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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording for the reference to G.O. No. 654/96 letter from the Surgeon General submitting remarks on the working of certain Medical Schools for the Hospital Assistant Class.

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Report on the working of the Nellore Medical School for the year 1894.

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
18 FEB. 95
WITH GOVT. OF MADRAS.

There were 42 students on the Roll at the beginning of this year, 37 of them pay Rs: 25/ per annum for their professional education and the other 5 are taught gratis for Godavery District Board from which they get a monthly stipend of Rs: 7/ per head per month for maintenance.

Of these 42, 13 were 3rd year's pupils (including 3 Godavery Students) 28 were 2nd Year's pupils (including 2 Godavery Students) and 1, Casual student. Of the 13 Senior Students mentioned 1, died, and in June last the 12 remaining including 3 Godavery Students appeared for their final examination at Madras for the grade of 3rd Class Hospital Assistants and all passed in the 2nd class; of these 5 were entertained recently as Civil Hospital Assistants under Government, 3 by Nellore District Board, 3 by Godavery District Board and 1, has started as a private practitioner.

The 29, 2nd year students including 1, casual Student underwent their annual examination in June the result of which was that 23, passed for promotion to the 3rd year's course 5 were remanded for further study of whom one resigned and opened a chemist's shop at Negapatam and 1, the casual student, was struck off the roll on account of incompetency. In September, the beginning of the current session, 2 students from Madras Medical College joined the school in the 2nd year's class, thus on the 31st Decebr/94, there were 23 students in their 3rd Year, 6 students in their 2nd Year, making a total of 29.

In accordance with G.O. No: 296. L. D/11th Feby 1893, this school did not enroll any fresh students for 1st year's study either in 1893 or 94. During the past year the students average strength was 30.66. average daily attendance was 29.56 and the percentage of average attendance to average strength was 96.41. which I consider good.

During the year there were 3 Superintendents viz:-

Surgeon Major, S.C. Sarkies from 1st January to 18th July.

Surgeon Captain, E.H. Wright from 19th July to 4th November.

and Surgeon Major. W.H. Thornhill. M.D. from 5th November to 31st December, who were in charge of the school during the periods mentioned and 1st Class Hospital Assistant N.P. Ramasamy Naidu was the Sole Assistant Superintendent during the entire year. He has carried on the duties of the appointment for the last 13 years with zeal and ability. he is most patient and painstaking with the students and takes the greatest interest in them individually and the school generally.

The students attended the lectures regularly given by the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent in all the subjects of the curriculum of the Madras Medical College, and received clinical teaching in the Civil Hospital and Branch Dispensary; also for 2 months they attended the Lying-in-Hospital for practical midwifery, and on an average were present at, and assisted in conducting 8 to 10 cases of labour, and witnessed any major operation that ~~may be~~ was done there. The general conduct and the progress of the students has on the whole been good.

Financial.

The expenses of the school for the year was paid entirely by the Nellore District Board and consisted of:-

Allowance to the Superintendent at	Rs:	100	per	mensem	Rs: 1200.0
" " Assist: Superdt.	"	": 25	"	"	": 300.0
Pay of Sweeper	"	as. 8.	"	"	": 6.0
and Contingent expenses.	"	" 8	"	"	": 6.0
				Total	Rs: 1512.0

and the income derived from the fees of the students was Rs: 922-8.0. which is considerably less than it would have been, had 1st. year's students been allowed to join in 1893+94. This leaves a balance of rupees 589.8.0. which the District Board paid. In this connection the following facts should be taken into consideration:—

1. As the upkeep of this school is paid by the Nellore District Board, Government does not require it pay the Rs.½ percent on its total revenue, which other Boards pay as a contribution to the cost of the Madras Medical College; which would probably be Rs: 1500. are equal to the total cost of the school as at present, so the Board gains the students' fees.

2. The Nellore District Board gets Hospital Assistants from this school and pays them Rs: 20 per mensem being Rs: 5/ less than the amount paid by Government or other boards. And as there are 24 Hospitals and Dispensaries in the District, and 8 Hospital Assistants in Reserve, this means a saving of 32×5×12 = Rs: 1920/ a year on this head.

