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Local Funds—Medical.

No. 198. Read the following letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund and Municipal Boards, Madura District, to the Honorable W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Tirumangalam, 9th April 1875, No. 32 :—

With reference to G.O., dated 23rd February 1875, No. 418, Financial Department, I have the honor to report that the Municipalities object to pay stipends or scholarships to medical apprentices to be trained for general practice. I think their objections well-founded, because they spend large sums on dispensaries and the trained practitioners are wanted for the country generally.

2. The payment of stipends from local funds seems very desirable, but it is necessary that special arrangements should be made for teaching the apprentices. The pupil assistants now employed complete their education, I believe, at Madras. The training might extend over three years, 6 Rupees being paid monthly, and if the teaching is to be left to the present dispensary staff, I think the number at first should be limited to about fifteen.

3. I beg to enclose copy of a letter from the Vice-President, Dindigul Circle, containing his views on the question. The Rev. Mr. Chester at Dindigul has a medical class of ten pupils, and is very anxious to extend it.

From H. W. BLISS, Esq., Vice-President of the Local Fund Board, Dindigul Circle, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Dindigul Circle, dated Dindigul, 1st April 1875, No. 26.

I have the honor to submit the report called for in your foot-note to G.O., No. 418, dated 23rd February 1875, Financial Department.

2. I presume that such minor medical schools as are proposed will be established only at district head-quarters under the superintendence of the Zillah Surgeon. If so, I think they might do a great deal of good, and would be well worth the expenditure of a small sum of local fund money.

3. I should say that at Madura, as there is an Apothecary stationed there, it would be possible to have under training at one time some thirty young men, to be admitted in batches of ten per annum (six from Madura and four from Dindigul Circle), and to be kept under training for three years. If the scheme be started at once, therefore, it will not be in full operation, and the full expense will not be incurred, until the commencement of the third year from now.

4. I would certainly give the pupils stipends, which might be fixed at Rupees 5 per mensem for the first year, Rupees 6 for the second, and Rupees 7 for the third year. If these rates were adopted, the cost, when the school was in full operation, would be as follows :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Ten first-year medical pupils, at Rupees 5...	50	0	0
Ten second-year do. at do. 6...	60	0	0
Ten third-year do. at do. 7...	70	0	0
Remuneration to Apothecary for his services in instructing the pupils, say...	50	0	0
Sundries, including stationery and books	10	0	0
Total per mensem ...	240	0	0
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or per annum ...	2,880	0	0

5. Of this total the Dindigul Circle would have to pay Rupees 1,152 for the instruction and maintenance of twelve pupils, and the Madura Circle Rupees 1,728 for eighteen pupils. I think there can be no doubt the money would be well spent. Each three-year pupil, on leaving the school, would have cost nearly Rupees 300, but nothing of a medical man could be made for less I think.

6. But, besides these pupils in the medical school at Madura, there are other young men employed in most dispensaries as compounders, who might, I think, receive some sort of medical training, and be sent back to their villages to practise on their own account, and their places be supplied by fresh hands as soon as they had been ascertained to have reached a certain moderate standard of medical knowledge. Their duties are, of course, such that, if they have only moderate intelligence and powers of observation, they cannot fail to become practically acquainted with the properties and uses of all the more commonly-prescribed medicines, and to gain some power of diagnosis. All they would want more to be exceedingly useful in the present absolute dearth of qualified native medical practitioners would be such a modicum of practical instruction in the setting of fractures and treatment of wounds as the medical subordinates under whom they are employed should have no difficulty in imparting to them. It might also be possible that they should be taught by the same agency a little of the theory of medicine and surgery and the outlines of anatomy. This would require that all Local Fund Hospitals should be properly supplied with standard works of reference on these subjects, but they ought to be so supplied in any case, and I think it is a mistake that they are not given proper books of reference, and I do not see why a Hospital Assistant in charge of a dispensary should not teach his compounder a good deal. Whether he succeeded or not could be easily tested if the Deputy Surgeon-General would hold an examination of the compounder whenever he inspected the hospital; and, if the Hospital Assistant was not very successful in teaching much, the very effort to do so would probably be of the greatest service to himself in compelling him to keep up his own medical knowledge.

No. 199. ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1875, No. 883.

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(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Madura Municipality.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

Govt. of {1875} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MADURA MUNICIPALITY,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 20th.

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G.O., 20th April 1875, No. 883.

APRIL.
Nos. 198-199.

Local Funds, Medical.—The President of the Local Fund Boards in the Madura District directed to place himself in communication with the Rev. Mr. Chester and to report on the subject of training medical scholars for local practice in the dispensary class established by that gentleman in Dindigul.

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I have the honor to be
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Your Most Obedt Servt
(Signed) A. W. Bliss
Vice President

(True Copy)

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President

No 32

President's Office
Madura
(Camp) Perumangalam
9th April 1875

From

W. McLuhae Esquire
President Local Fund
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Madura District.

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A. McLuhae 9-4-1875

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obed. Servt

W. Macdonald
President

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From
The President
Local Fund for Municipal
Board, Madras District

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

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To the Presdt. of the Madras Municipality
" Surgeon Genl. I. M. Dept.
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