination, but only 6 were actually examined. Of these 5 passed—3 in the second and 2 in the third class. The History Lecturers worked well and conscientiously and the results do them credit. In Mathematics, 12 were sent up and 7 passed with 2 in the second class. The results were above the average for the college in previous years and the presidency average for this year. It is satisfactory to find that Mathematics continues to be popular, and the work done by M.R.Ry. P. V. Seshu Aiyar and M.R.Ry. K. Srinivasapatrachariar deserves mention as contributing to this result. The Philosophy section consisted of one student only who did not attend the examination. This is most discouraging as the work of the lecturers was ably and carefully done. It is some consolation to find that in the present classes the numbers have largely increased. The results in the second language were satisfactory, 14 out of 19 having passed. In general it is unsatisfactory to find that the numbers of students in the B.A. classes continues to decrease. This is partly due to the small percentage of passes in the F.A., and it is also noticeable that no students appear to join the B.A. classes from outside.

10. *College examinations.*—Periodical examinations to test the progress of the students continued to be conducted during the year. The annual examinations for promotion from the junior to the senior F.A. and B.A. classes were held on the 17th December and following days. Due strictness and care were exercised in making these promotions. In the F.A. class, 52 out of 68 students, or 76 per cent. were promoted against 83 per cent. in the previous year. In the B.A. class, 21 out of 27 students, studying all the branches, secured promotion. Two students were not

promoted in English, three in Mathematics and one in Tamil. One student, who was reading the languages only, could not be promoted for want of requisite attendance. One student, who was attending the Philosophy section only, was duly promoted.

11. *Scholarships and prizes.*—The Edward Bird scholarship continued to be held by S. Kasturi of the Senior F.A. class. The Subrahmanyam scholarships were held by—

T. K. Nagaraja Rau (Senior B.A. class).
N. Raghunathan (Junior B.A. class).
R. Balasubrahmanyam (Senior F.A. class).
R. Srinivasagopalachari (Junior F.A. class).

As recommended in this office letter C. No. 81 of 07, dated 18th March 1907, the Morris medal and Beauchamp and Muppanar's prizes for the year under report will be awarded to the following students:—

Morris medal	...	...	...	S. Kasturi.
Beauchamp and Muppanar's prize (English)	...	...	...	Do.
Do.	do.	(Mathematics)	...	Do.
Do.	do.	(History)	...	N. Naganathan.
Do.	do.	(Philosophy)	...	Not awarded.

The T. Rama Rau gold medal for English has been awarded by the University to S. Kasturi of this college.

12. *Athletics and sports.*—The classes have drill once a week, but it is confined to a comparatively small number as the majority of students take part in the college games. Football, tennis and fives continued to be popular. The College Athletic Committee was reorganized and a new Committee consisting of five of the staff and three members elected from the students was formed. The admission of students to the management of the college games proved popular and an increased interest in the college games was noted. The athletic sports were held in October and were most successful. Members of the college also took part in the inter-collegiate sports at Tanjore. Successful football matches were played against the S.P.G. College, Trichinopoly, the Town High school, Kumbakonam and other teams. The college play-ground, which includes three tennis courts, a football ground and a fives court, is too small to accommodate the players of the various games. The Athletic fund at the beginning of the year amounted to Rs. 301-13-10. The amount collected during the year was Rs. 563-9-4 and the amount spent was Rs. 681-1-2. The balance to the credit of the fund at the end of the year was Rs. 184-1-0. The increased expenditure during the year testifies to the increased interest and activity displayed by the students at the various games and sports. In this connection the energy of M.R.Ry. T. V. Sivakumara Sastriar deserves mention as contributing very largely to the success of the college Athletics.

13. *Finance.*—The receipts, consisting of fees, fines and miscellaneous sale-proceeds of the usufruct of the trees, etc., in the college compound, fell to Rupees 15,323-10-9 from Rs. 17,499-13-0 in the previous year. The fines and the miscellaneous receipts alone amounted to Rs. 21-8-0 and Rs. 88-14-9, respectively. The fall in the fee income was due to the decreased average strength during the year. The expenditure amounted to Rs. 34,693-12-4, which was a little less than that of the previous year, viz., Rs. 34,705-13-4; but the total net cost of the college rose from Rs. 17,206-0-4 to Rs. 19,370-1-7, and the net cost per student also increased from Rs. 76 to Rs. 94 as the result of a decrease in the average number on the rolls.

14. *The hostel.*—In the first term of 1906 there were 30 students in residence in the hostel, and in the second term 26; the average monthly boarding charges (exclusive of room rent) were Rs. 9-10-0 in the first term and Rs. 10-6-0 in the second, these rates being fixed by the expenditure of the previous month. In October the General Committee, finding the strength of the hostel unsatisfactory and the whole system unbusinesslike, resolved to levy a fixed monthly rate of Rs. 8 (*plus*

Rs. 1-8-0 or Rs. 2 for room rent) throughout the year 1907, the new rate to come in force on January 1st of that year. The result of this has been to increase the numbers and the present strength (March 1907) is 65. The hostel is built to hold 70. Apart from the financial question the hostel has worked well throughout and reflects great credit on M.R.Ry. P. V. Seshu Aiyar, the Superintendent.

