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GROUP CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS.

"To meet the requirements of candidates desirous of **Qualifying for a Profession** requiring a knowledge of more than one subject, certain of the subjects shall be formed into groups. In each group there shall be one or more principal subjects, the other subject of the group being regarded as subsidiary to them for the purposes of the profession represented by the group. These groups shall be of two kinds: (1) groups of a lower standard, for passing in all the subjects of which a **group certificate** shall be awarded and (2) groups of a higher standard, for passing in all the subjects of which a **Diploma** shall be awarded.

LITERARY BRANCH.

FROM III STANDARD TO III FORM.

Students of this branch will be given instruction in Compulsory subjects and two Technical subjects. **Very Moderate Fees for poor students.**

MORNING OR EVENING TECHNICAL CLASSES.

The following subjects will be taught to those who cannot attend during the day:—Correspondence, Book-keeping, Short-hand, Telegraphy, Drawing, Music, Surveying and Printing. Term Fee:—For a single subject Rs. 6, 2 subjects Rs. 9, 3 subjects Rs. 12.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

WORKING HOURS: 7—A. M. TO 5—30' P. M.

(1) Carpentry. (2) Blacksmith's Work. (3) Rattan Work. (4) Weaving.

The above subjects will be taught *gratis* to **Poor Students** who will, in addition, be given instruction in Reading Writing Arithmetic and Drawing for 4 hours a day. Intelligent and hard-working students will be awarded Scholarships from Rs. 1 to Rs. 5 according to the work that can be turned out by them. Arrangements are being made to open a **Free Boarding House** for students of this department with the help of the Generous Public.

Class.

Telegraphy Class

Commercial Class

Draftsman Class

Surveyor Class

Artist & Drawing M

Overseer Class

Maistry and Artizan

Printing Class

Sanitary Inspector

Shorthand Class

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Department of Science, Arts and Commerce. Working Hours: 10 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Class.	Object of study.	Length of course.	Subjects taught.	Time of beginning the course of instruction.	Time of application.	Time of Examination.	For the whole course in a lump.	For successful students.
Telegraphy Class	Certificate in Electrical Engineering	2 years	Electricity and magnetism (I) Practical Telegraphy (I)	June	January	April & May	Rs. 40	Telegraph masters in Govt. Dept. and in Railways.
	(a) For Group Engineering Examination	1 year	Electricity and magnetism (E) Practical Telegraphy (E)	Do.	Do.	Do.	18	Government service.
	(b) For single subjects	6 months	Electricity and magnetism, Practical Telegraphy, English Writing and Dictation	January & June	...	Takes place almost every month for employing students as signallers	10	and also in other Railways
Commercial Class	Certificates in Correspondence and Book-keeping	2 years	Book-keeping (I) Commercial Correspondence (I) Commercial Geography (I) Shorthand (I) Banking (E)	June	January	April	50	Govt. Dept., Railways and
	(a) For group Commercial Certificates	1 year	Correspondence, Book-keeping Banking and Shorthand	Do.	Do.	Do.	20	Govt. Dept., Railways and
Draftsman Class	(b) For Commercial Certificate in Mechanical Drawing	2 years	Building Drawing and Estimating (I) Machine Drawing (I) Practical Plane and Solid Geometry (E) mensuration (E)	June	January	April and May	36	Govt. D. of Govt. and Railways.
	For group Certificate in Surveying and Levelling	2 years	Free-hand Drawing (E) Surveying and Levelling (I) Earthwork and Road-making (E) mensuration (E)	June	August	November	25	Govt. D. of Govt. and Railways.
Surveyor Class	For group Certificate in Drawing	2 years	Free-hand Drawing (I) Geometrical Drawing (I) Painting (E) Design (E)	January	August	November	40	Schools and Colleges. Pro- prietors also be taken up.
Artist & Drawing Master Class	For group Certificates in Engineering	3 years	Building Drawing and Estimating, Building materials and construction, Surveying and Levelling, Earthwork and Road-making, Hydraulics and Irrigation Works, Carpentry machine Drawing, Free-hand Drawing, mensuration, Practical Plane and Solid Geometry	June	January	April and May	80	Govt. D. P. W. and Over- sight and Local Fund Boards.
Overseer Class	For group Certificate in Elementary Engineering	1 year	Building Drawing and Estimating, Building materials and construction, mensuration, Surveying	June	January	April and May	15	Govt. and Private service.
Maistry and Artizan Class	For Certificate in Letter-Press	2 years	Compositor's Work (I) Proof-Reader's Work (E) Press Work (E) Machine Work (E)	January	August	November and December	20	Govt. & Private Printing Presses.
	(a) For group Printer's Certificate	1 year	Compositor's Work (Proof-Reader's Work (E)	Do.	Do.	Do.	10	Govt. & Private Presses.
Printing Class	(b) For Compositor's Certificate in Sanitary Science	1 year	Hygiene and Animal Physiology	June	January	April	10	Govt. or nuisance Inspectors in
Sanitary Inspector Class	For Certificate in Phonography	1 year	Phonography, Correspondence, Law Terms and Usages	June	January	April	12	Govt. in District Courts, Corres- pondence Public offices and mercantile under Pleaders.
Shorthand Class	For Reporter's Certificate	1 year						

