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In 1882-83 there were 187 Government schools or an average of one school for every six inhabited villages, alienated as well as Government, with 16,380 names on the rolls and an average attendance of 10,470 pupils or 4.49 per cent of 232,869 the population between six and fourteen years of age. Besides Government schools there were fifteen other schools of which nine were maintained by missionaries, and six were private or indigenous schools.

In 1982-83, under the Director of Public Instruction and the Education Inspector Southern Division, the schooling of the district was conducted by a local staff 530 strong, including a deputy educational inspector with a yearly salary of £180 (Rs. 1800) aided by an assistant deputy inspector drawing £90 (Rs. 900) a year, and schoolmasters and assistant masters with yearly salaries of £4 16s. to £420 (Rs. 48-4200).

In 1882-83, excluding superintendence charges, the expenditure on these schools amounted to £9138 6s. (Rs. 91,383) of which £2716 2s. (Rs. 27,161) were debited to Government and £6422 8s. (Rs. 64,224) to local and other funds.

Of the 202 Government and aided schools, 156 taught Kánarese, forty-two Maráthi, and four Hindustáni. Of the 187 Government schools, one, the High School, taught English and Sanskrit to the Matriculation standard, one first grade anglo-vernacular school taught the first three standards only, eight were anglo-vernacular schools that is vernacular schools with an English class, and the rest, 168 boys and nine girls schools, were simple vernacular schools.

The Government Belgaum High School was established under the title of the Sardárs' High School by subscriptions from the Sardárs of the Southern Marátha Country in 1850. After some time the sons of respectable merchants and others were admitted into the school and later on it was made public. Since 1872 it has become a purely Government institution. In the same year the school building, which originally belonged to the Sardárs of the Southern Marátha Country, was made over to Government. In 1882 a public subscription of £600 (Rs. 6000) was raised, which Government doubled, to build two new wings and add a play ground and gymnasium. The school is conducted by one head master and twelve assistant masters and has an average attendance of 155 boys. Boys of all castes who have passed the third Anglo-Vernacular standard are admitted and are taught from the fourth to the seventh or Matriculation standards.

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as.) the number on the rolls was 155, and the average attendance 106. The private school at Karikatti in Parasgad was opened in 1865 by Mr. Gurubasáppa Gurushántáppa. In 1882 the number on the rolls was forty and the average attendance thirty. No fees were charged, but the people subscribe £6 (Rs. 60) a year. The private aided school at Shamnevádi in Chikodi was opened in 1877 by Mr. Vishnu Bálkrishna Joshi. In 1882 the number on the rolls was thirty-one, the average attendance twenty-three, and the monthly fees varied from 3d. to 6d. (2·4 as.). The private aided school at Kenjanur was opened in 1881 by Mr. Chanbasáppa Shivalingáppa. In 1882 the number on the rolls was twenty, the average attendance fifteen, and the monthly fees varied from 3d. to 1s. (2-8 as.). The private aided school at Hulkund in Gokák was opened in 1881 by Mr. Datto Shivrám. In 1882 the number on the rolls was twenty-two and the average attendance fifteen. No fee was charged, but the people subscribed £5 (Rs. 50).

The following details show the increased means for learning to read and write offered by Government to the people during the last fifty-three years. The first Government vernacular school was opened at Belgaum in 1830, and the second eight years after in the same town. Two years later, in 1840, a third vernacular school was opened at Gokák, and in 1850 the High School was established in the town of Belgaum. Thus in 1850 there were twelve Government schools in the district. In 1855-56 the number of schools in the district amounted to fourteen one of them being a High School and the rest vernacular schools with 1498 names and an average attendance of 1320. After 1855-56, another vernacular school was opened at Athni in 1856. In 1865-66, the district contained 56 schools, one of them being a High School and the rest, including the Training College, vernacular schools with 4380 names and an average attendance of 3612. In 1875-76 there were schools with 7823 names and an average attendance of 6120. Of these schools, including seven for girls, 129 were vernacular, six were anglo-vernacular, and one was a High School. In 1879-80 there were 164 schools with 9726 names and an average attendance of 6933. In 1882-83 the number of schools had risen to 189, the names to 16,380, and the average attendance to 10,470. A comparison with the returns for 1855-56 gives for 1882-83 an increase from 14 to 187 in the number of schools, and from 1498 to 16,380 in the number of pupils.

