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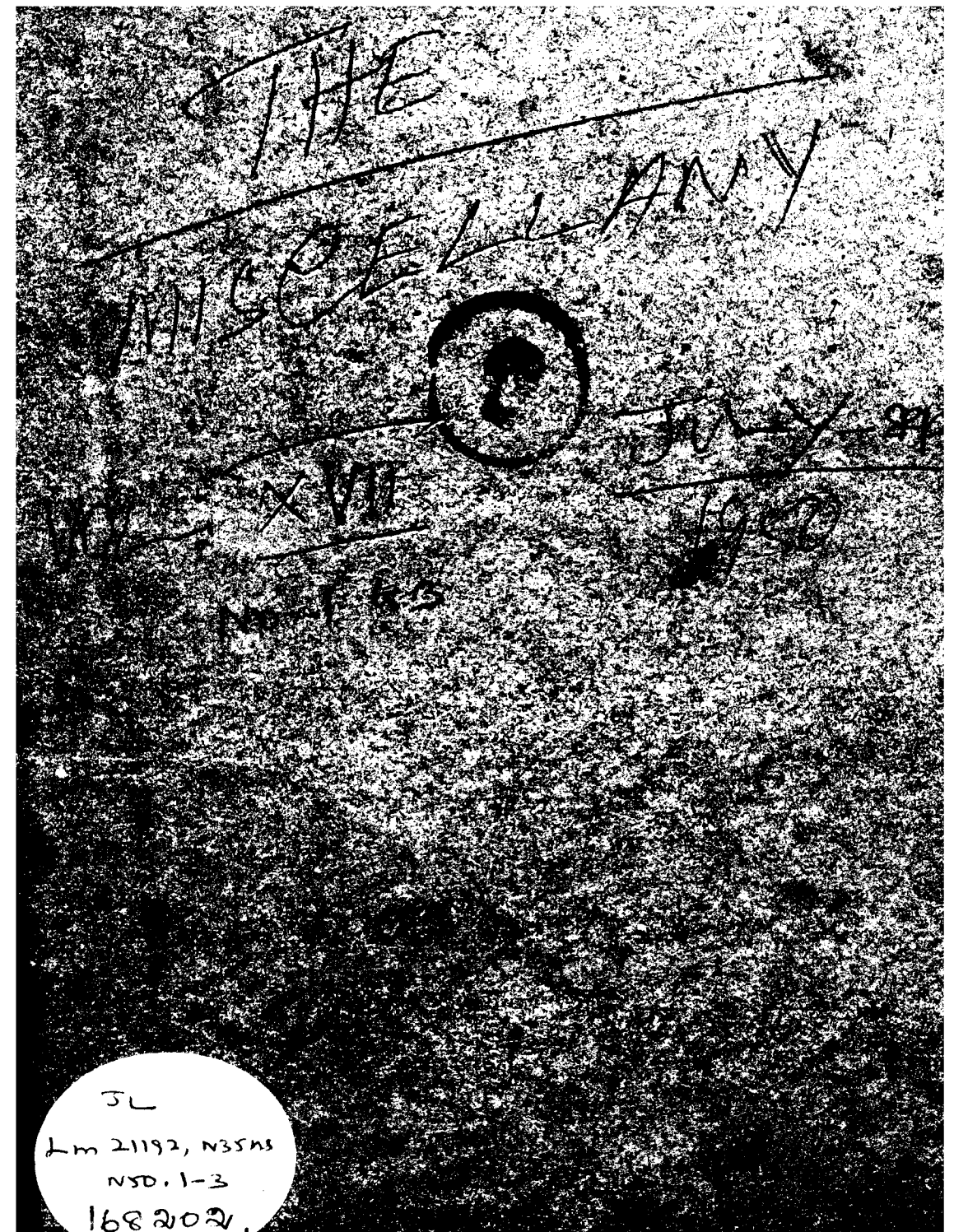
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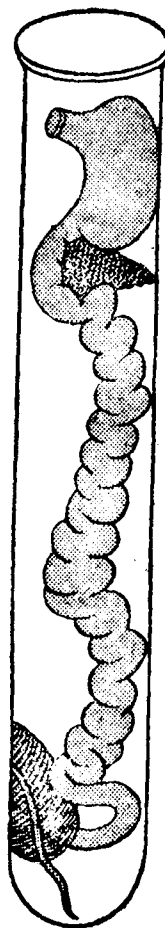
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MANAGEMENT OF THE COMMON SKIN DISEASES IN GENERAL PRACTICE

BY

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I have chosen this subject since I do not wish to discuss on any abstract subject like Vogt-Koyangi syndrome or Aerodermitis Pustulosa perstans. By giving by a brief resume of skin diseases commonly seen in general practice, if I carry coals to New Castle, please bear with me, because I feel it is only a refreshing of knowledge.