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TRAINING FOR TECHNICAL TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES.

Six scholarships of Rs 7 tenable for 18 months are open to Matriculates who wish to qualify themselves as teachers of both General and Technical subjects. Applications should be made before 30th June, and the students should bind themselves to work in a Technical school for at least 3 years.

ITINERANT DRAWING MASTERS.

For the diffusion of the art of Drawing, Drawing classes are being conducted by the teachers of the Institute in more than a dozen Branch Schools mainly belonging to the St. Joseph's and S. P. G. Colleges. Managers of other schools may, on application, arrange for opening similar classes in their schools.

TO POOR AND AVERAGE STUDENTS.

Employments requiring literary qualification are being mainly filled up by graduates. The only course left to those to whom this is addressed, is to qualify themselves for professions requiring Technical knowledge. To test this practical knowledge, Madras Government has instituted Technical examinations. Successful students may hope for employment in those departments wherein the professional knowledge acquired by them is required. Students who have studied in High school classes will prepare for themselves an easy way of earning a living, if they join the Technical Institute and study some subject or other which they have a taste for.

Class	
Telegraphy Class	(a) For Group (b) For single (c) For S. P. G.
Commercial Class	(a) For Group (b) For single (c) For S. P. G.
Navigation Class	(a) For Group (b) For single (c) For S. P. G.
Art and Drawing Master Class	(a) For Group (b) For single (c) For S. P. G.
Surveying Class	(a) For Group (b) For single (c) For S. P. G.
Ministry and Artisan Class	(a) For Group (b) For single (c) For S. P. G.
Printing Class	(a) For Group (b) For single (c) For S. P. G.
Sanitary Inspector Class	(a) For Group (b) For single (c) For S. P. G.
Shorthand Class	(a) For Group (b) For single (c) For S. P. G.

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HISTORY OF THE PAST STUDENTS OF ALBERT VICTOR TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, TRICHINOPOLY.

No.	Names of Students.	Appointments held.
Printing Class.		
1	Venkatachalem Aiyar S.	Foreman: S. I. Ry. Press, 3rd Compositor: Tanjore Government Press, Foreman, Messrs. Oliver & Co's Press: Ncgapatam.
2	Chinnaswamy Pillai A.	Manager, South India Times Press, Foreman, S. I. Ry. Press.
3	Arokiaswamy Pillai S.	Foreman, South India Times Press; Foreman, St. Joseph's College Press, Trichinopoly.
4	Sesha Aiyar V.	Compositor, Southern Star Press: Trichinopoly; Assistant Teacher of Printing, A. V. T. Institute.
5	Amirdam Pillai M.	Compositor, Southern Star Press: Trichinopoly.
6	Arokiaswamy Pillai E. A.	Do.
7	Lakshmana Aiyar K. S.	Foreman, Dodson Press: Trichinopoly.
8	Susiah Naidu S.	Compositor, St. Joseph's College Press: Trichinopoly.
Drawing Class.		
9	Narayanaswamy Pillai S.	Itinerant Drawing master, A. V. T. Institute: Trichy.
10	Ponnuswamy Asari T. M.	Drawing master, St. Joseph's European Branch School: Trichy.
11	Venkatarama Aiyar N.	Itinerant Drawing master, A. V. T. Institute: Trichy.
12	T. G. Rama Row	Practising Artist: Trichinopoly.
13	P. Kasturi Rengan	Do.

