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To THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL,

G e n e r a l DEPARTMENT.

Calcutta, the 23 Octr. 1914.

DEPARTMENT.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith in original the letter No. 1983, dated 21st October 1914, addressed to you through this office by the Principal of the Presidency College, Calcutta, together with its enclosures regarding the developments which have taken place at Presidency College since the coming into force of the new University regulations.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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FROM

The Principal, Presidency College, Calcutta.

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TO

The Secretary to the Government of Bengal,

General Department.

(Through the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.)
Calcutta, The 21st September 1914.

SIR,

I have the honour to enclose for the information of Government a copy of a memorandum prepared in response to the request made in a recent circular from the Registrar of Calcutta University asking for details of the improvements effected in colleges in connection with the University inspection. I enclose also a copy of my letter to the Registrar.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. R. James

Principal,

Presidency College.

From

No 1984.

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The Principal, Presidency College, Calcutta,

To

The Registrar, Calcutta University.

Dated, Calcutta, the 21st September 1914.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular No. 11074 dated the 11th June 1914, and subsequent reminder, I have the honour to furnish a memorandum summing up the developments which have taken place at Presidency College since the coming into force of the new regulations in July 1906. I shall endeavour to supply fuller information later on.

2. The questions as asked in your letter do not appear to me to be appropriate to the circumstances of a Government College and more especially of Presidency College. I do not, therefore, attempt to answer them in detail.

I have etc.,

Sd/- H. R. James

Summary of developments in Presidency College.

(1906 - 1914)

1. Staff.-- The staff has been raised from 43 to 74.

	1906-7	1914-15.
Professors	22 (9 I.E.S. & 13 P.E.S.)	40 (13 I.E.S. & 27 P.E.S.)
Lecturers	3 (2 S.E. S. & one outside the grades)	3
Assistants	10	18
Office	8 (Office 6 & library 2)	13 (Office 10 & library 3)

2. A comprehensive Improvement Scheme was matured between 1907 - 10. The chief projects included in this scheme are :-

- i. New laboratories for Physics, Physiology, Botany and Geology.
- ii. Acquisition of the Hare School building.
- iii. A new hostel.
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- vi. Principal's house.
- vii. Quarters for professors.
- viii. A gymnasium.
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The laboratories have been completed in one block which was opened under the name of ^{the} Baker Buildings in January 1913. The department of Chemistry has subsequently been enlarged and re-organised at a cost of Rs 40000/-

At the same time, many rooms in the old college building have been set free for general purposes as a result of ^{the} removal of ^{the} Science departments to the Baker Buildings.

3. A College Council, based primarily on the principle of representation of subjects, was instituted in 1907 and has since been in full working. It meets 8 or 9 times a year.

4. A Governing Body was instituted in 1910 to meet the wishes of the Syndicate and in compliance of Chapter XIX, Section 3 A of the Regulations. It has wide powers. Its -- activity has steadily increased. Last year it held in all ten meetings. It has already met four times this session.

5. A Students' Consultative Committee was established last year. It consists of representatives from each Year, -- Science and Arts, elected class by class, with three additional representatives for Muhammadans. The Principal is President. The purpose of the Committee is to enable student opinion to be more effectually ascertained.

6. College addresses have been delivered by the -- Principal once or twice a year since 1908. Four of these -- addresses were published in 1913 by Messrs S. K. Lahiri & Co.

7. In 1908 the hostel was divided into five wards for its better social organisation. Each ward is in charge of a Prefect and has attached to it a professor on the staff as Warden.

The rules were completely recast in 1908 and as these have been adopted with a few minor alterations by the Syndicate for the Hardinge Hostel, it is presumed they have the approval of the Syndicate.

8. The library has been completely re-organised.

i. New rules were introduced in 1908.

ii. The books (thirty thousand in number) were completely re-arranged in 1910.

iii. A new catalogue in three volumes on a new plan (the Dewey System) is under preparation. The first volume is ready for publication.

iv. The list of periodicals has been very greatly extended, specially in Science.

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Calcutta.

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Principal, Presidency College

1914

Government of Bengal.

CONTINUOUS NOTE SHEET.

File DEPARTMENT,

BRANCH.

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No. 114-17 D. Nov/14

SUBJECT:

Developments in the Presidency College

Notes and Orders.

I am O.D. No 6938 Dated 28th Oct 1914

Submitted for perusal. The items included in the Comprehensive Scheme, only (1) has been completed, and orders sanctioning (2)⁽³⁾ are about to come. The others have been held up for want of funds.

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H.M.
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For perusal of the Principal's memorandum.

H.E.

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The ink is so faint as to be almost illegible.

Prasanna Kumar to make a copy of the memorandum. P.S. (you) 6.11

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a typed copy of the memorandum is submitted below.

A very interesting record
 of progress. It is a pity we
 cannot spare a few labels
 of supers to complete the build-
 ing scheme & provide another
 habitation for the Hare School.
 I find that, unless we can
 obtain the assistance of some
 wealthy benefactor, it will
 be long before the plan is
 fully carried out.

Pls you

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The papers may be filed.

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