TABLE

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Educational	
Institutions	

196,891	173,313	104,627	50,998	Total:	
172,681	160,070	97,854	50,676	Primary Schools	.∞
11,162	6,739	4,323		Middle Schools	7
4,746	3,729	990	7	Special and other Schools	٠,
665	292	9	i	(General) Secondary Schools	Ċ
5,297	1,248	1,170	281	Secondary Schools	4
130	74	\$		Education Colleges of Professional &	Ψ
17 496	172	145	21	Universities Colleges of General	1.
1946-47	£921-22	1901-02	1855-56		

(b) Enrolment by Stages

		1855-56	1901-02	1921-22	1946-47
	1. University	4.355	23,007	58,837	237,546
	(ii) Girls	Z . A	264	1,529	23,207
?	2. Secondary Stage: (i) Total	33,801	82,312	218,606	370,812
	(ii) Girls	N.A.	1,677	5,818	83,270
· · ·	3. Middle School Stage: (i) Total	1.	1,080,670	385,372	2,036,109
100	(ii) Girls	1	8,133	24,655	281,606
4.	4. Primary School Stage:				

periods. It was slow between 1813 and 1854 as these years sion's (1882) recommendations which encouraged Indian steady growth at all levels, specially after the Hunter Commisorganisation. Real growth started with the creation of the increase throughout these years though it varied in different successful. academic as well as political reasons, this was not private effort. At the turn of the century, though Curzon's Universities (1857). Between 1855 and 1901, there was a were spent in controversies over goals, methods, content and policy tried to restrict the growth of higher education for Education Departments (1855) and the establishment of three

cational expansion was, by the early twentieth century, selfschools and colleges which indicates that the process of edujuggernaut. generating and would continue, with or without government the earlier years. The growth was mainly in privately-managed awakening, there was an even more rapid expansion than in limited Indian control and as a result of greater political From 1921 to 1947, due to the transfer of education to Official policies failed to control the education

advanced in all parts of a province or among all communities which had the largest number of Arts colleges and pupils (Table II). However, English education was not equally be annexed. Higher education was widely diffused in Benga English education was felt by the three Presidencies because in a region as compared with another. The first impact of Britain's was a sea empire and these were the first provinces to region as compared with another and also between one group the country. There were different rates of growth in one The rate of growth, however, was not uniform throughout

amongst the higher castes. The first group to respond to the new education were the traditionally literate castes, such as among men than women, or in cities than in villages, and stood at the top and the scheduled castes and tribes at the Saiyeeds of the United Provinces. As a rule, the higher castes Baidyas and Brahmins in Bengal, and the Kayasthas and the Brahmins in Madras and Maharashtra, the Kayasthas, Everywhere literacy and education were more widespread

5. Total Enrolment of All

(ii) Girls

(i) Total

885,624 3,564,122 6,404,200 14,105,418

380,282 1,297,643 3,728,793

Stages:

923,780 3,886,493 7,207,308 17,750,263

393,161 1,340,842 4,156,742

(ii) Girls (i) Total

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bottom of the education ladder. ** However, a great deal depended on occupation and, in many cases, low castes engaged in trade were more literate than others which had a higher social ranking. *3

TABLE II
English Arts Colleges and Pupils by Provinces (1916-17)
Secondary English Schools and Pupils by Provinces

	Colleges	Pupils	Schools	Pupils
Moderas	*	7.724	377	139,79
Macras	ю.	4 888	388 88	61.88
Bombay	a	4,000	500	30,00
Bengal	33	18,478	2,317	382,420
11 P	5	4,815	228	55,777
Dunish	5	4,091	271	82,58
Rihar & Orissa	7	2,575	330	58,60
CP & Berar	•	1,094	196	21,080
Assam	2	688	149	24,664
NEFP	ы	177	ß	7,77
Other Provinces	(A	1,244	41	9,50

Progress of Education in India, 1912-1917, Vol. 11, p. 125 and p. 131.

Contrary to a widely-held notion, Muslims were not lagging behind in the race for education in all regions of India. In the United Provinces for instance where they were urbanised and engaged in non-agricultural pursuits, though they formed only 14 per cent of the population (1921 Census), in 1927 the percentage of Muslim pupils to total pupils was 18.1. Even at the collegiate stage, Muslim pupils formed 24.1 per cent of the total pupils. Of all the religious communities, education was most widespread among the Parsis followed by Jews and Jains.