No.	Name of Students.	Appointments held.
Draftsman Class.		
14	Doraiswamy Pillai M. K.	Draftsman, Survey office, Pudukotah.
15	Rengaswamy Aiyar T. S.	Draftsman, Maramuth office, Pudukotah.
Overseer Class.		
16	Venkatesa Row T. S. V.	Overseer, Marungapari, Trichinopoly.
17	Ramakrishna Aiyar S. V.	Asst. Teacher of Engineering subjects A. V. T. Institute.
Commercial Class.		
18	Sampathkumara Aiyangar	Clerk, Collector's Office, Madras.
19	Ramachandra Row P. S.	Clerk, Messrs. Parry & Co. Trivandram; Clerk, Cigar Factory, Worur.
20	Subramania Aiyar R.	Assistant to Postmaster: Trichinopoly.
21	Ramaswamy Aiyangar S.	Do.
22	Parthasarathy Raja	Vakil's Gunastab, Srirangam.
23	Swaminatha Pillai S.	Clerk, Chief Auditor's Office, S. I. Ry: Trichinopoly.
24	Sambamoorthy Aiyar M. P.	Do.
25	Madaranyagani Pillai T. S.	Do.
26	Govindaswamy Aiyar V.	Clerk, Cigar Factory, Worur.
27	Kappuswamy Aiyar T. S.	Writer, National High School and Bookseller: Trichinopoly.
28	Murugesu Pillai T. S.	Clerk, Chief Auditor's Office, S. I. Ry.

No.	Name of Students.	Appointments held.
29	Perumal Pillai T. M.	...
30	Kuppuswamy Naidu S.	... Clerk, Pension Office: Trichinopoly.
31	Srinivasa Row D. S.	... Clerk, Military Station Office: Trichinopoly.
32	Ramanatha Aiyar T. V.	... Vakeel's Gumastah: Worur.
33	A. Muthuswamy Aiyar	... Merchant's Clerk: Tinnevely.
		... Clerk, Cigar Factory, Worur.
	Phonography class.	
34	Krishnaswamy Aiyangar S.	...
35	Doraiswamy Aiyar B. S.	... Shorthand Correspondence Clerk, Chief Auditor's Office, S. I. Ry.
36	Eswara Aiyar S. R.	... Teacher of Phonography, A. V. T. Institute: Trichy.
37	Isaac Nadar P.	... Do.
		... Shorthand Correspondence Clerk, Art-Industrial School, Nazareth.
	Telegraphy Class.	... S. I. Ry.
38	Swaminadha Aiyar L.	...
39	Subramania Aiyar R. N.	... Signaller, South Indian Railway; Guard, S. I. Ry.
40	Rengaswami Pillai T. M.	... Signaller, South Indian Railway.
41	Kolathur Aiyar S.	... Do.
42	Gopala Aiyar R.	... Do.
43	Venkatarama Aiyar S.	... Do.
44	Rajagopal Naidu T. V.	... Do.
45	Jambulingam P.	... Signaller, Southern Mahratta Railway.
46	Subbu Row S.	... Do.

No.	Name of Students.	Appointments held.
		... Signaller Southern Mahratta Railway.
		... Signaller, South Indian Railway.
47	Ramachandran G.	... Do.
48	Pichamuthu Pillai S.	... Do.
49	Alagesingam Aiyangar S.	... Do.
50	Natesa Aiyar V.	... Do.
51	Swaminadha Pillai M.	... Do.
52	Swaminadha Row S. M.	... Do.
53	Saundararaja Mudali	... Do.
54	Krishnaswami K.	... Do.
55	Sesha Aiyangar S.	... Do.
56	Chakravarti Achariar S.	... Do.
57	Krishnaswami Aiyar M.	... Do.
58	Ganese Aiyar K.	... Do.
59	Srinivasa Aiyangar V.	... Do.
60	Raghava Aiyangar A.	... Do.
61	Raja Row S.	... Do.
62	Muthuswamy Aiyar G.	... Do.
63	Subramania Aiyar K.	... Do.
64	Venkatarama Aiyar P. K.	... Signalling Teacher, A. V. T. Institute, Trichinopoly, Signaller,
		... East Coast Railway.
		... Signaller, South Indian Railway.
		... Do.
65	Gopala Aiyar G.	... Do.
66	Subbareju Aiyar T. J.	... Do.
67	Thiromalai Row.	... Do.
68	Krishnaswami Aiyangar G.	... Do.
69	Rajagopala Aiyangar.	...

