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3. In the opening paragraphs the Surgeon-General gives a useful summary of the principal administrative orders issued during the year which affect civil dispensaries. He also names nine institutions which, though in existence for some years, are included in the report for the first time. With regard to these it is observed that the list includes the Port and Marine dispensaries, Madras, the Periyar hospital, and other institutions supported wholly or partly by Provincial revenues. It is not understood how these were not brought within the purview of the report in past years. Their inclusion is, however, a step in the right direction. One of the institutions—the Duggarale dispensary in the Kistna district—is shown as established in 1865 and as entirely supported by Provincial revenues. The Surgeon-General will ascertain the history of the institution and report whether there is any reason why it should not be maintained by local funds. Every effort should be made to bring under the dispensary rules, for inclusion in this report, all medical institutions in the Presidency (other than State hospitals) which are aided by Provincial or local revenues. In the case of future grants of public funds in aid of a private medical institution, it will be made a condition that the institution is brought under inspection and submits the usual returns.

4. During the year nineteen institutions were opened and eight closed. Including the nine referred to in paragraph 2 *supra*, the increase was 28 against a decrease of eight. At the close of the year there were 473 against 453 in 1893 and 443, 426 and 414 in the three preceding years respectively. No increase in the number in North Arcot took place and the insufficient provision referred to in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 535, dated 23rd July 1894, therefore continued.

5. From the statement in paragraph 5 it appears that the ratio for 1894 was one institution to 72,592 inhabitants. The Surgeon-General points out that this compares favourably with the ratios for the North-Western Provinces and Oudh and the Punjab, the correct figures for which, however, seem to be 1 to 149,000 for the former, and 1 to 90,000 for the latter. Taking the areas of British territory as given in the most recent reports, it appears that there was one institution to every 293 square miles in the Madras Presidency as against 1 to 341 in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and 1 to 475 in the Punjab.

6. With reference to the particulars (paragraph 6) in regard to the number of available beds, it is observed that the Government of India pointed out, in its letter recorded in G.O., No. 527, dated 25th June 1895, that in 1893 only 54 per cent. of the beds were on the average occupied. It is shown that in 1894 out of 3,236 beds

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the average number occupied was only 1,743. This gives a similar percentage to that for the preceding year. No doubt, however, where there is now an apparent excess in the number of beds provided, the demand upon them will in time increase. Where the provision of beds is now inadequate, steps should be taken to increase it, as funds become available for the purpose. The Surgeon-General and Local and Municipal Boards will give their attention to this matter.

7. The subjoined statement compares the results of the working of civil hospitals and dispensaries and the expenditure incurred on their upkeep in 1894 with the figures for the two preceding years:—

Years.	Number of patients treated.		Daily average attendance.		Number of beds available.	Mortality among in-patients (percentage).	Number of operations.		Total expenditure.
	In.	Out.	In.	Out.			Major.	Minor.	
1894	41,954	3,093,315	1,742.7	22,496.5	3,236	6.62	5,874	129,469	10,07,984
1893	39,579	3,291,891	1,676.7	20,669.8	3,088	7.69	5,567	118,314	8,89,420
1892	39,741	3,066,645	1,783.9	19,487.3	2,985	9.35	4,391	108,149	8,91,183

8. The total number of patients treated and the daily average attendance of both "in" and "out" patients and also the number of operations, both major and minor, continued to advance. The decrease in the percentage of mortality is also a very satisfactory feature of the report. The mortality table in paragraph 9 shows against Bellary, out of a total of 92 deaths, no less than 9 deaths from "septic causes acquired in hospital." More detailed information should be given in future reports regarding such deaths, together with a statement of the measures taken to put the institutions affected in a wholesome condition.

9. In paragraph 10 information is afforded as to the diseases most prevalent in the various districts. Further details are given in Statement No. III. The number of cases of diseases of the eye under treatment rose from 324,587 in the preceding year to 407,450. Malarial fevers, diseases of the skin, ulcers and rheumatic affections showed the most marked increases.* The cases of cholera were 8,725 against 7,103 in the previous year.