15. *Literary and other societies*.—The college literary society increased in popularity, and during the latter portion of the year displayed increased activity. The number of meetings held during the year was larger than in any previous year. It is hoped that in conjunction with the improvements in the library it may induce students to think for themselves and to read books of general interest and not merely text-books. The Historical and Sanskrit societies continued to do good work.

16. *General*.—In writing the present report I have deviated from the use of tabular statements and have endeavoured to give the whole of the facts, wherever it has been possible, in narrative form.

APPENDIX A.

RESULTS of F.A. and B.A. examinations, 1906.

	Number sent up.	Number examined.	Number passed.				Percentage for 1905.	Percentage for 1906.
			First class	Second class.	Third class.	Total.		
First examination in Arts	65	65	..	30	..	30	48	46
B.A. degree examination—								
I. English Language division ..	26	26	..	4	8	12	26	46
II. Second Language division—								
Tamil	7	7	..	1	4	5	83	71
Sanskrit	12	12	..	4	5	9	71	75
III. Science division—								
Mathematics	12	12	..	2	5	7	43	58
History	9	6	..	3	2	5	32	83
Philosophy	1	..	..	..	..	..	86	..

APPENDIX B.

STATEMENT of failures in the F.A. examination, 1906.

Subjects.	Number failed.		Percentage.	
	1905.	1906.	1905.	1906.
English	16	19	50	54
Sanskrit	5	14	16	40
Tamil	..	3	..	8
Mathematics	11	14	34	40
Physiology	17	8	53	23
History	26	18	81	51

Number failed in one subject only	...	...	...	...	11
Do. in two subjects	...	...	...	...	7
Do. in three subjects	...	...	...	...	10
Do. in four do.	...	...	...	...	4
Do. in five do.	...	...	...	...	1
Do. due to deficiency in total marks	...	...	...	...	2
Total	...	...	...	...	35

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2. There were again several unavoidable changes in the staff during the year. But it is hoped that under the permanent arrangements made in the latter part of the year and recently in connection with the newly-graded subordinate collegiate service the students will, in future, receive in full the advantages of a continuity of teaching and training. The death of M.R.Ry. S. Narayanaswami Aiyar, B.A., Lecturer in Philosophy, who was long connected with the department, was a great loss to the college.

3. There was a fall in the strength of the college at the close of the year and the decrease was particularly marked in the History and the Philosophy sections of the B.A. classes. It is reported, however, that one of these sections has since regained its normal strength. The institution is still of a local nature, 96 per cent. of the students belonging to the Tanjore district.

4. The results of the First Examination in Arts were not satisfactory though those of the B.A. showed some improvement over the previous year. There was no first class obtained at either examination and the largest number of failures was in English.

5. The Principal's remarks on the reclassification of the library and on the satisfactory working of the college hostel, the literary societies and athletic clubs and on the improvements effected in the tutorial system are noted with interest. His proposals for improving the accommodation and for a better supply of furniture and apparatus are awaited.

Signed/ J. J. Logan.

Ag. Director of Public Instruction.

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Sh. Ratanakrishnan

Personal Assistant to the Director of Public Instruction.

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C. No. 1128, From the S. P. J., No. 3523, Dated 11-5-1907.

Report on the working of the
Kumbakonam College for 1906.

The fall in the strength of the College, and in the average daily attendance is explained in paragraph 4 of the Principals' report.

2. The results produced at the University examinations show a general improvement over those of the previous year, altho in the case of the Mathematics and History sections of the B.A. they were very poor, the percentage of failures having been 58 and 83 respectively - vide appendix A on page 7 of the Current file.

3. The Director has noticed all the salient points in his review. Submitted that the papers may be simply 'Recorded'.

4. Draft is placed below for approval.

Nothing more seems necessary this year. The result of Mr. Hooper's management cannot yet be seen.

AM. 24.5.07. 23.5.7.

Strength.	average daily attendance
1905. 224	191
1906. 204	210

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The increase in the strength of the school relative to 1907

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H.D.T.
28-5-07.

All the College reports for 1904, 1905 + 1906 have been searched. It is submitted, that no ^{such} orders as the one referred to by the Secretary can be traced. Attention is, however, invited to the notes with G.O. No. 546 Ed. dy 10-8-05. But it is not, it is submitted, to the point.

2. The latest orders of the Hon'ble members on the subject are contained in the notes with G.O. No. 353 Ed. dy 19-5-06.

G.O. No. 358 Ed. dy 22-5-06 and G.O. No. 364 Ed. dy 25-5-06 which are of later date have, however, been circulated to the Hon'ble members although it does not appear that any important question has arisen in connection with them.

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G.S.P.
26-5-07.

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H.D.T.
28-5-07.

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F. " 426, d/16--6-1906.

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4. Do. do. Rajahmundry College, Arts Section.

5. Do. do. Law College, Madras.

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7. Do. do. Oriental Manuscripts' Library.

8. Do. do. Teachers' College, Saidapet.

9. Do. do. Government Museum.

10. Do. do. School of Arts, Madras.

11. Do. do. Medical College, Madras.

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