No.	Names of Students.	Appointments held.
70	Ramalingam Aiyar.	...
71	Subba Row T. J.	Signaller, South Indian Railway.
72	Sama Row A. K.	Do.
73	Swamy Dorai Aiyar K.	Do.
74	Ramakrishna Aiyar T. P.	Do.
75	Venkatachaleem Chetty G.	Do.
76	Srinivasa Aiyar R.	Do.
77	Venkatarama Aiyar K.	Do.
78	Gopalaaswamy Aiyar K.	Do.
79	Taghavendra Row C. V.	Do.
80	Kolandaswamy Pillai T. A.	Do.
81	Doraiswami Pillai T. A.	Do.
82	Jagatheesa Aiyar P. G.	Do.
83	Narasimmachary S.	Do.
84	Venkoba Row.	Do.
85	Krishnaswamy V. K.	Do.
86	Sesha Aiyangar.	Government Signaller, Karnool.
87	Narasinga Row.	Signaller, South Indian Railway.
88	Swaminatha Aiyar V.	Do.
89	Joseph D. Robert.	Do.
90	Pauchapagasa Iyer M. R.	Do.
91	...	Do.
92	...	Do.

No.	Names of Students.	Appointments held.
94	Appaswamy L. A.	Signaller, South Indian Railway.
95	Balaswami N.	Do.
96	Gopala Aiyar L.	Do.
97	Ramaswamy Aiyar K.	Do.
98	Ramakumara Pillai T.	Do.
99	Muthukumara R.	Do.
100	Gopal Row M. R.	Do.
101	Sesha Aiyangar G.	Do.
102	Sankaranarayana Aiyar T. V.	Do.
103	Sundaram Aiyar P. N.	Do.
104	Visvanatha Aiyar S.	Do.
105	Srinivasa Aiyangar B. V.	Do.

For further particulars apply to,
V. SRINIVASA AIYAR,
 Superintendent.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Anniversary and Prize Distribution of Albert Victor Technical Institute, Trichinopoly, was celebrated, with great eclat, on the evening of the 28th November 1894, under the Presidency of His Excellency Lord Wenlock. The whole *élite* of the town was represented and the following report was read by Mr. V. Srinivasa Aiyar, the Managing Superintendent of the Institute:—

I have the honor to submit the following report of the working of the Institute during the past 4 years.

In the year 1889, a commercial class which had been started at the Local National High School 2 years before, was closed. Having been a teacher in that class and being convinced of the importance of the education it afforded in a town of much commercial activity as Trichinopoly, I opened a class in the Town Hall to carry on the work which the National High School had begun. Various considerations have led to the expansion of a single class into an Institute in which are now taught Printing, Drawing, Music, Phonography, Telegraphy, Engineering and Carpentry in addition to Commercial Correspondence and Book-keeping taught at the commencement. My experience as a joint Editor and Publisher of Sanskrit Text Books revealed to me the difficulties under which the Managers of Printing Presses had to labour when employing half-educated men as Compositors. I was thus led to open a Printing Class in July 1891. A month later, a drawing class was opened. In September 1892, the subject of Native Music was added to the curriculum by the amalgamation with the Institute of a Music class which had till then been held in the S. P. G. College under the patronage of the Rev. T. H. Dodson M. A. In April of the same year, the commercial class was supplemented by a class for instruction in Phonography. In August 1892, at the suggestion of the Collector, Mr. Welsh, a class was opened for the instruction of 7 Minors of the Court of Wards in Revenue Laws, Book-keeping and Agriculture; but this was essentially temporary. Prior to 1892 the S. I. Ry. Company had to make their own arrangements to

train up candidates for employment as Signallers under the Company. Some students who had a taste for the subject pressed me to open a class for Telegraphy; and, on my representation to Mr. Stenson that, if students received a systematic and scientific training in an organized Institution subject to discipline, they would make much better signallers than those who merely learnt to receive and transmit messages as a mechanical work, that gentleman kindly condescended to leave the schooling work to this Institute and to lend the necessary Instruments for instruction, promising at the same time to utilize the services of the successful students of the Institute as signallers under the Company after a preliminary examination.

