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READ—the following paper:—

From G. HAMNETT, Esq., Chairman, Municipal Council, Ootacamund, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department (through the Collector of the Nilgiris), dated 6th June 1897, No. 1075.

I have the honour to submit the administration report of the Ootacamund Municipality for the official year 1896–97, together with the prescribed statements and copies of the reports of the Civil Surgeon and of the Assistant Inspector of Schools, Coimbatore Division.

I.—CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL.

2. The council consisted of two officials and fourteen non-officials. Both officials were Europeans. Of the non-officials four were Europeans, four Eurasians and six natives. Five vacancies occurred during the year, of which two were nominated and three elected. The elections were well contested, the native members securing a larger number of votes than the Europeans and Eurasians. The council held 29 meetings. There were two adjustments for want of a quorum. The average attendance at each meeting was 9·10 against 9·57 in 1895–96.

II.—RECEIPTS.

3. The general income, including the opening balance of Rs. 34,997–2–0, amounted to Rs. 2,58,479–4–6. This includes the grants and loans made by the Government to the extent of Rs. 1,40,000 for improving the water-supply and other miscellaneous improvements. The expenditure, including a fixed deposit of Rupees 1,00,000 in the Bank of Madras for twelve months, amounted to Rs. 2,21,554–15–5, leaving a balance of Rs. 36,924–5–1, of which Rs. 7,700 belong to the water-supply improvement and Rs. 29,224–5–1 to miscellaneous improvements and municipal fund.

4. The income derived from taxation amounted to Rs. 43,781–13–4 against Rs. 40,487–6–3, the actuals for 1895–96, and the revised estimate for 1896–97 of Rs. 45,250. The income, apart from taxation, was Rs. 21,841–15–0 against Rupees 21,861–2–2, the actuals for 1895–96, and Rs. 20,830, the revised estimate. Miscellaneous receipts amounted to Rs. 7,983–0–5 against Rs. 7,606–12–0, the actuals for the previous year, and Rs. 6,960, the revised estimate for 1896–97. It will be seen from these figures that the municipal revenue during 1896–97 has not declined under any head.

5. The balance outstanding on the 31st March 1896 was Rs. 3,550–6–8, of which Rs. 2,017–3–1 were collected, Rs. 350–12–9 were remitted and Rs. 394–14–8 written off as irrecoverable, leaving a balance of Rs. 787–8–2. The demand for 1896–97 was Rs. 61,043–1–9 against Rs. 56,452–12–9, the demand for 1895–96. The increase in 1896–97 may be ascribed to the increase in the rate of water-tax from 1 to 2 per cent. from the 1st October 1896 on houses which expressly benefited by the water-supply, to the increase in the house-tax by a revision of assessments in cases in which no annual revisions were made, to the increase in the market and cart-stand rents, and to the increase in private scavenging fees. Of the demand, as finally settled, viz., Rs. 61,043–1–9, Rs. 58,316–9–3 were collected and Rs. 177–1–6

remitted in connection with vacant houses, leaving a balance of Rs. 2,549–7–0 which, added to the previous year's balance of Rs. 787–8–2, amounts to Rs. 3,336–15–2, or Rs. 213–7–6 less than the balance remaining uncollected at the end of 1895–96.

6. *Tax on Buildings and Lands.*—There was no change in the taxation under this head during the year. The demand as finally settled on buildings was Rupees 30,190–15–11, showing an advance of Rs. 1,865–9–1. The increase during the last five years was Rs. 3,682. The demand on lands was Rs. 845–13–0 against Rupees 917–2–6 in 1895–96, the decrease was caused by the tax being calculated on the net, instead of on the gross, income of the Botanical gardens. Of the demand Rs. 776–1–0 were collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 69–12–0. The arrears last year amounted to Rs 38–4–0 and the uncollected balance on the 31st March 1897 stood at Rs. 108. The "Arrears of previous years" of 1895–96, viz., Rs. 479–3–10, has been raised in statement IV-B to Rs. 501–11–10 in consequence of fifteen acres of land at Bishopsdown having been assessed under the judgment of the High Court referred to in paragraph 3 of the administration report for 1895–96.

7. *The Water-tax on Buildings.*—The demand was Rs. 5,801–11–6, of which Rs. 5,424–6–11 were collected, Rs. 20–12–10 remitted for vacant houses, leaving a balance of Rs. 356–7–9 which, added to the arrears of the previous year, amounting to Rs. 77–4–11, leaves an unrealized balance of Rs. 433–12–8.

8. *Tax on Arts and Profession.*—The demand was Rs. 3,308–8–0, of which Rs. 3,037–8–0 were collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 271 which, added to the balance of Rs. 162 in 1895–96, raises the balance to Rs. 433. There was a decrease in the current demand of Rs. 91 owing to fluctuations in the number of persons in receipt of salaries and in the number of tradesmen.

9. *Tax on Vehicles, Animals and Carts.*—The estimate and revised estimate were fixed at Rs. 4,700 and Rs. 4,200, respectively. The amount actually realized was Rs. 4,357–10–4.

10. The number of processes which remained unexecuted on the 31st March 1896 was 429; issued during 1897, 1,624: total 2,053. Of this number 1,055 were executed and cancelled, 998 remained unexecuted and 32 warrants were cancelled on which no collections were made. The number of warrants withdrawn in consequence of payments having been made before distraint was 1,023. The number of prosecutions instituted was 269. In 220 cases payment was made before the court delivered judgment and 49 cases remained undisposed of. No property was distrained or sold in view to avoid the "public howl" which was raised in 1888–89 and referred to by the then Acting Collector in his endorsement, No. 42, dated 28th June 1889, on the annual report for the year.

11. The revenue, apart from taxation, amounted to Rs. 21,841–15–0 against Rs. 21,861–2–2 in 1895–96 and the revised estimate for 1896–97 of Rs. 20,830. In the revenue for 1895–96 was (as shown in paragraph 12 of the annual report for that year) included Rs. 2,144–5–7, the deposits of renters. Under sale-proceeds of night-soil the amount (Rs. 700) anticipated in the revised estimate has not been realized. Under educational fees there is an increase of nearly Rs. 400 due to an increase in the fees realized in the Breek's Memorial High school. The income from markets shows an increase of Rs. 635–13–4, but compared with the figures of 1891–92 there has been an increase of Rs. 4,660. Slaughter-houses show an increase of Rs. 212–8–0, but compared with 1891–92 there has been an increase of Rs. 1,905. Cart-stands also show an increase over 1891–92 of Rs. 705. License-fees show a falling off of Rs. 260–8–7 owing to licenses being withheld in consequence of parties not complying with the conditions prescribed. The increase under this head over 1891–92 is Rs. 575. Fines under Municipal and other Acts show an increase of Rs. 137–8–0 owing to prosecutions having been instituted in a large number of cases for infringement of the sanitary clauses of the Municipal Act.

12. *Grants and Contributions from Government*—amounted to Rs. 1,39,354–0–10, of which Rs. 1,00,000 are for the water-supply improvement and Rs. 30,000 for miscellaneous improvements, including a working balance of Rs. 5,000, which the Government were pleased to grant from Provincial funds to aid the municipality in carrying on the administration.

13. *Miscellaneous Recoveries on account of services rendered to Private Individuals.*—Private scavenging produced Rs. 281–4–0 over the revised estimate and (*ii*) Other purposes Rs. 792–8–1.

14. *Extraordinary and Debt.*—The Rs. 10,000 shown under loans from Government are for sanitary works to be undertaken during the year 1896–97. Much difficulty is, however, experienced in obtaining land within the town for the construction of small latrines to meet the needs of people who have no such accommodation attached to their dwellings.

III.—EXPENDITURE.

15. The expenditure in 1896–97, which includes a lakh of rupees invested in the Branch Bank of Madras, amounted to Rs. 2,21,554–15–5 against the revised estimate for the year of Rs. 2,42,590 and the actuals of 1895–96 of Rs. 1,37,032–5–7.

16. GRANT 1, PUBLIC WORKS.—The expenditure amounted to Rs. 57,271–10–2 against the revised estimate of Rs. 77,250 and the actuals for 1895–96 of Rupees 24,188–6–2. The excess over the actuals occurred by an assignment of Rs. 25,450 having been made to the Public Works Department for remedying defects in the main intercepting sewer and by an expenditure of Rs. 4,333–0–2 in connection with Mr. G. T. Walch's investigation and report for improving the water-supply of the town.

17. *New Buildings.*—The expenditure (Rs. 3,108–11–3) was considerably less than the allotment of Rs. 13,100 in the revised estimate, which included the loan of Rs. 10,000 sanctioned by the Government for sanitary works, &c. Of the expenditure incurred Rs. 1,460–15–8 were spent on the market, viz., for a platform, 85 feet long and 8½ feet broad, for exposing the fruit brought for sale on market days, Rupees 310–4–6; for paving the long verandah where sweetmeat, bread and other edibles, &c., are sold with Cuddapah slabs, Rs. 450; for enclosing the centre square of the market near the mutton butchers' stall to store the mutton remaining unsold instead of being removed to the butchers' houses, Rs. 473–8–0; and for sundry other repairs and improvements Rs. 227–3–2. The remaining sum of Rs. 1,647–11–7 was appropriated for erecting a shed with corrugated iron sheets and timber for the storage of straw Rs. 255–4–0, for improving the slaughter-houses Rs. 878–2–7, for metalling the cart-stand Rs. 99–7–0, for metalling the rubbish cart-stand Rs. 99–5–0 and for purchasing forty dustbins Rs. 315–9–0.

18. *Drainage, Rs.* 25,557–1–7.—As explained in the preceding paragraph, Rupees 25,450 were assigned for the main intercepting sewer, the balance (Rs. 107–1–7) was spent in building a cement drain in continuation of a drain built by a private individual in old agraharam to carry off refuse water Rs. 75, for completing a drain in the market Rs. 15–9–7 and for constructing a drain in Dogherty's lane at Mettucherry Rs. 16–8–0.

19. *Water-supply.*—Rs. 4,333–0–2 were disbursed to Mr. G. T. Walch to enable him to carry out his investigations for improving the water-supply.

20. *Miscellaneous Public Improvements, Rs.* 596–11–0.—The conservancy of the lake costs Rs. 309–5–0, clearing and cleaning the main stream Rs. 31–14–6, the Kandal stream Rs. 50, and improving the triangles at Charing Cross Rs. 205–7–6.

21. *Repairs—Communications.*—The allotment in the budget estimate was Rupees 10,000. On Mr. Tremenheere's representation of the bad condition of many of the roads, the Government were pleased to make a special grant of Rs. 5,000, thereby raising the allotment to Rs. 15,000, of which Rs. 14,580–11–5 were spent on 92 roads and lanes. The largest sums were spent on the Church Hill and Hadfield roads Rs. 531–10–9, Etirnne's road in continuation of South Lake road Rs. 599–14–9; South Lake road repairing and reforming from Willow Bund to Westmere Rs. 2,087–0–3; Kelso road repairs, improvements and fencing in connection with Charing Cross Rs. 609–4–0; Manjanakorai road used largely by carts bringing in road materials Rs. 685–9–0; Snowdon and Marlimund roads Rs. 661–13–9. The special grant has saved many of the roads and lanes from being entirely cut up and rendered unfit for use. The present condition of the roads is fair. The repair and reform of roads were carried out chiefly by contract.

22. *Repairs—Buildings.*—The revised estimate provided Rs. 1,800, but not more than Rs. 1,432–11–1 were spent during the year. The buildings on which more than Rs. 100 were spent were the market Rs. 421–3–5, municipal cattle-shed Rs. 163–3–11, municipal office Rs. 191–11–9 and repairing slaughter-houses Rs. 106–15–9.

23. *Repairs—Drainage, Rs.* 486–11–1.—The largest item of expenditure under this head was Rs. 279–14–3 on house-connecting drains to prevent the refuse water from the houses flowing on the streets. The other items relate to petty repairs and building a small revetment at the outfall of a drain on the Upper Bazaar road.

24. *Water-supply.*—The revised estimate provided for Rs. 1,180. The actual expenditure did not exceed Rs. 1,142–0–10.

25. *Establishment.*—The actual expenditure (Rs. 2,122–8–8) fell short of the revised estimate (Rs. 2,300) by Rs. 177–7–4, as the full strength of the establishment was not employed in consequence of the difficulty experienced in procuring an efficient overseer.

26. *Tools and Plant.*—The expenditure (Rs. 230–1–1) exceeded the revised estimate (Rs. 200) by Rs. 30–1–1. The increase was caused by the purchase of a larger number of tools than was anticipated when the estimate was prepared.

27. GRANT 2, EDUCATION.—The estimated provision in the budget for the year was Rs. 9,950. It was increased in the revised estimate to Rs. 10,770. The expenditure, however, did not exceed Rs. 10,387–8–1. The schools aided and maintained were the Breek's Memorial High school, Municipal bazaar and Kandal schools and the Muhammadan school, the Church Mission schools at Metucherry with a secondary department, Kandal, Bandyshola and old Ootacamund, the Wesleyan Mission school and St. Joseph's school.

28. *The Breek's Memorial High School.*—The changes made during the year were the creation of the post of an assistant master on Rs. 100 per mensem and a clerk on Rs. 15, the services of the Brahmin assistant on Rs. 60 being dispensed with and a Eurasian appointed in his place from January 1897. Great difficulty has been experienced in securing a suitable person for the post of assistant master and Mr. Kelly, who at present fills it, is not considered qualified by the Inspector of Schools, Western Circle. The teaching staff therefore is still not as efficient as it should be. Notwithstanding this, the number of boys in the school on the 31st March 1897 rose to 80 against 63 on the 31st March 1896. In the upper secondary there were 13, in the lower secondary 21 and in the primary school 46. The school received from Provincial funds Rs. 3,210–0–10. The school-fees, rent from Church cottage, &c., amounted to Rs. 3,470–12–0. The total receipts were therefore Rs. 6,680–12–10 against Rs. 5,406–15–0 in 1895–96. The expenditure amounted to Rs. 7,481–8–4 and exceeded the receipts by Rs. 800–11–6 which was met from Municipal funds. The average net cost per pupil in the upper secondary department was Rs. 52–12–8, in the lower secondary Rs. 11–12–7 and in the primary schools Rs. 3–6–2 against Rs. 106–8–10, Rs. 54–9–7 and Rs. 13–1–3 in the year 1895–96. The Inspector of Schools, Western Circle, in his report, dated the 27th May 1897, remarks—

> "The general educational qualifications of the subordinate staff are not up to the mark. A graduate in science or mathematics should have been introduced as suggested in Proceedings No. 8349, dated 4th August 1896. Mr. Sidney Smith does not seem to hold any certificate in drawing".
>
> "The further increase in the attendance since the last inspection is noted with satisfaction."
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> "The headmaster's suggestion to admit native boys into the school at the standard rate of fees is calculated to improve the strength. The appearance of a Badaga in the upper secondary section is encouraging."
>
> "Public examinations—Matriculation, total failure; Lower Secondary, poor.
>
> "General impression—The school is improving. The pupils were cleanly dressed and generally well behaved. Discipline and tone left nothing to be desired."

29. The average attendance in the secondary schools was 26 against 15 in 1895–96 and in the primary schools 137 against 132. The total number of boys in the schools aided and maintained from Municipal funds was 763 against 755 in 1895–96. The Assistant Inspector of Schools remarks in statement No. I that—

"On the whole the number of schools at the close of the year under review was one less, but the total number of boys under instruction was sixteen more than in 1895–96, and so there was some progress and the whole of it was confined to board and aided schools."

30. The percentage of children under instruction of school-going age taken at 15 per cent. of the population was 81·29 against 79·80 in 1895–96.

31. The educational officers are strong in their condemnation of the position of the Municipal bazaar school, but the municipal council cannot see its way either to remove the school to another building or to a better locality.

32. GRANT 3, SANITATION AND MEDICAL SERVICE.—The expenditure amounted to Rs. 25,571–11–6. It falls short of the revised estimate by Rs. 1,028–4–6, but exceeds the actuals for 1895–96 by Rs. 1,483–0–7. The full amount included in the revised estimate under Conservancy—Other charges was not spent, as the purchase of the five pairs of bullocks referred to in paragraph 15 (2) of the Chairman's letter, recorded in the Proceedings of Government, No. 595 M., dated the 18th March 1897, was postponed owing to the want of accommodation in the municipal cattle-shed which is now being enlarged from the loan of Rs. 2,300 obtained from the Government for the purpose. The contribution to St. Bartholomew's hospital and the apothecary was Rs. 799–13–4. The number of patients treated in the hospital was 19,966 during the year against 18,646 in 1895–96.

33. The work done by the municipal midwife is cited by the late Civil Surgeon in his report which is appended. She attended 42 cases, but was absent on leave for some time during the year on account of her marriage and her accouchement. With reference to paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 1363 M., dated 14th August 1896, the municipal council has resolved that the minimum number of cases which the midwife should attend shall be six instead of four.

34. *Vaccination.*—The expenditure was Rs. 384–14–4 or Rs. 4–14–4 in excess of the revised estimate owing to an increase under contingent charges. The number vaccinated during the year was 1,160, of which 1,159 were successful, viz., 813 primary and 346 re-vaccination. Compared with 1895–96 there was a falling off of 70 cases, and this falling off is satisfactorily accounted for by the Civil Surgeon in his report which accompanies. The number of operations with animal lymph was 1,160, of which 1,159 were successful. The total number of successful operations was 76·86 per mille of population against 81·64 in 1895–96. The number of prosecutions instituted during the year was 196. The average cost of each successful vaccination was 5·3, the same as in the year 1895–96.

35. *Registration of Births and Deaths.*—The expenditure, viz., Rs. 290–0–9, exceeds the revised estimate by Rs. 10–0–9, the contingent charges having exceeded the provision made in the estimate for printing the new forms of registers of births and deaths prescribed by the Government. The registers show that the number of births was 591 and deaths 483 against 485 and 357 in 1895–96, or per mille per annum of 39·26 and 32·08 against 32·21 and 23·71 in 1895–96. Thirty-five prosecutions were instituted for failure to register. In 22 cases the parties were fined by the Magistrate to the extent of Rs. 10–6–0 and 13 cases were withdrawn, the parties having complied with the rules in force. In 1896–97 there were 106 births and 126 deaths above those in 1895–96. The Civil Surgeon has explained the cause of increase in deaths. In consequence of the prevalence of cholera in a village near Kaity, about three miles from Ootacamund, as well as in villages in the Coimbatore district, especially Méttupálaiyam, several cases were imported into the town; of these five proved fatal Prompt measures were, however, taken to disinfect the places where the patients were found or died and the disease was not allowed to spread.

36. *Conservancy and Road-cleaning cost Rs.* 18,869–4–7.—The cost fell short of the provision made in the revised estimate (Rs. 19,800) by Rs. 930–11–5, as the purchase of the five pairs of bullocks required for the conservancy department was postponed for want of accommodation in the municipal cattle-shed as stated in paragraph 32 above. The number of bullocks maintained was 51, of these two died. The number of night-soil carts was increased from 13 to 17 and rubbish carts from 12 to 17. There was one sewage cart only. Three night-soil hand-carts and five large iron buckets were, however, purchased from the Madras Municipality. The night-soil

continues to be deposited at the Titical depôt. The suggestion of the Sanitary Commissioner in his notes of inspection of the town in June 1896 of securing night-soil depôts at places nearer the sites of collection was referred to a sub-committee of the municipal council on the 8th October 1896, but the sub-committee has not yet favoured the council with its views on the suggestion.

37. The number of latrines was 48. The proposal to build more in the town could not be carried out, as much difficulty has been experienced by the Revenue Department in acquiring the land needed for the purpose. It was found necessary during the year to remove two of the urinals in the market premises, and the number of urinals was thereby reduced from six to four. The number (46) of dustbins purchased during the year was larger than in previous years (viz., 20 per year). Notwithstanding this the total number stood at 170 against 171 in 1895–96, as 47 very old bins had to be rejected as being unserviceable.

38. *Private Scavenging.*—The allotment in the estimate and revised estimate was Rs. 2,610. The expenditure did not exceed Rs. 2,611–7–9. The number of houses conserved was 261 or one more than in the previous year. The actual income amounted to Rs. 5,781–4–0 against the revised estimate of Rs. 5,500 and the actuals of Rupees 5,238–12–0 in 1895–96. The excess is accounted for by the extra fees derived from the conservancy of temporary latrines constructed for the coolies employed on the lake reclamation scheme. The charges under "Contingencies, such as cost of scavenging carts, &c.," amounted to Rs. 230–15–8 against a provision of Rs. 50, as it was found indispensably necessary to provide large quantities of disinfectants and to print and circulate notices for the prompt collection of the scavenging fees due by private individuals. The expenditure under (*d*) Contingencies was Rs. 925–14–6 against an allotment of Rs. 900 in the revised estimate.

39. "*Epidemic Reserve.*"—The expenditure incurred under this head was in conformity with the rules prescribed by the Government in order, No. 1536 M, dated 9th September 1896, and amounted to Rs. 606–4–1 against a provision in the revised estimate of Rs. 750. The details of the temporary establishment employed on cholera duty, and the payments made for the purchase of disinfectants, &c., are given in the statement which accompanies this report, and the sanction of the Government is requested for the same.

40. GRANT 4, MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES—*Lighting.*—The expenditure, viz., Rs. 3,478–2–10, is higher than that incurred in 1895–96 by Rs. 359–0–8 and the allotment (Rs. 3,460) in the revised estimate by Rs. 18–2–10. The reason for the increase in 1896–97 was given in paragraph 16 of the Chairman's letter recorded in G.O., No. 595 M., dated 18th March 1897. The lighting work is still carried on by contract. It is not quite as satisfactory as it should be, but considering the difficulties which the contractor has to overcome in making good the lanterns, lamps and chimneys which are stolen at nights by some person or persons, some allowance must be made for shortcomings. The present rate for lighting each light is As. 13–5 against As. 14 in 1896–97. The number of lamps during the year was 261 or ten more than in the previous year.

41. The market tolls and rents realized Rs. 8,985–13–4 against Rs. 7,810 in 1895–96 as shown in paragraph 41 of the annual report for that year. The expenditure, inclusive of interest on loans and sinking funds of Rs. 5,100, amounted to Rupees 7,366–8–7, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,619–4–9. The market premises were much improved during the year from the special grant given by the Government and the expenditure incurred amounts to Rs. 1,460–15–8. As the general market has not sufficient accommodation for many of the poorer butchers' shops, a small market near Butcher's street would enable the municipal council to remove the beef and mutton shops which now disfigure the Butcher's street and keep that street in cleaner and better order.

42. *Slaughter-houses.*—The amount (Rs. 4,612–8–0) realized under the head exceeds the revised estimate by Rs. 212–8–0, but falls short of the actuals of 1895–96 by Rs. 397–8–0. The expenditure under establishment and contingencies amounted to Rs. 273–6–3 and under repairs and improvements to Rs. 878–2–7, which amount, however, was met from the special grant given by the Government.

43. The council is of opinion that the provision of pens for cattle and sheep should not be deferred any longer, as the cattle and sheep brought up from the plains are not properly housed and the sanitary condition of the houses in which they are kept is very indifferent.

44. *The Chattram*—in old agraharam was maintained. The cost for establishment was Rs. 84 and for contingencies Rs. 36-9-1. The total expenditure (Rs. 120-9-1) exceeded the revised estimate by As. 9-1.

45. *Other Charges.*—The work done for private individuals amounted to Rupees 1,461-12-0 or Rs. 461-12-0 more than was estimated for. Rs. 6 were spent on rewards for killing dogs. The man who agreed to do the work would not continue it after he killed 26 dogs and no other man in the town could be induced to take his place. The charge Rs. 617-6-10 for printing exceeded the revised estimate (Rs. 500) by Rs. 117-6-10. The excess was caused by the more extended nature of the periodical proceedings of the municipal council. Other items also exceeded the revised estimate by Rs. 79-9-0, as many sign boards had to be renewed and new ones put up besides the renumbering of all doors of houses in the bazaar and villages.

46. Grant 5, General Establishment.—The charge for office establishment was Rs. 3,313-4-9 or Rs. 6-11-3 less than the revised estimate. The charge for establishment for collection of municipal taxes (Rs. 1,379-1-8) is Rs. 9-1-8 more than the revised estimate and is due to a payment of Rs. 11-9-5 having been made to a bill-collector for arrears of salary. The purchase of account books, paper, &c., amounted to Rs. 374-2-11. The excess of Rs. 74-2-11 is owing to a larger number of forms having been printed during the year. For the same reason the charge under (*d*) Office contingencies other than (*b*) (ii) is Rs. 47-13-6 more than the amount (Rs. 500) provided in the revised estimate. The contribution for central office and audit establishments amounted to Rs. 654.

47. *Repayment of Debt.*—Rs. 2,352-4-4 were paid towards Government loans, Rs. 1,900 were invested in Government securities on account of sinking fund for loans raised for the market and municipal office, Rs. 9-13-10 were paid for investment, and Rs. 6,217-11-8 for interest on loans obtained from the Government and private individuals.

48. *Refund of other than current Collections.*—The expenditure under this head amounted to only Rs. 1,524-2-5 against an estimated provision of Rs. 1,800. The expenditure included the sum of Rs. 710-1-11 due to the Forest department referred to in paragraph 6 of the Chairman's letter, No. 1034, dated 20th May 1896, and recorded in G.O., No. 1363 M., dated 14th August 1896.

49. *Investments.*—One lakh of rupees appertaining to the improvement of the water-supply to this town was, with the approval and sanction of the Government, placed in the fixed deposit in the Branch Bank of Madras for one year at 3 per cent. interest. The year will expire on the 1st October 1897.

50. Closing Balance.—The closing balance was Rs. 36,924-5-1.

51. General Remarks.—(*a*) It is understood that Mr. G. T. Walch has submitted to the Government his report with plans and estimates for the improvement of the water-supply of the town.

(*b*) The defects in the main intercepting sewer are being now remedied under the supervision of Mr. J. F. Somers-Eve, Executive Engineer on special duty.

(*c*) The lake reclamation scheme has not progressed so rapidly as the council was led to hope when the work commenced last year.

(*d*) One thousand five hundred and seventy-five notices were issued during the year for cleansing and draining insanitary compounds of houses, repairing private latrines, lime-washing houses, trimming hedges, clearing noxious vegetation, and securing dilapidated and ruinous houses. The largest number (873) of notices were issued in the months of October and November 1896 when some cases of cholera were imported into the town. There were 308 prosecutions for non-compliance with the provisions of the Act and notices issued. Convictions were not obtained in all cases from the want of a special subordinate who could collect reliable evidence and conduct the prosecutions satisfactorily.

(*e*) The Marlimund and Dodabetta reservoirs had sufficient water in them to meet the wants of the town.

(*f*) This report was circulated and adopted by the municipal council at the meeting held on the 26th June 1897.

Enclosure.

From Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel H. D. COOK, M.B., Civil Surgeon, Ootacamund, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Ootacamund, dated 31st May 1897, No. 219.

I have the honour to submit the annual concise medical and sanitary report on the municipal town of Ootacamund for 1896-97.

2. *Public Health.*—The general health of the people within the limits of the municipality was, on the whole, satisfactory. In the month of October cholera in a sporadic form made its appearance. Four cases were admitted to hospital and of these three died. Two deaths occurred in the town. The origin of the outbreak was traceable to importation from a place called Ellanalee Kaity where there was cholera at the time. As will be observed from the sub-joined table of vital statistics, there is an increased mortality under fevers, dysentery and diarrhœa as compared with the previous year. This is due in great measure to a greater number of cases of malarial fever, complicated with dysentery and diarrhœa, coming into Ootacamund for treatment from several of the malarious tracts on the Nilgiris. Several cases of pulmonary affections occurring amongst the lower orders of natives were also treated. Enteric fever was not very prevalent.