The ten common skin diseases are:—
(1) Scabies, (2) Tinea (fungus), (3) Eczema, (4) Acne Vulgaris, (5) Coccal infections, (6) Urticaria, (7) Psoriasis, (8) Dandruff, (9) Pigmentary disorders and (10) Baldness.

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It is more than a year since the above fund was started, and though some collections were made towards this, no serious attempt was made either to do the best or complete it, due to one reason or other. It is now decided to do our best and close the fund and present the purse at the time of the next Provincial Conference to be held at Mangalore in October when Dr. Venkappa will be 70 years old.

It is needless to recount the services of Dr. Venkappa for the medical profession for the last half a century and more, nor the sacrifices such a service involved. Old age finds him with no provision for rest or even the wherewithall to live comfortably. Cruel fate has also been unkind to him in snatching away his eldest son aged about 40. Not only has this tragedy struck him with great grief, not only has this removed his main prop in his old age, but it has thrown on his old head the responsibility of having to look after an young widow and five daughters, in addition to his own three unmarried daughters.

Under the circumstances it becomes our bounden duty to lighten the burden of an old colleague who has served and sacrificed his all for the profession. May I therefore request one and all to strain a bit and give a helping hand, to present him with a decent purse, which would be some consolation and relief in his old age. Contributions may be sent either to Dr. U. Krishna Rao, Thambuchetty Street, Madras, with an intimation to me or direct to me, marked "Dr. VENKAPPA FUND". All contributions will be acknowledged through the columns of the Miscellany.

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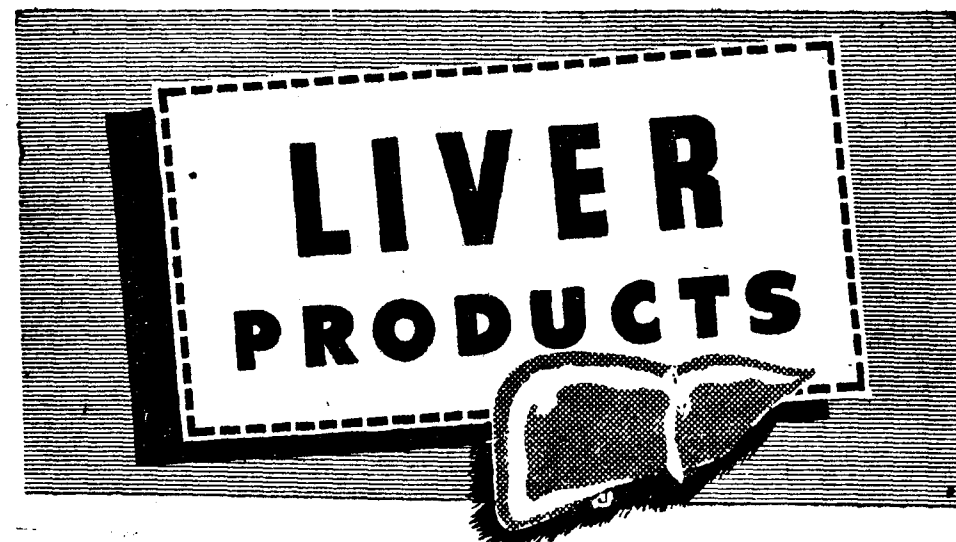
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NOTES ON EARLY MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS OF SOUTH INDIA

BY

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Leper Asylum at Cochin

A leper Asylum was erected by the Dutch in 1728 A.D., as an inscription still preserved, testifies. Papers of 1725-26 in MS. No. 148, refer to plans for it, one of 30 rooms (besides the Surgeon's residence) to cost 5,000 dollars, another with 22 rooms to cost 4,300. An asylum was previously maintained at Castello. The site of the new asylum was that of the old Portuguese fortress at Palliport, near the north end of the island of Vypeen looking on the backwater. It had passed to the Dutch with other Portuguese enclaves when they took Cochin in 1663.

In the memorandum on the administration of Malabar coast composed in 1743 A.D. by Van Gollennesse, the outgoing Dutch Commander of Malabar, there is a short note on the Leper Asylum. "The capital of the Leper Asylum at Palliport having come down to 2,913-29 rix-dollars, we have been obliged to have recourse to the following measure, and with the kind approval of their Right Worshipfuls, have imposed a surcharge of 50 per cent on stamped paper, which however according to rough calculations will not bring in more than 59½ rix-dollars; otherwise these unhappy people would soon have become a burden on the Hon'ble Company. At the end of last January, they were eleven in number."

A later memorandum dated 1781 A.D. by Adrian Moens, gives more information about the contemporary beliefs and the steps taken by the Dutch Commander, to segregate incipient cases by introducing an annual Commission of Inspection.