3. Further the Nellore District Board only gives Rs: 5/ per mensem to Hospital Assistants as charge allowance and so saves 24×5×12 = Rs: 1440/ additional annually.

Taking the total of these gains Rs: 1920 + 1440 = Rs: 3360 and deducting the cost of the school for 1894 less the student's fee as above = Rs: 589-8-0., there remains a net gain to the Nellore District Board, on the school for 1894 (a year in which no 1st. year's students were enrolled), of Rs: 2770:8:0.

With the approval of Government (G.O. No 2246 L.D/17/9/9 the District Board sanctioned an additional assistt. as teache (Resolution No: 137 D/15.1.92) but as there was then and is still som uncertainty as to whether the school is to be kept on or not, th

President of the District Board asked the then Superintendent not to nominate another assistant as it would increase the expense. So ~~the~~ m.s. matters have since continued.

I think it is ~~not~~ m.s. desirable if not absolutely necessar if the School be kept on, that more assistants be appointed, as with his numerous other duties to attend to, the District Medical and Sanitary Officer cannot devote much time to the important work of clinically teaching the students; and though he has nothi but the highest praise to record of the able assistance he has received from Mr. N.P. Ramasamy Naidu, he thinks it is not fair to either himself or to his assistant to expect them, in addition to their ordinary work, to teach so many important subjects to the students, and the latter cannot receive as good teaching as they would get at the Madras Medical College, or if there were mor assistants here and a little money spent on books, diagrams and models for their use; I have shown in the preceding para that the Board can well afford the addinal expense.

I feel sure it was never contemplated by Government that the Nellore Medical School should be a source of revenue to the Nellore District Board; As the matter stands at present, by order of Govrnment the School is to be discontinued; but if the Surgeon-General sees fit to move Government to reconsider their decision on the subject, and advises that it be started afresh on a modified basis, I would recommend the following staff: viz:-

	monthly allowance
1. The District Medical & Sanitary Officer as Superintendent & Lecturer	Rs: 200.0.0.
2. The Assistant Surgeon as 1st Assistant Superintendent & Lecturer	Rs: 50.0.0.

3. The Hospital Assistant in m/c Branch Dispensary as 2nd Assist: Supdt. & Lecturer. } Monthly Allowance Rs: 40. 0. 0.

4. The Hospital Assistant in m/c Civil Hospital as Assist: Clinical teacher } Rs: 10. 0. 0.

and the contingent allowance to be increased to Rs: 10/ per mensem out of which a sweeper could be paid Rs: 1. .. ..; also that a lump-sum of Rs: 1000/ be given by the Nellore District Board out of the profit from previous years for the alteration of one of the existing European Wards of the Civil Hospital into a lecture-theatre, with the sanction of the Nellore Municipality, and the purchase of models and diagrams of Anatomy and Physiology a dummey for instruction in Midwifery, and of books of reference to: any proposed purchase above Rs: 50/ to get the approval of the Surge -General.

(I understand that for similar institutions in Bengal the Superintendent gets Rs: 200 a month and does not lecture at all)

This would mean a total ~~cost of~~ annual cost of:—

200 × 12 = 2400.
50 × 12 = 600.
40 × 12 = 480.
10 × 12 = 120.
10 × 12 = 120. } = ~~Rs~~ 3720.

To meet this, there would be the contribution of 1/2 percent on 3 lakhs . Rs 1500.
Fees of Students say 50 × 48 (for the fee might be raised to Rs: 4/ a month) } = 2400.
Total = 3900.

which would show an annual profit of nearly Rs: 200/ to the Nello District Board taking these figures, which I think reasonable ones

I do not understand on what principle students from the Godavary District are given a professional training here fr of cost, while the sons of the people who contribute to the revenue Nellore District Board have to pay for the same, I conside

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(I consider it positively unjust and would advise that no fresh students be admitted on such terms.