A class for Draftsman was added in October 1892 which has developed this year into an Overseer class whose object is to qualify students for employment as Overseers in Municipalities which cannot afford to employ highly-paid men from the Civil Engineering College. Instruction in Carpentry was started last April and Mr. Thomas of the Wesleyan Mission has kindly lent a Harmonium the use of which is being learnt by an experimental class consisting chiefly of Christian students and teachers.

Each new class has had to pass through an experimental stage, as students were slow to appreciate its advantages. In most cases it has been necessary to begin by admitting them free or even by paying them for their attendance. The Institute being among the first of its kind and few or no men already qualified to impart instruction in Technical subjects being available, it was necessary to afford facilities to intelligent young men to qualify themselves in those subjects preparatory to their being employed as teachers in the Institute. Some interest had also to be taken and endeavour made towards securing suitable appointments for successful students so that our young men might be convinced that there is as honorable a field open to them by joining the Technical Institute as by continuing to go along the ordinary track of general education in the existing schools and colleges. And considerable expense has also had to be incurred in advertising the work which is being done.

In the second year of the Institute's existence it was transferred from the Town Hall to the S. P. G. High School where it remained till last year. It was then found practicable to hire buildings by the Mainguard gate where the Institute is now located. Additional sheds have had to be erected on the southern side of these buildings to accommodate the classes for General Education required by the Educational Rules.

The Institute has been fortunate in securing the services of an efficient staff. Almost all the teachers have passed Government Examination in the subjects taught by them. Most of them hold Technical Teacher's Certificates and amongst them are 6 Undergraduates and 3 Middle Schoolmen who have studied up to the Matriculation standard. The services of an Overseer and Draftsman of the Civil Engineering College and of a Holder of Diploma in Drawing have been secured and there will soon be some Holders of Diploma in Electrical Engineering and Commercial subjects.

At the commencement, the classes were held a few hours in the evening and later on also in the morning as it was difficult to secure the services of full-time teachers. As by that arrangement the benefits of the Institute could not be attained to the fullest extent intended, full-time teachers had to be employed, though at a considerable expense, since July last. The institute is now working regularly during the day as other educational institutions in the country.

The Institute began with only 4 pupils in 1890 and now has on its rolls so many as 104 distributed as follows among the various subjects:—

Telegraphy Class	39	Printing Class	6
Commercial Class	8	Phonography Class	5
Overseer Class	14	Music Class	7
Draftsman Class	18	Drawing Class	7

It will be seen that the largest Class is that of Telegraphy to which students are specially attracted by the more certain prospect of immediate employment in the Railway Company afforded

by the kindness of J. H. Stenson Esq. Indeed the popularity and strength of each class have depended more or less on the prospect of future employment which its training affords.

Up to date 72 Government Technical Examination Certificates have been won by the students of the institute in the following subjects:—Printing, Book-keeping, Commercial Geography, Mercantile Arithmetic, Commercial Correspondence, Mensuration, Free-hand Drawing, Geometrical Drawing, Shorthand, Electricity and Magnetism, Building Drawing, Earth-work and Roadmaking, Surveying and Levelling, Practical Plane and Solid Geometry and Machine Drawing.

It may also be interesting to note that up to date, so far as information is available, 85 pupils of the Institute have secured employments as Compositors and Foremen of Press offices, Merchants, Merchant's Clerks, Signallers in Southern Mahratta and S. I. Railways and in Post Offices, Drawing Masters, Draftsmen and Overseers.

It has also been our fortunate lot to have met with the appreciation and encouragement of the Officers of the Educational Department as well as other gentlemen interested in the work of the Institute. The Director of Public Instruction wrote in 1892 "the results of Public Examinations mentioned in the Report are very encouraging." And again in 1894 he remarks "The Technical Institute seems to be a flourishing Institution and to supply a real want. It deserves every encouragement and I trust that the demand for support will be well responded to by the native public."

A pupil of the Institute, S. Singam Iyengar, last year passed first in the Presidency in Book-keeping. He is getting a Government Scholarship of Rs. 8 per mensem tenable for 2 years to qualify for a higher examination in the subject T. S. Venkatesa Row, another student, passed in five Engineering subjects in the last examination and was placed in the first class in all of them. The highest appointments are held by T. S. Venkatesa Row as Overseer of Marun-gapuri on Rs. 60, Sampathkumara Aiyengar in Revenue Secretary's

Office at Madras on Rs. 35, A. Chinnasamy Pillai as Foreman of J. Railway Press on Rs. 30, and by S. Venkatachalam Aiyar as Foreman of Oliver Press on Rs. 25.