Vital Statistics.

—	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total births	308	283	591
,, deaths	256	227	483

Causes of deaths.

—	Male.	Female.	Total.
Cholera	4	1	5
Small-pox		*Nil.*	
Fever	78	78	150
Dysentery	15	9	24
Diarrhœa	14	14	28
Accidents	..	..	8
All other causes	148	120	268
Total ..	..	..	483

3. *Sanitation.*—As stated in last year's report, there are eight villages, excluding Ootacamund proper, that are conserved within municipal limits. The Chairman of the municipaliy, the ward councillors and the Civil Surgeon very frequently inspect the sanitation of all parts of the town. There are still 48 public latrines besides 4 urinals within the public market, and 24 scavengers are employed to attend to the conservancy of these places. Two hundred and sixty-one private latrines are conserved by municipal agency, 20 scavengers being employed for this purpose. As mentioned in the report of last year, the area of the town is 11 square miles, with 68 miles of metalled road for whose surface sweeping there are 76 sweepers employed. The number of street lamps is 261 and the number of dustbins 170. Forty seven of the old ones were rejected as unserviceable

The number of carts for the removal of night-soil, rubbish and sewage was thirteen. In addition to these, four night-soil carts from Messrs. Burn & Co. with cylindrical revolving bodies, three night-soil hand-carts, five buckets from the Madras Municipality and five teak-wood rubbish-carts have been purchased. The sewage of streets and drains is carried off partly by the main sewer and partly by pipe sewers below the lake. For the re-alignment of the main sewer, a sum of Rs. 2,545 * has been sanctioned in G.O., No. 107 M., dated 27th January 1897. The work has just been put into hand. The reclamation of the upper lake is now rapidly progressing, and until this is finished and the sewage pipes put into thorough order, the health of the town will be greatly menaced. Every attention is given to the conservancy of the town, but the difficulty of getting natives to keep their houses and surroundings clean has yet to be overcome. The remarks *anent* the water-supply of the town mentioned in the last report hold good this year also. Mr. G. T. Walch who was appointed to make the necessary schemes for the general water-supply of Ootacamund has completed them and they are now before Government. Another source of water is from wells, of which there about 150 in the town. The water of some of them is good and of others inferior.

* Should be Rs. 25,450.

Vaccination.

Year.	Number of cases vaccinated.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Unknown.	Infantile.		
					Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Unknown.
1895-96	1,238	1,229	3	6	631	..	..
1896-97	1,160	1,159	..	1	575	..	..

In spite of the energetic manner in which the municipal vaccinator performs his duties and the institution of 196 prosecutions under the compulsory vaccination clauses, and the fact that number of operations is in excess of the birth-rate, there has been a smaller number than last year. This is due to the fact that the population of Ootacamund is of a floating character.

4. *Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—The municipality possesses no hospital of its own, and therefore contributes Rs. 500 annually towards the upkeep of St. Bartholomew's hospital and also gives an allowance of Rs. 25 per mensem to the medical subordinate attached to the hospital. The other medical institution is the Hamnett dispensary at Kandal, which is entirely supported by Mr. G. Hamnett, C.I.E., the Chairman of the municipality. A pensioned hospital assistant is still in charge.

The following shows the attendance of patients during the last two years :—

Year.	In-patients.	Out-patients.	Total.
1895-96	975	17,671	18,646
1896-97	973	18,993	19,966

Ninety-two lying-in cases were attended to in hospital during the year. The reason of the decrease is due to a change of midwives in hospital and to the municipal midwife who practises outside becoming better known. The number of cases attended to by the latter during the year under report was 42.

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Forwarded.

2. *Paragraph* 5.—Statement IV-B shows that the arrears of Rs. 787 extend in part so far back as the year 1892 and concern private scavenging fees and taxes on arts, buildings, lands or water. A vigorous effort is needed to collect these old arrears at once or to ascertain which are irrecoverable. The statement seems to point to want of proper staff or organization. So too the balance of Rs. 2,549 out of the 1896–97 demand of Rs. 61,043 appears too large.

3. *Paragraph* 13.—The balance of Rs. 112 under private scavenging fees in statement IV-A would seem to show neglect of the orders of Government for collection prior to service.

4. *Paragraph* 14.—Application has been made to Government to compulsorily acquire land for latrines.

5. *Paragraph* 17.—The market and the slaughter-houses have been greatly improved.

6. *Paragraph* 28.—The Breek's Memorial school requires considerate treatment, as it is exceedingly hard to get an efficient staff on the pay that can be afforded, and yet the school on the whole is promising and meets a definite want at a cost not proportionately high.

7. *Paragraph* 34.—It has been observed that nearly all the prosecutions for non-vaccination were compounded.

8. *Paragraph* 35.—The improvement of vital registration is encouraging ; but, in view of the considerable increase in the town since the last census, it is probable that a per-milleage rate of 39·26 understates the births. The Civil Surgeon and the municipal or medical staff worked hard to arrest the cholera.

9. *Paragraph* 36.—The delay of the sub-committee on night-soil depôts from 8th October 1896 is regrettable.

10. *Paragraph* 40.—As the Chairman admits, the lighting of the town is defective.

11. *Paragraph* 45.—The number of uncared-for dogs constitutes a nuisance and sometimes a danger. Those which are ownerless should be killed even though higher rewards have to be given ; the others should not be allowed to escape taxation. It is observed from appendix B to statements IV A and B that no prosecutions were instituted in this respect.

12. *Paragraph* 51 (*d*).—One of the greatest needs of the municipality is a proper agency for conducting prosecutions; the executive is at present very weak in this respect.

(Signed) J. H. TREMENHEERE,
Collector.

1*st July* 1897.

ORDER—No. 2232 M., dated 13th October 1897.

The receipts and charges of the Ootacamund Municipality for 1896–97 are compared below with the budget and revised estimates for the year and the actuals of 1895–96 :—

—	Actuals, 1895–96.	Budget estimate, 1896–97.	Revised estimate, 1896–97.	Actuals, 1896–97.
Receipts.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Balance brought forward	46,909	37,430	35,000	34,997
Tax on Arts	3,150	4,000	3,500	3,237
,, on Buildings and Lands	28,885	30,300	31,750	30,619
Water tax on Buildings and Lands	3,682	4,000	5,800	5,567
Tax on Vehicles and Animals	4,106	4,000	3,500	3,730
,, on Carts	664	700	700	628
Rent of Lands, Buildings, &c., and Sale-proceeds of Lands, &c. ..	1,322	1,300	1,360	1,389
Conservancy Receipts	1,425	500	700	497
Fees and Revenue from Educational Institutions	1,524	2,200	2,200	2,596
Income from Markets and Slaughter-houses	14,947	13,000	12,750	13,598
License Fees	1,107	1,200	1,200	939
Other Fees	1,459	1,220	1,470	1,535
Fines under Municipal and other Acts	77	100	400	538
Interest on Investments and Premium on Loans	..	..	750	750
Grants and Contributions from Government	54,166	9,620	1,39,470	1,39,354
,, ,, from other Bodies	..	60	60	..
Recoveries for Services to Private Individuals	7,545	5,700	6,900	7,974
Miscellaneous	62	20	60	9
Loans	..	50,000	10,000	10,000
Sale-proceeds of Government Securities, &c., and Realizations of Sinking Fund	478	500	570	507
Advances Recovered	521	30	30	15
Total ..	1,72,029	2,15,880	2,58,170	2,58,479
Charges.				
GRANT 1—				
New Works—				
Communications	..	..	2,000	20
Buildings	341	150	13,100	3,109
Drainage	539	..	28,670	25,557
Water-supply	1,449	1,37,440	8,000	4,333
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	1,172	1,100	1,300	1,091
Repairs—				
Communications	9,486	10,000	15,000	14,581
Buildings	2,724	1,800	1,800	1,433
Drainage	2,489	1,910	1,910	1,885
Water-supply	2,731	2,210	2,820	2,765
Establishment	2,349	2,420	2,300	2,123
Tools and Plant and other Stores	733	410	200	230
Contributions for Public Works	175	100	150	145
Total ..	24,188	1,57,540	77,250	57,272
GRANT 2—				
Training Schools	35	80	..	..
Municipal Schools—				
On the Salary System	6,791	7,250	7,700	7,482
,, Salary-result System	1,342	1,300	1,380	1,354
Salary Grants	1,202	1,200	1,100	1,043
Result ,, ...	150	300	300	300
Building, Furniture, &c., Grants	87	80	100	78
Inspection	127	130	130	130
Miscellaneous	60	60	60	..
Total ..	9,794	10,400	10,770	10,387

—	Actuals, 1895–96.	Budget estimate, 1896–97.	Revised estimate, 1896–97.	Actuals, 1896–97.
Charges—cont.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT 3—				
Hospitals and Dispensaries	234	210	210	203
Contributions	1,618	1,110	1,620	1,450
Vaccination	401	360	380	385
Registration of Births and Deaths	251	260	280	290
Conservancy, Road-cleaning and Road-watering	21,585	20,800	24,110	23,244
Total	24,089	22,740	26,600	25,572
GRANT 4—				
Lighting	3,119	2,900	3,460	3,478
Markets and Slaughter-houses	544	570	570	558
Choultries	111	100	120	121
Public Garden, Survey of Land, Fire and other Charges	3,414	1,030	2,210	2,865
Total	7,188	4,600	6,360	7,022
GRANT 5—				
Supervision and Management	8,840	8,900	9,140	9,268
Repayment of Debt	5,259	4,450	4,450	4,262
Interest on Loan	6,345	6,220	6,220	6,218
Advances Recoverable	28	..	..	30
Refunds	1,301	1,000	1,800	1,524
Investments	50,000	..	1,00,000	1,00,000
Balance	34,997	30	15,580	36,924
Grand Total	1,72,029	2,15,880	2,58,170	2,58,479

2. The municipal council held 29 meetings or one more than in 1895–96. The average attendance of the members declined slightly, but it continued to be good in the case of the officials and fair in that of the non-officials. Three seats were filled by election during the year and all of them were contested, 52 per cent. of the registered voters attending the poll.

3. *Receipts.*—(1) Deducting the opening balance and the special Government grants and loans, the total receipts from taxation and other sources were Rs. 83,482, being Rs. 3,362 more than in the previous year. Under the tax on arts and professions the net current demand decreased by Rs. 91, although the number of persons assessed was higher by 46. There was, however, an increase of Rs. 1,866 in the demand under the tax on buildings, due to the revision of the registers, and an increase of Rs. 2,025 under the water-tax, owing to the enhancement of the rate from one to two per cent. of the annual value. Under the land-tax the demand fell, being Rs. 846 against Rs. 917 in 1895–96, the decline being due to the assessment of the tax on the net, instead of the gross, income of the Botanical gardens. The method adopted for assessing the tax on these lands appears, however, to be irregular in as much as section 63 of Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897, contemplates an assessment with reference to the annual value, which is to be determined in accordance with section 65 and not on the income. Accordingly, if this is correctly understood to have been the principle of the assessment in the case of the gardens, the taxation should be revised without delay.

(2) The current collections under the principal taxes, which in respect of the land-tax improved appreciably, were on the whole good, but the arrear realizations under all these heads, while decidedly better than in the previous year, were still not satisfactory. The balances under these heads outstanding at the end of the year amounted to Rs. 3,128 against Rs. 2,962 on the 31st March 1896, the arrears dating as far back as 1892-93. These should be adjusted without delay. The number of coercive processes issued during the year was considerably larger than in 1895–96, but their execution was most dilatory, as many as 48·6 per cent. of the total number of warrants for disposal remaining unexecuted on the 31st March 1897. The reason, referred to in paragraph 10 of the report, for not proceeding to distraint or sale where such a course was authorised by the law is wholly untenable. This neglect, no doubt, accounts in large measure for the large outstanding arrears, the existence of which has been animadverted upon above. For the future the law should be enforced.

(3) The income from the sale of sweepings and night-soil, markets and slaughter-houses, and license fees declined; but under school-fees and fines it advanced, owing, in the case of the last mentioned, to the institution of a larger number of prosecutions.

(4) The number of houses served by the private scavenging agency was 261 or one more than in the previous year. Notwithstanding the repeated instructions of Government, the private scavenging fees were not collected in advance. This must be strictly attended to for the future. The slow extension of the system is very unsatisfactory, for only about twelve per cent. of the total number of houses assessed to the tax on buildings were under municipal control. The proportion should be very much higher in such a town as Ootacamund, the sanitation of which should be more in accord with European, than with Native, ideas. The service continued to be worked at a profit, amounting in the year under review to close on Rs. 3,000. Government has repeatedly insisted that the service is not to be made a source of municipal revenue, and steps should at once be taken to devote the surplus receipts to the improvement of the service or to the reduction of the fees. By the latter course the service will become more popular and acceptable to a larger number of householders.

4. *Expenditure.*—(1) *Public Works.*—The expenditure under Grant 1 amounted to Rs. 57,272 against the budget estimate of Rs. 1,57,880, the decrease being mainly due to the non-utilization of the provision for the water-supply scheme which was not ripe for execution. Owing, however, to the allotment of a sum of Rs. 4,333 for the investigation of this project, and of a sum of Rs. 25,450 for the realignment of the intercepting sewer, the charges exceeded the actuals of the previous year by Rupees 33,084. The latter work, which is the most important of the new works undertaken during the year, is under execution by the Public Works Department. Some improvements were also effected in the market and slaughter-houses at an aggregate cost of Rs. 2,339. The outlay on communications, towards the improvement of which a special grant of Rs. 5,000 was made by Government, amounted to Rs. 14,601 against Rs. 9,486 in 1895–96. The Collector has not reported on the condition of the town roads—an omission which should be supplied in future reports—but the Chairman states that they were in fair order.

(2) *Education.*—The net expenditure under this head was Rs. 3,706, or 8·5 per cent. of the income from taxation. About one-third of this sum was devoted to secondary, and the remainder to primary, education. The municipal council continued to maintain one secondary and three primary schools, and to aid with salary grants two secondary schools. One secondary and three primary schools were also aided with result grants against four primary schools in 1895–96. The attendance at the municipal secondary school increased, but at the primary schools taken together it declined. The only candidate sent up for the Matriculation examination was unsuccessful, and out of the six pupils who appeared for the Lower Secondary examination only one passed. The results of the departmental examinations, however, continued to be fair. At the aided schools the attendance increased, being 617 against 607 in 1895–96; the results of the grant examinations were fairly good and the allotment for result grants was fully utilized. The total number of boys under instruction in the municipal and aided schools was 763 or 64·3 per cent. of the male population of school-going age against 755 or 63·6 per cent. in 1895–96.

(3) *Medical Relief.*—As in previous years, the municipal council maintained no hospital of its own, but contributed Rs. 800 towards the upkeep of St. Bartholomew's hospital. The number of patients treated at this institution increased, being 19,966 against 18,646 in the previous year. The number of midwifery cases attended at the hospital fell from 132 to 92, the decrease being attributed by the Medical officer to a change of midwives and to the increasing popularity of the municipal midwife who practises outside. The latter, who, however, was absent from duty during a part of the year, attended only 42 cases.

(4) *Vaccination and Vital Statistics.*—The reported number of persons vaccinated during the year was 1,160 or 78 less than in 1895–96. The percentage of success according to the returns was 99·9 against 99·3. This percentage is extraordinarily high and more markedly so in view of the fact that nearly one-third of the total number of cases are entered as re-vaccinations. It would have been satisfactory

if the Medical officer had tested a certain proportion of cases and stated his opinion of the trustworthiness of the returns as the result of his verifications. Infantile vaccination declined slightly, the number of children under one year successfully vaccinated being 575 against 631 in 1895–96 and was only sixteen less than the registered number of births; but this comparison is of doubtful value owing to the large floating population in the town and the questionable trustworthiness of the birth returns. It is gratifying to note that there were no deaths from small-pox.

The number of births registered during the year increased from 485 to 591, exhibiting a rate of 39·3 per mille of the population. The registered deaths rose from 357 to 483 or 32·1 per mille of the population. The higher death-rate is attributed by the Medical officer to the larger number of cases of malarious fever brought into the town for treatment from the adjoining country. The attention of the council is drawn to the Collector's remarks in paragraph 8 of his endorsement.

(5) *Sanitation.*—The expenditure under this head amounted to Rs. 23,244, being 11·8 per cent. in excess of the budget allotment and 27·8 per cent. of the total ordinary receipts. From the Civil Surgeon's report it appears that sanitation received fair attention. The dilatoriness on the part of the sub-committee in selecting sites for night-soil depôts is reprehensible. If this body does not dispose of the matter immediately, the municipal council should take it into its own hands. With regard to the scheme for the water-supply of Ootacamund prepared by Mr. Walch, the orders of Government upon it have been recently issued. The attention of the council is drawn to paragraph 11 of the Collector's endorsement. The entertainment of the temporary establishment referred to in paragraph 39, for which a proposition statement in the prescribed form should have been submitted, is sanctioned.

5. *General Remarks.*—The year closed with a balance of Rs. 36,924 or 44·2 per cent. of the total ordinary receipts; but the greater portion of this sum represents the unexpended portions of the allotments for works for the execution of which special grants and loans were given by Government.

The administration of the municipality during the year under review showed, in some respects, an improvement on that of the previous year, and was, on the whole, satisfactory so far as the funds at the disposal of the council permitted.

(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Ootacamund.
„ Collector of the Nilgiris.
„ President, District Board, the Nilgiris.
„ Accountant-General.
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Administration Report.

Reviewing the — of the Ootacamund Municipal Council for 1896–97.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From G. HAMNETT, Esq., Chairman, Municipal Council, Ootacamund, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department (through the Collector of the Nilgiris), dated 6th June 1897, No. 1075.

I have the honour to submit the administration report of the Ootacamund Municipality for the official year 1896–97, together with the prescribed statements and copies of the reports of the Civil Surgeon and of the Assistant Inspector of Schools, Coimbatore Division.

I.—CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL.

2. The council consisted of two officials and fourteen non-officials Both officials were Europeans. Of the non-officials four were Europeans, four Eurasians and six natives. Five vacancies occurred during the year, of which two were nominated and three elected. The elections were well contested, the native members securing a larger number of votes than the Europeans and Eurasians. The council held 29 meetings. There were two adjustments for want of a quorum. The average attendance at each meeting was 9·10 against 9·57 in 1895–96.

II.—RECEIPTS.

3. The general income, including the opening balance of Rs. 34,997–2–0, amounted to Rs. 2,58,479–4–6. This includes the grants and loans made by the Government to the extent of Rs. 1,40,000 for improving the water-supply and other miscellaneous improvements. The expenditure, including a fixed deposit of Rupees 1,00,000 in the Bank of Madras for twelve months, amounted to Rs. 2,21,554–15–5, leaving a balance of Rs. 36,924–5–1, of which Rs. 7,700 belong to the water-supply improvement and Rs. 29,224–5–1 to miscellaneous improvements and municipal fund.

4. The income derived from taxation amounted to Rs. 43,781–13–4 against Rs. 40,487–6–3, the actuals for 1895–96, and the revised estimate for 1896–97 of Rs. 45,250. The income, apart from taxation, was Rs. 21,841–15–0 against Rupees 21,861–2–2, the actuals for 1895–96, and Rs. 20,830, the revised estimate. Miscellaneous receipts amounted to Rs. 7,983–0–5 against Rs. 7,606–12–0, the actuals for the previous year, and Rs. 6,960, the revised estimate for 1896–97. It will be seen from these figures that the municipal revenue during 1896–97 has not declined under any head.

5. The balance outstanding on the 31st March 1896 was Rs. 3,550–6–8, of which Rs. 2,017–3–1 were collected, Rs. 350–12–9 were remitted and Rs. 394–14–8 written off as irrecoverable, leaving a balance of Rs. 787–8–2. The demand for 1896–97 was Rs. 61,043–1–9 against Rs. 56,452–12–9, the demand for 1895–96. The increase in 1896–97 may be ascribed to the increase in the rate of water-tax from 1 to 2 per cent. from the 1st October 1896 on houses which expressly benefited by the water-supply, to the increase in the house-tax by a revision of assessments in cases in which no annual revisions were made, to the increase in the market and cart-stand rents, and to the increase in private scavenging fees. Of the demand, as finally settled, viz., Rs. 61,043–1–9, Rs. 58,316–9–3 were collected and Rs. 177–1–6

remitted in connection with vacant houses, leaving a balance of Rs. 2,549–7–0 which, added to the previous year's balance of Rs. 787–8–2, amounts to Rs. 3,336–15–2, or Rs. 213–7–6 less than the balance remaining uncollected at the end of 1895–96.

6. *Tax on Buildings and Lands.*—There was no change in the taxation under this head during the year. The demand as finally settled on buildings was Rupees 30,190–15–11, showing an advance of Rs. 1,865–9–1. The increase during the last five years was Rs. 3,682. The demand on lands was Rs. 845–13–0 against Rupees 917–2–6 in 1895–96, the decrease was caused by the tax being calcuiated on the net, instead of on the gross, income of the Botanical gardens Of the demand Rs. 776–1–0 were collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 69–12–0. The arrears last year amounted to Rs 38–4–0 and the uncollected balance on the 31st March 1897 stood at Rs. 108. The "Arrears of previous years" of 1895–96, viz., Rs. 479–3–10, has been raised in statement IV-B to Rs. 501–11–10 in consequence of fifteen acres of land at Bishopsdown having been assessed under the judgment of the High Court referred to in paragraph 3 of the administration report for 1895–96.

7. *The Water-tax on Buildings.*—The demand was Rs. 5,801–11–6, of which Rs. 5,424–6–11 were collected, Rs. 20–12–10 remitted for vacant houses, leaving a balance of Rs. 356–7–9 which, added to the arrears of the previous year, amounting to Rs. 77–4–11, leaves an unrealized balance of Rs. 433–12–8.

8. *Tax on Arts and Profession.*—The demand was Rs. 3,308–8–0, of which Rs. 3,037–8–0 were collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 271 which, added to the balance of Rs. 162 in 1895–96, raises the balance to Rs. 433. There was a decrease in the current demand of Rs. 91 owing to fluctuations in the number of persons in receipt of salaries and in the number of tradesmen.

9. *Tax on Vehicles, Animals and Carts.*—The estimate and revised estimate were fixed at Rs. 4,700 and Rs. 4,200, respectively. The amount actually realized was Rs. 4,357–10–4.

10. The number of processes which remained unexecuted on the 31st March 1896 was 429; issued during 1897, 1,624: total 2,053 Of this number 1,055 were executed and cancelled, 998 remained unexecuted and 32 warrants were cancelled on which no collections were made. The number of warrants withdrawn in consequence of payments having been made before distraint was 1,023. The number of prosecutions instituted was 269. In 220 cases payment was made before the court delivered judgment and 49 cases remained undisposed of. No property was distrained or sold in view to avoid the "public howl" which was raised in 1888–89 and referred to by the then Acting Collector in his endorsement, No. 42, dated 28th June 1889, on the annual report for the year.

11. The revenue, apart from taxation, amounted to Rs. 21,841–15–0 against Rs. 21,861–2–2 in 1895–96 and the revised estimate for 1896–97 of Rs. 20,830. In the revenue for 1895–96 was (as shown in paragraph 12 of the annual report for that year) included Rs. 2,144–5–7, the deposits of renters. Under sale-proceeds of night-soil the amount (Rs. 700) anticipated in the revised estimate has not been realized. Under educational fees there is an increase of nearly Rs. 400 due to an increase in the fees realized in the Breek's Memorial High school. The income from markets shows an increase of Rs. 635–13–4, but compared with the figures of 1891–92 there has been an increase of Rs. 4,660. Slaughter-houses show an increase of Rs. 212–8–0, but compared with 1891–92 there has been an increase of Rs. 1,905. Cart-stands also show an increase over 1891–92 of Rs. 705. License-fees show a falling off of Rs. 260–8–7 owing to licenses being withheld in consequence of parties not complying with the conditions prescribed. The increase under this head over 1891–92 is Rs. 575. Fines under Municipal and other Acts show an increase of Rs. 137–8–0 owing to prosecutions having been instituted in a large number of cases for infringement of the sanitary clauses of the Municipal Act.

12. *Grants and Contributions from Government*—amounted to Rs. 1,39,354–0–10, of which Rs. 1,00,000 are for the water-supply improvement and Rs. 30,000 for miscellaneous improvements, including a working balance of Rs. 5,000, which the Government were pleased to grant from Provincial funds to aid the municipality in carrying on the administration.

13. *Miscellaneous Recoveries on account of services rendered to Private Individuals.*—Private scavenging produced Rs. 281–4–0 over the revised estimate and (*ii*) Other purposes Rs. 792–8–1.

14. *Extraordinary and Debt.*—The Rs. 10,000 shown under loans from Government are for sanitary works to be undertaken during the year 1896–97. Much difficulty is, however, experienced in obtaining land within the town for the construction of small latrines to meet the needs of people who have no such accommodation attached to their dwellings.

III.—EXPENDITURE.

15. The expenditure in 1896–97, which includes a lakh of rupees invested in the Branch Bank of Madras, amounted to Rs. 2,21,554–15–5 against the revised estimate for the year of Rs. 2,42,590 and the actuals of 1895–96 of Rs. 1,37,032–5–7.

16. GRANT 1, PUBLIC WORKS.—The expenditure amounted to Rs. 57,271–10–2 against the revised estimate of Rs. 77,250 and the actuals for 1895–96 of Rupees 24,188–6–2. The excess over the actuals occurred by an assignment of Rs. 25,450 having been made to the Public Works Department for remedying defects in the main intercepting sewer and by an expenditure of Rs. 4,333–0–2 in connection with Mr. G. T. Walch's investigation and report for improving the water-supply of the town.

17. *New Buildings.*—The expenditure (Rs. 3,108–11–3) was considerably less than the allotment of Rs. 13,100 in the revised estimate, which included the loan of Rs. 10,000 sanctioned by the Government for sanitary works, &c. Of the expenditure incurred Rs. 1,460–15–8 were spent on the market, viz., for a platform, 85 feet long and 8½ feet broad, for exposing the fruit brought for sale on market days, Rupees 310–4–6; for paving the long verandah where sweetmeat, bread and other edibles, &c., are sold with Cuddapah slabs, Rs. 450; for enclosing the centre square of the market near the mutton butchers' stall to store the mutton remaining unsold instead of being removed to the butchers' houses, Rs. 473–8–0; and for sundry other repairs and improvements Rs. 227–3–2. The remaining sum of Rs. 1,647–11–7 was appropriated for erecting a shed with corrugated iron sheets and timber for the storage of straw Rs. 255–4–0, for improving the slaughter-houses Rs. 878–2–7, for metalling the cart-stand Rs. 99–7–0, for metalling the rubbish cart-stand Rs. 99–5–0 and for purchasing forty dustbins Rs. 315–9–0.

18. *Drainage, Rs.* 25,557–1–7.—As explained in the preceding paragraph, Rupees 25,450 were assigned for the main intercepting sewer, the balance (Rs. 107–1–7) was spent in building a cement drain in continuation of a drain built by a private individual in old agraharam to carry off refuse water Rs. 75, for completing a drain in the market Rs. 15–9–7 and for constructing a drain in Dogherty's lane at Mettucherry Rs. 16–8–0.