* Malarial fevers.			
1893	..	..	322,728
1894	..	..	372,941
Diseases of the skin.			
1893	..	..	363,047
1894	..	..	414,801
Ulcers.			
1893	..	..	369,261
1894	..	..	391,057
Rheumatic affections.			
1893	..	..	158,282
1894	..	..	170,306

10. Details of the operations performed during the year are given in paragraph 11 and Statement III-A. The increase in the number of both major and minor operations has already been remarked upon. The Surgeon-General's observation that in some districts it is sad to note how little this important branch of medical aid has been attended to is not altogether clear. The Government would be sorry to believe that any medical officer or subordinate would shirk the performance of a necessary operation. With

Surgeon-Major C. M. Thompson,
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Surgeon-Captain W. C. Vickers.
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Civil Apothecary B. L. Davy Sing.
Do. J. W. Wright.
Assistant Surgeon C. Munisami Mudali.

aware that an officer's opportunities in this respect depend greatly upon locality and that all medical officers have not the same opportunities.

11. The total expenditure during the year amounted to Rs. 10,07,984. This was met from the following sources:—

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From municipal and local funds	8,33,994	14	4
Interest on investments	15,801	4	11
Sale of securities	20,487	0	1
Subscriptions (Europeans and Natives)	25,808	2	5
Recoveries from paying patients	1,698	1	4
By sale of medicines	8,096	2	8
Miscellaneous receipts	3,938	0	7
From Government	98,160	5	5
Total	10,07,983	15	9

There was an increase of Rs. 1,18,564 over the figure for the preceding year, chiefly due to the inclusion in the returns of the institutions referred to in paragraph 2 *supra* and to the opening of nineteen additional dispensaries. Of the total, 9.7 per cent. was met by Government as against 9.5 in 1893. The investments made during the year amounted to Rs. 23,539, reducing the actual expenditure to Rs. 9,84,445. This gives an average of Rs. 263 per thousand, and is still higher than the average for the preceding year. The Government has already, in paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 527, dated 25th June 1895, impressed upon the Surgeon-General the necessity for keeping down the expenditure in civil hospitals and dispensaries as much as is consistent with efficiency.

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13. The expenditure on establishments was Rs. 5,50,772 or 54.6 per cent. of the total against Rs. 5,04,453 or 56 per cent. in 1893. The reduction is satisfactory, but the percentage is still high. The Government regrets to observe that the expenditure on European medicines increased from Rs. 1,27,331 to Rs. 1,82,988, while the cost of bazaar medicines fell from Rs. 24,541 to Rs. 23,884. In separate Proceedings* the Surgeon-General has been requested to take steps to encourage the use of

* G.O., dated 25th June 1895, No. 527, paragraph 4.

locally-obtained drugs; and the instructions should be carefully impressed upon all medical officers in charge of the institutions under report. The increase in the cost of European medicines is partially explained by the Surgeon-General at page 13 of the report by the fact that under the existing system they are either paid for in advance or immediately after receipt, whereas when obtained from the Madras Store Depot they were paid for in accordance with budget provision, any balances being left for adjustment in the succeeding year.

14. The total cost of diets amounted to Rs. 92,042 against Rs. 91,088 in 1893. The average cost per head *per diem* was As. 2-5, against As. 2-6 in 1893 and As. 2-8 in 1892. The district averages range from As. 3-9 in the Nilgiris to As. 2 in Tinnevely. The statement given at page 14 is interesting and instructive. In paragraph 5 II (d) of his letter, No. 311, dated 23rd March 1895, at page 6 of G.O., No. 527, dated 25th June 1895, the Surgeon-General adduced some reasons why the cost of diets in this Presidency is naturally somewhat higher than that in other parts of India.

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17. The Surgeon-General will be reminded that next year's will be a triennial report—G.O., No. 867, dated 26th October 1893.

(True Extract.)

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G. S. FORBES,
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