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Progress, 1830 - 1883.

I The details are:

Belgaum Schools, 1830-1855.

| School. | Language. | Year. | Sенэог. | Language. | Year. |
|--|--|--|---|---|-------|
| High School Belgaum Do. Sadaigi Gokák Saundatti Sampgaon | Maráthi Kanarese Maráthi Kanarese Do. Do. | 1850 1830 1838 1841 1840 1838 1838 | Bidi Bail Hongal Hukeri Khánápur Jamboti Chikodi Itgi | Kanarese Do. Do. Do. Maráthi Do. Do. Do. Kanarese | 1057 |

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Two Government girls schools were opened in 1867 in Athni and Belgaum. During the six years ending 1873-74 the number of girls schools had risen to seven with 267 names on the rolls and an average attendance of 181. In 1882-83 the number of girls schools was nine with 512 names on the rolls and an average attendance of 252.

Readers and Writers.

The 1881 census returns give, for the chief races of the district, the following proportion of persons able to read and write. Of 791,277, the total Hindu population, 10,322 (males 10,056, females 266) or 1.30 per cent below fifteen and 1939 (males 1922, females 17) or 0.24 per cent above fifteen were under instruction; 708 (males 659, females 49) or 0.08 per cent below fifteen and 21,866 (males 21,724, females 142) or 2.76 per cent above fifteen were instructed; 291,812 (males 145,687, females 146,125) or 36.87 per cent below fifteen and 464,630 (males 217,284, females 247,346) or 58.71 per cent above fifteen were illiterate. Of 66,351, the total Musalmán population, 870 (males 824, females 45) or 1.31 per cent below fifteen and 155 (males 154, female 1) or 0.23 per cent above fifteen were under instruction; 88 (males 77, females 11) or 0.13 per cent below fifteen and 1424 (males 1391, females 33) or 2.14 per cent above fifteen were instructed; 24,944 (males 12,630, females 12,314) or 37.59 per cent below fifteen and 38,870 (males 18,371, females 20,499) or 58.58 per cent above fifteen were illiterate. Of 6337 Christians, 158 (males 92, females 66) or 2:49 per cent below fifteen, and 75 (males 58, females 17) or 1.18 per cent above fifteen were under instruction; 32 (males 15, females 17) or 0.50 per cent below fifteen and 1137 (males 1022, females 115) or 17.94 per cent above fifteen were instructed; and 1764 (males 872 females 892) or 27.83 per cent below fifteen and 3171 (males 1602, females 1569) or 50 03 per cent above fifteen were illiterate:

Belgaum Education, 1881.

| | Hı | ndus. | Musai | LMA'NS. | CHRI | STIANS. |
|------------------|---------|----------|--------|----------|-------------|---------|
| | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females |
| Under Instructio | m. | 3 3 5 5 | | | 10 mm 10 mm | |
| Below Fifteen | 10,056 | 266 | 824 | 46 | 92 | 66 |
| Above Fifteen | 1922 | 17 | 154 | 1 | 58 | 17 |
| Instructed. | | | | | | |
| Below Fifteen | 659 | 49 | 77 | 11 | 15 | 17 |
| Above Fifteen | 21,724 | 142 | 1391 | 33 | 1022 | 115 |
| Illiterate. | | | | | | 1 |
| Below Fifteeen | 145,687 | 146,125 | 12,630 | 12,314 | 872 | 892 |
| Above Fifteen | 217,284 | 247,346 | 18,371 | 20,499 | 1602 | 1569 |
| Total | 397,332 | 393,945 | 33,447 | 32,904 | 3661 | 2676 |

Pupils by Race.