19. *Water-supply.*—Rs. 4,333–0–2 were disbursed to Mr. G. T. Walch to enable him to carry out his investigations for improving the water-supply.

20. *Miscellaneous Public Improvements, Rs.* 596–11–0.—The conservancy of the lake costs Rs. 309–5–0, clearing and cleaning the main stream Rs. 31–14–6, the Kandal stream Rs. 50, and improving the triangles at Charing Cross Rs. 205–7–6.

21. *Repairs—Communications.*—The allotment in the budget estimate was Rupees 10,000. On Mr. Tremenheere's representation of the bad condition of many of the roads, the Government were pleased to make a special grant of Rs. 5,000, thereby raising the allotment to Rs. 15,000, of which Rs. 14,580–11–5 were spent on 92 roads and lanes. The largest sums were spent on the Church Hill and Hadfield roads Rs. 531–10–9, Etirnne's road in continuation of South Lake road Rs. 599–14–9; South Lake road repairing and reforming from Willow Bund to Westmere Rs. 2,087–0–3; Kelso road repairs, improvements and fencing in connection with Charing Cross Rs. 609–4–0; Manjanakorai road used largely by carts bringing in road materials Rs. 685–9–0; Snowdon and Marlimund roads Rs. 661–13–9. The special grant has saved many of the roads and lanes from being entirely cut up and rendered unfit for use. The present condition of the roads is fair. The repair and reform of roads were carried out chiefly by contract.

22. *Repairs—Buildings.*—The revised estimate provided Rs. 1,800, but not more than Rs. 1,432–11–1 were spent during the year. The buildings on which more than Rs. 100 were spent were the market Rs. 421–3–5, municipal cattle-shed Rs. 163–3–11, municipal office Rs. 191–11–9 and repairing slaughter-houses Rs. 106–15–9.

23. *Repairs—Drainage, Rs.* 486–11–1.—The largest item of expenditure under this head was Rs. 279–14–3 on house-connecting drains to prevent the refuse water from the houses flowing on the streets. The other items relate to petty repairs and building a small revetment at the outfall of a drain on the Upper Bazaar road.

24. *Water-supply.*—The revised estimate provided for Rs. 1,180. The actual expenditure did not exceed Rs. 1,142–0–10.

25. *Establishment.*—The actual expenditure (Rs. 2,122–8–8) fell short of the revised estimate (Rs. 2,300) by Rs. 177–7–4, as the full strength of the establishment was not employed in consequence of the difficulty experienced in procuring an efficient overseer.

26. *Tools and Plant.*—The expenditure (Rs. 230–1–1) exceeded the revised estimate (Rs. 200) by Rs. 30–1–1. The increase was caused by the purchase of a larger number of tools than was anticipated when the estimate was prepared.

27. GRANT 2, EDUCATION.—The estimated provision in the budget for the year was Rs. 9,950. It was increased in the revised estimate to Rs. 10,770. The expenditure, however, did not exceed Rs. 10,387–8–1. The schools aided and maintained were the Breek's Memorial High school, Municipal bazaar and Kandal schools and the Muhammadan school, the Church Mission schools at Metucherry with a secondary department, Kandal, Bandyshola and old Ootacamund, the Wesleyan Mission school and St. Joseph's school.

28. *The Breek's Memorial High School.*—The changes made during the year were the creation of the post of an assistant master on Rs. 100 per mensem and a clerk on Rs. 15, the services of the Brahmin assistant on Rs. 60 being dispensed with and a Eurasian appointed in his place from January 1897. Great difficulty has been experienced in securing a suitable person for the post of assistant master and Mr. Kelly, who at present fills it, is not considered qualified by the Inspector of Schools, Western Circle. The teaching staff therefore is still not as efficient as it should be. Notwithstanding this, the number of boys in the school on the 31st March 1897 rose to 80 against 63 on the 31st March 1896. In the upper secondary there were 13, in the lower secondary 21 and in the primary school 46. The school received from Provincial funds Rs. 3,210–0–10. The school-fees, rent from Church cottage, &c., amounted to Rs. 3,470–12–0. The total receipts were therefore Rs. 6,680–12–10 against Rs. 5,406–15–0 in 1895–96. The expenditure amounted to Rs. 7,481–8–4 and exceeded the receipts by Rs. 800–11–6 which was met from Municipal funds. The average net cost per pupil in the upper secondary department was Rs. 52–12–8, in the lower secondary Rs. 11–12–7 and in the primary schools Rs. 3–6–2 against Rs. 106–8–10, Rs. 54–9–7 and Rs. 13–1–3 in the year 1895–96. The Inspector of Schools, Western Circle, in his report, dated the 27th May 1897, remarks—

"The general educational qualifications of the subordinate staff are not up to the mark. A graduate in science or mathematics should have been introduced as suggested in Proceedings No. 8349, dated 4th August 1896. Mr. Sidney Smith does not seem to hold any certificate in drawing".

"The further increase in the attendance since the last inspection is noted with satisfaction."

"The headmaster's suggestion to admit native boys into the school at the standard rate of fees is calculated to improve the strength. The appearance of a Badaga in the upper secondary section is encouraging."

"Public examinations—Matriculation, total failure; Lower Secondary, poor.

"General impression—The school is improving. The pupils were cleanly dressed and generally well behaved. Discipline and tone left nothing to be desired."

29. The average attendance in the secondary schools was 26 against 15 in 1895–96 and in the primary schools 137 against 132. The total number of boys in the schools aided and maintained from Municipal funds was 763 against 755 in 1895–96. The Assistant Inspector of Schools remarks in statement No. I that—

"On the whole the number of schools at the close of the year under review was one less, but the total number of boys under instruction was sixteen more than in 1895–96, and so there was some progress and the whole of it was confined to board and aided schools."

30. The percentage of children under instruction of school-going age taken at 15 per cent. of the population was 81·29 against 79·80 in 1895–96.

31. The educational officers are strong in their condemnation of the position of the Municipal bazaar school, but the municipal council cannot see its way either to remove the school to another building or to a better locality.

32. Grant 3, Sanitation and Medical Service.—The expenditure amounted to Rs. 25,571–11–6. It falls short of the revised estimate by Rs. 1,028–4–6, but exceeds the actuals for 1895–96 by Rs. 1,483–0–7. The full amount included in the revised estimate under Conservancy—Other charges was not spent, as the purchase of the five pairs of bullocks referred to in paragraph 15 (2) of the Chairman's letter, recorded in the Proceedings of Government, No. 595 M., dated the 18th March 1897, was postponed owing to the want of accommodation in the municipal cattle-shed which is now being enlarged from the loan of Rs. 2,300 obtained from the Government for the purpose. The contribution to St. Bartholomew's hospital and the apothecary was Rs. 799–13–4. The number of patients treated in the hospital was 19,966 during the year against 18,646 in 1895–96.

33. The work done by the municipal midwife is cited by the late Civil Surgeon in his report which is appended. She attended 42 cases, but was absent on leave for some time during the year on account of her marriage and her accouchement. With reference to paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 1363 M., dated 14th August 1896, the municipal council has resolved that the minimum number of cases which the midwife should attend shall be six instead of four.

34. *Vaccination.*—The expenditure was Rs. 384–14–4 or Rs. 4–14–4 in excess of the revised estimate owing to an increase under contingent charges. The number vaccinated during the year was 1,160, of which 1,159 were successful, viz., 813 primary and 346 re-vaccination. Compared with 1895–96 there was a falling off of 70 cases, and this falling off is satisfactorily accounted for by the Civil Surgeon in his report which accompanies. The number of operations with animal lymph was 1,160, of which 1,159 were successful. The total number of successful operations was 76·86 per mille of population against 81·64 in 1895–96. The number of prosecutions instituted during the year was 196. The average cost of each successful vaccination was 5·3, the same as in the year 1895–96.

35. *Registration of Births and Deaths.*—The expenditure, viz., Rs. 290–0–9, exceeds the revised estimate by Rs. 10–0–9, the contingent charges having exceeded the provision made in the estimate for printing the new forms of registers of births and deaths prescribed by the Government. The registers show that the number of births was 591 and deaths 483 against 485 and 357 in 1895–96, or per mille per annum of 39·26 and 32·08 against 32·21 and 23·71 in 1895–96. Thirty-five prosecutions were instituted for failure to register. In 22 cases the parties were fined by the Magistrate to the extent of Rs. 10–6–0 and 13 cases were withdrawn, the parties having complied with the rules in force. In 1896–97 there were 106 births and 126 deaths above those in 1895–96. The Civil Surgeon has explained the cause of increase in deaths. In consequence of the prevalence of cholera in a village near Kaity, about three miles from Ootacamund, as well as in villages in the Coimbatore district, especially Méttupálaiyam, several cases were imported into the town; of these five proved fatal Prompt measures were, however, taken to disinfect the places where the patients were found or died and the disease was not allowed to spread.

36. *Conservancy and Road-cleaning cost Rs.* 18,869–4–7.—The cost fell short of the provision made in the revised estimate (Rs. 19,800) by Rs. 930–11–5, as the purchase of the five pairs of bullocks required for the conservancy department was postponed for want of accommodation in the municipal cattle-shed as stated in paragraph 32 above. The number of bullocks maintained was 51, of these two died. The number of night-soil carts was increased from 13 to 17 and rubbish carts from 12 to 17. There was one sewage cart only. Three night-soil hand-carts and five large iron buckets were, however, purchased from the Madras Municipality. The night-soil

continues to be deposited at the Titical depôt. The suggestion of the Sanitary Commissioner in his notes of inspection of the town in June 1896 of securing night-soil depôts at places nearer the sites of collection was referred to a sub-committee of the municipal council on the 8th October 1896, but the sub-committee has not yet favoured the council with its views on the suggestion.

37. The number of latrines was 48. The proposal to build more in the town could not be carried out, as much difficulty has been experienced by the Revenue Department in acquiring the land needed for the purpose. It was found necessary during the year to remove two of the urinals in the market premises, and the number of urinals was thereby reduced from six to four. The number (46) of dustbins purchased during the year was larger than in previous years (viz., 20 per year). Notwithstanding this the total number stood at 170 against 171 in 1895–96, as 47 very old bins had to be rejected as being unserviceable.

38. *Private Scavenging.*—The allotment in the estimate and revised estimate was Rs. 2,610. The expenditure did not exceed Rs. 2,611–7–9. The number of houses conserved was 261 or one more than in the previous year. The actual income amounted to Rs. 5,781–4–0 against the revised estimate of Rs. 5,500 and the actuals of Rupees 5,238–12–0 in 1895–96. The excess is accounted for by the extra fees derived from the conservancy of temporary latrines constructed for the coolies employed on the lake reclamation scheme. The charges under "Contingencies, such as cost of scavenging carts, &c.," amounted to Rs. 230–15–8 against a provision of Rs. 50, as it was found indispensably necessary to provide large quantities of disinfectants and to print and circulate notices for the prompt collection of the scavenging fees due by private individuals. The expenditure under (*d*) Contingencies was Rs. 925–14–6 against an allotment of Rs. 900 in the revised estimate.

39. "*Epidemic Reserve.*"—The expenditure incurred under this head was in conformity with the rules prescribed by the Government in order, No. 1536 M, dated 9th September 1896, and amounted to Rs. 606–4–1 against a provision in the revised estimate of Rs. 750. The details of the temporary establishment employed on cholera duty, and the payments made for the purchase of disinfectants, &c., are given in the statement which accompanies this report, and the sanction of the Government is requested for the same.

40. Grant 4, Miscellaneous Purposes—*Lighting.*—The expenditure, viz., Rs. 3,478–2–10, is higher than that incurred in 1895–96 by Rs. 359–0–8 and the allotment (Rs. 3,460) in the revised estimate by Rs. 18–2–10. The reason for the increase in 1896–97 was given in paragraph 16 of the Chairman's letter recorded in G.O., No. 595 M., dated 18th March 1897. The lighting work is still carried on by contract. It is not quite as satisfactory as it should be, but considering the difficulties which the contractor has to overcome in making good the lanterns, lamps and chimneys which are stolen at nights by some person or persons, some allowance must be made for shortcomings. The present rate for lighting each light is As. 13–5 against As. 14 in 1896–97. The number of lamps during the year was 261 or ten more than in the previous year.

41. The market tolls and rents realized Rs. 8,985–13–4 against Rs. 7,810 in 1895–96 as shown in paragraph 41 of the annual report for that year. The expenditure, inclusive of interest on loans and sinking funds of Rs. 5,100, amounted to Rupees 7,366–8–7, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,619–4–9. The market premises were much improved during the year from the special grant given by the Government and the expenditure incurred amounts to Rs. 1,460–15–8. As the general market has not sufficient accommodation for many of the poorer butchers' shops, a small market near Butcher's street would enable the municipal council to remove the beef and mutton shops which now disfigure the Butcher's street and keep that street in cleaner and better order.

42. *Slaughter-houses.*—The amount (Rs. 4,612–8–0) realized under the head exceeds the revised estimate by Rs. 212–8–0, but falls short of the actuals of 1895–96 by Rs. 397–8–0. The expenditure under establishment and contingencies amounted to Rs. 273–6–3 and under repairs and improvements to Rs. 878–2–7, which amount, however, was met from the special grant given by the Government.

43. The council is of opinion that the provision of pens for cattle and sheep should not be deferred any longer, as the cattle and sheep brought up from the plains are not properly housed and the sanitary condition of the houses in which they are kept is very indifferent.

44. *The Chattram*—in old agraharam was maintained. The cost for establishment was Rs. 84 and for contingencies Rs. 36-9-1. The total expenditure (Rs. 120-9-1) exceeded the revised estimate by As. 9-1.

45. *Other Charges.*—The work done for private individuals amounted to Rupees 1,461-12-0 or Rs. 461-12-0 more than was estimated for. Rs. 6 were spent on rewards for killing dogs. The man who agreed to do the work would not continue it after he killed 26 dogs and no other man in the town could be induced to take his place. The charge Rs. 617-6-10 for printing exceeded the revised estimate (Rs. 500) by Rs. 117-6-10. The excess was caused by the more extended nature of the periodical proceedings of the municipal council. Other items also exceeded the revised estimate by Rs. 79-9-0, as many sign boards had to be renewed and new ones put up besides the renumbering of all doors of houses in the bazaar and villages.

46. Grant 5, General Establishment.—The charge for office establishment was Rs. 3,313-4-9 or Rs. 6-11-3 less than the revised estimate. The charge for establishment for collection of municipal taxes (Rs. 1,379-1-8) is Rs. 9-1-8 more than the revised estimate and is due to a payment of Rs. 11-9-5 having been made to a bill-collector for arrears of salary. The purchase of account books, paper, &c., amounted to Rs. 374-2-11. The excess of Rs. 74-2-11 is owing to a larger number of forms having been printed during the year. For the same reason the charge under (*d*) Office contingencies other than (*b*) (ii) is Rs. 47-13-6 more than the amount (Rs. 500) provided in the revised estimate. The contribution for central office and audit establishments amounted to Rs. 654.

47. *Repayment of Debt.*—Rs. 2,352-4-4 were paid towards Government loans, Rs. 1,900 were invested in Government securities on account of sinking fund for loans raised for the market and municipal office, Rs. 9-13-10 were paid for investment, and Rs. 6,217-11-8 for interest on loans obtained from the Government and private individuals.

48. *Refund of other than current Collections.*—The expenditure under this head amounted to only Rs. 1,524-2-5 against an estimated provision of Rs. 1,800. The expenditure included the sum of Rs. 710-1-11 due to the Forest department referred to in paragraph 6 of the Chairman's letter, No. 1034, dated 20th May 1896, and recorded in G.O., No. 1363 M., dated 14th August 1896.

49. *Investments.*—One lakh of rupees appertaining to the improvement of the water-supply to this town was, with the approval and sanction of the Government, placed in the fixed deposit in the Branch Bank of Madras for one year at 3 per cent. interest. The year will expire on the 1st October 1897.

50. Closing Balance.—The closing balance was Rs. 36,924-5-1.

51. General Remarks.—(*a*) It is understood that Mr. G. T. Walch has submitted to the Government his report with plans and estimates for the improvement of the water-supply of the town.

(*b*) The defects in the main intercepting sewer are being now remedied under the supervision of Mr. J. F. Somers-Eve, Executive Engineer on special duty.

(*c*) The lake reclamation scheme has not progressed so rapidly as the council was led to hope when the work commenced last year.

(*d*) One thousand five hundred and seventy-five notices were issued during the year for cleansing and draining insanitary compounds of houses, repairing private latrines, lime-washing houses, trimming hedges, clearing noxious vegetation, and securing dilapidated and ruinous houses. The largest number (873) of notices were issued in the months of October and November 1896 when some cases of cholera were imported into the town. There were 308 prosecutions for non-compliance with the provisions of the Act and notices issued. Convictions were not obtained in all cases from the want of a special subordinate who could collect reliable evidence and conduct the prosecutions satisfactorily.

(*e*) The Marlimund and Dodabetta reservoirs had sufficient water in them to meet the wants of the town.

(*f*) This report was circulated and adopted by the municipal council at the meeting held on the 26th June 1897.

Enclosure.

From Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel H. D. COOK, M.B., Civil Surgeon, Ootacamund, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Ootacamund, dated 31st May 1897, No. 219.

I have the honour to submit the annual concise medical and sanitary report on the municipal town of Ootacamund for 1896-97.

2. *Public Health.*—The general health of the people within the limits of the municipality was, on the whole, satisfactory. In the month of October cholera in a sporadic form made its appearance. Four cases were admitted to hospital and of these three died. Two deaths occurred in the town. The origin of the outbreak was traceable to importation from a place called Ellanalee Kaity where there was cholera at the time. As will be observed from the sub-joined table of vital statistics, there is an increased mortality under fevers, dysentery and diarrhœa as compared with the previous year. This is due in great measure to a greater number of cases of malarial fever, complicated with dysentery and diarrhœa, coming into Ootacamund for treatment from several of the malarious tracts on the Nilgiris. Several cases of pulmonary affections occurring amongst the lower orders of natives were also treated. Enteric fever was not very prevalent.

Vital Statistics.

—	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total births	308	283	591
,, deaths	256	227	483

Causes of deaths.

—	Male.	Female.	Total.
Cholera	4	1	5
Small-pox		*Nil.*	
Fever	78	78	150
Dysentery	15	9	24
Diarrhœa	14	14	28
Accidents	..	..	8
All other causes	148	120	268
Total	..	..	483

3. *Sanitation.*—As stated in last year's report, there are eight villages, excluding Ootacamund proper, that are conserved within municipal limits. The Chairman of the municipaliy, the ward councillors and the Civil Surgeon very frequently inspect the sanitation of all parts of the town. There are still 48 public latrines besides 4 urinals within the public market, and 24 scavengers are employed to attend to the conservancy of these places. Two hundred and sixty-one private latrines are conserved by municipal agency, 20 scavengers being employed for this purpose. As mentioned in the report of last year, the area of the town is 11 square miles, with 68 miles of metalled road, for whose surface sweeping there are 76 sweepers employed. The number of street lamps is 261 and the number of dustbins 170. Forty seven of the old ones were rejected as unserviceable.

The number of carts for the removal of night-soil, rubbish and sewage was thirteen. In addition to these, four night-soil carts from Messrs. Burn & Co. with cylindrical revolving bodies, three night-soil hand-carts, five buckets from the Madras Municipality and five teak-wood rubbish-carts have been purchased. The sewage of streets and drains is carried off partly by the main sewer and partly by pipe sewers below the lake. For the re-alignment of the main sewer, a sum of Rs. 2,545 * has been sanctioned in G.O., No. 107 M., dated 27th January 1897. The work has just been put into hand. The reclamation of the upper lake is now rapidly progressing, and until this is finished and the sewage pipes put into thorough order, the health of the town will be greatly menaced. Every attention is given to the conservancy of the town, but the difficulty of getting natives to keep their houses and surroundings clean has yet to be overcome. The remarks *anent* the water-supply of the town mentioned in the last report hold good this year also. Mr. G. T. Walch who was appointed to make the necessary schemes for the general water-supply of Ootacamund has completed them and they are now before Government. Another source of water is from wells, of which there are about 150 in the town. The water of some of them is good and of others inferior.

* Should be Rs. 25,450.

Vaccination.

Year.	Number of cases vaccinated.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Unknown.	Infantile.		
					Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Unknown.
1895-96	1,238	1,229	3	6	631	..	..
1896-97	1,160	1,159	..	1	575	..	..

In spite of the energetic manner in which the municipal vaccinator performs his duties and the institution of 196 prosecutions under the compulsory vaccination clauses, and the fact that number of operations is in excess of the birth-rate, there has been a smaller number than last year. This is due to the fact that the population of Ootacamund is of a floating character.

4. *Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—The municipality possesses no hospital of its own, and therefore contributes Rs. 500 annually towards the upkeep of St. Bartholomew's hospital and also gives an allowance of Rs. 25 per mensem to the medical subordinate attached to the hospital. The other medical institution is the Hamnett dispensary at Kandal, which is entirely supported by Mr. G. Hamnett, C.I.E., the Chairman of the municipality. A pensioned hospital assistant is still in charge.

The following shows the attendance of patients during the last two years :—

Year.	In-patients.	Out-patients.	Total.
1895-96	975	17,671	18,646
1896-97	973	18,993	19,966

Ninety-two lying-in cases were attended to in hospital during the year. The reason of the decrease is due to a change of midwives in hospital and to the municipal midwife who practises outside becoming better known. The number of cases attended to by the latter during the year under report was 42.

D. No. 1433.

Forwarded.

2. *Paragraph* 5.—Statement IV-B shows that the arrears of Rs. 787 extend in part so far back as the year 1892 and concern private scavenging fees and taxes on arts, buildings, lands or water. A vigorous effort is needed to collect these old arrears at once or to ascertain which are irrecoverable. The statement seems to point to want of proper staff or organization. So too the balance of Rs. 2,549 out of the 1896–97 demand of Rs. 61,043 appears too large.

3. *Paragraph* 13.—The balance of Rs. 112 under private scavenging fees in statement IV-A would seem to show neglect of the orders of Government for collection prior to service.

4. *Paragraph* 14.—Application has been made to Government to compulsorily acquire land for latrines.

5. *Paragraph* 17.—The market and the slaughter-houses have been greatly improved.

6. *Paragraph* 28.—The Breek's Memorial school requires considerate treatment, as it is exceedingly hard to get an efficient staff on the pay that can be afforded, and yet the school on the whole is promising and meets a definite want at a cost not proportionately high.

7. *Paragraph* 34.—It has been observed that nearly all the prosecutions for non-vaccination were compounded.

8. *Paragraph* 35.—The improvement of vital registration is encouraging ; but, in view of the considerable increase in the town since the last census, it is probable that a per-milleage rate of 39·26 understates the births. The Civil Surgeon and the municipal or medical staff worked hard to arrest the cholera.

9. *Paragraph* 36.—The delay of the sub-committee on night-soil depôts from 8th October 1896 is regrettable.

10. *Paragraph* 40.—As the Chairman admits, the lighting of the town is defective.

11. *Paragraph* 45.—The number of uncared-for dogs constitutes a nuisance and sometimes a danger. Those which are ownerless should be killed even though higher rewards have to be given ; the others should not be allowed to escape taxation. It is observed from appendix B to statements IV A and B that no prosecutions were instituted in this respect.

12. *Paragraph* 51 (*d*).—One of the greatest needs of the municipality is a proper agency for conducting prosecutions ; the executive is at present very weak in this respect.

(Signed) J. H. TREMENHEERE,
Collector.

1*st July* 1897.

Order—No. 2232 M., dated 13th October 1897.

The receipts and charges of the Ootacamund Municipality for 1896–97 are compared below with the budget and revised estimates for the year and the actuals of 1895–96 :—

—	Actuals, 1895–96.	Budget estimate, 1896–97.	Revised estimate, 1896–97.	Actuals, 1896–97.
Receipts.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Balance brought forward	46,909	87,430	35,000	34,997
Tax on Arts	3,150	4,000	3,500	3,237
,, on Buildings and Lands	28,885	30,300	31,750	30,619
Water tax on Buildings and Lands	3,682	4,000	5,800	5,567
Tax on Vehicles and Animals	4,106	4,000	3,500	3,730
,, on Carts	664	700	700	628
Rent of Lands, Buildings, &c., and Sale-proceeds of Lands, &c. ..	1,322	1,300	1,360	1,389
Conservancy Receipts	1,425	500	700	497
Fees and Revenue from Educational Institutions	1,524	2,200	2,200	2,596
Income from Markets and Slaughter-houses	14,946	13,000	12,750	13,598
License Fees	1,103	1,200	1,200	939
Other Fees	1,459	1,220	1,470	1,535
Fines under Municipal and other Acts	77	100	400	538
Interest on Investments and Premium on Loans	..	..	750	750
Grants and Contributions from Government	54,166	9,620	1,39,470	1,39,354
,, ,, from other Bodies	..	60	60	..
Recoveries for Services to Private Individuals	7,545	5,700	6,900	7,974
Miscellaneous	62	20	60	9
Loans	..	50,000	10,000	10,000
Sale-proceeds of Government Securities, &c., and Realizations of Sinking Fund	478	500	570	507
Advances Recovered	521	30	30	15
Total ..	1,72,029	2,15,880	2,58,170	2,58,479
Charges.				
Grant 1—				
New Works—				
Communications	..	..	2,000	20
Buildings	341	150	13,100	3,109
Drainage	539	..	28,670	25,557
Water-supply	1,449	1,37,440	8,000	4,333
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	1,172	1,100	1,300	1,091
Repairs—				
Communications	9,486	10,000	15,000	14,581
Buildings	2,724	1,800	1,800	1,433
Drainage	2,489	1,910	1,910	1,885
Water-supply	2,731	2,210	2,870	2,765
Establishment	2,349	2,420	2,300	2,123
Tools and Plant and other Stores	733	410	200	230
Contributions for Public Works	175	100	100	145
Total ..	24,188	1,57,540	77,250	57,272
Grant 2—				
Training Schools	35	80	..	..
Municipal Schools—				
On the Salary System	6,791	7,250	7,700	7,482
,, Salary-result System	1,342	1,300	1,380	1,354
Salary Grants	1,202	1,200	1,100	1,043
Result ,, ...	150	300	300	300
Building, Furniture, &c., Grants	87	80	100	78
Inspection	127	130	130	130
Miscellaneous	60	60	60	..
Total ..	9,794	10,400	10,770	10,387

	Actuals, 1895–96.	Budget estimate, 1896–97.	Revised estimate, 1896–97.	Actuals, 1896–97.
Charges—cont.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
GRANT 3—				
Hospitals and Dispensaries	234	210	210	203
Contributions	1,618	1,110	1,620	1,450
Vaccination	401	360	380	385
Registration of Births and Deaths	251	260	280	290
Conservancy, Road-cleaning and Road-watering	21,585	20,800	24,110	23,244
Total	24,089	22,740	26,600	25,572
GRANT 4—				
Lighting	3,119	2,900	3,460	3,478
Markets and Slaughter-houses	544	570	570	558
Choultries	111	100	120	121
Public Garden, Survey of Land, Fire and other Charges	3,414	1,030	2,210	2,865
Total	7,188	4,600	6,360	7,022
GRANT 5—				
Supervision and Management	8,840	8,900	9,140	9,268
Repayment of Debt	5,259	4,450	4,450	4,262
Interest on Loan	6,345	6,220	6,220	6,218
Advances Recoverable	28	..	..	30
Refunds	1,301	1,000	1,800	1,524
Investments	50,000	..	1,00,000	1,00,000
Balance	34,997	30	15,580	36,924
Total	1,72,029	2,15,880	2,58,170	2,58,479

2. The municipal council held 29 meetings, or one more than in 1895–96. The average attendance of the members declined slightly, but it continued to be good in the case of the officials and fair in that of the non-officials. Three seats were filled by election during the year, and all of them were contested, 52 per cent. of the registered voters attending the poll.