In conclusion, I would respectfully observe that in my opinion ~~that~~ two teachers cannot efficiently instruct a class in so many subjects of importance, as well as give a fair proportion of their time to their other duties, and the small allowances given at the Nellore Medical School are quite out of proportion to the large amount of work done. I consider this is wrong in principle, and not likely to tend to the improvement of the status of the school, or of the class of Medical men trained in it; or of the welfare of the students being taught there, although hitherto the students from Nellore Medical School have passed very creditably at final examination in Madras for Hospital Assistants.

Nellore
15th Feb/95

W. Thornhill M.D.
Surg: Major
District Medical & Sanitary Officer,
NELLORE.

No. 1757 II.

To
The Dist. Medl. & Santy. Officer,
Tanjore.

Forwarded for information. Kindly attach a report drawn up on similar lines regarding the Prince of Wales Medical School Tanjore and return it to this Office for submission.

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submission to the Director of Public Instruction.

(By Order)

H. Thomson,
Surgeon-Captain,
Secy., Surgeon-General
with the Govt. of Madras.

Madras
28th February 1895

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The report called for is herewith forwarded—

Camp Orattanadu
12th March 95

C.M. Thompson MD
Surgeon Major
Dist Med & San Offr

To
The Secretary to the
Surgeon General with the
Govt of Madras.

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G. No 371

Report on the working of H. R. H. The Prince of Wales Medical School Tanjore, for the year 1894.

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
14 MAR. 95
WITH GOVT. OF MADRAS.

At the beginning of the year there were 15 students on the roll of the school, of whom 6 were in their third year 6 in their second year, and 3 in their first year, which commenced on 1st October 1893.

All the students were — stipendiary, that is they were all in receipt of a monthly allowance from the Tanjore District Board. The 1st — and 2nd year students get Rs 8 a month, and the 3rd year students Rs 10 a month.

There were no students sent by other District Boards on the books of the school during the year; all the Students were being Educated with a view to their Employment in the Tanjore District.

The 6 students of the 3rd year appeared for the final Examination for the grade of Hospital Assistant in June, and they all passed in the Second
2 class. As there were no vacancies in the Tanjore District, the students who had qualified were allowed to accept other appointments, one in the Coimbatore District, one in the Missionary Service Tinnevelly, one was appointed as Health Officer in Negapatam, one entered the Civil Medical Service of Government, and two were at the end of the year unprovided with appointments.

The 1st and 2nd year students were examined in June and found fit to join the next higher class, they were accordingly all promoted from the 1st of October. On October 1st 7 new students joined, of whom one was a private student so that on the 31st December there were altogether 16 students on the School register.

Teaching Establishment

The teaching staff consists of

Superintendent; Dist Med'l Officer - allowance Rs 100.
First Assistant, Asst to Dt. Med'l Officer " Rs 75.
Second Assistant - Civil Apothecary " Rs 50.
Third Assistant - First class Hosp: Asst " Rs 55
Rs 280

The Superintendent and first and Second Assistants have attached duties in the Rajahmirasdar Hospital, the third Assistant is in charge of the Police Hospital, Tanjore.

During the year the superintenden was changed three times - Surgeon Major C. Smith was in charge of the school from January 1st to May 12th, Surgeon Capta Johnston from May 13th to July 9th and Surgeon Major C. M. Thompson M.B. from July 10th to the end of the year. The Second Assistant was changed twice durin the year. Assistant Surgeon Thummon Singh was transferred from the station in — March and his place was taken by Assistant Surgeon Gnanam Pillay.