Before 1855-56 no returns were prepared arranging the pupils according to race and religion. The following statement shows that of the two races of the district the Musalmans have the larger proportion of their boys and girls under instruction:

Pupils by Race, 1855-56 and 1882-83.

| | 185 | 55-56. | 1882-83. | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Race. | Pupils. | Percent- tage of Pupils. | Pupils, | Percentage of Pupils. | School | Percentage on School-going Population. | | |
| Hindus Musalmáns | 1442 | 96·26 3·74 | 14,466 1827 | 88:79 11:21 | 214,510 18,359 | | | |
| Total | 1498 | 100 | 16,293 | 100 | 232,869 | 6.99 | | |

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Of 15,868, the whole number of boys in Government schools at the end of 1882-83, 2719 were Bráhmans, 5224 Lingáyats, 981 Jains, 439 Kshatris, 106 Prabhus, 472 traders, 1719 cultivators, 1225 craftsmen, 81 shopkeepers, 180 labourers, 211 low castes, 23 miscellaneous; 1807 Musalmáns; 78 Christians; and 3 Pársis. Of 512 the total number of girls on the rolls in 1882-83, 486 were Hindus, 20 were Musalmáns, and 6 were entered as Others.

The following tables, prepared from special returns furnished by the Education Department, show in detail the number of schools and pupils with the rates of fees and the cost to Government:

Belgaum School Return, 1855-56, 1865-66, and 1882-83.

| | | £7 | | Pupils. | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----------|-------------|---------------|----------|-------------|----------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--|--|
| Classes. | | Schools. | | | Hindus. | | Musalmáns. | | | | |
| | 1.865-56 | . 1865-66. | 1882-83. | 1855-56. | 1865-66. | 1882-83. | 1855-56, | 1865-66. | 1882-83 | | |
| Anglo-Vernacular | 1 ïs | 1 55 | 1 9 177 | 1442 | 140 4153 | 145 322 14,025 | 56 | 2 221 | 13 1794 | | |
| Total | 14 | 56 | 187 | 1442 | 4293 | 14,492 | 56 | 223 | 1807 | | |

| | | | Average Daily | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|---------------|----------|-----------------|----------------------|----------|-----------------|----------------------|--|
| CLASSES. | | Pársis. | | | Total. | | | Attendance. | | |
| | 1855-56. | 1865-66. | 1882-83. | 1855-56. | 1865-66. | 1882-83. | 1855-56. | 1865-66. | 1882-83 | |
| Anglo-Vernacular . | | 17 6 | 7 6 68 | 1498 | 159 4380 | 152 341 15,887 | 1320 | 136 3612 | 143 247 10,080 | |
| Total . | | 23 | 81 | 1498 | 4539 | 16,380 | 1320 | 3748 | 10,470 | |

| ĺ | | | | | | | Y | RECEIPTS. | |
|---|----------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------|---|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Classes. | | Fees. | | Co | st per Pt | ıpil. | Government. | | |
| | 1855-56. | 1865-66. | 1882-83. | 1855-56. | 1865-66. | 1882-83. | 1855-56. | 1865-66. | 1832-83. |
| Government. High School Anglo-Vernacular Vernacular | | 3s. 1½dto6d. | 3s. to 4s. 2s. 1½d. to 9d. | | £. s. d. 8 9 $0\frac{1}{2}$ 0 12 $5\frac{1}{4}$ | $9\ 16\ 8$ $1\ 16\ 3$ | £ 306 | £ 727 1061 | £ 828 174 1511 |
| Total | | ,,, | , | | | | 306 | 1788 | 2513 |

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Belgaum School Return, 1855-56, 1865-66, and 1882-83—continued.