3. *Receipts.*—(1) Deducting the opening balance and the special Government grants and loans, the total receipts from taxation and other sources were Rs. 83,482, being Rs. 3,362 more than in the previous year. Under the tax on arts and professions the net current demand decreased by Rs. 91, although the number of persons assessed was higher by 46. There was, however, an increase of Rs. 1,866 in the demand under the tax on buildings, due to the revision of the registers, and an increase of Rs. 2,025 under the water-tax, owing to the enhancement of the rate from one to two per cent. of the annual value. Under the land-tax the demand fell, being Rs. 846 against Rs. 917 in 1895–96, the decline being due to the assessment of the tax on the net, instead of the gross, income of the Botanical gardens. The method adopted for assessing the tax on these lands appears, however, to be irregular inasmuch as section 63 of Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897, contemplates an assessment with reference to the annual value, which is to be determined in accordance with section 65, and not on the income. Accordingly, if this is correctly understood to have been the principle of the assessment in the case of the gardens, the taxation should be revised without delay.

(2) The current collections under the principal taxes, which in respect of the land-tax improved appreciably, were, on the whole, good, but the arrear realizations under all these heads, while decidedly better than in the previous year, were still not satisfactory. The balances under these heads outstanding at the end of the year amounted to Rs. 3,128 against Rs. 2,962 on the 31st March 1896, the arrears dating as far back as 1892–93. These should be adjusted without delay. The number of coercive processes issued during the year was considerably larger than in 1895–96, but their execution was most dilatory, as many as 48·6 per cent. of the total number of warrants for disposal remaining unexecuted on the 31st March 1897. The reason, referred to in paragraph 10 of the report, for not proceeding to distraint or sale where such a course was authorised by the law is wholly untenable. This neglect, no doubt, accounts in large measure for the large outstanding arrears, the existence of which has been animadverted upon above. For the future the law should be enforced.

(3) The income from the sale of sweepings and night-soil, markets and slaughter-houses, and license fees declined, but under school-fees and fines it advanced, owing, in the case of the last mentioned, to the institution of a larger number of prosecutions.

(4) The number of houses served by the private scavenging agency was 261, or one more than in the previous year. Notwithstanding the repeated instructions of Government, the private scavenging fees were not collected in advance. This must be strictly attended to for the future. The slow extension of the system is very unsatisfactory, for only about twelve per cent. of the total number of houses assessed to the tax on buildings were under municipal control. The proportion should be very much higher in such a town as Ootacamund, the sanitation of which should be more in accord with European, than with Native, ideas. The service continued to be worked at a profit, amounting in the year under review to close on Rs. 3,000. Government has repeatedly insisted that the service is not to be made a source of municipal revenue, and steps should at once be taken to devote the surplus receipts to the improvement of the service or to the reduction of the fees. By the latter course the service will become more popular and acceptable to a larger number of householders.

4. *Expenditure.*—(1) *Public Works.*—The expenditure under Grant 1 amounted to Rs. 57,272 against the budget estimate of Rs. 1,57,880, the decrease being mainly due to the non-utilization of the provision for the water-supply scheme which was not ripe for execution. Owing, however, to the allotment of a sum of Rs. 4,333 for the investigation of this project, and of a sum of Rs. 25,450 for the realignment of the intercepting sewer, the charges exceeded the actuals of the previous year by Rupees 33,084. The latter work, which is the most important of the new works undertaken during the year, is under execution by the Public Works department. Some improvements were also effected in the market and slaughter-houses at an aggregate cost of Rs. 2,339. The outlay on communications, towards the improvement of which a special grant of Rs. 5,000 was made by Government, amounted to Rs. 14,601 against Rs. 9,486 in 1895–96. The Collector has not reported on the condition of the town roads—an omission which should be supplied in future reports—but the Chairman states that they were in fair order.

(2) *Education.*—The net expenditure under this head was Rs. 3,706, or 8·5 per cent. of the income from taxation. About one-third of this sum was devoted to secondary, and the remainder to primary, education. The municipal council continued to maintain one secondary and three primary schools, and to aid with salary grants two secondary schools. One secondary and three primary schools were also aided with result grants against four primary schools in 1895–96. The attendance at the municipal secondary school increased, but at the primary schools taken together it declined. The only candidate sent up for the Matriculation examination was unsuccessful, and out of the six pupils who appeared for the Lower Secondary examination only one passed. The results of the departmental examinations, however, continued to be fair. At the aided schools the attendance increased, being 617 against 607 in 1895–96; the results of the grant examinations were fairly good, and the allotment for result grants was fully utilized. The total number of boys under instruction in the municipal and aided schools was 763 or 64·3 per cent. of the male population of school-going age, against 755 or 63·6 per cent. in 1895–96.

(3) *Medical Relief.*—As in previous years, the municipal council maintained no hospital of its own, but contributed Rs. 800 towards the upkeep of St. Bartholomew's hospital. The number of patients treated at this institution increased, being 19,966 against 18,646 in the previous year. The number of midwifery cases attended at the hospital fell from 132 to 92, the decrease being attributed by the Medical officer to a change of midwives and to the increasing popularity of the municipal midwife who practises outside. The latter, who, however, was absent from duty during a part of the year, attended only 42 cases.

(4) *Vaccination and Vital Statistics.*—The reported number of persons vaccinated during the year was 1,160, or 78 less than in 1895–96. The percentage of success according to the returns was 99·9 against 99·3. This percentage is extraordinarily high, and more markedly so in view of the fact that nearly one-third of the total number of cases are entered as re-vaccinations. It would have been satisfactory

if the Medical officer had tested a certain proportion of cases and stated his opinion of the trustworthiness of the returns as the result of his verifications. Infantile vaccination declined slightly, the number of children under one year successfully vaccinated being 575 against 631 in 1895–96 and was only sixteen less than the registered number of births, but this comparison is of doubtful value owing to the large floating population in the town and the questionable trustworthiness of the birth returns. It is gratifying to note that there were no deaths from small-pox.

The number of births registered during the year increased from 485 to 591, exhibiting a rate of 39·3 per mille of the population. The registered deaths rose from 357 to 483, or 32·1 per mille of the population. The higher death-rate is attributed by the Medical officer to the larger number of cases of malarious fever brought into the town for treatment from the adjoining country. The attention of the council is drawn to the Collector's remarks in paragraph 8 of his endorsement.

(5) *Sanitation.*—The expenditure under this head amounted to Rs. 23,244, being 11·8 per cent. in excess of the budget allotment and 27·8 per cent. of the total ordinary receipts. From the Civil Surgeon's report it appears that sanitation received fair attention. The dilatoriness on the part of the sub-committee in selecting sites for night-soil depôts is reprehensible. If this body does not dispose of the matter immediately, the municipal council should take it into its own hands. With regard to the scheme for the water-supply of Ootacamund prepared by Mr. Walch, the orders of Government upon it have been recently issued. The attention of the council is drawn to paragraph 11 of the Collector's endorsement. The entertainment of the temporary establishment referred to in paragraph 39, for which a proposition statement in the prescribed form should have been submitted, is sanctioned.

5. *General Remarks.*—The year closed with a balance of Rs. 36,924, or 44·2 per cent. of the total ordinary receipts, but the greater portion of this sum represents the unexpended portions of the allotments for works for the execution of which special grants and loans were given by Government.

The administration of the municipality during the year under review showed, in some respects, an improvement on that of the previous year, and was, on the whole, satisfactory so far as the funds at the disposal of the council permitted.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Ootacamund.
" Collector of the Nilgiris.
" President, District Board, the Nilgiris.
" Accountant-General.
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper:—

From G. HAMNETT, Esq., Chairman, Municipal Council, Ootacamund, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department (through the Collector of the Nilgiris), dated 6th June 1897, No. 1075.

I have the honour to submit the administration report of the Ootacamund Municipality for the official year 1896–97, together with the prescribed statements and copies of the reports of the Civil Surgeon and of the Assistant Inspector of Schools, Coimbatore Division.

I.—Constitution of the Council.

2. The council consisted of two officials and fourteen non-officials. Both officials were Europeans. Of the non-officials four were Europeans, four Eurasians and six natives. Five vacancies occurred during the year, of which two were nominated and three elected. The elections were well contested, the native members securing a larger number of votes than the Europeans and Eurasians. The council held 29 meetings. There were two adjustments for want of a quorum. The average attendance at each meeting was 9·10 against 9·57 in 1895–96.

II.—Receipts.

3. The general income, including the opening balance of Rs. 34,997–2–0, amounted to Rs. 2,58,479–4–6. This includes the grants and loans made by the Government to the extent of Rs. 1,40,000 for improving the water-supply and other miscellaneous improvements. The expenditure, including a fixed deposit of Rupees 1,00,000 in the Bank of Madras for twelve months, amounted to Rs. 2,21,554–15–5, leaving a balance of Rs. 36,924–5–1, of which Rs. 7,700 belong to the water-supply improvement and Rs. 29,224–5–1 to miscellaneous improvements and municipal fund.

4. The income derived from taxation amounted to Rs. 43,781–13–4 against Rs. 40,487–6–3, the actuals for 1895–96, and the revised estimate for 1896–97 of Rs. 45,250. The income, apart from taxation, was Rs. 21,841–15–0 against Rupees 21,861–2–2, the actuals for 1895–96, and Rs. 20,830, the revised estimate. Miscellaneous receipts amounted to Rs. 7,983–0–5 against Rs. 7,606–12–0, the actuals for the previous year, and Rs. 6,960, the revised estimate for 1896–97. It will be seen from these figures that the municipal revenue during 1896–97 has not declined under any head.

5. The balance outstanding on the 31st March 1896 was Rs. 3,550–6–8, of which Rs. 2,017–3–1 were collected, Rs. 350–12–9 were remitted and Rs. 394–14–8 written off as irrecoverable, leaving a balance of Rs. 787–8–2. The demand for 1896–97 was Rs. 61,043–1–9 against Rs. 56,452–12–9, the demand for 1895–96. The increase in 1896–97 may be ascribed to the increase in the rate of water-tax from 1 to 2 per cent. from the 1st October 1896 on houses which expressly benefited by the water-supply, to the increase in the house-tax by a revision of assessments in cases in which no annual revisions were made, to the increase in the market and cart-stand rents, and to the increase in private scavenging fees. Of the demand, as finally settled, viz., Rs. 61,043–1–9, Rs. 58,316–9–3 were collected and Rs. 177–1–6

remitted in connection with vacant houses, leaving a balance of Rs. 2,549–7–0 which, added to the previous year's balance of Rs. 787–8–2, amounts to Rs. 3,336–15–2, or Rs. 213–7–6 less than the balance remaining uncollected at the end of 1895–96.

6. *Tax on Buildings and Lands.*—There was no change in the taxation under this head during the year. The demand as finally settled on buildings was Rupees 30,190–15–11, showing an advance of Rs. 1,865–9–1. The increase during the last five years was Rs 3,682. The demand on lands was Rs. 845–13–0 against Rupees 917–2–6 in 1895–96, the decrease was caused by the tax being calculated on the net, instead of on the gross, income of the Botanical gardens Of the demand Rs. 776–1–0 were collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 69–12–0. The arrears last year amounted to Rs 38–4–0 and the uncollected balance on the 31st March 1897 stood at Rs. 108. The "Arrears of previous years" of 1895–96, viz., Rs. 479–3–10, has been raised in statement B to Rs. 501–11–10 in consequence of fifteen acres of land at Bishopsdown having been assessed under the judgment of the High Court referred to in paragraph 3 of the administration report for 1895–96.

7. *The Water-tax on Buildings.*—The demand was Rs. 5,801–11–6, of which Rs. 5,424–6–11 were collected, Rs. 20–12–10 remitted for vacant houses, leaving a balance of Rs. 356–7–9 which, added to the arrears of the previous year, amounting to Rs. 77–4–11, leaves an unrealized balance of Rs. 433–12–8.

8. *Tax on Arts and Profession.*—The demand was Rs. 3,308–8–0, of which Rs. 3,037–8–0 were collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 271 which, added to the balance of Rs. 162 in 1895–96, raises the balance to Rs. 433. There was a decrease in the current demand of Rs. 91 owing to fluctuations in the number of persons in receipt of salaries and in the number of tradesmen.

9. *Tax on Vehicles, Animals and Carts.*—The estimate and revised estimate were fixed at Rs. 4,700 and Rs. 4,200, respectively. The amount actually realized was Rs. 4,357–10–4.

10. The number of processes which remained unexecuted on the 31st March 1896 was 429; issued during 1897, 1,624: total 2,053 Of this number 1,055 were executed and cancelled, 998 remained unexecuted and 32 warrants were cancelled on which no collections were made. The number of warrants withdrawn in consequence of payments having been made before distraint was 1,023. The number of prosecutions instituted was 269. In 220 cases payment was made before the court delivered judgment and 49 cases remained undisposed of. No property was distrained or sold in view to avoid the "public howl" which was raised in 1888–89 and referred to by the then Acting Collector in his endorsement, No. 42, dated 28th June 1889, on the annual report for the year.

11. The revenue, apart from taxation, amounted to Rs. 21,841–15–0 against Rs. 21,861–2–2 in 1895–96 and the revised estimate for 1896–97 of Rs. 20,830. In the revenue for 1895–96 was (as shown in paragraph 12 of the annual report for that year) included Rs. 2,144–5–7, the deposits of renters. Under sale-proceeds of night-soil the amount (Rs. 700) anticipated in the revised estimate has not been realized. Under educational fees there is an increase of nearly Rs. 400 due to an increase in the fees realized in the Breek's Memorial High school. The income from markets shows an increase of Rs. 635–13–4, but compared with the figures of 1891–92 there has been an increase of Rs. 4,660. Slaughter-houses show an increase of Rs. 212–8–0, but compared with 1891–92 there has been an increase of Rs. 1,905. Cart-stands also show an increase over 1891–92 of Rs. 705. License-fees show a falling off of Rs. 260–8–7 owing to licenses being withheld in consequence of parties not complying with the conditions prescribed. The increase under this head over 1891–92 is Rs. 575. Fines under Municipal and other Acts show an increase of Rs. 137–8–0 owing to prosecutions having been instituted in a large number of cases for infringement of the sanitary clauses of the Municipal Act.

12. *Grants and Contributions from Government*—amounted to Rs. 1,39,354–0–10, of which Rs. 1,00,000 are for the water-supply improvement and Rs. 30,000 for miscellaneous improvements, including a working balance of Rs. 5,090, which the Government were pleased to grant from Provincial funds to aid the municipality in carrying on the administration.

13. *Miscellaneous Recoveries on account of services rendered to Private Individuals.*—Private scavenging produced Rs. 281–4–0 over the revised estimate and (*ii*) Other purposes Rs. 792–8–1.

14. *Extraordinary and Debt.*—The Rs. 10,000 shown under loans from Government are for sanitary works to be undertaken during the year 1896–97. Much difficulty is, however, experienced in obtaining land within the town for the construction of small latrines to meet the needs of people who have no such accommodation attached to their dwellings.

III.—Expenditure.

15. The expenditure in 1896–97, which includes a lakh of rupees invested in the Branch Bank of Madras, amounted to Rs. 2,21,554–15–5 against the revised estimate for the year of Rs. 2,42,590 and the actuals of 1895–96 of Rs. 1,37,032–5–7.

16. *Grant 1, Public Works.*—The expenditure amounted to Rs. 57,271–10–2 against the revised estimate of Rs. 77,250 and the actuals for 1895–96 of Rs. 24,188–6–2. The excess over the actuals occurred by an assignment of Rs. 25,450 having been made to the Public Works Department for remedying defects in the main intercepting sewer and by an expenditure of Rs. 4,333–0–2 in connection with Mr. G. T. Walch's investigation and report for improving the water-supply of the town.

17. *New Buildings.*—The expenditure (Rs. 3,108–11–3) was considerably less than the allotment of Rs. 13,100 in the revised estimate, which included the loan of Rs. 10,000 sanctioned by the Government for sanitary works, &c. Of the expenditure incurred Rs. 1,460–15–8 were spent on the market, viz., for a platform, 85 feet long and 8½ feet broad, for exposing the fruit brought for sale on market days, Rupees 310–4–6; for paving the long verandah where sweetmeat, bread and other edibles, &c., are sold with Cuddapah slabs, Rs. 450; for enclosing the centre square of the market near the mutton butchers' stall to store the mutton remaining unsold instead of being removed to the butchers' houses, Rs. 473–8–0; and for sundry other repairs and improvements Rs. 227–3–2. The remaining sum of Rs. 1,647–11–7 was appropriated for erecting a shed with corrugated iron sheets and timber for the storage of straw Rs. 255–4–0, for improving the slaughter-houses Rs. 878–2–7, for metalling the cart-stand Rs. 99–7–0, for metalling the rubbish cart-stand Rs. 99–5–0 and for purchasing forty dustbins Rs. 315–9–0.

18. *Drainage, Rs.* 25,557–1–7.—As explained in the preceding paragraph Rupees 25,450 were assigned for the main intercepting sewer, the balance (Rs. 107–1–7) was spent in building a cement drain in continuation of a drain built by a private individual in old agraharam to carry off refuse water Rs. 75, for completing a drain in the market Rs. 15–9–7 and for constructing a drain in Dogherty's lane at Mettucherry Rs. 16–8–0.

19. *Water-supply.*—Rs. 4,333–0–2 were disbursed to Mr. G. T. Walch to enable him to carry out his investigations for improving the water-supply.

20. *Miscellaneous Public Improvements, Rs.* 596–11–0.—The conservancy of the lake costs Rs. 309–5–0, clearing and cleaning the main stream Rs. 31–14–6, the Kandal stream Rs. 50, and improving the triangles at Charing Cross Rs. 205–7–6.

21. *Repairs—Communications.*—The allotment in the budget estimate was Rupees 10,000. On Mr. Tremenheere's representation of the bad condition of many of the roads the Government were pleased to make a special grant of Rs. 5,000, thereby raising the allotment to Rs. 15,000, of which Rs. 14,580–11–5 were spent on 92 roads and lanes. The largest sums were spent on the Church Hill and Hadfield roads Rs. 531–10–9, Etirnne's road in continuation of South Lake road Rs. 599–14–9; South Lake road repairing and reforming from Willow Bund to Westmere Rs. 2,087–0–3; Kelso road repairs, improvements and fencing in connection with Charing Cross Rs. 609–4–0; Manjanakorai road used largely by carts bringing in road materials Rs. 685–9–0; Snowdon and Marlimund roads Rs. 661–13–9. The special grant has saved many of the roads and lanes from being entirely cut up and rendered unfit for use. The present condition of the roads is fair. The repair and reform of roads were carried out chiefly by contract.

22. *Repairs—Buildings.*—The revised estimate provided Rs. 1,800, but not more than Rs. 1,432–11–1 were spent during the year. The buildings on which more than Rs. 100 were spent were the market Rs. 421–3–5, municipal cattle-shed Rs. 163–3–11, municipal office Rs. 191–11–9 and repairing slaughter-houses Rs. 106–15–9.

23. *Repairs—Drainage, Rs.* 486–11–1.—The largest item of expenditure under this head was Rs. 279–14–3 on house-connecting drains to prevent the refuse water from the houses flowing on the streets. The other items relate to petty repairs and building a small revetment at the outfall of a drain on the Upper Bazaar road.

24. *Water-supply.*—The revised estimate provided for Rs. 1,180. The actual expenditure did not exceed Rs. 1,142–0–10.

25. *Establishment.*—The actual expenditure (Rs. 2,122–8–8) fell short of the revised estimate (Rs. 2,300) by Rs. 177–7–4, as the full strength of the establishment was not employed in consequence of the difficulty experienced in procuring an efficient overseer.

26. *Tools and Plant.*—The expenditure (Rs. 230–1–1) exceeded the revised estimate (Rs. 200) by Rs. 30–1–1. The increase was caused by the purchase of a larger number of tools than was anticipated when the estimate was prepared.

27. *Grant 2, Education.*—The estimated provision in the budget for the year was Rs. 9,950. It was increased in the revised estimate to Rs. 10,770. The expenditure, however, did not exceed Rs. 10,387–8–1. The schools aided and maintained were the Breek's Memorial High school, Municipal bazaar and Kandal schools and the Muhammadan school, the Church Mission schools at Metucherry with a secondary department, Kandal, Bandyshola and old Ootacamund, the Wesleyan Mission school and St. Joseph's school.

28. *The Breek's Memorial High School.*—The changes made during the year were the creation of the post of an assistant master on Rs. 100 per mensem and a clerk on Rs. 15, the services of the Brahmin assistant on Rs. 60 being dispensed with and a Eurasian appointed in his place from January 1897. Great difficulty has been experienced in securing a suitable person for the post of assistant master and Mr. Kelly, who at present fills it, is not considered qualified by the Inspector of Schools, Western Circle. The teaching staff therefore is still not as efficient as it should be. Notwithstanding this, the number of boys in the school on the 31st March 1897 rose to 80 against 63 on the 31st March 1896. In the upper secondary there were 13, in the lower secondary 21 and in the primary school 46. The school received from Provincial funds Rs. 3,210–0–10. The school-fees, rent from Church cottage, &c., amounted to Rs. 3,470–12–0. The total receipts were therefore Rs. 6,680–12–10 against Rs. 5,406–15–0 in 1895–96. The expenditure amounted to Rs. 7,481–8–4 and exceeded the receipts by Rs. 800–11–6 which was met from Municipal funds. The average net cost per pupil in the upper secondary department was Rs. 52–12–8, in the lower secondary Rs. 11–12–7 and in the primary schools Rs. 3–6–2 against Rs. 106–8–10, Rs. 54–9–7 and Rs. 13–1–3 in the year 1895–96. The Inspector of Schools, Western Circle, in his report, dated the 27th May 1897, remarks—

> "The general educational qualifications of the subordinate staff are not up to the mark. A graduate in science or mathematics should have been introduced as suggested in Proceedings No. 8349, dated 4th August 1896. Mr. Sidney Smith does not seem to hold any certificate in drawing".
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> "The further increase in the attendance since the last inspection is noted with satisfaction."
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> "The headmaster's suggestion to admit native boys into the school at the standard rate of fees is calculated to improve the strength. The appearance of a Badaga in the upper secondary section is encouraging."
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> "Public examinations—Matriculation, total failure; Lower Secondary, poor.
>
> "General impression—The school is improving. The pupils were cleanly dressed and generally well behaved. Discipline and tone left nothing to be desired."

29. The average attendance in the secondary schools was 26 against 15 in 1895–96 and in the primary schools 137 against 132. The total number of boys in the schools aided and maintained from Municipal funds was 763 against 755 in 1895–96. The Assistant Inspector of Schools remarks in statement No. I that—

"On the whole the number of schools at the close of the year under review was one less, but the total number of boys under instruction was sixteen more than in 1895–96, and so there was some progress and the whole of it was confined to board and aided schools."

30. The percentage of children under instruction of school-going age taken at 15 per cent. of the population was 81·29 against 79·80 in 1895–96.

31. The educational officers are strong in their condemnation of the position of the Municipal bazaar school, but the municipal council cannot see its way either to remove the school to another building or to a better locality.

32. *Grant 3, Sanitation and Medical Service.*—The expenditure amounted to Rs. 25,571–11–6. It falls short of the revised estimate by Rs. 1,028–4–6, but exceeds the actuals for 1895–96 by Rs. 1,483–0–7. The full amount included in the revised estimate under Conservancy—Other charges was not spent, as the purchase of the five pairs of bullocks referred to in paragraph 15 (2) of the Chairman's letter, recorded in the Proceedings of Government, No. 595 M., dated the 18th March 1897, was postponed owing to the want of accommodation in the municipal cattle-shed which is now being enlarged from the loan of Rs. 2,300 obtained from the Government for the purpose. The contribution to St. Bartholomew's hospital and the apothecary was Rs. 799–13–4. The number of patients treated in the hospital was 19,966 during the year against 18,646 in 1895–96.

33. The work done by the municipal midwife is cited by the late Civil Surgeon in his report which is appended. She attended 42 cases, but was absent on leave for some time during the year on account of her marriage and her accouchement. With reference to paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 1363 M., dated 14th August 1896, the municipal council has resolved that the minimum number of cases which the midwife should attend shall be six instead of four.

34. *Vaccination.*—The expenditure was Rs. 384–14–4 or Rs. 4–14–4 in excess of the revised estimate owing to an increase under contingent charges. The number vaccinated during the year was 1,160, of which 1,159 were successful, viz., 813 primary and 346 re-vaccination. Compared with 1895–96 there was a falling off of 70 cases, and this falling off is satisfactorily accounted for by the Civil Surgeon in his report which accompanies. The number of operations with animal lymph was 1,160, of which 1,159 were successful. The total number of successful operations was 76·86 per mille of population against 81·64 in 1895–96. The number of prosecutions instituted during the year was 196. The average cost of each successful vaccination was 5·3, the same as in the year 1895–96.

35. *Registration of Births and Deaths.*—The expenditure, viz., Rs. 290–0–9, exceeds the revised estimate by Rs. 10–0–9, the contingent charges having exceeded the provision made in the estimate for printing the new forms of registers of births and deaths prescribed by the Government. The registers show that the number of births was 591 and deaths 483 against 485 and 357 in 1895–96, or per mille per annum of 39·26 and 32·08 against 32·21 and 23·71 in 1895–96. Thirty-five prosecutions were instituted for failure to register. In 22 cases the parties were fined by the Magistrate to the extent of Rs. 10–6–0 and 13 cases were withdrawn, the parties having completed with the rules in force. In 1896–97 there were 106 births and 126 deaths above those in 1895–96. The Civil Surgeon has explained the cause of increase in deaths. In consequence of the prevalence of cholera in a village near Kaity, about three miles from Ootacamund, as well as in villages in the Coimbatore district, especially Méttupálaiyam, several cases were imported into the town; of these five proved fatal Prompt measures were, however, taken to disinfect the places where the patients were found or died and the disease was not allowed to spread.

36. *Conservancy and Road-cleaning cost Rs.* 18,869–4–7.—The cost fell short of the provision made in the revised estimate (Rs. 19,800) by Rs. 930–11–5, as the purchase of the five pairs of bullocks required for the conservancy department was postponed for want of accommodation in the municipal cattle-shed as stated in paragraph 32 above. The number of bullocks maintained was 51, of these two died. The number of night-soil carts was increased from 13 to 17 and rubbish carts from 12 to 17. There was one sewage cart only. Three night-soil hand-carts and five large iron

buckets were, however, purchased from the Madras Municipality. The night-soil continues to be deposited at the Titical depôt. The suggestion of the Sanitary Commissioner in his notes of inspection of the town in June 1896 of securing night-soil depôts at places nearer the sites of collection was referred to a sub-committee of the municipal council on the 8th October 1896, but the sub-committee has not yet favoured the council with its views on the suggestion.

37. The number of latrines was 48. The proposal to build more in the town could not be carried out, as much difficulty has been experienced by the Revenue Department in acquiring the land needed for the purpose. It was found necessary during the year to remove two of the urinals in the market premises, and the number of urinals was thereby reduced from six to four. The number (46) of dustbins purchased during the year was larger than in previous years (viz., 20 per year). Notwithstanding the total number stood at 170 against 171 in 1895–96, as 47 very old bins had to be rejected as being unserviceable.