That Indian education had a predominantly literary bias is well-known. Table III compares the number of Arts colleges and professional colleges and the number of pupils in them. Of all the professional colleges, law colleges were the most popular. Law classes were organised on a permanent basis in the Hindu College in 1855, and soon afterwards the Perry Professorships of law were sanctioned at Elphinstone College 49

Even before the Universities were instituted in 1857, colleges of medicine existed in Calcutta, Madras and Bombay

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Arts Vs. Professional Colleges (1916-17)

TABLE !!!

Law Agriculture	Engineering Colleges Medicine	Arts Colleges	
3 3	ileges 		
23	54 50	124	Institutions
5,476 445	1,815 2,279	154,952	Pupils

Progress of Education in India, 1912-17, Vol. 11, p. 98, 157, 158, 159.

The Medical College of Calcutta was started in 1835.7 In the same year a medical school was established in Madras which was raised to the status of a college in 1851.7 In 1837 Sir Robert Grant who was then Governor of Bombay asked for a report on native medical education. On the basis of this report, he drew up a scheme for the establishment of a Medical College at Bombay which was named after him. The Grant Medical College opened in 1845.7

Admission to these medical colleges was difficult and the fees high; prospects of private practice were uncertain, hospitals few and government employment limited. By 1947 there were 24 medical colleges with an enrolment of 8,797 a low figure for a population of 400 million.

The need for engineering education arose out of the necessity for training overseers for the construction and maintenance of public buildings, roads, canals and ports and for the training of artisans and craftsmen for the use of instruments and apparatus needed for the army, the navy, and the survey department. The superintending engineers were mostly recruited from Britain, from the Cooper's Hill College; but this was not possible in the case of the lower grades who were recruited locally. The necessity of making them efficient led to the establishment of industrial schools attached to Ordinance Factories. Such schools are reported to have existed in Calcutta and Bombay as early as 1825,74 but the first authentic account we have is that of an industrial school established at Guindy, Madras, in 1842, attached to the Gun Carriage Factory there.

The first Engineering College in India was established at Roorkee in U.P. in 1847 for training civil engineers. Its establishment was related to the construction of the Upper

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Ganges Canal. Three Engineering Colleges were established by about 1856-57 in the three Presidencies, at Calcutta (Sibpur), Poona and Madras (Guindy) and offered licentiate courses in civil engineering up to 1880 when they organised degree classes. Electrical engineering was first taught at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, which was established in 1915.

The first degree classes in mechanical and electrical engineering were started by the University of Benares in 1917. It was not till the 1930s that the Sibpur, Poona and Guindy Engineering Colleges introduced degree classes in mechanical and electrical engineering.

Until 1947, the School of Mining at Dhanbad (Bihar) was the only full-fledged school of mining and it took only about 10 students a year.⁷⁷ The Benares Hindu University alone provided a graduate course in mining.

Little attention was paid to agricultural education and in 1947 there were only 29 agricultural colleges with less than 5,000 pupils in them. Even in these, the courses had little reference to the practical needs of Indian agriculture. There were hardly any institutions for teaching dairy or poultry farming, horticulture or veterinary science.

The exclusion of technological subjects from the curriculum and the small number of institutions offering higher technical education was closely tied up with the employment policy of the Government.⁷⁸ Higher appointments in the Indian Engineering Service, Indian Railway Service, Irrigation Department, Ordnance Factories, Posts and Telegraphs, and in fact, in all superior services were reserved for Europeans.⁷⁸ In the private sector, except in Bombay, modern methods of manufacture were confined to Europeans (in the pre-First World War years) and when these industries required men with technical knowledge, they always preferred Europeans.⁸⁰ Thus, opportunities for technically qualified and trained Indians were limited. With only 4 recognised engineering coffeges and an annual output of 74 engineering graduates in 1916-17, there were still more engineers than jobs.⁸¹

The government had no deliberate policy of industrialisation. If a provincial government made some effort, as Madras did to appoint a Director of Industries, the European business

ommunity reacted so sharply that the plan had to be with drawn.⁸² Given the low rate of industrialisation and government's economic and employment policy, there was not much point, of course, in encouraging the growth of technical education.

lagged behind. While the country had rushed ahead with since 1835, on the urbanised upper and middle classes had clientele were left standing at the post". Three out of, four English edu tion, the vernaculars "with their multitudinous tion to this failure. Despite pious exhortations from many cation Policy Resolutions of 1904 and 1913, had drawn attenled to the neglect of mass education. Wood's Despatch (1854), the boys of school-going age attended school.88 Concentration, villages in 1904, were without a school and less than one-fifth of a network of colleges and high-schools, primary education tion Act, but these remained largely inoperative, mainly, recognition. Nearly every province passed a Primary Educasides, elementary education was left very much out in the cold. At the beginning of the century, while India was covered with it seemed that primary education may at least receive its due became a transferred subject in charge of Indian Ministers, After the Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms, when education the Indian Education Commission (1882), as well as the Educountries of Western Europe, North America or Australia. primary education in 1937, as against nearly 70 per cent in most ture on education in India, only about 30 per cent was spent on finance primary education. Of the total government expendibecause local bodies were unwilling to levy special taxes to The Indian education system was top heavy and lopsided.