| | | | | Recen | rs—cont | inued. | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|------------|---------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------|--|
| CLASSES. | | Local Ces | ss. | Mu | nicipality | · · | Private. | | | |
| <u> </u> | 1855-56. | 1865-66. | 1882-83. | 1855-56. | 1865-66. | 1882-83. | 1855-56. | 1865-66. | 1882-83. | |
| Government. High School Anglo Vernacular Vernacular | | £ 208 | £ 14 3378 | .,, | | £ 24 63 66 | £ | £ 564 | £ 836 68 147 | |
| Total | | 208 | 3387 | • | | 153 | 27 | 1248 | 1051 | |

| | | R | Expenditure. | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|---------------|-------------------|----------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--|
| Classes. | | Fees. | | Total. | | | Inspection and Instruction | | | |
| | 1855-56. | 1865-66. | 1882-83. | 1855-56. | 1865-66. | 1882-83. | 1855-56. | 1865-66. | 1882-83. | |
| Government. High School Anglo-Vernacular | | 63 312 | 296 143 992 | | 1354 2265 | 1998 448 6089 | 442 | 1153 1965 | 1295 448 5073 | |
| Total . | 109 | - 375 | 1431 | 442 | 3619 | 8535 | 442 | 3118 | 6816 | |

| | | | E | EXPENDIT | REconf | inued. | | | | |
|--|----------|--------------|---------------|----------|---------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Classes. | | Buildings | | S | Scholarships. | | | Total. | | |
| | 1855-56. | 1865-66. | 1882-83. | 1855-56. | 1865-66. | 1882-83. | 1855-56. | 1865-66. | 1882-83 | |
| Government. High School Anglo-Vernacular Vernacular | | £ 282 | £ 1136 | | *** | £ 116 | £ 442 | £ 1153 2247 | £ 1411 448 6209 | |
| Total | | 282 | 1136 | | | 116 | 442 | 3400 | 8068 | |

| | | | | | Co | ST TO | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------|--------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| | Government. | | Local Cess. | | Other Funds. | | | Total. | | | | |
| CLASSES. | 1855-56. | 1865-66. | 1882-83. | 1855-56. | 1865-66. | 1882-83. | 1855-56. | 1865-66. | 1882-83. | 1855-56, | 1865-86. | 1882-83. |
| Government, High School Anglo-Vernacular Vernacular | £ 305 | £ 727 107 | £ 828 174 1374 | | £ 218 | £ 50 3851 | £ 136 | £ 426 968 | £ 534 274 984 | £ 441 | £ 1153 1293 | £ 1412 448 6209 |
| Total | 305 | 834 | 2376 | | 218 | 3901 | 136 | 1394 | 1792 | 441 | 2446 | 8069 |

Town Schools, 1882-83.

A comparison of the present (1882-83) provision for teaching the district town and village population gives the following results. In the town of Belgaum, in 1882-83, eight schools under Government management had 1324 names on the rolls and an average attendance of 956.8. Of these schools, one was a High School, one a first grade anglo-vernacular school, and one a Hindustáni school. The average yearly costi of each pupil in the High School was £9 16s. 8d.

¹ The cost for each pupil shewn in these statements is what the pupil costs the state not what the pupil pays in fees. The rates of fees are given in the School Return page 485.

