

INDIAN CIVIL SERVICE (TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN).

RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 17 May 1876;—for,

“COPY of all CORRESPONDENCE between the Registrar of Trinity College
Dublin, and the Secretary of State for India, relative to Selected CANDI-
DATES for the INDIAN CIVIL SERVICE.”

India Office, }
26 May 1876. }

GEORGE HAMILTON,
Under Secretary of State.

— No. 1. —

The Registrar of Trinity College, Dublin, to Sir Louis Mallet, c.B.

Trinity College, Dublin,
14 April 1876.

Sir,

As the accompanying Statement does not appear to have been before the Indian Council at the time of the presentation of their Report on the Selection and Training of Candidates for the Indian Civil Service, I fear that, by some accident, it has not reached the India Office.*

*Note.—The receipt of this Statement cannot be traced in the India Office.

I therefore take the liberty of sending you a copy of the Statement, in the hope that the Council will recognise the advantages to be gained by the selected candidates who shall reside in Trinity College, Dublin, during the period of their probation; and that Dublin University may be included in the number of those to be approved by the Secretary of State for such residence.

I have also directed that a copy of the “University Calendar,” and of the principal Examination Papers of the last year, shall be sent to the India Office, in order to show more fully the nature of the arrangements referred to in the Statement. And I beg further to add, that ample accommodation can be provided for any number of selected candidates who may desire to reside in Trinity College; and that the discipline of all students so residing is under the immediate superintendence of the Deans and other collegiate officers appointed for that purpose.

I have, &c.

Sir Louis Mallet, c.B.,
&c. &c. &c.

(signed) And. S. Hart,
Registrar.

Enclosure in No. 1.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN.

INDIAN CIVIL SERVICE.

STATEMENT showing Facilities for Instruction in all the Studies requisite for Selected Candidates for the Indian Civil Service afforded by a residence at Trinity College, Dublin. Submitted to the consideration of the Secretary of State for India, and the Indian Council.

IF regulations should be made by Her Majesty’s Government, with the view of encouraging the residence at a University of the selected candidates for the Indian Civil Service during their period of probation, the fitness of the University of Dublin for such a purpose ought not to be overlooked. It is the object of the present Statement to show that it either now supplies, or could without difficulty provide, instruction in all the studies which the candidates would have to pursue.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE

The subjects which selected candidates are required to study, and in which they are periodically examined during their two years of probation, are the following:—

1. Oriental languages: including Sanskrit and the vernacular languages of India.
2. The history and geography of India.
3. Law; and
4. Political economy.

1. Every candidate is required to pass, to the satisfaction of the Civil Service Commissioners, in the language prescribed for his Presidency; viz., for Bengal or Bombay, in Hindustani; and for Madras, in Telugu. In addition to these, candidates may take up Sanskrit, Arabic, or Persian, and by special permission, certain other languages. Those taken up by special permission appear to be the following, the only ones for which the Civil Service Commissioners offer prizes: Hindi, Bengali, Tamil, Marathi, and Gujarati. Now there is in the University of Dublin a professor of Arabic, Hindustani, and Persian, who is a native of India, and there is also a professor of Sanskrit, who, besides knowing most of the modern languages of India which are related to the Sanskrit, is thoroughly acquainted with Tamil, and Telugu. Each of the ten languages above mentioned has been successfully taught to selected candidates, in past years, by one or other of these gentlemen, 32 having been private pupils of the professor of Sanskrit, and over 60 pupils of the professor of Arabic, within the last 12 years.

2. We have a professor of modern history, who could set on foot—with the help of an assistant, if necessary—a special system of instruction in the history and geography of India.

3. We have a school of law, in which one of the subjects taught is general jurisprudence, several of the text-books being identical with those required from selected candidates, as “Bentham’s Theory of Legislation,” “Austin’s Jurisprudence,” and “Maine’s Ancient Law.” Jurisprudence is also one of the branches of the Degree Honor Course in history and political science.

Special provision could be made for the teaching of the laws of India.

For taking notes of cases, with a view to the reports required of selected candidates, the student would be very favourably circumstanced at Dublin, as he could attend the law courts without quitting the place of his ordinary studies, whilst it would be necessary for a student of Oxford or Cambridge to transfer himself to London for the purpose.

4. We have a professor of political economy. That science, too, forms a part of the Degree Honor Course above spoken of, and has, therefore, been seriously studied by more than one of the fellows of Trinity College. Several of the books comprised in this course are the same with those required from selected candidates, as “Smith’s Wealth of Nations,” “Mill’s Political Economy,” and “Goschen’s Theory of Foreign Exchanges.”

