

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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16-12-98 Guntakal
Inspected Kotala this morning.

Sheds are being erected at
Govt. expense for sick people
& friends as the people when
they put up their own are
inclined to put too close to
their encampment.

Saturday 17-12-98 Guntakal
In Plague Commission arrived.

& were taken by Captain
Robertson through Trinamcherla
& Guntakal, being shown the
Cause of the disease. All
information & assistance
were given them. In the
afternoon after their depar-
ture I was able to talk
over many points with
Col. King the Sanitary
Commissioner. We heard
of an outbreak of plague at
Maddikeri the first station
east from Guntakal. I
made arrangements to inspect
the place next morning.
Late in the evening we

discovered that plague had
broken out ^{in the} in squallers' lines
at Guntakal junction & all
necessary steps were taken.

Sunday 10. 12. 98 Guntakal

Col King & I left by train
in the morning for Madalika
where we were met by
Mr Mahomed Razakhan Collyer
of Kurnool, ^{Power} ~~Dr Power~~ Medical
officer & Mr John special
Plague Deputy Collector. We
visited the houses in which plague
had originally broken out.
Disinfection & segregation had been
properly attended to, contacts having
been isolated in a Chattram ~~at the~~ ⁱⁿ
the school. While making
enquiries as to the evacuation
of the quarter in which the cases
occurred we learnt that a child
was sick with fever in one of the
houses & an old man was also said
to be sick. It seems the sister
of the child some 8 or 10 days previously
^{died} ~~said to have~~ ^{it was said from} suffered from
fever. On questioning the house-
holders they were at first

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prepared to deny the existence
of the girl & stoutly asserted
that the old man had been sick
but ^{had} ~~remained~~ some days before
^{for} a distant village. The
people being Komatis a
brahmin went to see ^{it} what
was said was true in that
girl & the old man were
found in the house. The old
man was undoubtedly very
sick, but had no fever, ^{was} ~~and~~
her power ^{with} the opinion
that it was ~~is~~ possible ~~he~~ ^{an} he had
recovered from ~~the~~ attack of
plague. The girl had a
temperature of 104° & when
examined by the midwife
was found to have a large
lucifer. The Collector
arranged for the sick people
being isolated for the time
in their own houses as no
camp is at present available.
Contacts were placed under
observation in ^{separate} a building.
The Collector was authorized
to construct a camp outside
the village for the reception

of contact of sick. It is probable
 that plague was within this village
 sometime before the authorities got
 wind of it. The actual history
 of infection had not yet been traced.
 It seems quite possible that the
 old man may have been first attacked.
 Since the plague seems to be extending
 to the east from Guntakal & we cannot
 stamp it out at Guntakal & Timmankherla,
 it ~~seems~~ seems it is possible that we may
 have in the near future to have
 observation stations at places farther
 east & south in order to protect the
 northern borders & Madras. A
 small camp might be run up
 at Pehone. The inspection there
 will also be useful for the
 protection of Kurnool. As to the
 Madras Ry. I am inclined we
 should withdraw our lines to
 Tadpatri. We returned to
 I left Guntakal about midday
 and at night I left with Mr
 Macleod by train for Hindupur
 where we arrived at 2 A.M.

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