The Institute has hitherto been maintained with considerable difficulty on account of want of funds. The income has been little when compared with the large outlay necessary to provide instruction in so many subjects. The importance of Technical Education is so little known that it will be evident that the several classes cannot be strong enough to be self-supporting for years to come. The income from fees has been very little, and the small grant kindly made by the Victoria Technical Institute, Madras since 1892 and the results grant from Government begun to be earned this year have hardly—though they are favours for which the manager feels the sincerest gratitude—gone the way of making the Institute self-supporting. The manager with his brother—would-be-graduate—has not only had to work for no remuneration but he has also had, at times, to pay out his private money to meet the expenses of the Institute.

The manager having plodded with such difficulties for four years, trusts that the time is now come when he is entitled to solicit substantial help from Government in the shape of permanent Salary Grants and from the public in the shape of Donations and Endowments.

Additional accommodations, Models, Instruments, Tools, Apparatus, Machines, and Books are also necessary to enable the Institute to keep pace with the growing usefulness and appreciation of technical study.

In May last, an attempt to solicit the aid of the public with a view to place the Institute "on a stronger, more efficient and more permanent basis" was contemplated. An appeal was drawn up by Revd. T. H. Dodson M. A. and was supported by the recommendations of J. H. Stenson Esq., and the Director of Public Instruction; but, as other pressing matters cropped up which engaged the immediate attention of the manager and promoters, the scheme

was not then matured. Practical steps will, it is hoped, soon be taken to invite the hearty co-operation of the public in the shape of Donations under the auspices of a Committee of Trustees consisting of some leading and respectable gentlemen who will vouchsafe the proper use of the subscriptions collected. The past success of the Institute, the promoters trust, will have sufficiently awakened the public mind to the importance of technical education to our youths, and they are confident that the appeal respectfully presented on this most auspicious occasion, presided as it is by such a distinguished person as your Excellency, will be heartily responded.

The manager begs to tender his heartfelt thanks to the following gentlemen and public bodies who have substantially helped him by advice and encouraged him in many other ways towards bringing the Institute to its present position:—Revd. T. H. Dodson M. A., J. H. Stenson Esq., Victoria Technical Institute, Madras, Rev. A. A. Thomas of Wesleyan Mission, Sangeetha Samaj, Srirangam, Messrs. D. Logan, W. M. Simpson and H. H. O'Farrell, Lieut. Colonel Smart and Captain Major H. D. Love, who have suggested to the Director of Public Instruction to affiliate the Institute to the Madras Civil Engineering College and also to Messrs. Vasudeva Aiyengar and Prasanna Venkatesa Row and other gentlemen who have been the first to respond to the appeal for aid.

In conclusion, the manager and promoters beg to express their humble, heartfelt and sincerest feelings of gratitude to Your Excellency for having generously condescended to grace this occasion with your august presence in the midst of your multifarious and onerous duties, the encouragement which it has given being too great to be adequately acknowledged in words.

PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH.

His Excellency then rose in the midst of loud acclamation and said:—

"I am glad to fulfil the promise I have made some little time ago that I will come and see for myself what work is being done here. Technical Education in this country at least, I will say, is at present in an experimental stage. As you all know, the

pressure on Government in the matter of education, as in matters, is very great. There is undoubtedly a very large yet before Government before it can really consider that it dealt with the subject of education. If the Government is able to do so much as it can to push on technical education, merely on account of strain in other directions in the matter of education. At the same time, Government fully recognises the importance of pushing it as far as possible with institutions as this which is capable of giving proper instruction to young men of this country in technical subjects. You have explained in a very interesting report the history of this particular Institute. It has been started only a few years before, and present you are told it is rather struggling with the conditions under which it is working. It has commenced with 4 pupils and has reached at present to 104. There is no doubt that 104 students in a large town like Trichinopoly is a very small number, and those young men who will subject themselves to that training which will enable them to undertake their duties in their particular subjects where occupation and employment is likely to be forthcoming that fill the classes. I can well understand your men naturally flocking to that particular class where they can get employment. At the same time I cannot help thinking that a very much larger number of young men can educate themselves in great many technical subjects even if they go to a particular line afterwards. A very large number of young men must naturally occupy their minds with commercial matters and a proper knowledge of Book-keeping and Commercial Correspondence is very necessary to many. Telegraphic classes are also here; and, as something more definitely is presented to the students in this class than in others, these classes are rapidly filled. I will congratulate the management on giving such good instruction to the young men as to satisfy the requirements of the Railways and other Public bodies which require their services. I find also that other subjects are receiving attention which are of great importance. The subject of Drawing is occupying public attention, and everybody interested