38. *Private Scavenging.*—The allotment in the estimate and revised estimate was Rs. 2,610. The expenditure did not exceed Rs. 2,611–7–9. The number of houses conserved was 261 or one more than in the previous year. The actual income amounted to Rs. 5,781–4–0 against the revised estimate of Rs. 5,500 and the actuals of Rupees 5,238–12–0 in 1895–96. The excess is accounted for by the extra fees derived from the conservancy of temporary latrines constructed for the coolies employed on the lake reclamation scheme. The charges under "Contingencies, such as cost of scavenging carts, &c.," amounted to Rs. 230–15–8 against a provision of Rs. 50, as it was found indispensably necessary to provide large quantities of disinfectants and to print and circulate notices for the prompt collection of the scavenging fees due by private individuals. The expenditure under (*d*) Contingencies was Rs. 925–14–6 against an allotment of Rs. 900 in the revised estimate.

39. "*Epidemic Reserve.*"—The expenditure incurred under this head was in conformity with the rules prescribed by the Government in order, No. 1536 M, dated 9th September 1896, and amounted to Rs. 606–4–1 against a provision in the revised estimate of Rs. 750. The details of the temporary establishment employed on cholera duty, and the payments made for the purchase of disinfectants, &c., are given in the statement which accompanies this report, and the sanction of the Government is requested for the same.

40. *Lighting.*—The expenditure, viz., Rs. 3,478–2–10, is higher than that incurred in 1895–96 by Rs. 359–0–8 and the allotment (Rs. 3,460) in the revised estimate by Rs. 18–2–10. The reason for the increase in 1896–97 was given in paragraph 16 of the Chairman's letter recorded in G.O., No. 595 M., dated 18th March 1897. The lighting work is still carried on by contract. It is not quite as satisfactory as it should be, but considering the difficulties which the contractor has to overcome in making good the lanterns, lamps and chimneys which are stolen at nights by some person or persons, some allowance must be made for shortcomings. The present rate for lighting each light is As. 13–5 against As. 14 in 1896–97. The number of lamps during the year was 261 or ten more than in the previous year.

41. The market tolls and rents realized Rs. 8,985–13–4 against Rs. 7,810 in 1895–96 as shown in paragraph 41 of the annual report for that year. The expenditure, inclusive of interest on loans and sinking funds of Rs. 5,100, amounted to Rupees 7,366–8–7, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,619–4–9. The market premises were much improved during the year from the special grant given by the Government and the expenditure incurred amounts to Rs. 1,460–15–8. As the general market has not sufficient accommodation for many of the poorer butchers' shops, a small market near Butcher's street would enable the municipal council to remove the beef and mutton shops which now disfigure the Butcher's street and keep that street in cleaner and better order.

42. *Slaughter-houses.*—The amount (Rs. 4,612–8–0) realized under the head exceeds the revised estimate by Rs. 212–8–0, but falls short of the actuals of 1895–96 by Rs. 397–8–0. The expenditure under establishment and contingencies amounted to Rs. 273–6–3 and under repairs and improvements to Rs. 878–2–7, which amount, however, was met from the special grant given by the Government.

43. The council is of opinion that the provision of pens for cattle and sheep should not be deferred any longer, as the cattle and sheep brought up from the plains are not properly housed and the sanitary condition of the houses in which they are kept is very indifferent.

44. *The Chattram*—in old agraharam was maintained. The cost for establishment was Rs. 84 and for contingencies Rs. 36–9–1. The total expenditure (Rs. 120–9–1) exceeded the revised estimate by As. 9–1.

45. *Other Charges.*—The work done for private individuals amounted to Rupees 1,461–12–0 or Rs. 461–12–0 more than was estimated for. Rs. 6 were spent on rewards for killing dogs. The man who agreed to do the work would not continue it after he killed 26 dogs and no other man in the town could be induced to take his place. The charge Rs. 617–6–10 for printing exceeded the revised estimate (Rs. 500) by Rs. 117–6–10. The excess was caused by the more extended nature of the periodical proceedings of the municipal council. Other items also exceeded the revised estimate by Rs. 79–9–0, as many sign boards had to be renewed and new ones put up besides the renumbering of all doors of houses in the bazaar and villages.

46. *Grant 5.*—The charge for office establishment was Rs. 3,313–4–9 or Rupees 6–11–3 less than the revised estimate. The charge for establishment for collection of municipal taxes (Rs. 1,379–1–8) is Rs. 9–1–8 more than the revised estimate and is due to a payment of Rs. 11–9–5 having been made to a bill-collector for arrears of salary. The purchase of account books, paper, &c., amounted to Rs. 374–2–11. The excess of Rs. 74–2–11 is owing to a larger number of forms having been printed during the year. For the same reason the charge under (*d*) Office contingencies other than (*b*) (ii) is Rs. 47–13–6 more than the amount (Rs. 500) provided in the revised estimate. The contribution for central office and audit establishments amounted to Rs. 654.

47. *Repayment of Debt.*—Rs. 2,352–4–4 were paid towards Government loans, Rs. 1,900 were invested in Government securities on account of sinking fund for loans raised for the market and municipal office, Rs. 9–13–10 were paid for investment, and Rs. 6,217–11–8 for interest on loans obtained from the Government and private individuals.

48. *Refund of other than current Collections.*—The expenditure under this head amounted to only Rs. 1,524–2–5 against an estimated provision of Rs. 1,800. The expenditure included the sum of Rs. 710–1–11 due to the Forest department referred to in paragraph 6 of the Chairman's letter, No. 1034, dated 20th May 1896, and recorded in G.O., No. 1363 M., dated 14th August 1896.

49. *Investments.*—One lakh of rupees appertaining to the improvement of the water-supply to this town was, with the approval and sanction of the Government, placed in the fixed deposit in the Branch Bank of Madras for one year at 3 per cent. interest. The year will expire on the 1st October 1897.

50. *Closing Balance.*—The closing balance was Rs. 36,924–5–1.

51. *General Remarks.*—(*a*) It is understood that Mr. G. T. Walch has submitted to the Government his report with plans and estimates for the improvement of the water-supply of the town.

(*b*) The defects in the main intercepting sewer are being now remedied under the supervision of Mr. J. F. Somerset, Executive Engineer on special duty.

(*c*) The lake reclamation scheme has not progressed so rapidly as the council was led to hope when the work commenced last year.

(*d*) One thousand five hundred and seventy-five notices were issued during the year for cleansing and draining insanitary compounds of houses, repairing private latrines, lime-washing houses, trimming hedges, clearing noxious vegetation, and securing dilapidated and ruinous houses. The largest number (873) of notices were issued in the months of October and November 1896 when some cases of cholera were imported into the town. There were 308 prosecutions for non-compliance with the provisions of the Act and notices issued. Convictions were not obtained in all cases from the want of a special subordinate who could collect reliable evidence and conduct the prosecutions satisfactorily.

(*e*) The Marlimund and Dodabetta reservoirs had sufficient water in them to meet the wants of the town.

(*f*) This report was circulated and adopted by the municipal council at the meeting held on the 26th June 1897.

ENCLOSURE.

From Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel H. D. COOK, M.B., Civil Surgeon, Ootacamund, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Ootacamund, dated 31st May 1897, No. 219.

I have the honour to submit the annual concise medical and sanitary report on the municipal town of Ootacamund for 1896–97.

2. *Public Health.*—The general health of the people within the limits of the municipality was, on the whole, satisfactory. In the month of October cholera in a sporadic form made its appearance. Four cases were admitted to hospital and of these three died. Two deaths occurred in the town. The origin of the outbreak was traceable to importation from a place called Ellanalee Kaity where there was cholera at the time. As will be observed from the sub-joined table of vital statistics, there is an increased mortality under fevers, dysentery and diarrhœa as compared with the previous year. This is due in great measure to a greater number of cases of malarial fever, complicated with dysentery and diarrhœa, coming into Ootacamund for treatment from several of the malarious tracts on the Nilgiris. Several cases of pulmonary affections occurring amongst the lower orders of natives were also treated. Enteric fever was not very prevalent.

Vital Statistics.

—	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total births	308	283	591
„ deaths	256	227	483

Causes of deaths.

—	Male.	Female.	Total.
Cholera	4	1	5
Small-pox		*Nil.*	
Fever ..	78	78	150
Dysentery	15	9	24
Diarrhœa	14	14	28
Accidents	..	..	8
All other causes	148	120	268
Total ..	..	..	483

3. *Sanitation.*—As stated in last year's report, there are eight villages, excluding Ootacamund proper, that are conserved within municipal limits. The Chairman of the municipaliy, the ward councillors and the Civil Surgeon very frequently inspect the sanitation of all parts of the town. There are still 48 public latrines besides 4 urinals within the public market, and 24 scavengers are employed to attend to the conservancy of these places. Two hundred and sixty-one private latrines are conserved by municipal agency, 20 scavengers being employed for this purpose. As mentioned in the report of last year, the area of the town is 11 square miles, with 68 miles of metalled road, for whose surface sweeping there are 76 sweepers employed. The number of street lamps is 261 and the number of dustbins 170. Forty seven of the old ones were rejected as unserviceable.

The number of carts for the removal of night-soil, rubbish and sewage was thirteen. In addition to these, four night-soil carts from Messrs. Burn & Co. with cylindrical revolving bodies, three night-soil hand-carts, five buckets from the Madras Municipality and five teak-wood rubbish-carts have been purchased. The sewage of streets and drains is carried off partly by the main sewer and partly by pipe sewers below the lake. For the re-alignment of the main sewer, a sum of Rs. 2,545 * has been sanctioned in G.O., No. 107 M., dated 27th January 1897. The work has just been put into hand. The reclamation of the upper lake is now rapidly progressing, and until this is finished and the sewage pipes put into thorough order, the health of the town will be greatly menaced. Every attention is given to the conservancy of the town, but the difficulty of getting natives to keep their houses and surroundings clean has yet to be overcome. The remarks *anent* the water-supply of the town mentioned in the last report hold good this year also. Mr. G. T. Walch who was appointed to make the necessary schemes for the general water-supply of Ootacamund has completed them and they are now before Government. Another source of water is from wells, of which there are about 150 in the town. The water of some of them is good and of others inferior.

* Should be Rs. 25,450.

Vaccination.

Year.	Number of cases vaccinated.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Unknown.	Infantile.		
					Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Unknown.
1895–96	1,238	1,229	3	6	631	..	..
1896–97	1,160	1,159	..	1	575	..	..

In spite of the energetic manner in which the municipal vaccinator performs his duties and the institution of 196 prosecutions under the compulsory vaccination clauses, and the fact that number of operations is in excess of the birth-rate, there has been a smaller number than last year. This is due to the fact that the population of Ootacamund is of a floating character.

4. *Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—The municipality possesses no hospital of its own, and therefore contributes Rs. 500 annually towards the upkeep of St. Bartholomew's hospital and also gives an allowance of Rs. 25 per mensem to the medical subordinate attached to the hospital. The other medical institution is the Hamnett dispensary at Kandal, which is entirely supported by Mr. G. Hamnett, C.I.E., the Chairman of the municipality. A pensioned hospital assistant is still in charge.

The following shows the attendance of patients during the last two years :—

Year.	In-patients.	Out-patients.	Total.
1895–96	975	17,671	18,646
1896–97	973	18,993	19,966

Ninety-two lying-in cases were attended to in hospital during the year. The reason of the decrease is due to a change of midwives in hospital and to the municipal midwife who practises outside becoming better known. The number of cases attended to by the latter during the year under report was 42.

D. No. 1433.

Forwarded.

2. *Paragraph* 5.—Statement IV-B shows that the arrears of Rs. 787 extend in part so far back as the year 1892 and concern private scavenging fees and taxes on arts, buildings, lands or water. A vigorous effort is needed to collect these old arrears at once or to ascertain which are irrecoverable. The statement seems to point to want of proper staff or organization. So too the balance of Rs. 2,549 out of the 1896–97 demand of Rs. 61,043 appears too large.

3. *Paragraph* 13.—The balance of Rs. 112 under private scavenging fees in statement IV-A would seem to show neglect of the orders of Government for collection prior to service.

4. *Paragraph* 14.—Application has been made to Government to compulsorily acquire land for latrines.

5. *Paragraph* 17.—The market and the slaughter-houses have been greatly improved.

6. *Paragraph* 28.—The Breek's Memorial school requires considerate treatment, as it is exceedingly hard to get an efficient staff on the pay that can be afforded, and yet the school on the whole is promising and meets a definite want of a cost not proportionately high.

7. *Paragraph* 34.—It has been observed that nearly all the prosecutions for non-vaccination were compounded.

8. *Paragraph* 35.—The improvement of vital registration is encouraging ; but, in view of the considerable increase in the town since the last census, it is probable that a per-milleage rate of 39·26 understates the births. The Civil Surgeon and the municipal or medical staff worked hard to arrest the cholera.

9. *Paragraph* 36.—The delay of the sub-committee on night-soil depôts from 8th October 1896 is regretable.

10. *Paragraph* 40.—As the Chairman admits, the lighting of the town is defective.

11. *Paragraph* 45.—The number of uncared-for dogs constitutes a nuisance and sometimes a danger. Those which are ownerless should be killed even though higher rewards have to be given ; the others should not be allowed to escape taxation. It is observed from appendix B to statements IV A and B that no prosecutions were instituted in this respect.

12. *Paragraph* 51 (*d*).—One of the greatest needs of the municipality is a proper agency for conducting prosecutions ; the executive is at present very weak in this respect.

1*st July* 1897.

(Signed) J. H. TREMENHEERE,
Collector.

Ootacamund Municipal Report for 1896-97

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings :—

Current No. 24387 of 1897, dated 6th June 97 from the Chairman Mc Ootacamund.

Current No. ~~24387~~ of 1897, dated from the

Current No. of 189 , dated from the

Current No. of 189 , dated from the

Order— No. 2232 M., dt. 13-10-97.

The ~~estimated~~ receipts and charges of the Ootacamund Municipality for 1896-97, ~~as passed by Government,~~ are compared below with the budget and revised estimates for the year and the actuals of 1895-96.

	Actuals, 1895-96.	Budget Estimate, 1896-97.	Revised Estimate, 1896-97.	Actuals. 1896-97.
	Rs	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Receipts.				
Balance brought forward	46,909	87,430	35,000	34,997
Tax on Arts	3150	4000	3500	3237
Tax on Buildings and Lands	28885	30,300	31,750	30,619
Water-Tax on Buildings and Lands	3,682	4,000	5,800	5567
Tax on Vehicles and Animals	4,106	4,000	3,500	3,730
Tax on Carts	664	700	700	628
Tolls	"	"	"	"
Realizations under Special Acts	"	"	"	"
Rent of Lands, Buildings, &c , and sale-proceeds of Lands, &c.	1,322	1,300	1,360	1,389
Conservancy Receipts	1,425	500	700	497
Fees and Revenue from Educational Institutions ..	1,524	2,200	2,200	2,596
Fees and Revenue from Medical Institutions	"	"	"	"
Income from Markets and Slaughter-houses	14,946	13,000	12,760	13,598
License fees	1108	1,200	1,200	939
Other fees	1,459	1,220	1,470	1,535
Fines under Municipal and other Acts	77	100	400	538
Interest on Investments and premium on Loans ..	"	"	750	750
Grants and Contributions from Government	54,166	9,620	139,470	139,354
Do. from Local Boards	"	"	"	"
Do. from other bodies	"	60	60	"
Recoveries for services to private individuals	7,545	5,700	6,900	7,974
Miscellaneous	62	20	60	9
Loans	"	50,000	10,000	10,000
Sale-proceeds of Government Securities, &c., and Realizations of Sinking Fund	478	500	570	507
Advances Recovered	521	30	30	15
Total ..	1,72,029	2,15,880	2,58,170	2,58,479

Charges.	Actuals, 1895-96.	Budget Estimate, 1896-97.	Revised Estimate, 1896-97	Actuals 1896-97
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs
Grant I.				
New Works—				
Communications	"	"	2000	20
Buildings	341	150	13,100	3109
Drainage	539	"	28,670	25,557
Water-supply	1449	137440	8000	4.333
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	1,172	1,100	1,300	1,091
Repairs—				
Communications	9486	10,000	15,000	14,581
Buildings	2724	1800	1,800	1433
Drainage	2489	1910	1910	1885
Water-supply	2731	2280	2820	2,765
Establishment	2349	~~2770~~ 2,1470	2,300	2123
Tools and Plant and other Stores	733	410	200	230
Contributions for Public Works	175	100	150	145
Total ..	24,188	157,800 5540	77,250	57,272
Grant II—				
Training Schools	35	80	"	"
Municipal Schools—				
(*a*) On the Salary System	6,791	~~7250~~ 6600	7,700	7,482
(*b*) On the Salary Result System	1,342	1,300	1,380	1,354
Salary Grants	1,202	1,200	1,100	1,043
Result Grants	150	300	300	200
Building furniture Combined Grants	87	80	100	78
Inspection	127	130	130	130
Miscellaneous	60	60	60	"
Total ..	9,794	~~9900~~ 10,400	10,770	10,387
Grant III—				
Hospitals and Dispensaries	234	210	210	203
Contributions	1,615	1,110	1,620	1,450
Vaccination	401	360	380	385
Registration of Births and Deaths	251	260	280	290
Conservancy, Road-cleaning and Road-watering ..	21,588	20,800	24,110	23,244
Total ..	24,089	22,740	26,600	25,572
Grant IV—				
Lighting	3,119	2,900	3,460	3,478
Markets and Slaughter-houses	544	570	570	558
Choultries	111	100	120	121
Traveller's Bungalows	"	"	"	"
Avenues	"	"	"	"
Public Garden, Survey of Land, Fire and other charges.	3,414	1,030	2,210	2865
Total .	7,188	4,600	6,360	7,022
Grant V—				
Supervision and Management	8840	8,900	9,140	9268
Repayment of Debt	5,259	4,450	4,450	4262
Interest on loan	6,345	6,220	6,220	6,218
Advances Recoverable	28	"	"	30
Refunds	1301	1,000	1,800	1,524
Discount	"	"	"	"
Pensions and Gratuities	"	"	"	"
Investments	50,000	"	100,000	100,000
Balance	34,997	~~1,10~~ 30	15,580	36,924
Total ..	1,72,029	2,15,880	2,58,170	2,58,479

Please check the Ch^man's statement as the amt of the Govt grants & that some of them has gone in unauthorized objects - I cannot quite clear it to myself

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Note for the Secretary

The govt grants on account of the Water supply scheme appear to have been properly spent, as will be seen from the particulars given below:-

	Rs
Total Grants	1,89000
Allotted for the drainage improvements G.O. 302 m	25450 — —
Do for reclamation of the ooty tank	40000 — —
Total	65450
Balance available	123550

Of this, a sum of Rs 110000 is to be invested in the Bank of Madras, vide C.R.O. 3558m in linked file and the balance viz: Rs 13550, is now deposited in the branch of the Madras Bank at Ooty Cammd.

The grant of Rs 30000, given in G.O. No 1714 MD dt 8th October 1896, has been nearly spent on the objects for wh it was intended viz: the Construction of high level road, repairs to Commrs, repair of dangerous wells, and the unexpended portion is included in the closing balance of Rs 36,924.

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2. The municipal Council held 24 meetings, one more than in 1895-96. The average attendance of the members declined slightly, but it continues to be good in the case of the officials and fair in that of the non-officials. Three seats were filled by election during the year, and all of them were contested. 52 per cent of the registered voters attending the poll.

3. Receipts. (1) Deducting the opening balance and the special Government grants and loans, the total receipts from taxation and other sources were Rs 83482 being Rs 3362 more than in the previous year. Under the head Professions tax on arts, the net Current demand decreased by Rs 91, although the number of persons assessed was higher by 46. There was, however, an increase of Rs 1866, in the demand under the tax on buildings, due to the revision of the registers, and an increase of Rs 2025, under the Water tax, owing to the enhancement of the rate from one to two per cent of the annual value. Under the land tax the demand fell, being Rs 846, against Rs 917, in 1895-96, the decline being due to the assessment of the tax on the net, instead of the gross income of the Botanical gardens. The method adopted for assessing the tax on the lands appears however to be irregular in as much as [illegible] Sec 63 of Act III of 1884 contemplates

...n assessment with reference to the annual
...which is to be determined in accordance with
...Act 65, ~~of 1879~~ and not on the income ~~assessment in this case~~ should
...~~before~~ be revised without delay.

accordingly if this is correctly understood to have been the principle of the assessment in this case the gardens the taxation of the garden

(2) The current collections under the principal taxes, which in the case of the land tax improved appreciably on the whole, were good, but the arrear realizations while under all these heads, decidedly better than in the previous year, were still not satisfactory. The balances outstanding at the end of the year amounted to Rs 3,128 against Rs 2,962 on the 31st March 1896, the arrears dating as far back as 1892-93. These should be adjusted without delay, and in this connection the attention of the Commissioner is drawn to the Collector's remarks in paragraph 3 of his Endorsement. The number of coercive processes issued during the year was considerably larger than in 1895-96, but their execution was most dilatory, as many as 48.6 per cent of the total number of warrants for disposal remaining unexecuted on the 31st March 1897. The reasons assigned for non-execution of the coercive processes in paragraph 4 of the report, do not appear to be satisfactory.

(3) The income from the sale of sweepings and night-soil, markets and slaughter-houses, and license fees declined, but under School fees and fines, it advanced, owing in the case of the last mentioned to the institution of a large number of prosecutions.

(4) The number of horses served by the private scavenging agency was 261 or one more than in the previous year.

The slow extension of the system is very unsatisfactory, for

The population should be very much larger in each town as ascertained, the figures in each town should be more in accordance with the estimation of which should be, I think, with variation, about

The service continued to be worked at a profit, amounting in the year under review to close on R3000. Govt has repeatedly insisted that the service is not to be made a source of municipal revenue, ~~and steps should~~ + steps should be taken to devote the surplus receipts to the improvement of the service or to the reduction of the fees. By the latter course the service will become more popular & be available by a larger number of householders

~~to the Council.~~ Notwithstanding the repeated instructions of Government, the private scavenging fees were not collected in advance. This must be strictly attended to for the future, and ~~Government should be moved to~~ the Municipality should be moved to provide room, seeing that there is ample room, seeing that only about twelve per cent of the total number of houses assessed to the tax on buildings, were municipal Contributors ~~of the Council. It~~ would be desirable from this result that the Council should be moved to the improvement of the service and if the fees are too high they should be reduced, it being contended that the service is intended to be a source of profit to the municipality.

4. Expenditure (1). Public Works.

The Expenditure under Grant I amounted to Rs 57,272 against the budget Estimate of Rs 57,880, the decrease being mainly due to the non-adjustment of the provision for the water supply scheme, which was not ripe for execution. Owing however to the allotment of Rs 4333 for the investigation of this project, and of Rs 25450 for the realignment of the intercepting sewer, the charges exceeded the actuals of the previous year by Rs 33084. The latter work, which is the most important of the new works undertaken during the year, is under execution by

the Public Works Department.
Some improvements were also effected
in the market and slaughter-houses
at an aggregate cost of Rs 2339.
The outlay on Communications, towards
the improvement of which a special
grant of Rs 5,000 was made by
Govt, amounted to Rs 14,601 against
Rs 9486 in 1895-96. The Collector has
not reported on the condition of the
town roads - an omission which
should be supplied in future reports,
but the Chairman states that they
were in fair order.

(2) Education. The gross expenditure
under this head was Rs 3,706 or 8·5 pa
Cent of the income from taxation. About
one third of this sum was devoted to
secondary and the remainder to primary
education. The municipal Council
continued to maintain one secondary
and three primary schools, and to aid
with salary grants two secondary
schools. One secondary
and three primary schools were
also aided with result grants against
four primary schools in 1895-96.
The attendance at the municipal
secondary schools increased, but at
the primary schools taken together, it
declined. The only candidate sent up
for the Matriculation examination was
unsuccessful and of the
six pupils who appeared for the lower
secondary examination only one passed. The
results of the departmental Examinations
however continued to be fair. At the aided
schools, the attendance increased, being
617, against 607 in 1895-96, the results
of the grant Examinations were fairly good,
and the allotment for result grants
was fully utilized. The total number
of boys under instruction in the munic-
-ipal and aided schools was 763 or
64·3 percent of the male population
of school going age against 755 or
63·6 per cent in 1895-96.

(3) Medical Relief:- As in previous
years, the municipal Council maint-
-ained no hospital of its own, but
Contributed Rs 800, towards the upkeep
of St Bartholomew's Hospital. The
number of patients treated at this
institution increased, being 19966
against Rs 18646 in the previous year.
The number of cases of labour attended
at the hospital was fell, from
1326 to 92, the decrease being attributed by
the Medical officer to a change of
midwives and to the increasing
popularity of the municipal midwife.
She practises outside only
She has attended 142 cases. The above,
but on the whole by municipal standard
from the town increased, better
results are looked for in the current
year.

(4) Vaccination & Vital Statistics.
The reported number of persons
vaccinated during the year was
was 1160, or 78 less than in 1895-96.
[illegible]. The percentage of
according to the returns
successes was 99·9 against
99·3. This percentage is extraordinarily
and it would have been satisfac-

1. Who however, was absent from duty during a part of the year

Vide his remarks at page 30 of this report.

and more markedly so, in view of the fact that nearly one third of the total number of cases were revaccinations as entered as

if the medical officer had tested a stated his opinion of the trustworthiness of the returns as
certain proportion of cases and the result of his verifications. Infantile vaccination declined slightly; the number of children under one year successfully vaccinated being 5 76 against 631 in 1895-96, [illegible] was only sixteen less than the registered number of births. It is gratifying to observe that there was a but the comparison is of doubtful value owing to the large floating population in the town & the questionable trustworthiness of the birth returns
note that there was no death from Small pox

The number of births registered during the year increased from 485 to 591, exhibiting a rate of 39·3 per mille of the population. The registered deaths rose from 357 to 483, or 32·1 per mille, the highest [illegible] The higher death rate is attributed by the medical officer to the large number of cases of malarious fever brought into the town for treatment from the adjoining country.

The attention of the Council is drawn to the Collector's remarks in para. 8 of his endorsement.

(2) Sanitation. The expenditure under this head amounted to Rs 23,244, being 11·8 per cent on receipts of the head allotment and 2 27·8 per cent of the total ordinary receipts from the Civil Surgeon's report it appears that sanitation requires attention from the Council. The dilatoriness on the part of the Sub-Committee in selecting sites for night soil depots is reprehensible and unless this body does not dispose of the matter immediately, the municipal Council should take it into its own hands. In regard to the water supply scheme for the town prepared by Mr. Loaldi, the orders of Govt upon it have been recently received. of Cossa commd prepared by [illegible] under the Conservancy Act. The attention of the Public is drawn to the remarks of the Civil Surgeon in para 5 (2) of his report regarding the slow progress of the Lake reclamation scheme

The attention of the Council is drawn to para 11 of the Collector's endorsement. The Establishment referred to in para. 39, for which a proposition statement in the prescribed form should have been submitted, is sanctioned.

5. General Remarks:- The year closes with a balance of Rs 36,924 or 44·2 per cent of the total ordinary receipts, but the greater portion of this sum represents the unexpended portions of the allotments for works for the execution of which special grants and loans were given by Government.

