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From

LIEUT.-COLONEL R. M. MACDONALD,
Acting Director of Public Instruction,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Educational Department,
Fort St. George.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit the report of the Acting Principal of the Medical College for the Session 1871-72 with the usual Appendices.

2. SENIOR DEPARTMENT.—At the commencement of the Session the Senior Department consisted of nine students, being two less than last year. Four of these held Government Scholarships, one was a Lane Scholar, and four were Private Students. Two went up for the Preliminary Scientific Examination of the University in July 1871; one passed, and the other failed. Four other students passed the First M.B. and C.M. Examination in a creditable manner. The conduct of the students in this department is favorably noticed, and they appear to have acquitted themselves well in their class examinations.

3. SECOND DEPARTMENT.—The Second Department opened with fifty-six students, being two less than last year. The Senior Class ... 32
Second do. ... 23
Junior do. ... 11
two lower classes each contained one Singapore Student; all the rest were Hospital Apprentices.

Of the twenty-two pupils composing the senior class, fifteen passed as Assistant Apothecaries and seven failed. A Hospital Assistant, who was studying for the grade of Sub-Assistant Surgeon in this class, was also rejected by the Committee. The examiners remark that, with the exception of F. A. Wynne, whose superiority is conspicuous, the attainments of all the students of this class are very low and far from creditable, and the Acting Principal considers that the seven who failed have made absolutely no progress during the Session. As a very large sum of public money has been expended in providing scholarships for these young men during the last three years, and, as this expenditure has been productive of such very slender results, the cause of so marked a failure calls for some notice. On referring to the report for 1869-70, it will be seen that the third or junior class of that year was described as one of very ordinary capacity, and that the pre-collegiate training of some of the young men composing it was stated to have been very defective. Last year this class, which had then become the second, was described

as indifferent in both industry and attainments, and the defective pre-collegiate training of the students was again noticed. There seems, therefore, reason for concluding that the general failure of this class is in a great measure attributable to a system which permits the admission into the Second Department of students unfit to pursue the professional studies required of them. A higher standard in the entrance examination for a Hospital Apprentice seems one of the remedies required, and in the present state of education it is probable that no difficulty would be found in substituting the Matriculation test for the low standard now accepted. It will be observed, however, from Dr. Paul's remarks, which are quoted by the Acting Principal, that there are other disturbing influences at work. The pupils appear to devote too much time to their amusements and to have more money at their command than is good for them. Mr. Chipperfield suggests that they might, with great advantage to themselves, lay out a portion of the liberal stipend allowed them in purchasing standard medical works, and it seems a question whether their stipends might not be reduced with a view to such books being supplied to them by the College authorities. It seems also a question whether a graduated scale of stipends, varying with the proportion of marks obtained by the students in their annual examinations, might not be substituted for rates rising uniformly without reference to their good conduct and industry. The two junior classes of the Senior Department seem to be generally composed of more promising materials than the senior, and the result of the College examinations was generally satisfactory. There seems reason, however, for apprehending that a few of the pupils of the second class are of a bad type and not unlikely to fail in their final examination.

4. JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.—The Junior Department opened with forty-six
 Senior Class ... 16 students against thirty-eight last year. The senior
 Junior do. ... 30 class contained twelve Military Students, eleven of
 whom passed as Hospital Assistants, while one failed. Four students, supported by the Maharajah of Vizianagram for service in his hospitals, were also passed by the Committee; but, owing to their defective general education, they acquitted themselves indifferently, although they had had the advantage of an extra year's study. The junior class, which contains two Mysore Students and two Private Students, is generally reported on favorably, but two students have been dismissed for incompetency.

5. MEDALS.—The Johnstone Medal was awarded to Hospital Apprentice F. A. Wynne, who surpassed several students of the Senior Department. No pupil of the Junior Department was considered sufficiently distinguished to admit of the Government Medal being awarded to him.

6. PROFESSORS' REPORTS.—Mr. Chipperfield remarks that the knowledge of English possessed by many of the pupils of the Junior Depart-

ment is so limited that they are unable to derive the full advantage of the instruction given to them. The inference is that here also time and money are being wasted, owing to the standard of admission being too low. Dr. Paul, Mr. Cockerill, and Dr. King all bear testimony to the same effect. The only other point which seems to require notice is Dr. Furnell's complaint that he is unable to illustrate the use of the ophthalmoscope to his class, owing to there being no room in the College which admits of being sufficiently darkened. This is an inconvenience which might no doubt be remedied by the Public Works Department.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. M. MACDONALD, Lieut.-Colonel,
Acting Director of Public Instruction.