It appears, therefore, that satisfactory arrangements could without difficulty be made here for supplying systematically, and under the authority of the University, all the instruction which selected candidates would require. We may be permitted to add, that the marked success which, some years since, attended our efforts to provide proper means of preparation and training for candidates at the first or open competitive examination (so many as 93 of our students having been selected in 10 years), makes it probable that to selected candidates also we should be able to render effectual aid and furtherance in their studies.

It should not be left out of account that the temptations and distractions from study to be encountered at Dublin, are not to be compared with those which exist in London, and that the expense of a residence in Trinity College would be moderate.

The studies of a selected candidate during his probational period, conducted under University superintendence, might be allowed to stand as equivalents for parts of our undergraduate course, as is done at present in the case of professional students; so that the student would be enabled to take his degree of Bachelor of Arts before proceeding to India.

Signed by order of the Provost and Senior Fellows of Trinity College,

Trinity College, Dublin,
18 December 1875.

Andrew Searle Hart,
Registrar.

— No. 2. —

The Registrar of Trinity College, *Dublin*, to the Secretary of State for *India*.

My Lord,

Trinity College, Dublin,
13 April 1876.

In the month of December 1875, I was directed by the Provost and Senior Fellows of Trinity College, Dublin, to send to the India Office a Statement of the advantages afforded by this University to selected candidates for the Indian Civil Service.

I fear,

I fear, however, that this Statement has not reached the India Office, as I observe that no reference has been made to it in the Blue Book on the Selection and Training of Candidates for the Indian Civil Service, presented to both Houses of Parliament by command of Her Majesty.

I therefore beg leave to send your Lordship another copy, and to express the hope that the University of Dublin may be included in the number of those approved by the Secretary of State, in accordance with the 17th paragraph of your Lordship's letter of the 24th February to the Governor General of India.

I may be permitted to observe further, that the discipline of our students is superintended by two Deans and a Censor, as well as by other officers appointed for that purpose, and that any further special arrangements which may be considered necessary for Indian candidates can easily be made.

The Secretary of State for India.

I have, &c.
(signed) *And. S. Hart,*
Registrar.

— No. 3. —

The Registrar of Trinity College, *Dublin*, to Lord *George Hamilton*, M.P.

Trinity College, Dublin,
14 April 1876.

My Lord,

As the accompanying Statement does not appear to have been before the Indian Council at the time of the presentation of their report on the selection and training of candidates for the Indian Civil Service, I fear that, through some accident, it has not reached the India Office.

I therefore now send a copy, in the hope that the Indian Council will recognise the peculiar advantages offered to the selected candidates who shall reside in Trinity College, Dublin; and that the Secretary of State for India will see sufficient grounds for including the University of Dublin among those to be approved by him as a place where such candidates may pass the two years of their probation.

Ample accommodation can be provided for all such students within the walls of Trinity College, and the discipline of all students residing there is attended to by the Deans and other officers appointed for that purpose; while there is the further advantage, that the courts of law are situated within a short distance from the College, so that the candidates would have abundant opportunities for preparing the necessary reports of law cases, and also for learning the practice of the courts, which is identical with the practice of the corresponding courts of law in London.

I have also taken the liberty of directing that a copy of our "University Calendar," and of the principal examination papers of the last year, shall be sent to the India Office, in order to show how far our present arrangements will meet the requirements of selected candidates. And I beg leave to call your Lordship's attention to the arrangements by which senior students are allowed a considerable latitude in the selection of their course of study, and may graduate with honours in the particular departments to which they have devoted their attention. (*See vol. 1, pages 22 to 58.*)

If your Lordship should wish for any further information on this subject, it can be very fully given by either of the Members for the University, Mr. Plunket or Mr. Gibson, each of whom is well acquainted with the details of our University system.

I have, &c.
(signed) *And. S. Hart,*
Registrar.

Lord George F. Hamilton, M.P.,
&c. &c. &c.

— No. 4. —

Sir *Louis Mallet*, c.B., to the Registrar of the University of *Dublin*.

Sir, India Office, London, 18 May 1876.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th of April, and also of your letters of the 13th and 14th April to the addresses of the Marquis of Salisbury and Lord George Hamilton, M.P., requesting, on behalf of the Provost and Fellows of Trinity College, Dublin, that the University of Dublin may be included among those in which selected candidates for the Civil Service shall, under the new Act, be permitted to reside, and undergo their special preparation for the service.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that the final arrangements on the subject have not yet been completed, and that no competitive examination under the new arrangement will be held until 1878, but that the Secretary of State in Council, when the time for coming to a decision upon this point arrives, will not fail to give due consideration to the wishes expressed by the University of Dublin.

A. Hart, Esq.,
Registrar to the University of Dublin.

I am, &c.
(signed) *Louis Mallet*.

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COLLEGE, DUBLIN).

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Secretary of State for *India*, relative to Selected
CANDIDATES for the INDIAN CIVIL SERVICE.

(*Mr. Gibson*.)

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