The administration of the municipality during the year under review showed, in some respects, an improvement on that of the previous year, on the whole and the Council has given satisfactory so far as the funds at its disposal permitted.

V.R.
24/9/97

8/8/10

To
The Chairman Mc. Cotacamund
" Collector of the Nilgiris 3
" Distrt. Dr. of the Nilgiris 16
" Accountant General 10
" Director of Public Instn 11
" Surgeon General 16
" Sanitary Board 16
" Commr. 13
" Engineer 13
" Revenue 9
Victor Telle

per 18/9/97

Cno. 2438 M

Cotacamunda

Enclosure No. 1 to letter No. 1075
dated 6 June 1897 "Administration
Report of the Cotacamunda Municipality
for 1896 - 97"

Annual Statement

for

1896 - 97.

1/2438 Mop 1897

H.M.
This being the review of the
Municipality, it is submitted
for their approval.
8/6/1897

STATEMENT I.—Revenues and Receipts of the Municipal Fund of the Tow
of Cotacamund during the official year 1896-97.

	Actuals 1896-97.		Budget	Revised	Act 1895 (audi figure
	Details of Minor Heads.	Totals of Major Heads.	Estimate for 1896-97.	Estimate for 1896-97.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1. BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD—					
a. Municipal Fund		34997 2 -	87430 - -	35000 - -	46908 15 -
b. Endowments					
c. Water-tax Fund					
2. MUNICIPAL RATES AND TAXES—					
a. Tax on arts, &c. (section 53) ..	3237 8 -		4000 - -	3500 - -	3150 - -
b. Tax on buildings (section 63) ..	29460 1 9		29300 - -	30500 - -	27674 14 8
c. Tax on lands (section 63) ..	1159 2 -		1000 - -	1250 - -	1209 12 11
d. Water-tax on buildings and lands (section 75)	5567 7 3		4000 - -	5800 - -	3682 2 8
e. Tax on vehicles with springs and palanquins (section 77) ..	1463 14 4		1500 - -	1500 - -	1468 14 5
f. Tax on animals (section 77) ..	2265 12 -		2500 - -	2000 - -	2637 1 7
g. Tax on carts and other vehicles without springs (section 85) ..	628 - -		700 - -	700 - -	664 - -
h. Tolls (section 91)—					
Gross receipts ..					
Less Local Fund share ..					
i. Penalties on account of—					
i. Tax on arts					
ii. Tax on buildings ..					- 8 -
iii. Tax on lands					
iv. Water-tax on buildings and lands					
v. Tax on vehicles, &c. ..					
vi. Tax on animals					
vii. Tax on carts, &c. ..					
vii. Evasion of tolls		43781 13 4			
3. REALIZATIONS UNDER SPECIAL ACTS—					
a. Pounds					
b. Ferry rents					
c. Fees under Act II of 1888 ..					
Carried forward ..		43781 13 4	43000 - -	45250 - -	40487 6 3

Statement I.—Revenues and Receipts of the Municipal Fund of the Town of Cotacamund during the official year 1896-97—*continued.*

—	Actuals of 1896-97. Details of Minor Heads.	Actuals of 1896-97. Totals of Major Heads.	Budget Estimate for 1896-97.	Revised Estimate for 1896-97.	Actuals, 1895-96 (audited figures).
1	2	3	4	5	6
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Brought forward ..		43781 13 4	43000 . .	45250 . .	40487 6 3
4. REVENUE DERIVED FROM MUNICIPAL PROPERTY AND POWERS APART FROM TAXATION—		1287			
a. i. Rent of lands	143 . .		100 . .	150 . .	127 4 .
ii. Rent of buildings	1110 2 8		1100 . .	1100 . .	1109 2 8
iii. Avenue receipts	33 8 .				2 . .
iv. Fees from Travellers' Bungalows					
b. i. Sale-proceeds of lands and buildings					
ii. Produce of lands, gardens, &c.					
iii. Sale-proceeds of old materials, empty oil cans, packing cases, &c.	99 12 7	102	100 . .	100 . .	76 6 3
iv Sale of measures + Acts	2 13 .			10 . .	7 . 3
c. Conservancy receipts—					
Sale-proceeds of night-soil, street refuse, &c.	496 10 .		500 . .	700 . .	425 . .
d. i. Fees from educational institutions	2595 12 .		2200 . .	2200 . .	1523 15 .
ii. Other revenue from educational institutions ..					
e. i. Sale-proceeds and composition fees of medicines ..					
ii. Other Hospital receipts ..					
f. i. Income from markets ..	8985 13 4		8000 . .	8350 . .	9201 10 8
ii. ,, slaughter-houses.	4612 8 .		5000 . .	4400 . .	5745 . .
g. Other fees					
i. Distraint fees	. . .		10 . .	10 . .	1 . .
ii. License fees	939 7 5		1200 . .	1200 . .	1107 10 8
iii. Cartstand fees	1530 . .		1200 . .	1450 . .	1454 2 8
iv. Other fees	5 . .		10 . .	10 . .	4 . .
h. Fines under Municipal and other Acts.	537 8 .		100 . .	400 . .	76 14 .
i. Interest on investments					
i. General, including choultries	750 . .		.. .. ..	750 . .	
ii. Educational					
iii. Medical					
j. Premium on loans		21841 15 .			
Carried forward ..		65623 12 4	62520 . .	66080 . .	62348 8 5

Statement I.—Revenues and Receipts of the Municipal Fund of the Town of Cotacamund during the official year 1896-97—*cont.*

—	Actuals of 1896-97. Details of Minor Heads.	Actuals of 1896-97. Totals of Major Heads.	Budget Estimate for 1896-97.	Revised Estimate for 1896-97.	Actuals, 1895-96 (audited figures).
1	2	3	4	5	6
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Brought forward .		65623 12 4	62320 . .	66080 . .	62348 8 5
5. GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS—					
a. From Government—					
i. Education—					
Normal stipends ..	. . .		40 . .	. . .	. . .
Buildings					
Municipal Schools ..	3210 . 10		3280 . .	3320 . .	3013 . .
Other purposes					
ii. Medical					
iii. Other purposes—					
Communications ..	4700 . .	/	4700 . .	4700 . .	4700 . .
Water-supply	100,000 . .	✓	. . .	100000 . .	45000 . .
Drainage					
Sanitation					
Other purposes ..	1444 . .		1600 . .	1450 . .	1453 8 .
Mis: Public Improvements	30000 . .			30000 . .	
b. From Local Boards—	31444				
i. Education					
ii. Medical					
iii. Other purposes					
c. Other grants and contributions—					
i. Education	" . .		60 . .	60 . .	. . .
ii. Medical					
iii. Other purposes		139354 . 10			
6. MISCELLANEOUS—					
a. Recoveries on account of services rendered to private individuals—					
i. Private scavenging ..	5781 4 .		5200 . .	5500 . .	5238 12 .
ii. Other purposes	2192 8 1		500 . .	1400 . .	2306 . 6
b. Other items—					
i. Fishery rents					
ii. Refunds of Expenditure of previous year	5 11 6			10 . .	
iii. Fee for numbering carts, &c.					
iv. Other items	3 8 10	7983 . 5	20 . .	50 . .	61 15 6
Carried forward ..		212960 13 7	77920 . .	212570 . .	124121 12 5

Statement I.—Revenues and Receipts of the Municipal Fund of the Town of Cofacammud during the official year 1896-97—*cont.*

—	Actuals of 1896-97. Details of Minor Heads.	Actuals of 1896-97. Totals of Major Heads.	Budget. Estimate for 1896-97.	Revised. Estimate for 1896-97.	Actuals, 1895-96 (audited figures).
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Brought forward ..		212960 13 7	77920 . .	212570 . .	124121 12 5
7. Extraordinary and debt—					
a. Sale-proceeds of Government securities and withdrawals from Savings Bank.	3 15 3	.	- - -	70 . .	. . .
b. Loans—					
i. From Government ..	10000 . .		50000 . .	10000 . .	. . .
ii. In the market from private individuals					
c. Realizations of Sinking fund for repayment of loans.	502 13 1		500 . .	500 . .	477 11 11
d. Advances—					
i. Permanent					
ii. Others	14 8 7	10521 4 11	30 . .	30 . .	521 - 3
Total Receipts ..		223482 2 6	128450 . .	223170 . .	125120 8 7
Grand Total ..		258479 4 6	215880 . .	258170 . .	172029 7 7

Note to Statement I.

1. Tax on arts, &c., is levied on ~~the first~~ all classes.
2. Tax on buildings is levied at 7½ per cent. of rent value and tax on lands at ~~annas~~ 7½ per cent. of rent value. ~~for every 80 square yards.~~
3. Water-tax on buildings and lands is levied at 2 per cent. with certain exceptions
4. Tax on vehicles and animals is levied at full the maximum rates.
5. Tax on carts, &c., is levied at Rs. 4 per cart. per annum.
6. ~~Tolls are levied at the maximum rates.~~
7. License-fees are levied at the rates sanctioned in G.O.S { 1447 m. dated 26 march 91, 872 m. dated 9 June 91, 1374 m. dated 29 august 91, 640 m. mis. dated 4 april 92 + 419 m. mis. dated 26 march 93
8. ~~The house-tax registers were last revised in the official year. I and the land tax registers in the official year.~~ The house tax was fully revised by the Chairman and the land tax 92-93.
9. ~~Total extent of land assessed is acres.~~ The assessment was not made on area but on rental.
10. The mode of estimating the annual rental of houses and lands is as follows:— The rent at which the buildings fetch was taken In the case of lands, the rent or income given by the proprietors was taken.

W. Hammett
Chairman

Statement I-A.—Endowments entrusted to the Municipal Council under Sections 25 and 26 of Act V of 1884 for the official year 189 -9

Name of Institution	Amount of Funded Capital.	Opening Balance.	Interest, Produce of Land, or Rent of buildings.	Appropriation from Capital for Expenditure.	Private Contributions and Donations.	Sale of Medicines or Sundry Property.	Total (Columns 4—7).	Contribution from Local Funds.	Contribution from Provincial Funds.	Total Receipts (Columns 3, 8 and 9).	Appropriation from Municipal Capital Funds (Column 16 minus Column 10).	Invested.	Current Charges.	Total (Statement II).	Allotted for Public Works, (Statement II-A)	Total Charges (Column 14 plus Column 15)	Closing Balance (Column 10 minus Column 16).	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	

Statement II.—Expenditure from the Municipal Fund of the Town of Ootacamund for the official year 1896-97.

—	Actuals of 1896-97. Details of Minor Heads.	Actuals of 1896-97. Totals of Major Heads.	Budget Estimate for 1896-97.	Revised Estimate for 1896-97.	Actuals, 1895-96 (audited figures).
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
GRANT I—(*Public Works*)—					
1. New Works—					
a. Communications	20 7 .		— — —	2000 . .	— . .
b. Buildings	3108 11 3		150 . .	13100 . .	340 10 8
c. Drainage	25557 1 7		— — —	28670 . .	539 2 6
d. Water-supply	4333 . 2		137440 . .	8000 . .	1449 2 8
Mis. Pub. Improvement { Lake Conservancy	596 11 .		600 . .	800 . .	676 7 3
2. Repairs— { Lake Establishment	494 5 9	34110 14 9	500 . .	500 . .	495 11 6
a. Communications	14580 11 5		10,000 . .	15000 . .	9485 11 7
b. Buildings	1432 11 1		1800 . .	1800 . .	2723 13 7
c. Drainage—					
i. Repairs to works ..	486 11 1		500 . .	500 . .	933 7 2
ii. Establishment for flushing drains, &c.	1398 12 7		1410 . .	1440 . .	1555 7 6
d. Water-supply—					
i. Repairs to works, machinery, &c	1142 . 10		600 . .	1180 . .	879 7 .
ii. Establishment	1538 5 4		1500 . .	1540 . .	1747 . 3
iii. Contingencies	84 7 4	20663 11 8	100 . .	100 . .	104 13 6
3. Establishment	2122 8 8	2122 8 8	2770 . .	2300 . .	2348 10 6
4. Tools and Plant and other stores.	230 1 1	230 1 1	410 . .	200 . .	733 10 6
5. Contributions—					
a. To Local Boards for works ..	100 . .		100 . .	100 . .	100 . .
b. To Provincial Funds for scrutiny of estimates, &c. ..	45 . .		— — —	50 . .	75 . .
c. To others for public works ..		145 . .			
Total, Grant I ..		57271 10 2	157880 . .	77250 . .	24188 6 2
GRANT II—(*Education*)—					
1. Training Schools—					
a. Contributions to Local Boards ..	" . .				
b. Stipends to Normal students ..	.. . .		80 . .	— — —	34 12 .
2. Municipal Schools—					
i On Salary System—					
a. Establishment	6750 13 4		6500 . .	6950 . .	6366 12 7
b. Contingencies	730 11 .		300 . .	750 . .	424 12 8
Carried forward ..	7481 8 4	. . .	6880 . .	7700 . .	6826 5 3

Statement II.—Expenditure from the Municipal Fund of the Town of Ootacamund for the official year 1896-97—cont.

—	Actuals of 1896-97. Details of Minor Heads.	Actuals of 1896-97. Totals of Major Heads.	Budget Estimate for 1896-97.	Revised Estimate for 1896-97.	Actuals, 1895-96 (audited figures).
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Brought forward ..	7481 8 4		6880 . .	7700 . .	6826 5 3
GRANT II—(*Education*)—cont.					
ii. On Salary-Results System—					
a. Fixed Payments	935 2 11		950 . .	950 . .	948 . .
b. Result Grants	209 7 .		250 . .	230 . .	226 4 .
c. Contingencies	209 14 1	8836 4	100 . .	200 . .	167 11 9
3. Salary Grants	1043 . .	1043 . .	1200 . .	1100 . .	1202 . .
4. Results Grants	300 . .	1300 . .	300 . .	300 . .	150 . .
5. Combined Grants—					
a. Fixed Payments					
b. Result Grants					
6. Inspection—					
a. Contributions to Local Boards ..	130 3 9		130 . .	130 . .	127 6 2
b. Municipal Inspectors—					
i. Establishment					
ii. Contingencies		130 3 9			
7. Miscellaneous—					
a. Building, furniture, &c., grants ..	78 4 .		80 . .	100 . .	86 12 8
b. Common gymnasium—					
i. Establishment					
ii. Contingencies					
c. Common Drawing Master—					
i. Establishment					
ii. Contingencies					
d. Other items		78 4 .	60 . .	60 . .	60 . .
Total, Grant II ..		10387 8 1	9950 . .	10770 . .	9794 7 10
GRANT III—(*Sanitation and Medical Services*).					
1. Hospitals and Dispensaries—					
a. Establishment	180 . .		180 . .	180 . .	161 5 8
b. Medicines and Supplies					
c. Diet of Patients					
d. Sundries and Contingencies ..	23 . 6		30 . .	30 . .	72 10 6
e. Contributions to Local Boards &c., &c., &c. ..					
Carried forward ..		203 . 6	210 . .	210 . .	234 . 2

Statement II.—Expenditure from the Municipal Fund of the Town of Cotacamund for the official year 1896-97.—cont.

	Actuals of 1896-97. Details of Minor Heads.			Actuals of 1896-97. Total of Major Heads.			Budget Estimate for 1896-97.			Revised Estimate for 1896-97.			Actuals, 1895-96 (audited figures).		
1	2			3			4			5			6		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Brought forward ..				203	.	6	210	.	.	210	.	.	234	.	2
GRANT III—*Sanitation and Medical Services*—cont.															
2. *a.* Contributions to Provincial funds for—															
i. Medical College ..	321	.	.				460	.	.	460	.	.	462	.	.
ii. Sanitary Inspection ..	256	-	-				200	.	.	300	.	.	307	.	.
iii. Medical Reserve staff ..	73	-	-	650	.	.	50	.	.	60	.	.	57	-	-
iv. Cutlers' Establishment ..															
b. Contributions to Local Boards, &c., for—															
i. Medical Schools ..															
ii. Reserve staff .. .. &c., &c., &c, ..															
c. Other contributions	799	13	4	799	13	4	800	.	.	800	.	.	800	.	1
3. Vaccination—															
a. Establishment	216	.	.				216	.	.	216	.	.	216	.	.
b. Contingencies	97	9	10				84	.	.	84	.	.	116	11	1
c. Contributions to Local Boards ..	71	4	6	384	14	4	60	.	.	80	.	.	68	10	3
4. Registration of Births and Deaths—															
a. Establishment	237	8	9				240	.	.	240	.	.	230	15	4
b. Contingencies	52	8	-	290	-	9	20	.	.	40	.	.	20	1	4
5. Conservancy, Road cleaning and Road watering—															
a. i. Establishment	10100	-	2				10130	.	.	10100	.	.	10281	5	-
ii. Other charges such as purchase or hire of carts, dry earth, purchase and maintenance or hire of bullocks, &c. ..	8769	4	5				7000	.	.	9700	.	.	7822	4	4
b. Private scavenging—															
i. Establishment	2611	7	9				2610	.	.	2610	.	.	2538	13	4
ii. Contingencies, such as cost of scavenging carts, &c. ..	230	15	8				50	.	.	50	.	.	27	.	.
c. Cholera charges ..							10	.	.	-	-	-	-	-	-
d. Contingencies	925	14	6				1000	.	.	900	.	.	914	14	.
b. Epidemic & Reserve ..	606	4	1	23243	14	7	-	-	-	750	.	.			
Total, Grant III ..				25571	11	6	22740	.	.	26600	.	.	24088	10	11

Statement II.—Expenditure from the Municipal Fund of the Town of Cotacamund for the official year 1896-97.—cont.

	Actuals of 1896-97. Details of Minor Heads.			Actuals of 1896-97. Totals of Major Heads.			Budget Estimate for 1896-97.			Revised Estimate for 1896-97.			Actuals, 1895-96 (audited figures).		
1	2			3			4			5			6		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
GRANT IV—(*Lighting and Miscellaneous Municipal purposes*).															
1. Lighting—															
a. Establishment	1164	.	.				1160	.	.	1160	.	.	1158	12	2
b. Contingencies	2314	2	10	3478	2	10	1740	.	.	2300	.	.	1960	6	.
2. i. Markets—															
a. Establishment	264	.	.				264	.	.	264	.	.	264	.	.
b. Contingencies	20	11	8	284	11	8	21	.	.	21	.	.	7	2	3
ii. Slaughter-houses—															
a. Establishment	264	.	.				264	.	.	264	.	.	264	.	.
b. Contingencies	9	6	3	273	6	3	21	.	.	21	.	.	8	15	3
3. Choultries—															
a. Establishment	84	.	.				84	.	.	84	.	.	84	.	.
b Contingencies	36	9	1	120	9	1	16	.	.	36	.	.	26	15	5
c. Feeding Travellers															
4. Travellers' bungalows—															
a Establishment															
b. Contingencies															
5. Avenues—															
a. Establishment															
b. Contingencies															
6. Public Garden—															
a. Establishment															
b. Purchase of seeds, repair of well, purchase of bullocks, &c. ..															
7. Survey of land															
8. Fire—															
a. Establishment															
b. Purchase of fire-engine, buckets, repairs, &c.															
9. Other charges—															
i. Work done for private individuals other than private scavenging	1461	12	.				400	.	.	1000	.	.	1812	9	6
Carried forward ..	1461	12	.	4156	13	10	3970	.	.	5150	.	.	5586	12	7

Statement II.—Expenditure from the Municipal Fund of the Town of Cotacamund for the official year 1896-97—cont.

—	Actuals of 1896-97. Details of Minor Heads.	Actuals of 1896-97. Totals of Major Heads.	Budget Estimate for 1896-97.	Revised Estimate for 1896-97.	Actuals, 1895-96 (audited figures).
1	2	3	4	5	6
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Brought forward ..	1461 12 ·	4156 13 10	3970 · ·	5150 · ·	5586 12 7
GRANT IV—(*Lighting and Miscellaneous Municipal purposes*)— cont.					
9. Other Charges—*cont.*					
ii. Rewards for destruction of wild animals and snakes ..	6 · ·		30 · ·	10 · ·	9 · ·
iii. Printing	617 6 10		500 · ·	500 · ·	520 4 ·
iv. Compensation for lands ..					
v. Other items	779 9 ·	2864 11 10	100 · ·	700 · ·	1071 12 10
Total, Grant IV ..		7021 9 8	4600 · ·	6360 · ·	7187 13 5
GRANT V—					
a. General Establishment—					
i. Office Establishment ..	3313 4 9		3325 · ·	3320 · ·	3852 4 2
ii. Inspection	3000 · ·		3000 · ·	3000 · ·	2780 · ·
b. Collection of Municipal Taxes—					
i. Establishment	1379 1 8		1370 · ·	1370 · ·	812 6 5
ii. Purchase of account books, paper, money-boxes, repair to out-posts, &c. ..	374 2 11		285 · ·	300 · ·	367 · 11
c. Collection of Tolls—					
i. Establishment					
ii. Contingencies					
d. Office contingencies other than (*b*) (ii)	547 13 6		400 · ·	500 · ·	448 9 1
e. Contributions for Central office and Audit establishments ..	654 · ·	9268 6 10	520 · ·	650 · ·	580 · ·
Total, Grant V ..		9268 6 10	8900 · ·	9140 · ·	8840 14 7
Repayment of Debt—					
a. Instalments paid during the year.	2352 4 4		2350 · ·	2350 · ·	3174 9 5
b. Invested on account of Sinking Fund (Value of securities purchased)	1900 · ·		1900 · ·	1900 · ·	1900 · ·
c. Charges of investment ..	9 13 10	4262 2 2	200 · ·	200 · ·	184 10 ·
Interest—					
a. On account of last year ..					
b. „ of current years.	6217 11 8	6217 11 8	6220 · ·	6220 · ·	6344 12 1
		10479 13 10	10670 · ·	10670 · ·	11603 15 6

Statement II.—Expenditure from the Municipal Fund of the Town of Cotacamund for the official year 1896-97—cont.

—	Actuals of 1896-97. Details of Minor Heads.	Actuals of 1896-97. Totals of Major Heads.	Budget Estimate for 1896-97.	Revised Estimate for 1896-97.	Actuals, 1895-96 (audited figures).
1	2	3	4	5	6
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Advances recoverable—					
a. Permanent					
b. Others	30 · 11				28 2 6
Refunds of other than current collections ..	1524 2 5		1000 · ·	1800 · ·	1300 8 8
Discount					
Pensions and gratuities					
Investments—					
a. In Government securities for purposes other than Sinking Fund				10,000 · ·	50000 · ·
b. In Madras Bank	100000 · ·	101554 3 4			
Total Expenditure ..		221554 5 5	216740 · ·	242590 · ·	137032 5 7
Balances—					
a. Municipal Fund		36924 5 1	1140 · ·	15580 · ·	34997 2 ·
b. Endowments					
c. Water-tax Fund					
Grand Total ..		238479 4 6	215880 · ·	258170 · ·	172029 7 7

Note to Statement II.

Position of the Municipality of Cotacamund *on 31st March* 1897.

Liabilities.	RS.	Assets.	RS.
Liabilities—		Municipal Balance .. Cash ..	36924-5-1
Balance of Loans	126357-2-6	Securities .. 1692-7-11	
Deposits to be adjusted	2392-9-5	Deposit Balance .. Cash .. In Madras Bank 1792-9-5	2392-9-5
Other Liabilities (in detail)		Securities .. In Madras Bank 599-15-6	
		Sinking Fund of loans	16500-·-·
		Funded Capital of endowed institutions, Hospitals, &c. Investment in Madras Bank	150,000-·-·
		Total ..	205,816-14-6
		Value of Premises, &c.	102462-13-6
		Do. of Tools and plant	11915-11-6
		Do. of Live stock	3570-·-·
		Do. of Furniture	1722-2-·
		Arrears of taxes, &c.	3336-15-2
		Other assets (in detail)	
		Total ..	122947-10-2
		Claims—	
		Advances Recoverable—	
		Permanent advance	55-·-·
		Advances for works, &c.	59-13-5
		Total ..	114-13-5
Total ..	128751-11-11		

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Statement II-A.—Details of Expenditure on Public Works.

Part I.—New Works.

Number.	Project.	Amount of estimate.	Past expenditure.			Expenditure in 1896-97.			Remarks.
1	2	3	4			5			6
		Rs.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
(a)	Communications								
1	Taking Surveys for the								
2	High level road	100"	"	"	"	20	7	-	
3									
	Total ..					20	7	-	
(b)	Buildings Market Improvements.								
1	Paving Cuddapah slabs to Sweetmeat stalls	450				450	-	-	
2									
82	Platform for the fruit stall	350				310	4	6	
3	Constructing meat store room at the mutton stalls	500				473	8	-	
4	Other improvements to Building, table &c at the Beef + mutton stalls	600				227	3	2	1460-15-8
5	Constructing a straw shed at the municipal cartstand	300				255	4	-	
6	Metalling Cartstand	100				99	7	-	
7	do rubbish Cartstand	100				99	5	-	
8	Purchase of 46 dust bins	320				315	9	-	
9	Improvements in the Slaughter Houses	1500				878	2	7	1647-2-7
	Total ..	4220				3108	11	3	

Statement II-A.—Details of Expenditure, &c.—*cont.*

Part I.—New Works.—*cont.*

Number	Project.	Amount of estimate.	Past expenditure.			Expenditure in 1896-97.			Remarks.
1	2	3	4			5			6
		Rs.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
(c)	Drainage								
1	Completing the drain at Markah	126	100	-	-	15	9	7	
2	" old agraharam drain	100	-	-	-	75	-	-	
3	" a drain at Dougherty's lane	20	"	"	-	16	8	-	
4	Payment to the Superintending Engineer 4th Circle on account of the realignment + Construction of the Main Intercepting Sewer	2574 50	-	-	-	2574 50	-	-	× From the balance Govt grant of R 39000 of the Water Supply Improvements
	Total ..	2574 50	100	-	-	2555	1	7	
(d)	Water-supply								
1	Salary to the Ootacamund Water supply improvement Establishment + other charges Connected with its investigations					4333	-	2	
	Total					4333	-	2	× From the balance Govt grant of R 39000 appertaining to Water supply Improvements.
(e)	Miscellaneous Pub: Improvements.								
(1)	Lake Conservancy	320				309	5	-	
(2)	Clearing Lake Channel	40				31	14	6	
(3)	Clearing Stream at Kandal	50				50	-	-	
(4)	Improvement to the Charing cross	300				205	7	6	
	Total ..	710				596	11	-	

Statement II-A.—Details of Expenditure, &c.—*cont.*

PART II.—Repairs.

Number.	Project.	Grant. Rs.	A.	P.	Actual expenditure. Rs.	A.	P.	Remarks.
1	2	3			4			5
(a)	Communications							Total mileage of roads streets, lanes, &c., in the town. 68 1/4
1	Avalanche Road				201	13	.	
2	Baikie House Road				25	6	3	Metalled or Gravelled 41 1/2 / Unmetalled. 26 3/4
3	Bandyshola Road				160	14	3	
4	Beddome's Road				37	12	.	
5	Brickfield Road				71	5	9	Total mileage under maintenance. 68 1/4
6	Butchers' Road				97	9	6	
7	Butchers' lane				86	1	.	Metalled or Gravelled 41 1/2 / Unmetalled. 26 3/4
8	Church hill road to Lock End				531	10	9	
9	Clementson's Road				3	6	.	
10	Commissioner's Library Road				128	12	8	
11	Church hill lane				86	8	.	
12	Dougherty's lane				279	11	6	
13	Dressers' lane				27	6	6	
14	Higgins Road				49	13	6	
15	Etiennes Road				599	14	9	
16	Elk hill Road				98	3	.	
17	Fern hill Road				351	12	5	
18	Hospital Road				213	3	6	
19	Habbards Road				46	12	.	
20	Hobart Park cross Road				130	11	9	
21	Kandal Bazaar Road				170	12	.	
22	Kandal Bazaar lanes				132	.	6	
23	Kelso Road with improvements. Rs 3[illegible]4-4-0.	3			634	7	2	
24	Kodapamund Kotagiri Road				126	13	9	
25	Kotagiri Road				44	12	.	
26	Lawrence Asylum Road				218	6	.	
27	Lovedale Road				209	3	.	
28	Lawristan Road				1	.	.	
29	Longwood lane				38	10	.	
	Carried over—Total ..				4805	-	6.	