matters of education recognises the importance of Drawing. Unfortunately it is impossible to teach Drawing as thoroughly and generally as it ought to be taught, unless a large number of competent teachers is forthcoming. In this particular Institute young men are learning themselves to impart instruction in that particular subject to others. I only trust that that subject will receive encouragement and be taught still more largely. There are other classes which are likely to be of very great use to young men. There is a Carpentry class which naturally must attract a great number of young men, for there is a large field in this country for all those who go in for that subject. I shall be sorry to think that the art of wood-carving which has so early grown to a high state in this country is losing its importance. I hope that this institution will be the means of keeping alive that particularly interesting and valuable art. There is also a class provided for learning Shorthand. That I hope will be taken up by many here; and I hope Government will find themselves in a position soon to have their courts filled with responsible and properly educated men who will be able to take up that work for them. Of course that is rather a work of time: that is a subject which requires training, and a certain number of years must naturally elapse for young men to be able to carry on the work of this particular branch. From the prospectus I hold in my hand, I find that a good many improvements are considered necessary in carrying the works which the Committee has undertaken in this town. I find there is not sufficient room for conducting the classes and imparting instruction in the manner in which it ought to be carried out. And although this building is available at present I do not know if it meets with all the requirements necessary. It appears to me from what I gather a good many extensions are necessary. It must be very satisfactory to all present here to think that they are gathered in a building which was once solely kept up for the purposes of war and is now devoted to arts of peace. I hope in this capacity it will be still more useful to the people of this country than it has been in the olden days. I understand that financial difficulties are pressing upon the management and that an appeal is being sent out to

all those wealthy gentlemen in the town who can afford to help the institute with some of their wealth to enable younger generations to take advantage of the education which is placed at their disposal. I sincerely hope that the appeal will be successful. There are great many gentlemen here who can if they wish do much to further this object. I hope that the appeal will be successful and that Mr. Dodson may feel that the efforts which he made in that direction has been successful. I wish to be allowed to put my name down on the list for Rs. 100 to mark my interest in this particular Institute. I hope that in years to come this Institute may do a great deal more good than it is at present able to do. For this depends upon the aid and encouragement it receives from those persons who are to be most interested in it, that is the people themselves, the residents of Trichinopoly.

AN APPEAL FOR AID TOWARDS ALBERT VICTOR TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TRICHINOPOLY.

The Albert Victor Technical Institute, exists—as a result of entirely **native effort**—to impart special instruction, mainly during the early morning and evening hours, in various Technical Subjects—such as **Telegraphy, Draughtsmanship, Book-keeping, Business Correspondence, Shorthand, Drawing, Printing, Music, Engineering, Carpentry, &c.**—to young men who have received some General Education.

It was started in 1890 by Mr. V. Srinivasa Aiyar, an enterprising teacher in the S. P. G. High School under my charge, and he has conducted it with energy and success.

I have always taken an interest in the venture—having from the first placed at the service of the morning and evening classes some rooms in the High School in which a considerable part of the work of the Institute is still carried on—, because I feel that **it does a good deal for the assistance of many deserving young men who would otherwise be at a loss to obtain employment**, and also it tends to develop a branch of Education which in this country needs decidedly more attention than it at present receives.

On this ground, I suppose, the Founder and Manager has asked me to back up his **endeavour to obtain an extended interest and support for the institute—especially with a view to placing it on a stronger, more efficient and more permanent basis.**

The institute is **recognised by the Government Educational Department**, and encouraged by Heads of various Public Offices in Madras and Trichinopoly.

