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No. 279. Read the following letter from Surgeon-General E. G. BALFOUR, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Honorable W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 13th March 1875, No. 129 :—

The monthly sick return from Berhampore for October 1874 showed an average daily sick of 7·8, a total treated for that month of twenty, with six deaths.

2. The six deaths out of the above quantities being a very large proportion, I called for explanation, and it will be seen by the subjoined letter and list that, with one exception, all the deaths were in the persons of pilgrims and travellers; that October was a very wet month and those people were much exposed; that the Medical Officer has already advocated the establishment of a Pilgrim Hospital on the frontier, and is of opinion that until something of the kind is done, this lamentable waste of human life must go on.

3. I submit the subject for the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

4. Similarly as regards the Chingleput Civil Dispensary, in which four deaths were recorded out of 12·6 of average daily sick, on inquiry of the Civil Surgeon he has reported that one person was brought to Hospital in a moribund state, and the other three were pilgrims from Northern India, brought to Hospital in a weak and dying state.

From Surgeon-Major H. J. BEACH, Acting Zillah Surgeon, Berhampore, to Surgeon-Major W. J. vanSOMEREN, Deputy Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, Presidency and Northern Division, Madras, dated Berhampore, 25th February 1875, No. 86.

In reply to the Surgeon-General's letter, No. 1255, dated 9th instant, and your docket endorsement thereon, No. 1007, dated 10th idem, I have the honor to submit the appended statement which affords all the information I have at my disposal.

2. It will be observed that the unusual death-rate is, with one exception, confined to pilgrims and travellers who are often admitted in a moribund state; October was a very wet month, and these unfortunates were much exposed. I have already advocated the establishment of a "Pilgrim Hospital" on the frontier, and until something of the sort is done, this lamentable waste of human life must go on.

Forwarded with reference to the Surgeon-General's No. 1255 of 7th February 1875.

(Signed) W. J. vanSOMEREN, Surgeon-Major,
Depy. Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

DETAILED STATEMENT showing the disposal of In-patients, Berhampore Municipal Dispensary, for October 1874.

Names.	Occupation.	Diseases.	Remained.	Admitted.	Discharged and Remaining.	Died.	Number of Days in Hospital.
Choudabee F.	Laborer.	Hemiplegia	1	27th August 1874	Remaining	.....	31
Vory Sunnassee	Do.	Chronic Rheumatism.	1	4th September 1874	3rd October 1874	.....	3
Nochee F.	Do.	Gonorrhœa	1	10th do. do.	Remaining	.....	31
B. Appiah	Traveller.	Leprosy	1	14th do. do.	3rd October 1874	.....	3
Moosa	Pilgrim.	General debility	1	14th do. do.	9th do. do.	.....	9
Lutchmon	Do.	General Dropsy	1	18th do. do.	.....	14th October 1874.	14
Godavary Pandee	Laborer.	Dysentery	1	24th do. do.	3rd do. do.	.....	3
Gunnaise	Pilgrim.	Ague	1	25th do. do.	13th do. do.	.....	13
Toolsee	Do.	Do.	1	28th do. do.	.....	17th October 1874.	17
Jugul	Do.	Ulcer	...	1st October 1874	.....	23rd do. do.	23
Connoyhe	Do.	Dysentery	...	5th do. do.	Remaining	.....	26
Ramdoss	Do.	Do.	...	5th do. do.	.....	19th October 1874.	15
Ramalutchmee F.	Laborer.	Primary Syphilis	...	19th do. do.	Remaining	.....	13
Jummah	Traveller.	Pneumania	...	22nd do. do.	.....	24th October 1874.	3
Ooparathee F.	Laborer.	General debility	...	24th do. do.	.....	24th do. do.	1
Hecrah F.	Do.	Mania	...	24th do. do.	Remaining	.....	8
Vory Sunnassee	Do.	Chronic Rheumatism.	...	25th do. do.	Do.	.....	7
P. Lutchmee F.	Aska.	Gonorrhœa	...	29th do. do.	Do.	.....	3
Onkorojunnah	Laborer.	Ascites	...	29th do. do.	Do.	.....	3
Heerah F.	Do.	Gonorrhœa	...	30th do. do.	Do.	.....	2

BERHAMPORE,
25*th February* 1875.

(Signed) H. J. BEACH, Surgeon-Major,
Acting Zillah Surgeon, Berhampore.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
31*st March* 1875.

No. 280. ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1875, No. 691.

The suggestion made in the above letter does not commend itself to Government.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

Ed. E. C. Shunker.

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To

THE SURGEON-GENERAL, INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Dated March 31st.

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Medical.—The suggestion of the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, for the establishment of Pilgrim Hospitals, not approved.

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No. 129

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL, I. M. D.,
Fort Saint George, 13 March 1875.

From

SURGEON-GENERAL EDWARD BALFOUR,
Surgeon-General,
Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort Saint George.

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I have the honor to be
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Your most Obedt. Servants

Fra Jpm Surgeon Genl.
Surgeon General
Indian Medical Departt.

No 86

From Surgeon Major H. J. Beach
Dy Zillah Surgeon Berhampore
To The Deputy Surgeon General I. M. D
Presidency & Northern Division, Madras.

Sir

In reply to the Surgeon Generals letter

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Dy Zillah Surgeon
Berhampore

Berhampore
25th February 1875

No. 1612

Forwarded with reference to the Surgeon Generals No. 1255 of 7th Feby 1875.

(Signed) W. J. Vansomeren
Dy Surgeon General, I.M.D.
Presy & North Dn

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Kochee F	"	Gonorrhoea	1	10th D. D.	Remaining		31
B. Appiah	Traveller	Leprosy	1	14th — D. — D.	3rd Octr 1874		3
Moosa	Pilgrim	General debility	1	14th — D. — D.	9th — D. — D.		9
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Toolsee	"	Ague	1	28th D. — D.		17th Octr 1874	17
Jugul	"	Ulcer		1st Octr 1874		23rd — D. D.	23
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Jummah	Traveller	Pneumania		22nd — D. — D.		24th Octr 1874	3
Coparathee F	Labr	General Debility		24th — D. — D.		24th D. — D.	1
Heerah F	"	Mania		24th — D. — D.	Remaining		8
Vary Sunnapee	"	Chronic Rheum.		25th — D. — D.	Remaining		7
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Onkorapunnah	Labr	Ascites		29th — D. — D.	Remaining		3
Heerah F	"	Gonorrhoea		30th — D. — D.	Remaining		2

Berhampore
25th February
1875

(Signed) H. J. Beach
Surgeon Major
Asst Civil Surgeon, Berhampore

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Surgeon General
Surgeon General Indian Medical Deptt

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From (Medical)

Surgeon-General E. Balfour,
Surgeon-General,
Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George,

To

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No. 129.

Subject.

Reports the great number of deaths of pilgrims in the Civil Dispensaries of Berhampore & Chicacole, & submits for consideration suggestion of the Med. Offr, Berhampore, for the estabt. of Pilgrim Hospitals.

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The suggestion made in the above letter deserves consideration [illegible]

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