Number	Project	Grant	Actual Expenditure
	Brought forward		4805 - 6
30	Main Bazaar Road		339 3 3
31	Metucherry Road		98 13 -
32	Manjinakorai Road		685 9 -
33	Monte Rosa Road		19 7 6
34	Municipal offices road & lane		67 3 6
35	old garden road		196 - -
36	old ooty Road		75 2 9
37	Onslows Road		94 5 3
38	Ottley Road		226 13 6
39	Peytons Road		155 11 6
40	South Lake Road		2087 - 3
41	St. Stephens lane		36 7 6
42	Sheddens Road & Lane		245 14 -
43	Snowdon & Marlimund Road		661 13 9
44	Titicul Road		450 1 -
45	Summer House Road		26 11 -
46	Sykes Road		111 5 3
47	Tudor Hall Road		42 15 6
48	Upper Bazaar Road		254 1 9
49	Westbury & Sigoor Road		532 12 6
50	Woodhouse Road & Lane		203 9 -
51	The Wenlock Road		155 15 -
52	Bishopsdown Branch Road		16 12 -
53	Bishopsdown Bridle path		112 6 -
54	Bandyshola lane		4 6 -
55	Baikie House lane		24 13 6
56	Barbers' lane		17 10 -
57	Bellicul Bridle Road		50 3 3
58	Dodabetta Bridle Road		172 2 -
	Carried over		11970 6 -

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Statement II-A.—Details of Expenditure, &c.—*cont.*

PART II.—Repairs—*cont.*

Number.	Project.	Grant.			Actual expenditure.			Remarks.
1	2	3			4			5
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
(b)	Buildings							
1	Market buildings	450	.	.	421	3	5	
2	Barbers' shed at Mr	50	.	.	43	.	4	
3	Market latrine	10	.	.	1	6	.	
4	Market Chuttrum	50	.	.	47	8	6	
5	Market urinals	10	.	.	7	11	.	
6	Conservancy Cattlesheds	170	.	.	163	3	11	
7	Municipal office	200	.	.	191	11	9	
8	Kandal latrine	10	.	.	6	9	6	
9	Jail Hill latrine	10	.	.	1	.	.	
10	Metuchevy latrine	10	.	.	2	1	.	
11	Agraharam latrine	10	.	.	4	9	.	
12	Metuchevy & B. M. H. School latrine	10	.	.	4	10	.	
13	Barbers' street latrine	10	.	.	6	8	6	
14	Agraharam Chuttrum	25	.	.	22	8	10	
15	Breeks memorial High School	50	.	.	40	5	2	
16	Municipal School and Monigar's Chuttrum	105	.	.	102	7	5	
17	Kandal Cooly lines	90	.	.	84	9	2	
18	Municipal Cartstand Shed	65	.	.	60	8	3	
19	Slaughter Houses	110	.	.	106	15	9	×
20	Repairing the Turf bank at the Cartstands	60	.	.	56	5	1	
21	Dead House at Saint Barkolomew's Hospital	30	.	.	26	6	6	
22	Painting cartstand fence	35	.	.	31	6	.	
	Total ..	1570 ×	.	.	1432	11	1	× as per estimates sanctioned by the Council.

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Statement II-A.—Details of Expenditure, &c.—*cont.*

Part II.—Repairs—*cont.*

Number.	Project.	Grant.			Actual expenditure.			Remarks.
1	2	3			4			5
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
(c)	Drainage							
1	Petty repairs to drains in Main Bazaar & Kandal	80	..	..	71	8	4	
82	Opening & cleaning drain at polo ground	35	..	..	31	10	..	
3	Building stone revetment on upper Bazaar Road	50	..	..	50	..	..	
4	Suit for drain cleaners	10	..	..	8	..	..	
5	House connecting drains at Main & Lower Bazaars.	280	..	..	279	14	3	
6	Flooring catch pit in Lower Bazaar Road	45	..	..	45	10	6	
	Total ..	500	..	..	486	11	1	
(d)	Water-supply							
1	Painting Pillar fountains	30	..	..	26	6	6	
2	Purchase of 5" pipes 12	280	..	..	270	8	6	
3	do Rubber	90	..	..	86	10	..	
4	Painting & whitewashing Dodabetta & Marlimund Reservoir Towers	120	..	..	116	10	..	
5	Two wooden gates at Beverly property	20	..	..	8	14	..	
6	Pillar fountains platforms	135	..	..	131	8	8	
7	Tarring & repairing Via duct	250	..	..	247	8	2	
8	Adam memorial fountain	125	..	..	124	5	..	
9	General repairs	130	..	..	129	10	..	
	Total ..	1180	..	..	1142	..	10	

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments.

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
GRANT I.—2. *c.* Drainage—							
~~Overseers~~ Inspector ..	1	30	..	..	360	..	..
~~Overseers~~ Overseer ..	1	20	..	..	240	..	..
Drain cleaners @ Rs. 8	3	24	..	..	288	..	..
do @ Rs 7	4	28	..	..	336	..	..
do @ Rs 6	3	18	..	..	216	..	..
Total ..	12	120	..	..	1440	..	..
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					41	3	5
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					..	..	..
Balance (Statement II) ..					1398	12	7
d. Water works—							
~~Overseers~~ Water Course Inspector	1	30	..	..	360	..	..
Iron Coolies @ Rs 15	2	30	..	..	360	..	..
Watchmen Luscars @ Rs 8 ..	5	40	..	..	480	..	..
Smith & fitter	1	25	..	..	300	..	..
Temporary water course Inspector for March & for portion of April 96	1	25	..	..	39	..	..
Total ..	10	150	..	..	1539	..	..
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					..	10	8
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..							
Balance (Statement II) ..					1538	5	4
3. General.—							
Overseers for 8 months	1	85	..	..	800	..	..
Horse allowance		15	..	..			
~~Maistries~~ overseer	1	50	..	..	600	..	..
Horse allowance		15	..	..	180	..	..
Surveyor for 9 months	1	50	..	..	450	..	..
Clerk	1	15	..	..	180	..	..
Peon	1	9	..	..	108	..	..
Total ..	5	239	..	..	2318	..	..
Deduct Fines and Stoppages &c. Savings in the Overseers & Surveyors pay					195	7	4
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					..	..	..
Balance (Statement II) ..					2122	8	8

Lake Establishment.

Total.	504 - - -	Inspector	1 -	10 - 0 - 0	120 - 0 - 0
Deduct Fines and stoppages	9 - 10 - 3	Lake cleaners @ Rs 8	3 -	24 - 0 - 0	288 - - - 0
Balance (Statement II)	494 - 5 - 9	Watchman	1	8 - 0 - 0	96 - 0 - 0
			5 -	42 - 0 - 0	504 - - -

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Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments *cont.*

—	Number	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
GRANT II.—EDUCATION—							
1. TRAINING SCHOOLS—							
Pupils receiving scholarships		N-A					
Total ..							
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..							
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..							
Balance (Statement II) ..							
2. MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS— Brecks memorial High School							
a. On the Salary System—							
Head Master	1	300	.	.	3600	.	.
1st Assistant ~~Master~~ for 3 months ..	1	100	.	.	300	.	.
2nd " "	1	80	.	.	960	.	.
3rd assistant	1	60	.	.	720	.	.
Mistress	1	40	.	.	480	.	.
Hindustani Munshi	1	30	.	.	360	.	.
Clerk for 3 months	1	15	.	.	45	.	.
Gymnastic Instructor	1	15	.	.	180	.	.
Peon	1	11	.	.	132	.	.
Watchman	1	8	.	.	96	.	.
Total ..	10	659	.	.	6873	.	.
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					122	2	8
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..							
Balance (Statement II) ..					6750	13	4

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		RS	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
GRANT II.—EDUCATION—*cont.*							
b. On the Salary Result System—Municipal Schools							
Bazaar School.							
Head master	1	20	.	.	240	.	.
1st Assistant	1	15	.	.	180	.	.
2nd assistant	1	12	.	.	144	.	.
Gymnastic Instructo	1	5	.	.	60	.	.
Total	4	52	.	.	624	.	.
Mahomadan School							
	1	15	.	.	180	.	.
Total	1	15	.	.	180	.	.
Kandak School							
	1	12	.	.	144	.	.
Total	1	12	.	.	144	.	.
Total ..	6	79	.	.	948	.	.
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					12	13	1
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					-	.	.
Balance (Statement II) ..					935	2	11

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
GRANT II.—Education—*cont.*							
6. Inspection—							
Inspecting schoolmaster							
Total ..							
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..							
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..							
Balance (Statement II) ..							
7. *b.* Gymnastic Instructors							
Total ..							
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..							
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..							
Balance (Statement II) ..							
c. Drawing Masters							
Total ..							
Deduct Fines and Stoppages .							
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..							
Balance (Statement II) ..							

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
GRANT III.—Sanitation and Medical Services—							
1. Hospitals and Dispensaries—							
Medical Subordinates							
„ „							
Midwife	1	15	-	-	180	-	-
Clerk							
Compounder							
Servants							
„							
„							
Total ..	1	15	-	-	180	-	-
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					-	-	-
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					-	-	-
Balance (Statement II) ..					180	-	-

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
GRANT III.—Sanitation and Medical Services—*cont.*							
3. Vaccination—							
Vaccinators	1	18	.	.	216	.	.
Peons							
Total ..	1	18	.	.	216	.	.
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					.	.	.
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					.	.	.
Balance (Statement II) ..					216	.	.
4. Registration—							
Registrars	1	20	.	.	240	.	.
Peons							
Total ..	1	20	.	.	240	.	.
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					2	7	3
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					.	.	.
Balance (Statement II) ..					237	8	9

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		Rs	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
GRANT III.—Sanitation and Medical Services—*cont.*							
5. *a.* "Conservancy, Road-cleaning and Road-watering."—							
~~Sanitary~~ ~~Nuisance~~ Inspectors	1	60	.	.	720	.	.
Horse allowance		15	.	.	180	.	.
" Overseer	1	20	.	.	240	.	.
" Maistry	1	15	.	.	180	.	.
~~Maistries~~ Maistries @ Rs 12	2	24	.	.	288	.	.
~~Scavengers~~ Do @ Rs 10	3	30	.	.	360	.	.
Sweepers @ Rs 8	33	264	.	.	3168	.	.
~~Do~~ @ Rs 7	35	245	.	.	2940	.	.
Do @ Rs 6	22	132	.	.	1584	.	.
Depot keepers @ Rs 7	6	42	.	.	504	.	.
Total ..	104	847	.	.	10164	.	.
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					63	15	10
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..							
Balance (Statement II) ..					10100	.	2

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
GRANT III.—Sanitation and Medical Services—*cont.*							
b. Private Scavenging—							
Inspectors	1	35	.	.	420	.	.
~~Maistries~~ Horse allowance for 11 month		15	.	.	165	.	.
Maistry	1	15	.	.	180	.	.
~~Scavengers~~ Maistry	1	10	.	.	120	.	.
Scavengers @ Rs 8	10	80	.	.	960	.	.
do @ Rs 7	5	35	.	.	420	.	.
do @ Rs 6	5	30	.	.	360	.	.
Total ..	23	220	.	.	2625	.	.
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					13	8	3
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					1	.	.
Balance (Statement II) ..					2611	7	9
GRANT IV.—Lighting and Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes—							
1. Lighting—							
~~Superintendents~~ Inspector ..	1	15	.	.	180	.	.
Paid by ~~Masalchies~~ Maistry Lighter ..	1	10	.	.	120	.	.
Re Contractor Lighters @ Rs 9	8	72	.	.	864	.	.
Total ..	10	97	.	.	1164	.	.
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..							
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..							
Balance (Statement II)	Paid to the Contractor less salary & ration by inspector.				1164	.	.

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		Rs	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
GRANT IV.—Lighting and Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes—*cont*							
2. i. Markets—							
~~Superintendents~~ Sergeant ..	1	15	.	.	180	.	.
Servants	1	7	.	.	84	.	.
Total ..	2	22	.	.	264	.	.
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					.	.	.
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					.	.	.
Balance (Statement II) ..					264	.	.
ii. Slaughter-houses—							
~~Superintendents~~ Sergeant ..	1	15	.	.	180	.	.
Servants	1	7	.	.	84	.	.
Total ..	2	22	.	.	264	.	.
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					.	.	.
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					.	.	.
Balance (Statement II) ..					264	.	.
3. Choultries—							
~~Servants~~ Monigar ..	1	5	.	.	60	.	.
Sweeper	1	2	.	.	24	.	.
Total ..	2	7	.	.	84	.	.
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					.	.	.
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					.	.	.
Balance (Statement II) ..					84	.	.

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
GRANT IV.—Lighting and Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes—*cont.*							
4. Travellers' Bungalows—							
Maty							
Servants		Nil					
Total ..							
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..							
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..							
Balance (Statement II) ..							
5. Avenues—							
Servants		Nil					
Total ..							
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..							
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..							
Balance (Statement II) ..							
6. Public Garden—							
Gardeners		Nil					
Total ..							
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..							
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..							
Balance (Statement II) ..							

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
GRANT IV—Lighting and Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes—*cont.*							
8. Fire—							
Servants'		Nil					
Total ..							
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..							
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..							
Balance (Statement II) ..							
9.—							
		Nil					

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
GRANT V.—*a.* General Establishment—							
i. Office—							
~~Manager~~ .. Chief clerk ..	1	80	.	.	960	.	.
~~Clerks~~ .. Head accountkeeper ..	1	50	.	.	600	.	.
„ .. Clerk + Read keeper ..	1	40	.	.	480	.	.
„ .. Assistant accountant clerk + Storekeeper ..	1	35	.	.	420	.	.
Accountants .. Correspondence clerk ..	1	25	.	.	300	.	.
Peons .. Despatching clerk ..	1	20	.	.	240	.	.
Peons @ Rs 9	3	27	.	.	324	.	.
Total ..	9	277	.	.	3324	.	.
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..					10	11	5
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..							
Balance (Statement II) ..					3313	14	7
ii. Inspection—							
Chairman's salary ~~or carriage allowance~~ ..	1	250	.	.	3000	.	.
Total ..	1	250	.	.	3000	.	.
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..							
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..							
Balance (Statement II) ..							

Statement II-B.—Details of Municipal Establishments—*cont.*

—	Number.	Salary per mensem.			Salary per annum.		
1	2	3			4		
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
GRANT V.—*a.* General Establishment—*cont.*							
b. Collection—							
~~Clerks~~ .. Cash keeper ..	1	45	.	.	540	.	.
~~Bill Collectors~~ .. Bill Collector ..	1	20	.	.	240	.	.
~~Peons~~ .. .. .. do	1	18	.	.	216	.	.
.. .. .. do	1	16	.	.	192	.	.
.. .. .. do	1	15	.	.	180	.	.
Total ..	5	114	.	.	1368	.	.
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..						7	9
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..					11	9	5
Balance (Statement II) ..					1379	1	8
c. Collection of tolls—							
Inspectors							
Gate-keepers							
Total ..							
Deduct Fines and Stoppages ..							
Add arrears for last year paid this year ..							
Balance (Statement II) ..							

Nil

W. Ramsay
Chairman.

STATEMENT III.—*Municipality of* Colaba Municipality Abstract of Deposits Account for the year 1896-97.

	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
Balance brought forward ..	1980	10	6				
1981							
1. Deposits by appellants	2024	2	4	1. Credited to Municipal Funds ..	2125	3	2
				2. Returned to appellants			
2. Deposits by renters							
				3. Returned to renters			
3. Deposits by contractors	610	.	.				
				4. Returned to contractors	270	.	.
4. Deposits as security by municipal servants	127	1	3				
				5. Returned to municipal servants ..	80	.	.
5. Deposited for the execution of work for which private parties are liable. .							
				6. Returned to parties	2	.	.
6. Other deposits under the Act or bye-laws	408	15	10	7. Paid to claimants	281	1	4
				2393 / 36.924 / 39.317			
				2758 Total ..	2758	4	6
3170 Total, Receipts ..	3170	3	5	2393 Balance ..	2392	9	5
5151 Total, including balance ..	5150	13	11	5151 Total ..	5150	13	11

W. Barnett
Chairman.

STATEMENT IV-A.—*Municipality of* Ootacamund Demand, Collection and Balance tatement for the year 1896-97.

Current.

Tax.	Demand as originally assessed by the Chairman.			Remitted by the Council on appeal.			Demand as finally settled (column 2 *minus* column 3).			Collected.			Remitted on account of vacant houses, &c.			Written off as irrecoverable.			Balance (column 4 *minus* columns 5, 6 and 7).		
1	2			3			4			5			6			7			8		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Tax on arts, &c.	3308	8	-	-	-	-	3308	8	-	3037	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	271	-	-
2. Tax on buildings	30640	16	7	449	10	8	30190	15	11	28295	-	-	156	4	8	-	-	-	1739	11	3
3. Tax on lands	845	13	-	-	-	-	845	13	-	776	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69	12	-
4. Water-tax on buildings and lands ..	5801	11	6	-	-	-	5801	11	6	5424	6	11	20	12	10	-	-	-	356	7	9
5. Tolls (gross receipts)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. Market rents	8985	13	4	-	-	-	8985	13	4	8985	13	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. Slaughter-house fees	4612	8	-	-	-	-	4612	8	-	4612	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Rent of cart-stands	1530	-	-	-	-	-	1530	-	-	1530	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9. Private scavenging fees	5767	12	-	-	-	-	5767	12	-	5655	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	112	8	-
Total ..	61492	12	5	449	10	8	61043	1	9	58316	9	3	177	1	6	-	-	-	2549	7	-

Chairman

Statement IV-B.—Arrears.

—	Balance of old demand.			Arrears of previous year.			Total demand.			Collected.			Remitted.			Written off.			Balance (column 4 *minus* columns 5, 6 and 7).			Years to which the balance relates.			
1	2			3			4			5			6			7			8			9			
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P	Rs.	A.	P.	A.	B.	C.	&c.
1. Tax on arts, &c.	202	-	-	285	-	-	487	-	-	200	-	-	94	-	-	31	-	-	162	-	-	92-93 — 1-8-0 93-94 - 14- - - 94-95 - 79- - - 95-96 - 76-8-0			
2. Tax on buildings	741	3	10	1022	9	4	1763	13	2	1165	1	9	12	1	2	173	3	-	413	7	3	92-93 — 9-12-0 93-94 - 64-2-0 94-95 - 307-7-0 95-96 - 232-3-3			
3. Tax on lands	-	-	-	501	11	10	501	11	10	383	1	-	80	6	10	-	-	-	38	4	-	95-96			
4. Water-tax on buildings and lands ..	95	14	10	137	-	10	1232	15	8	143	-	4	1	9	9	11	0	8	77	4	11	92-93 — 1-4-10 93-94 - 4-8-10 94-95 - 26-4-8 95-96 - 44-8-7			
5. Tolls																									
6. Market rents																									
7. Slaughter-house fees																									
8. Rent of cart-stands																									
9. Private scavenging fees	476	6	-	88	8	-	564	14	-	126	-	-	162	11	-	179	11	-	96	8	-	93-94 - 55-12-— 94-95 - 25-12-0 95-96 - 15- - 6			
Total ..	1515	8	8	2034	14	-	3550	6	8	2017	3	1	350	12	9	394	14	8	787	8	2	-	-	-	

Appendix A to Statements IV-A and IV-B.

Taxes.	Warrants remaining unexecuted at the beginning of the year.		Warrants issued during the year.		Total.		Warrants executed and warrants cancelled during the year.		Warrants remaining unexecuted at the close of the year.		Cancelled warrants on which no collections were made.		Collected after issue of warrants, but before distraint.		Property distrained, but not sold.		Property sold.	
	Number.	Amount involved.	Number.	Amount involved.	Number.	Amount involved.	Number.	Amount involved.	Number.	Amount involved.	Number of cases	Amount involved.	Number of cases.	Amount.	Number of cases.	Amount realized on distraint.	Number of cases.	Amount realized by sale.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
1. Tax on arts, &c. ..	100	183 8 -	371	1111 8 -	471	1295 - -	296	967 - -	175	328 - -	29	123 8 -	267	843 8 -	-	- - -	-	- - -
2. Tax on buildings ..	162	541 7 5	592	8439 15 5	754	8981 6 10	370	6983 8 4	384	1997 14 6	1	54 - -	349	6929 8 4	-	- - -	-	- - -
3. Tax on lands ..	-	- - -	33	180 7 10	33	180 7 10	9	89 5 10	24	91 2 -	1	17 4 -	8	72 1 10	-	- - -	-	- - -
4. Water-tax on buildings and lands ..	152	70 2 7	552	1620 14 2	704	1701 - 9	356	1321 8 11	348	379 7 10	-	- - -	356	1321 8 11	-	- - -	-	- - -
5. Tax on vehicles with springs and palanquins ..	10	76 - -	30	647 12 -	40	723 12 -	10	575 - -	30	208 12 -	1	12 - -	9	503 - -	-	- - -	-	- - -
6. Tax on animals ..	5	10 4 -	46	62 12 -	51	73 - -	14	29 8 -	37	43 8 -	-	- - -	14	29 8 -	-	- - -	-	- - -
7. Tax on carts, &c ..	-	- - -																
Total ..	429	881 6 -	1624	12073 5 5	2053	12954 11 5	1055	9905 15 1	998	3048 12 4	32	206 12 -	1023	9699 3 1	-	- - -	-	- - -

Appedix B to Statements IV-A and IV-B.

Taxes.	Prosecutions instituted.		Collections before judgment.		Collections after judgment.		Prosecutions withdrawn or dimissed.		Balance.	
	Number of cases.	Amount involved.	Number of cases.	Amount collected	Number of cases.	Amount collected.	Number of cases.	Amount involved.	Number of cases.	Amount involved.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
1. Tax on arts, &c.	14 39	19 - - 49 8 -	53	68 8 -	-	- - -	53	68 8 -	-	- - -
2 Tax on buildings.	72 32	176 1 6 62 15 6	80	182 5 -	-	- - -	80	182 5 -	24	56 12 -
3. Tax on lands ..	-	- - -	-	- - -	-	- - -	-	- - -	-	- - -
4. Water-tax on buildings and lands ..	75 32	25 9 11 7 5 8	83	25 2 8	-	- - -	83	25 2 8	24	7 12 11
5. Tax on vehicles with springs and palanquins ..	5	16 - -	4	8 8 -	-	- - -	4	8 8 -	1	7 8 -
6 Tax on animals ..										
7. Tax on carts and other vehicles without springs.										
Total ..	269	356 8 7	220	284 7 8	-	- - -	220	284 7 8	49	72 - 11

G. B. Bennett
Chairman

Statement V-A.—Showing the Statistics of Municipal Schools in the Municipality of Polacamund for the official year 1896-97.

STATEMENT V-A.—Showing the Statistics of Municipal Schools in the Municipality of Cocacanund for the official year 1896-97.

Schools.	Number of schools.				Number on rolls on 31st March 1897.		Average number on the rolls monthly during the year.	Receipts.					Expenditure.									Net cost to municipality.	Average net cost per pupil in each class of municipal schools.	Remarks.
	At the beginning of the year	Opened during the year.	Closed in the year.	At the close of the year.	Boys.	Girls.		Grants from Provincial Funds.	Grants from Local Funds.	School fees.	Other receipts.	Total.	Teachers. Fixed salary.	Teachers. Results stipends.	Teachers. School fees.	Clerks and servants.	Stipends and scholarships.	Library furniture, apparatus and appliances.	Contingencies and miscellaneous.	Total.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
								Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
I.—Colleges																							
II.—Upper Secondary Schools and Departments.																							
(1) Breeks memorial (2) High School (3)	1	-	-	1	13	-	9	1820 - -	- - -	719 14 -	250 - -	2789 14 -	311 6 7	- - -	- - -	33 14 5	- - -	79 6 10	34 15 6	3264 6 4	475 2 4	52 12 8½	
Total ...	1	-	-	1	13	-	9	1820 - -	- - -	719 14 -	250 - -	2789 14 -	311 6 7	- - -	- - -	33 14 5	- - -	79 6 10	34 15 6	3264 6 4	475 2 4	52 12 8½	
III.—Lower Secondary Schools and Departments.																							
(a) Salary System— (1) Breeks M. H. School (2) (3)	1	-	-	1	21	-	17	890 - -	- - -	930 12 -	225 - -	2045 12 -	1765 15 6	- - -	- - -	64 - 6	- - -	150 - 7	66 - 11	2246 1 6	200 5 6	11 12 7	
Total ...	1	-	-	1	21	-	17	890 - -	- - -	930 12 -	225 - -	2045 12 -	1765 15 6	- - -	- - -	64 - 6	- - -	150 - 7	66 - 11	2246 1 6	200 5 6	11 12 7	
(b) Salary-results System— (1) (2) (3)																							
Total ...																							
Total, Colleges and Secondary Schools	2	-	-	2	34	-	26	2710 - -	- - -	1650 - -	475 - -	4835 - -	5062 1 1	- - -	- - -	97 14 11	- - -	229 7 5	101 - 5	5510 7 10	675 7 10	25 13 8	
IV.—Primary Schools and Departments.																							
(a) Salary System— (1) Breeks M. H. School (2) (3)	1	-	-	1	46	-	37	800 - 10	- - -	945 12 -	400 - -	1845 12 10	1431 7 7	- - -	- - -	139 5 9	- - -	256 6 11	143 12 3	1971 - 6	125 3 8	3 6 2	
Total ...	1	-	-	1	46	-	37	800 - 10	- - -	945 12 -	400 - -	1845 12 10	1431 7 7	- - -	- - -	139 5 9	- - -	256 6 11	143 12 3	1971 - 6	125 3 8	3 6 2	

Statement V-A.—Showing the Statistics of Municipal Schools in the Municipality of Coimbatore for the official year 1896-97—*cont.*

Schools.	Number of schools: At the beginning of the year.	Number of schools: Opened during the year.	Number of schools: Closed in the year.	Number of schools: At the close of the year.	Number on rolls on 31st March 1897: Boys.	Number on rolls on 31st March 1897: Girls.	Average number on the rolls monthly during the year.	Receipts: Grants from Provincial Funds.	Receipts: Grants from Local Funds.	Receipts: School fees.	Receipts: Other receipts.	Receipts: Total.	Expenditure: Teachers: Fixed salary.	Expenditure: Teachers: Results stipends.	Expenditure: Teachers: School fees.	Expenditure: Clerks and servants.	Expenditure: Stipends and scholarships.	Expenditure: Library furniture, apparatus and appliances.	Expenditure: Contingencies and miscellaneous.	Expenditure: Total.	Net cost to municipality.	Average net cost per pupil in each class of municipal schools.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
								Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
IV.- Primary Schools and Departments—*cont.*																							
(*b*) Salary-results System—																							
(1) Bazaar School	1	-	-	1	52	-	49	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	611 3 2	154 6 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	24 - -	51 14 4	846 7 6	846 7 6	17 4 5	+ includes Rs 30
(2) Mahomedan School	1	-	-	1	13	-	20	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	179 15 9	27 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	103 4 6	285 11 3	285 11 3	14 4 7	for 1895-96
(3) Kandal School	1	-	-	1	37	-	31	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	144 - -	47 10 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	30 11 3	222 5 3	222 5 3	7 2 9	
Total ...	3	-	-	3	102	-	100	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	935 2 11	209 7 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	24 - -	185 14 1	1354 8 -	1354 8 -	13 8 9	
Total, Primary Schools ...	4	-	-	4	148	-	137	500 - 10	- - -	945 12 -	400 - -	1845 12 10	2366 10 6	209 7 -	- - -	139 5 9	- - -	280 6 11	329 10 4	3325 8 6	4179 11 8	10 12 10	
VI.—Special Schools.																							
(1)																							
(2)																							
(3)																							
Total ...																							
Grand Total of Colleges and Schools	6	-	-	6	182	-	163	3210 - 10	- - -	2595 12 -	875 - -	6801 12 10	7463 11 7	209 7 -	- - -	237 4 8	- - -	509 14 4	630 10 9	8836 - 4	8155 3 6	13 3 7	

Foot-note to Statement V-A.