Nearly **seventy young men** have already obtained various professional appointments from the Institute, and I believe there is a great opening for work on these lines; but **considerable additions, extensions, and improvements are necessary** to make the Institute adequately answer to the opportunities which lie before it.

The most pressing of the wants which the Manager wishes to provide are :—

1	A class room for teaching General Subjects	Rs. 300
2	" " " " Carpentry	" 200
3	" " " " Electricity and Magnetism	" 200
4	Apparatus to teach	" 150
5	Telegraphic Instruments	" 300
6	Machine Drawing necessities	" 350
7	Surveying instruments	" 200
8	Printing apparatus	" 400
9	Carpentering requisites	
10	Furniture	
	Library	

I have pleasure therefore in stating what I know of the Institute: **it has certainly done good work during the past four years and it has my good wishes for its future extended usefulness.**

16th May 1894.

T. H. DODSON M. A.,
Principal,
S. P. G. College, Trichinopoly.

I have much pleasure in seconding the recommendations made by Mr. Dodson. I have heard of the Albert Victor Technical Institute in connection with its Telegraphy class and have employed a number of successful students as signallers in the service of the South Indian Railway Company. Mr. V. Srinivasa Aiyar with whom I am personally acquainted, is devoting most of his time and means towards the efficient conduct of the Institute, and any help which the public can give towards the improvement of the Institute, will I am sure be much appreciated.

Trichinopoly, }
22nd May 1894.

J. H. STENSON,
Traffic Manager,
South Indian Railway.

From the reports received from Inspecting Officers, this seems to be a flourishing institution and to supply a real want viz technical instruction in Trichinopoly as the result of private native enterprise. **It deserves every encouragement and I trust that the demand for support will be well responded to by the native public.** The statement published by the manager showing the history of the ex-students of the institution testifies to its usefulness and proves that employment can be secured elsewhere than in the service of Government by students who have received a technical training.

Ootacamund, }
2nd June 1894.

A. MONRO,
The Director of
Public Instruction.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ootacamund 2nd June 1894.

His Excellency the Governor is glad to learn from the Director of Public Instruction that the **Albert Victor Technical Institute is a most deserving institution** and that it is recognized and aided by the Educational Department When next he visits Trichy, His Excellency will be well pleased to pay a visit to the Albert Victor Institute.

C. F. MAC CARTIE,
Private Secretary.

The following is the endorsement to Government on the Budget of Trichinopoly Municipality:—"If the rules and Act allow of it and Government sees no objection, I would recommend a grant to the Technical Institute which is in its infancy and deserves support."

(Sd) J. ANDREW,
Acting Collector.

12th January 1895

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Donations and Subscriptions will be thankfully received by
V. SRINIVASA AIYAR,
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 cal subjects - distributed according to the Districts they have come from.

Place.	Total	Parti- culars	Place	Total	Parti- culars
Trichinopoly Dt.			Cuddalore Dt.		
Pudukotah.			Cuddalore Taluk	5	5
Tanjore Dt.			Porto Novo	2	2
Tanjore Taluk	74	74	Pondicherry	6	6
Kumbakonam	29	29	Dindivanam	1	1
Mannargudi	10	10	Chidambaram	1	1
Mayavaram	10	10	Northern & Wes- tern Parts.		
Tiruvallur	7	7	Madras	17	17
Negapatnam	6	6	Chingleput	7	7
Shiyali	2	2	Chittur	11	11
Coimbatore Dt.			Salem	1	1
Coimbatore Taluk	7	7	Anantapur	1	1
Satyamangalam	6	6	Vizagapatnam	4	4
Udumalpet	2	2	Nellore	2	2
Namakkal	1	1	Kolapore	1	1
Dharapuram	5	5	Mysore	2	2
Bhavani	2	2	Bangalore	2	2
Erode	8	8	Kolar	1	1
Karoor	16	16	Malabar	8	8
				42	42
					56

V. SRINIVASA AIYAR,
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Superintendent.

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Albert W. W.
Trichinopoly, 20/11/95

Respected Sir,

I beg to send herewith for your kind perusal a copy of the prospectus of the Institute, which had the honor of receiving a visit last year from His Excellency Lord Wenlock who, in addition, presided at its Anniversary and prize distribution. I feel it my pleasant duty to acknowledge my indebtedness to the Madras Govt. for the favourable recommendation made to the Govt. of India towards getting the "Maignard building".

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