The Students attended, in their classes, the lectures given by the Superintendent and Assistants in all the Subjects laid down in the curriculum of the Madras Medical College for Hospital Assistants, and received clinical instruction at the bedside in the wards of the Rajah Mirasidar Hospital which is situated in the Same compound as the Medical School and at a distance of about 200 yards. The Hospital has accommodation for 120 patients, but owing to the very small staff of ward attendants which till quite lately had been sanctioned, it was found impossible to admit patients up to the total number of beds. The District Board have lately sanctioned a — considerable increase in the staff of the Hospital from April 1st. of this year, from which date patients will be — admitted up to the full number of beds available. The Hospital is constructed of Separate blocks of buildings — connected by a covered path-way. One ward or block is reserved as a — lying-in ward; during the year there were 22 cases of labor attended to in the hospital, at most of which all the Senior students were present. Each case of labor is, on admission given in charge of a senior student who conducts the case under the supervision and direction of the Medical Officer in — charge. There is ample scope for practical bedside instruction in this hospital for a much larger — number of students than are at present in the school, during the year cases of all the more common diseases both medical and surgical, met with in this country were under treatment, and there were a large number of major operations performed - At the beginning of the session of 1894 arrangements were made to have bodies properly injected and preserved for dissection which had never previously been done. There was however unfortunately some delay in obtaining a proper syringe for injection, none could be obtained either in Bombay or Calcutta or Madras, so that the students had not the opportunity of dissecting a properly prepared and preserved body before the end of the year; but since January bodies have been suitably prepared and now the students receive systematic teaching in practical anatomy.

The conduct of the students was uniformly good during the year, and the progress made by them — satisfactory -

Financial Statement

Expenditure

Fixed charges	Amount			Contingent charges	Amount		
				Stipends of students	1431	15	6
Superintendent	1200	a	a	Prizes to students	50	a	a
1st Assistant	895	a	a	× Miscellaneous charges			
2nd Assistant	600	a	a				
3rd Assistant	674	8	9				
Peon & Sweeper	125	11	10	Total	1689	6	1
Total -	3495	4	7				
	1689	6	1				
Grand Total	5184	10	8				

× Miscellaneous charges include Pathological Jars, Printed forms stationery articles, travelling allowance of students sent up to Madras for final examination &c.

Income

	Amount		
Interest on Endowment	3994	a	a
Contribution from Municipalities in the Tanjore District	1020	a	a
Contribution from District Board	170	10	8
Total	5184	10	

The funded capital of the school which is invested in Government security amounting to Rs 100100. was subscribed by the native gentlemen of the Tanjore District. The subscriptions were originally intended to meet the expense of entertaining His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales during his visit to India in 1875, but as he did not visit Tanjore as was expected, the subscribers resolved to found a medical School in connection with the Rajahmirasdar Hospital. The school was opened in October 1882.

In consideration of the medical School being maintained, the Tanjore District is exempted from the usual contribution paid by other districts towards the support of the

Madras Medical College.

Since I have been in charge of the school I have received great assistance in its management from Assistant Surgeon Gnanam Pillay

C M Thompson MB
Surgeon major
Dist medl & Sany officer

Camp
Pattanadu
12th March 95

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Thro: The Director of Public Instruction.

Office of Surgeon-General
with the Government of Madras,

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Madras, 19th March 1895.

From

Surgeon Major-General C. Sibthorpe, F.R.C.P.I.
Surgeon-General with the
Government of Madras,
Madras,

To

The Honorable the Chief Secretary to Government,
Educational Department.

G.O. 654
27.10.96

Sir,

In the correspondence ending with my letter No: 671 of the 12th December 1894 regarding the report of the Committee of the Medical Schools for the Hospital Assistant class, I have suggested that the Local schools at Nellore and Tanjore should be left under their present management but the teaching establishment should be brought up to the Standard of the proposed Government Provincial Schools at Royapuram, Calicut, and Vizagapatam; that the Local Bodies should be required to provide the necessary buildings, to place the schools under the supervision of the Educational Department and to allow their being inspected by the Principal of the Medical College.

2- I now forward in original two interesting

interesting reports from the Superintendents of these schools at Tanjore and Nellore showing the work they have done in 1894.

3. I consider these reports show clearly that the Local Bodies concerned can well afford to bring up their schools to the proposed Standard.

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

C. Sibthorpe
Surgeon-Major-General
Surgeon-General with the Government

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(1895) DEPARTMENT.

From

SURG. MAJOR-GEN. C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I.
SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Madras,

To

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D Duncan
Director of Public Instruction

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