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No. 142. Read the following letter from Surgeon W. R. CORNISH, F.R.C.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 12th November 1873, No. 1805:—

I have the honour to forward, herewith, for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, a Return of Births and Deaths registered in Municipalities during the month of September 1873.

2. A total of 3793 births and 3534 deaths were recorded in municipal towns, the average birth-rate being 28·98 per mille, and the death-rate 26·99. These ratios probably approximate very nearly to the truth, for during the current year, under the system of monthly review and publication of the results of registration, there has been a great improvement in the accuracy of the returns.

3. Four persons died of cholera in Madras, and these were all landed from the emigrant ship *Pandora*. One or two suspicious cases occurred amongst the town people subsequently to the landing of the emigrants, but the disease did not spread. In Tanjore, also, three deaths from cholera were reported, and one in Negapatam. All other municipal towns were free of the disease.

4. Small-pox continued to prove fatal in thirty-two out of forty-seven towns. The total of deaths from this cause was 166. Fevers and bowel-complaints appear to have been more prevalent and fatal than in the earlier part of the year, but it usually happens that the month of September is a somewhat unhealthy season.

No. 143. ORDER THEREON, 21st November 1873, No. 1703.

Ordered that the Return be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. The Government note with much satisfaction that the Sanitary Commissioner considers it fairly reliable.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER.

No. 1805 Madras, 12 November 1873

From

The Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department

Sir,

Enclosures. I have the honor to forward herewith for publication in the Fort Saint George Gazette a return of births and deaths registered in Municipal Towns during the month of September 1873.

2. A total of 3798 births, and 3534 deaths were recorded in Municipal Towns the average birth rate being 28.98 per mille, and the death rate 26.99. These ratios probably approximate very nearly to the truth, for during the current year under the system of monthly review and publication of the results of registration, there has been a great improvement in the accuracy of the returns.

3. Four persons died of cholera in Madras, and these were all landed from the Emigrant ship Pandora. One or two suspicious cases occurred amongst the town people subsequently to the landing of the emigrants, but the disease did not spread. In Cuddalore 3 deaths from cholera were reported and one in Negapatam. All other Municipal towns were free of the disease.

4. Small pox continued to prove fatal in 32 out of 47 towns.

Bowel complaints appear to have been more prevalent and fatal than in the earlier part of the year, but it usually happens that the month of September is a somewhat unhealthy season.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
W. R. Cornish F.R.C.S.
Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.

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Forwarding for publication in the Fort Saint George Gazette a Return of Births and Deaths registered in the Municipalities during September 1873.

Fith arr.

Order thereon 21st Nov. 73 No. 1703

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To The Sanitary Commissioners

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