A major reason for the failure of primary education in rural areas was the high ratio of wastage and drop-outs. The ordinary peasant had few occasions to read and write, and education was an expensive luxury. Even when it was free, it cost money, since children had to be supplied with books, slates, uniforms and other equipment. The poorer the parent the more likely was he to withdraw his child from school as soon as he could, to be used in the fields. Hence the lack of success of compulsion in the rural areas. The percentage of enrolled to educable population at the primary stage was 31 per cent in India on the eve of World War II, as against 100 per cent in most advanced countries.⁸⁴

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tural life of the clites. The tendency to regard knowledge as state of ignorance, participating little in the political or culwas not created by the British. In all probability, even before sacred, the oral transmission of religious and other texts, and development has been the low rate of literacy. This situation the Guru tradition, were all factors which restricted the spread the beginning of British rule, the masses had been left in a One of the most serious handicaps in India's economic

in educational institutions increased considerably. and to the lower classes. By 1921, the percentage of literacy participation in the Freedom Movement, the number of girls because of the political awakening among women and their among women had increased only to 1.8.88 After 1921, mainly as amongst men, began first in the cities and amongst the middle and upper classes. It was slow to spread to rural areas As can be expected, the spread of education among women, tribes. The first efforts in the field of women's education were there were not more than 50 garls in arts colleges in 1891.87 much slower. Higher education of women began even later and the primary stage and expansion at the secondary level was ment Resolutions. The increase in women's education began at women⁸⁶ and this policy was reiterated by successive governimportant recommendations for the spread of education among directed that girls' schools should be established and help ment of a girls' (Bethune) School in Calcutta, by John Drinkand among the weaker sections, such as, scheduled castes and The Indian Education Commission of 1882 made several given to spread education among girls in all possible ways. point in the annals of female education. By the 1850s, Lord water Bethune in May 1849, may be regarded as the turning made by the missionaries and enlightened Indians. The establishing developments was the spread of education among women Dalhousie's government also took a more active interest and into new areas and amongst new groups. One of the outstand-All through these years, education was penetrating inland

in fact, a clear policy was laid down that no untouchable as by missionaries were meant for boys from all castes, and The schools established by the East India Company as well

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among scheduled castes and scheduled tribes was quite low even in 1947. Nevertheless, expansion of education even to on a large scale. Major steps in this direction were taken by this small extent was an important source of vertical mobility However, the percentage of literacy as well as enrolment the Congress Governments when they came to power in 1937 of education of backward castes and tribes received support even if it meant the closure of the school. While children child should be refused admission to a government school for these underprivileged groups. only with the launching by Mahatma Gandhi of a nation-wide movement for the abolition of untouchability, that the cause from the lower castes did get admission to government schools, their education did not make much progress till 1921. It was

encouraged the growth of separatist tendencies, it also helped successive Education Committees and Commissions. While this of education among the second and third groups. From the to promote education among the less-advanced groups. English education among Muslims. This policy was reiterated by groups, and began to pay special attention to the promotion "intermediate" which included Muslims, and "backward" British rule, they tried to divide society into "advanced", "advanced" castes or communities were becoming critical of extent, were politically motivated. When they found that the cation among the backward sections. These efforts, to a large government directed its attention to the encouragement of 1870s, with the publication of Hunter's Indian Musalmans, Another contribution of the British was to promote edu-

modernisation in India. Educated men defined the ideals of which provided the administrators, the professionals, the political was distorted by the colonial milieu this was a major positive achievement, since it was this group as of technical and vocational education, and the methods of The role of education as an agent of change and transformation this very reason the impact of these movements was limited reform and these reflected their own needs and desires. For leaders and the social reformers who initiated the process of English education created an urban intelligentsia. In a sense teaching, were all handicaps in the path of development. The low rate of literacy, neglect of mass education, as well ch it functioned.

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