Number of Students from Municipal Institutions who appeared for and passed the several examinations during the year.

Examinations.	Number of Students examined.	Number of Students passed.
First in Arts	-	-
Matriculation	1	-
Upper Secondary	-	-
Lower Secondary or Seventh Standard.	6	1
Sixth Standard	-	-
Fifth Standard	-	-
Primary or Fourth Standard	9	7
Third Standard	11	11
Second Standard	17	17
First Standard	22	18
Infant Standard	24	16
	90	70.

G. Ramaiah
Chairman

STATEMENT V-B.—Showing the Statistics of Aided Schools in the Municipality of Cocanada for the official year 1896-97.

Schools.	Number of Schools.				Number on rolls on 31st March 1897.		Number of pupils examined in results grants schools.	Number of pupils found qualified for results grants.	Full amount of results grants earned.	Amount of results grants passed for payment.	Amount of results grants disbursed.			Amount of salary grants disbursed.	Total expenditure from Municipal funds, columns 14 and 15.	Remarks.
	At the beginning of the year.	Opened during the year.	Closed during the year.	At the close of the year.	Boys.	Girls.					For current year.	For previous year.	Total.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
A. Salary Grant Schools.									Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
(a) Secondary schools ..																
(1) St Joseph's school	1	-	-	1	60	-	-	-	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	430 - -	430 - -	
(2) Wesleyan Mission School	1	-	-	1	65	-	-	-	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	
(3)																
Total ..	2	-	-	2	65	-	-	-	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	430 - -	430 - -	
(b) Primary schools ...																
(1) St Joseph's school	1	-	-	1	151	-	-	-	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	426 - -	426 - -	
(2) Wesleyan Mission school	1	-	-	1	73	-	-	-	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	187 - -	187 - -	
(3)																
Total ..	2	-	-	2	224	-	-	-	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	613 - -	613 - -	
Total of Salary Grant Schools ..	4	-	-	4	289	-	-	-	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	1043 - -	1043 - -	

Statement V-B.—Showing the Statistics of Aided Schools in the Municipality of Ootacamund for the official year 1896-97—*cont.*

Schools.	Number of Schools. At the beginning of the year.	Opened during the year.	Closed during the year.	At the close of the year.	Number on rolls on 31st March 1897. Boys.	Girls.	Number of pupils examined in results grants schools.	Number of pupils found qualified for results grants.	Full amount of results grants earned. Rs.	A.	P.	Amount of results grants passed for payment. Rs.	A.	P.	Amount of results grants disbursed. For current year. Rs.	A.	P.	For previous year. Rs.	A	P.	Total. Rs.	A.	P.	Amount of salary grants disbursed. Rs.	A.	P.	Total expenditure from Municipal funds, columns 14 and 15. Rs.	A	P.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			11			12			13			14			15			16			17
B. Results Grants Schools, *i.e.*, Schools actually examined for results grants—																														
(*a*) Secondary Schools—																														
(1) Metucherri (2) Church Mission (3) School	-	1	-	1	15	-	4	3	54	-	-	54	-	-	54	-	-	-	-	-	54	-	-	-	-	-	54	-	-	Rate at which grant was paid. Maximum
Total ..	-	1	-	1	15	-	4	3	54	-	-	54	-	-	54	-	-	-	-	-	54	-	-	-	-	-	54	-	-	
(*b*) Primary Schools ..																														
Metucherri Church Mission	1	-	-	1	114	-	55	32	218	7	-	103	7	8	103	7	8	-	-	-	103	7	8	-	-	-	103	7	8	
Kandal do	1	-	-	1	89	-	45	40	148	0	-	81	8	1	81	8	1	-	-	-	81	8	1	-	-	-	81	8	1	
Bandyshola do	1	-	-	1	56	17	40	30	77	10	-	44	13	11	44	13	11	-	-	-	44	13	11	-	-	-	44	13	11	
Old Ootacamund do	1	-	-	1	18	19	26	18	27	15	-	16	2	4	16	2	4	-	-	-	16	2	4	-	-	-	16	2	4	
Total ..	4	-	-	4	277	36	166	120	465	-	-	246	-	-	246	-	-	-	-	-	246	-	-	-	-	-	246	-	-	
Total of Results Grants Schools.	4	1	-	5	292	36	170	123	519	-	-	300	-	-	300	-	-	-	-	-	300	-	-	-	-	-	300	-	-	
Grand Total of Aided Schools..	8	1	-	9	581	36	170	123	519	-	-	300	-	-	300	-	-	-	-	-	300	-	-	1043	-	-	1343	-	-	

Foot-note.

Details of building and furniture grants (Grant 2, Statement I-B).

Names of Schools.	Amount of grant.	Purpose for which made.
Church Mission School Metucherri	38-4--	Furniture grant
do — do	40----	Rent grant
	78-4--	

W. Ramsay
Chairman

STATEMENT VI-A.—Showing the Budget Grants with subsequent Additions and Deductions for the Town of
for the year 189 6-97.

(To be prepared in accordance with the instructions in G.O., dated 4th June 1892, No. 978 M.)

Items of Expenditure.	Original budget grant as sanctioned by Government.			Subsequent additions.			Subsequent deductions.			Total grant.			Authority for the additions and deductions shown in columns 3 and 4.
1	2			3			4			5			6
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	
Entries as per Statement II wherever there is alteration ..													
Grant I. 2. Repairs (d) Water supply													G. O. no. 1186 M. mis. dated 13th July 1896
" Establishment	1500	.	.	14	.	.	-	.	.	1514	.	.	Rs 26. the excess over the amount in Statement II having been due to the payment of salary to the assistant Inspector for march in april 1896.
Grant II. 2. Municipal Schools.													
(a) Establishment	6500	.	.	100	.	.	.	.	.	6600	.	.	G. O. no. 1425 M. mis. dated 24 August 96
				345	.	.				6945	.	.	G. O. no. 324 M. mis. dated 27 February 97.

Statement VI-A.—Showing the Budget Grants with subsequent Additions and Deductions for the Town of for the year 189 -9 —*continued.*

(To be prepared in accordance with the instructions in G.O., dated 4th June 1892, No. 978 M.)

Items of expenditure.	Original budget grant as sanctioned by Government.			Subsequent additions.			Subsequent deductions.			Total grant.			Authority for the additions and deductions shown in columns 3 and 4
1	2			3			4			5			6
	RS	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	

Nil

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Statement VII.—Tolls.

Number of toll-gates.	Whether collection of tolls is leased out or managed departmentally.	Amount of collections.	Expenditure on				Balance (column 3 *minus* column 7.)	Share due to the District Board.	Amount paid to the District Board.	Balance, if any, due to the District Board and date on which it was paid.
			Works.	Establishment.	Contingencies.	Total.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.

Nil

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STATEMENT V.III—Loans.

Amount of loan and rate of interest.	For what purpose and terms on which obtained and year in which taken.	Date of Government sanction.	Amount re-paid. Up to 31st March 1896. Number of years.	Amount re-paid. Up to 31st March 1896. Amount.	Amount re-paid. In 1896-97.	Amount transferred to Sinking Fund. Up to 31st March 1896. Number of years.	Amount transferred to Sinking Fund. Up to 31st March 1896. Amount.	Amount transferred to Sinking Fund. In 1896-97.	Invested out of the total amount transferred up to end of 1896-97. In Government Securities.	Invested out of the total amount transferred up to end of 1896-97. In the Savings Bank.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Government Loans.										
(1) Rs 17500. @ 4¼ per cent	For kandal drainage taken in 91-92 repayable by annual payments including interest of Rs 1316.	G. O. Financial dated 11th June 91 no. 443.	4	2439 1 8	675 14 8		Balance loan			
2) Rs 43000 4¼ p.c.	For South water supply taken in 91-92 repayable by annual payments including interest of Rs 3234	G. O. M. Mis. dated 19 February 92 No 335	4	6349 7 6	1676 5 8					
3) Rs 10000 Rs 70,500	For Mis: Sanitary works payable in 10 years @ Rs 1000 Exclusive of interest	G. O. no. 352 M. Mis dated 2nd March 97.			2352 4 4					
Private Loans.										
4. Rs 50,000 6 per cent	For municipal market repayable in 20 years by Sinking Fund investments. In 84-85.	G. O. no. 1992 dated 27 August 84				11	13800 - -	1500 - -	15300 - -	
6) Rs 10,000 6 p.c.	—do— in 86-87	G. O. Dated 9 October 86. M.				9				
6. Rs 7000. 6 p.c. Rs 67000	For the municipal office repayable in 17 years by Sinking Fund investments in 1893—94	G. O. no. 1087 M. Mis dated 19 August 93				2	800 - -	400 - -	1200 - -	
137,500		Total Rupees		8788 9 2	2352 4 4		14600 - -	1900 - -	16500 - -	

Rs deposit in the Savings Bank has been withdrawn and credited to the municipal funds, under instructions from the Inspector of Local Fund accounts.

W. Hammett
Chairman

STATEMENT IX.—Showing the Incidence of the House-tax.

Name of Municipality.	Total Number of houses, as per census (occupied and unoccupied).	Number of houses on the municipal register out of the number in column 2.	Assessed. Under 8 Annas. Number.	Under 8 Annas. Amount.	8 Annas to Rs. 1½. Number.	8 Annas to Rs. 1½. Amount.	Rs. 1½ to Rs. 5. Number.	Rs. 1½ to Rs. 5. Amount.	Rs. 5 to Rs. 15. Number.	Rs. 5 to Rs. 15. Amount.	Rs. 15 to Rs. 30. Number.	Rs. 15 to Rs. 30. Amount.	Rs. 30 and above. Number.	Rs. 30 and above. Amount.	Total. Number.	Total. Amount.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
Cotacamund	5374	2485	14	6 8 -	644	620 15 6	1002	2602 11 4	222	1787 12 10	89	1893 3 10	267	23279 12 5	2238	30190 15 11

W. Hammett
Chairman

STATEMENT X-A.—Showing the particulars of Sel ections held in the Municipality of Otacamund, in 1896 - 97.

Name of the wards, if any, into which the town is divided.	Population.	Number of registered voters.	Date of election.	Number of seats filled by election	Whether election was contested or not and the number of seats contested	If contested, number of voters who went to the poll.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.						
2.						
3. O. M. C.	17053	840.	28 October 1896	1	Yes - 1	127
4. (no wards)		(2)	24 February 1897	1	Yes - 1	204
5		(3)	25 March 1897	1	Yes - 1	107
6.						
7.						
8.						
9.						
10						
Total ..		840	"	3	3	"

STATEMENT XI. – Furnishing information regarding Municipal markets, houses served by the private scavenging agency, number of latrines and of lights, &c., in the Town of Otacamund for the year 1896 - 97.

Area of Municipality in square miles.	Name of Municipal markets.	Whether collection of fees, rents, &c., was leased out or managed departmentally.	Number of houses served by the private scavenging agency on the registers on 31st March 1897.	Number of public latrines on 31st March 1896.	Number of latrines constructed in 1896-97.	Number of latrines demolished in 1896-97.	Number of latrines on 31st March 1897.	Number of lamps on 31st March 1896.	Number of lamps put up in 1896-97.	Number of lamps removed in 1896-97.	Number of lamps on 31st March 1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
11 Sq. Miles	Otacamund										
"	Municipal market	Leased annually		48 Latrines	-	"	48 Latrines				
				6 urinals	"	2	4 urinals	251	10	-	261.
				Dust Bins 171	Purchased 46	unserviceable 47. being worn out by age & gone to pieces.	170.				

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STATEMENT XII – Showing particulars regarding the number of patients treated, &c., in the Town of during the year 189 - 9 .

Name of hospital and dispensary.	Patients treated.			Number and name of midwives employed.	Number of labour cases attended by the midwives.	Date and Number of G.O. sanctioning rules for the treatment of the sick under section 127 of Act IV of 1884.
	In	Out.	Total.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Nil			

STATEMENT XIII.—Showing the Statistics of Vaccination and of Births and Deaths registered in the Town of Cuttack during the year 1896-97.

Number of births registered.	Number of deaths registered.	Number of prosecutions instituted for failure to register births or deaths.	Name of Medical subordinates and vaccinators performing vaccine operations.	Number of operations performed.		Number of successful operations.		Number of operations with animal lymph.	Number of successful operations with animal lymph.	Number of prosecutions instituted for failure to have children vaccinated.	Remarks.
				Below one year of age.	Above one year of age.	Below one year of age.	Above one year of age.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Medical Subordinates								
			1								
591	483	35	2		Nil						
			3								
			Total ..								
			Municipal Vaccinators								
			1 1st Class Vaccinator	575	585	575	584	1160	1159	196.	
			2								
			3								
			Total ..	575	585	575	584	1160	1159	196	
			Grand Total ..	575	585	575	584	1160	1159	196.	

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Cholera Charges

rent - Showing the Charges incurred for combating Cholera Ep. 35
e Notacarmund Municipality including cost of emp
enable Staff &c.

1896	Voucher No.	Particulars	Expenditure incurred
October	14	By payment to the Postal Department for V.P.P. for 7 lbs of perchloride of Mercury received from Messrs. Abbutt & Co., Calcutta.	24 8 .
"	16	Cost of 12 buckets for Cholera precautionary measures	14 13 .
"	28	Cholera Charges including Rs 8 for destroying fish	13 4 .
"	30	Cost of materials for erecting Isolation Sheds	79 9 2
November + December	697	Horse Allowance for Brahmins Yusuf Sanitary Inspector on Cholera duty	10 10 3
	700	Temporary Establishment for Cholera duty	39 5 8
	706	For payment to Coolies for erecting Cholera Sheds	41 2 6
	711	" " "	3 . .
	720	By payment to Messrs. Smith & Sons for medicines	33 2 .
	722	By payment to the Compounder	26 . .
	727	By payment to Mr. G.W. Moorehead. compensation for 2 blankets destroyed	13 . .
	741	Cholera Charges (Sundries)	1 6 6
	742	By disbursement of wages to extra sweepers employed on Cholera duty	5 3 11 3
	747	By payment to Messrs. Boesinger & Co. for medicines	82 10 .
	751	By payment to Extra Sweepers employed on Cholera duty	22 . .
	825	Cholera Charges including cost of 1 bottle of brandy	7 12 .
	905	By payment of Salary for Cholera Estt	15 5 4
	906	Do. . . Horse allowance for Sanitary Inspector	4 5 9
		Do. . . to Temporary Cholera Estt	6 10 8
		Do. to Dr. Cook for Cholera Expenses	49 8 .
		Dr. in December to Cholera Estt	4 . .

carried over 545 12 1

ument showing the cost of preventive Staff &c: engaged for Cholera Epidemic in the Cotacamund Municipality from 9th October 1896.

No.	Particulars	Expenditure incurred		
	Mr. K. Brunston as Sub Inspector for 20 days in October from the 12th @ Rs 20	12	14	5
	do — do. — for 12 days in November	8	..	
	Mr. A. Fretwell as Sub Inspector for 19 days in October @ Rs 20	12	4	2
	do. — do 11 days in November	7	5	4
	C. Francis as Sub Inspector for 22 days in October @ Rs 20	14	3	1
	do. — do. for 10 days in November	6	10	8
	Mr. Thomas Lyons as Sanitary Inspector - horse Allowance for 1 month @ Rs 15	15	..	
4	Coolies employed for 16 days in October, 1 for 12 days in November @ 5 - 8	3/22	..	
4	Nera Sweepers @ 7 Rs			
4	— do — @ 6 Rs			
	Extra Charges for 5 @ 2 Rs			
	do .. 1 @ 1 Re	57	11	3
1	Compounder @ 1 Re per diem (at the Isolation Shed)	26	..	
	Hospital Assistant			
	Adjustment of advance made to the Hospital Assistant	25	..	
	Amount paid in Bray towards travelling Allowance of do —	9	16	Paid on the 5th May 1897.
	Cholera Allowance	11	3	9
		227	6	2

The delay in the submission of the Statements for sanction of the Government was due to the non receipt of the necessary particulars for the payments of salary & allowances due to the Hospl Assts.

Cotacamund
26th June '97

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1896 Voucher No.	Particulars	Expenditure incurred		
	B. F.	545	12	1
1247	Epidemic Reserve	6	..	
1240	do do	1	..	
1053	Compensation for burning Clothes	3	..	
1340	Cholera Shed	26	8	
1341	Salary to Upendra Prabhu Hospital Assd on Cholera duty	25	..	
	Amount spent in 96-97	Rs	606	4 1
	do — 97-98	Rs	20	5 3
	Total Rs		626	9 4

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tatistics in the Ottacammund Municipality for 189

	189 7.		
	Number of Schools.	Number of pupils on 31st March.	
		Boys.	Girls.
	1	80	
	3	418	
	2	90	28
	3	102	
	2	36	32
	2	145	17
	2	46	16

REMARKS.

The variations noticeable in figures are due to the changes mentioned below.

1. The Municipal Dunkanaad School was closed on the 28th February 1897 declined considerably in its attendance during the year and it had to be transferred to a Chetti school in this village. Kandal with the exception of 15 pupils who continued to attend it till the end of the year.

2. A school for European children was opened in 95-96 and transferred to Municipal management under the Municipal Primary Schools Scheme in 96-97.

3. The Aided Primary School in Kandal was closed on the 31st March 1897 and the Baptist Mission for closed. No Aided Primary Schools.

Out of the 3 schools at the charge of the Municipal Council at the close of the year under review the number of boys under instruction in 2 schools was less than in 95-96 and the number of pupils in the remaining one was 16 more than in 95-96 and the number of Aided Schools.

Local (or Municipal) according as it has received a larger grant from Provincial or Local (or Municipal) Funds.

ncils concerned before the 1st May.

D S Hunterson

ASSTT. INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

Statement No. I relating to General S

			189 6.	
			Number of Schools.	Number of pupils on 31st March.
				Boys.
Colleges	..	Government		
		Board or Municipal		
		Aided from Provincial Funds		
		Aided from Local or Municipal Funds ..		
		Unaided and Indigenous		
Secondary Schools	..	Government	1	63
		~~Board~~ or ~~Municipal~~		
		Aided from Provincial Funds	3	420
		Aided from ~~Local~~ or Municipal Funds ..	2	63
		~~Unaided and~~ Indigenous		
Primary Schools	..	Government	3	123
		~~Board~~ or Municipal	2	71
		Aided from Provincial Funds	1	89
		Aided from ~~Local~~ or Municipal Funds ..	4	72
		Unaided ~~and Indigenous~~		
Training Schools	..	Government		
		Board or Municipal		
		Aided from Provincial Funds		
		Aided from Local or Municipal Funds ..		
		Unaided and Indigenous		
Sessional Schools	..	Government		
		Board or Municipal		
		Aided from Provincial Funds		
		Aided from Local or Municipal Funds ..		
		Unaided and Indigenous		
Industrial Schools	..	Government		
		Board or Municipal		
		Aided from Provincial Funds		
		Aided from Local or Municipal Funds ..		
		Unaided and Indigenous		

Note.—1. *Where an institution is aided from Provincial or Local (or Municipal) Funds, it should be shown against P*
2. *No comments should be made except as notes entered in the column of remarks.*
3. *This statement should be submitted in time to reach the Presidents of Local Boards or the Chairmen of Mu*

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of teaching Staff employed in the Cobourg Municipality for 1896-97

Number with General Education Certificates.	Unpassed Teachers.					Remarks.
1	1	×	Includes one gymnastic Instructor			
4	2	×	60	3	80	The provision made for training remained unspent as none of the unpassed teachers could be persuaded to go to Toronto for training. The figures contained in this statement do not indicate any change in the qualification of the teachers employed
	4					
		T	20	1	80	
1	1					
	1					
4						
	1					
2						

...get for training teachers during the year under report had been carried out.

...ls or the Chairmen of Municipal Councils concerned before the 1st May.

ASSTT. INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS
Consolidation DIVISION

Statement No. II showing the proportion of pupils of the great classes of the population under instruction to children of school-going age in

Cataramund

Classes of Population.	Population of school-going age.		Pupils under instruction.		Percentage.		Remarks.
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	
Europeans and Eurasians			68	13			Containing only 68 Europe
Native Christians	312	312	247	34	79.1	10.8	children under instruction
Muhammadans	134	134	166	28	123.8	20.8	to 312 & 134 respectively
Hindus	680	680	224	9	63.88	2.6	Private schools not inspected
Brahmans			190	9			Caste Hindus not returned
Non-Brahman Caste Hindus			× 2				× 4 Bridges & 3 Parsis
Kindred Classes			1				
Paraiyas a							
Others	2	2	917	92	350.	8.24.	
	1128	1128					

Note.—1. *No comments should be made except as notes entered in the column of remarks.*
2. *In the column of remarks the figures of the previous year should be briefly compared.*
3. *This statement should be submitted in time to reach the Presidents of Local Boards or the Chairmen of Municipal Councils concerned before the 1st May.*

INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS
Coimbatore DIVISION

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Statement No. III. giving particulars as to the qualifications

Classes of Institutions.		Number of Teachers employed.	Number possessing Trained Teachers' Certificates.	Number possessing Untrained Teachers' Certificates.
Colleges ..	Government			
	Board or Municipal			
	Aided from Provincial Funds			
	Aided from Local or Municipal Funds			
	Unaided and Indigenous			
Secondary Schools.	Government			
	~~Board or~~ Municipal	7	× 2	3
	Aided from Provincial Funds			
	Aided from ~~Local or~~ Municipal Funds	22	* 11	5
	Unaided and Indigenous	5	1	.
Primary Schools ..	Government			
	~~Board or~~ Municipal	6	T 6	.
	Aided from Provincial Funds	2 2	1	1
	Aided from Local or Municipal Funds	6 1	2	4
	Unaided and Indigenous	2	.	2

Note.—1. *In the column of remarks it should be noted whether the provision made in the budg*
2. *No comments should be made except as notes entered in the column of remarks.*
3. *This statement should be submitted in time to reach the Presidents of Local Boards*

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Statement No. IV relating to th

Standard.	Co Number of pupils presented for the Standard.
VII. Standard or Lower Secondary Examination.	
VI. Standard	
V. Do.	
IV. Do. including Primary School Examination.	9
III. Standard	13
II. Do.	20
I. Do.	33
Infant Do.	43

Name of Subject.*	
Geography	29
English	34

Salary Results Schools.

Statement No. IV relating to the results of the Grant Examinations in the Cobaeamund Municipality for 1896-97

Standard.	1896. Compulsory Subjects only. Number of pupils presented for the Standard.	Number passed.	Merit.	Ordinary.	1897. Compulsory Subjects only. Number of pupils presented for the Standard.	Number passed.	Merit.	Ordinary.	Remarks.
VII. Standard or Lower Secondary Examination.									
VI. Standard									
V. Do.									
IV. Do. including Primary School Examination.	9	8	7	1	9	7	2	5	
III. Standard	13	12	8	4	11	11	2	9	
II. Do.	20	18	10	8	17	17	7	10	
I. Do.	33	30	24	6	22	18	7	11	
Infant Do.	43	30	22	8	24	16	5	11	

Name of Subject.*	1896. Optional Subjects.				1897. Optional Subjects.				
Geography	29	18	4	14	18	16	4	12	
English	34	31	17	14	34	27	15	12	
Hygiene	20	19	12	7	-	-	-	-	
Object Lessons	22	22	-	22	-	-	-	-	

The figures as to Salary Grants are correct.
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Municipal Hall, the Schools, Cobaeamund.
[illegible] Inspector of Schools.
[illegible] 1897.

D S Rutherford
ASSIST. INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS
Coimbatore DIVISION.

* Particulars relating to optional subjects need not be shown by standards.

NOTE.—1. This statement should be submitted in three parts when necessary, one for salary-result schools, one for combined schools, and one for pure results schools.
2. In the last column should be entered the remarks of the Inspecting Officer bearing directly on the result.
3. No comments should be made except as notes entered in the column of remarks.
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Results System Schools.

Statement No. IV relating to the results of the Grant Examinations in the Aotaeamund Municipality for 1896-97

Standard.	1896. Compulsory Subjects only. Number of pupils presented for the Standard.	Number passed.	Merit.	Ordinary.	1897. Compulsory Subjects only. Number of pupils presented for the Standard.	Number passed.	Merit.	Ordinary.	Remarks.
II. Standard or Lower Secondary Examination.									
VI. Standard									
V. Do.					4	3	1	2	
IV. Do. including Primary School Examination.	10	8	3	5	5	4	2	2	
III. Standard	26	17	4	13	34	22	3	19	
II. Do.	44	37	16	21	40	32	9	23	
I. Do.	34	25	17	8	42	31	2	32	
Infant Do.	60	42	23	19	45	28	7	21	

Name of Subject.*	1896. Optional Subjects.				1897. Optional Subjects.				
Geography	20	13	7	6	21	15	1	14	
English	39	31	9	22	46	36	10	26	
Hygiene	12	10	3	7	14	5	2	3	
History	5	4	"	4	3	3	2	1	
Drill & Gymnastics	28	28	11	17	132	103	"	103	
Needlework	12	11	10	1	5	5	2	3	
Singing	13	13	13	"	—	—	—	—	
Kindergarten	9	8	"	8	—	—	—	—	

Commutated

* Particulars relating to optional subjects need not be shown by standards.

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Date taken out.	FOR WHAT PURPOSE. Department.	C. No.	Year.	Initials of clerk taking the paper or of attender.	Date returned.	Initials of attender.
27-2-03	Dor	Arcot Municipal Corpn			24/8/03	
6/4/03	M	1895 02			11/5/03	
4.9.11	M	3475 11				
	MR	3067 11			9.2.12	

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1897-98.

(Administration Report)

Enclosure as III to

letter No. 1075 dated

the 6th June 1897.—

Administration Report

of the Coimbatore Municipality for

1896—

From

The Assistant Inspector of Schools

Coimbatore Division

To

The Chairman

Municipal Council

Palacaumnd

Dated 10th
Despd. 10th
Recd. 11th } May 1897

No. 2757.

Enc. 111

Subject

Palacaumnd Municipality

Numerical statement

I to IV for 1896—97—

Forwarding ——

Dated 8th June 1897