(Rs. 983); in the other schools it varied from 6s. 6d. to £3 12s. (Rs. $3\frac{1}{4}$ -36). Since 1864, 150, or a yearly average of 7.5 pupils have passed the yearly University entrance test examination from the Belgaum High School. In addition to the Government schools, in 1882-83, nine private or aided schools in the town of Belgaum had 726 names on the rolls, an average attendance of 563.11, and an average yearly cost of each pupil varying from 10s. to £2 4s. (Rs. 5-22).3 In 1882-83, the town of Gokák had five schools with 529 names on the rolls, an average attendance of 362, and an average yearly cost for each pupil varying from 7s. to 12s. (Rs. $3\frac{1}{2}$ - 6). In the town of Athni four schools had 375 names on the rolls, an average attendance of 267, and an average yearly cost for each pupil varying from $5s. 1\frac{1}{2}d$. to $14s. 10\frac{1}{2}d.$ (Rs. $2\frac{3}{18} - 7\frac{7}{18}$). In the town of Chikodi three schools had 337 names on the rolls, an average attendance of 250, and an average yearly cost for each pupil varying from 6s. to 12s. (Rs. 3-6). In the town of Sampgaon two schools had 166 names on the rolls, an average attendance of 106, and an average yearly cost for each pupil varying from 12s. to 15s. 6d. (Rs. $6 - 7\frac{3}{4}$). In the town of Nipáni three schools had 418 names on the rolls, an average attendance of 292, and an average yearly cost for each pupil varying from 8s. 3d. to 10s. (Rs. 4\frac{1}{8} - 5). In the town of Sankeshvar one school had 183 names on the rolls, an average attendance of 126, and an average yearly cost for each pupil of 8s. $1\frac{1}{2}d$. (Rs. $4\frac{1}{16}$). In the town of Bail Hougal three schools had 316 names on the rolls, an average attendance of 197, and an average yearly cost for each pupil varying from 6s. 3d. to 6s. $4\frac{1}{2}d$. (Rs. $3\frac{1}{8} - 3\frac{3}{16}$). In the town of Kittur four schools had 611 names on the rolls, an average attendance of 442, and an average yearly cost for each pupil varying from 6s. $1\frac{1}{2}d$. to 11s. 9d. (Rs. $3\frac{1}{16}-5\frac{7}{8}$). In the town of Nandgad three schools had 463 names on the rolls, an average attendance of 356, and an average yearly cost for each pupil varying from 7s. $7\frac{1}{2}d$. to 12s. $4\frac{1}{2}d$. (Rs. $3\frac{13}{16}$ - $6\frac{3}{16}$). In the town of Saundatti two schools had 268 names on the rolls, an average attendance of 172, and an average yearly cost for each pupil varying from 9s. $7\frac{1}{2}d$. to 13s. (Rs. $4\frac{1}{16}-6\frac{1}{2}$). In the town of Murgod one school had 155 names on the rolls, an average attendance of 121, and an average yearly cost for each pupil of 8s. 3d. (Rs. 41). In the town of Sadalgi one school had 120 names on the rolls, an average attendance of 82, and an average yearly cost for each pupil of 6s. $7\frac{1}{2}d$. (Rs. $3\frac{5}{16}$). In the town of Manoli one school had 200 names on the rolls, an average attendance of 135, and an average yearly cost for each pupil of 7s. $1\frac{1}{2}d$. $(Rs, 3_{18}^9)$. In the town of Hukeri one school had 180 names on the rolls, an average attendance of 119, and an average yearly cost Chapter XI.
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¹ The details are: 1864, two; 1865, five; 1866, three; 1867, four; 1868, five; 1869, seven; 1870, eight; 1871, eight; 1872, thirteen; 1873, eleven; 1874, eight; 1875, seven; 1876, three; 1877, six; 1878, two; 1879, ten; 1880, ten; 1881, nineteen; 1882, ten; 1883, nine.

² Of these one was a high school, three first grade anglo-vernacular schools and one first grade anglo-vernacular school for girls and four vernacular schools. Since 1871, 46 pupils have passed the University entrance examination. The details are: 1871, none; 1872, two; 1873, one; 1874, four; 1875, five; 1876, two; 1877, one: 1878, none; 1879, none; 1880, seven; 1881, five; 1882, four; 1883, fifteen.

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for each pupil of 11s. (Rs. $5\frac{1}{2}$). In the town of Yamkanmardi one school had 153 names on the rolls, an average attendance of 104, and an average yearly cost for each pupil of 7s. 6d. (Rs. $3\frac{3}{4}$). In the town of Kongnoli one school had 110 names on the rolls, an average attendance of 82, and an average yearly cost for each pupil of 7s. 6d. (Rs. $3\frac{3}{4}$).

Village Schools.

