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Sanitary rept upon Grand Festival of Conjeeveram 1895

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Date of festival	4	From 4th to 15th June 1895, both days inclusive. The car reached its destination on the fourth day as in the previous year.
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Accommodation and Sanitary arrangements made.	6	Visitors accommodate themselves in the houses of friends, or in the Chattrams & Mantapams in which the town abounds, or in rented buildings. Ten cart stands were provided for carts & animals. 3rd Class Hospital Assistant P. S. Moses Pillay was on special duty during the festival; the additional hand was of much use as it was a time when extra help was needed to meet the extra work on account of the festival and prevalence of Influenza.
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General health.	10	The weather was hot and dry and people suffered from Influenza which

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To

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CONJEEVERAM,
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