Exclusive of the forty-three schools in the seventeen towns of Belgaum, Gokák, Athni, Chikhodi, Sampgaon, Nipáni, Sankeshvar, Bail-Hongal, Kittur, Nandgad, Saundatti, Murgod, Sadalgi, Manoli, Hukeri, Yamkanmardi, and Kongnoli, the district of Belgaum was in 1882-83 provided with 135 schools, or an average of one school for every eight inhabited villages. The following statement shows the distribution of these schools by sub-divisions:

Belgaum Village Schools, 1882-83.

| Sub-Division. | Vil- lages. | Popu- lation. | Schools. | Sub- Division. | Vil- lages. | Popu- lation, | Schools. |
|--|----------------|--|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Belgaum Sampgaon Khānapur Chikodi | 90.5 | 95,780 102,108 72,485 198,838 | 27 26 15 40 | Parasgad Gokák Athni | 124 121 91 | 75,177 82,722 95,780 | 18 19 24 |

Chámbhárs and Mhárs and the boys of other depressed classes are allowed to attend Government schools in a place set apart for them either in the veranda or in the school room. When the local feeling is strongly opposed to this arrangement, the Mhár lads are allowed to attend by night. In Belgaum town a Mhár class of twenty-five boys is taught by a Mhár teacher who was brought up in the Government vernacular school of Eksambi in Chikodi. The class is composed of nineteen boys and eight men and is taught from seven to nine in the evening.

Newspapers.

There are three local papers at Belgaum, the Belgaum Samáchár or Belgaum News published on Monday with an issue of 250 copies, the Karnátak Mitra or the Karnátak Friend published on Wednesday with an issue of 150 copies, and the Jnyán Bodhak or Adviser of Knowledge published on Sunday with an issue of 150 copies. These newspapers contain editorials on miscellaneous topics, private notices, local news, and extracts from other papers. Their circulation is confined to the central and southern divisions of the Bombay Presidency. The rates of yearly subscription vary from 4s. to 6s. 6d. (Rs. 2-3\frac{1}{4}).

Libraries.

Belgaum has nine libraries. Except two at Belgaum these libraries are mere reading rooms, containing a few ordinary books and taking in papers only of local interest. In the fort of Belgaum is an excellent Station Library. The Belgaum Native General Library, which has a building of its own, is the oldest institution of the kind in the Belgaum district, having been established in 1848 by Mr. J. D. Inverarity then Collector. It is chiefly maintained on subscriptions raised at monthly rates varying from 6d. to 4s. (Rs. \(\frac{1}{4}\)-2). Its yearly income is about \(\frac{1}{2}\)52 (Rs. 250) which is raised from about eighty-five subscribers. Thirteen papers four English, three Anglo-vernacular, and six vernacular are taken. It also receives free of charge the Educational Record from the Educational

Department. Occasional excessive expenditure is met from the permanent fund of £50 (Rs. 500). The Belgaum municipality has lately presented the library with £10 (Rs. 100) to buy books. It has at present 1036 books, of which 622 are English, 284 Maráthi, thirty-four Sanskrit, thirty-one Kánarcse, and sixty-five Gujaráti. Of 622 English books forty-four are books of reference, 136 are historical, 118 scientific, ninety-four classical, 151 novels, and seventy-nine miscellaneous. The library is much used both by Government officials and the more educated class of townsmen.

The following statement gives the details of native libraries and reading rooms:

Belgaum Native Libraries and Reading Rooms, 1882-83.

| 1 | | J | Books. | [: | Newspapi | ers. | | Monthly Fee. | Yearly Income. |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------|----------------------------|------------------|--|---|---|
| No. | PLACE. | Date. | | Eng- lish. | Anglo- Verna- cular. | Verna- cular, | Meni- bers, | | |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | Belgaum Chikodi Nipáni Gokák Athui Sampgaon Khánápur Saundatti | 1843 1866 1875 1865 1866 1868 1870 | 1036 90 8 62 60 264 35 94 | 4 | 3 2 2 2 3 3 | -100040H; # | 94 22 19 16 28 35 24 | 6d. to 2s. Ditto. Ditto. Ditto. Ditto. Ditto. Ditto. Ditto. Ditto. Ditto. | £ 25 5 5 8 16 10 5 |

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