

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

(1898)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 979

Dated 22-12-98

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Report of Plague Cases

Issuing certain additional
instructions to Collectors & Residents
the Madras for submission of

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Plague Commissioner's Office
Fort St. George.

Dated 22nd December 1898.

N^o 979

From

L. E. Buckley Esquire, J. C. S.,
Plague Commissioner, Madras.

To

All Collectors
President, Municipal Commission,
Madras.

Sir,

In communicating a copy of G. O. N^o 1553 P. date 9th December '98, I have the honour to request that the detailed plague reports asked for in my letter N^o 845 dated 5-12-98 may be sent to me as promptly as possible so as to enable me to prepare my fortnightly report for the information of Government without delay. A separate report should be furnished for each imported case unless the persons attacked belong to the same party. When plague is indigenous in a village, two or more cases may be reported on one form, but details as to the progress of the disease should be given briefly where possible.

2. I also request that a fortnightly statement showing the progress of inoculation in ^{your District} ~~the city of Madras~~ may be sent to me. The first statement should give the figures from the commencement up to 17th December and should be forwarded as soon as possible. The next one should cover the fortnight 18-31 December and should reach this office by the 5 January 1899, and subsequent returns should similarly reach me within 5 days after the close of each fortnight. The fortnights close on alternate Saturdays.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant
J. E. M. S. C. S.
22/12/98
Jt Plague Commissioner.

Copy to Sanitary Comm^{ee}
" Surgeon-General }

W. B. S. 22/12/98

From

L. E. BUCKLEY, Esq., I.C.S.,

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER,

To

President M.C. Madras

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same parts - When plague
is in progress in a village, the
reports from the villages are
not sent, but details as to the
progress of the disease & the figures
brief these figures.

Comd
Dec 3-1-99

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Government {1898} of Madras.
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

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1898.

Enclosures

Spare copies

G.O., No. 1553 P., 9th December 1898.

DECEMBER.

Fortnightly Narrative of the Progress of Plague.

Recording, with remarks, letter from the Plague Commissioner submitting — in this Presidency for the period from Sunday the 20th November to Saturday the 3rd December 1898.

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Capt. H. V. C.
Lt. J. G.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From L. E. BUCKLEY, Esq., I.C.S., Plague Commissioner, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated Fort St. George, 6th December 1898, No. 860.

I have the honour to submit for the information of Government the fortnightly narrative called for in endorsement No. 259, dated 30th November 1898.

2. The Sanitary Commissioner prepares weekly returns of attacks and deaths, and closes his returns on Saturdays and I am, therefore, taking the liberty of furnishing my report for the period from Sunday 20th November to Saturday 3rd December instead of from Monday 21st November to Sunday 4th December. I trust that my action may be approved.

ENCLOSURES.

FORTNIGHTLY narrative of the progress of plague in the Madras Presidency for the period 20th November to 3rd December 1898.

Progress of Plague.—Up to 19th of November the following cases had been reported :—

	Attacks.	Deaths.
Imported	145	110
Indigenous	89	72
Total	234	182

The greater number of the cases occurred in the districts of Anantapur, Bellary, North Arcot and Salem. Chingleput, Coimbatore, Cuddapah, Madras City, Madura, Malabar, South Canara and Trichinopoly had each reported a few cases. Indigenous cases had occurred only in the villages of Guntakal and Timmencherla in Anantapur, and Chippigiri and Molagavalli in Bellary district; all in the neighbourhood of Guntakal Railway Junction. At the commencement of the fortnight Timmencherla and Chippigiri were free from plague.

2. During the fortnight the following cases have been reported :—

	Attacks.	Deaths.
Imported	34	24
Indigenous	51	49
Total	85	73

Details will be found in columns 2 and 3 of Appendix A.

Anantapur reported	45 deaths.
Bellary	6
Chingleput	1
North Arcot	6
Cuddapah	1
Salem	12

while Coimbatore and Madras City reported each one attack.

3. The disease continued in an indigenous form in Guntakal (40 deaths); broke out in an indigenous form at Kotala, a hamlet of Guntakal (3 deaths); and re-appeared in the same form in Molagavalli, Bellary district (4 deaths); while a case suspected to be indigenous has been reported from Matigiri (Salem district) and another from Kuppam, North Arcot district.

Plague was at its worst in Guntakal from 20th to 29th November, in which period 25 deaths occurred; it has since abated, and during the two days since the fortnight closed there have been no attacks and no deaths. The villagers have at last been induced, almost one and all, to leave the village for the fields, where huts have been erected.

The cases at Molagavalli have been spread over the fortnight, but on 4th (the day after the close of the period) seven deaths were discovered; of these four had taken place in the fields, it is believed between 23th and 2nd.

4. *Segregation, &c.*—Segregation was generally found satisfactorily carried out. Owing to the attitude of the people, home segregation was permitted in a few cases. Details are to be found in the remarks column of Appendix A. It is satisfactory to note that practically all the people are reported to have cleared out of the village of Guntakal and taken up their residence in huts.

5. *Attitude of the people.*—The attitude of the people was not actively hostile except at Ammur near Ránipéttai in North Arcot district. There they burnt down the segregation sheds. In most parts segregation and isolation is carried out only with difficulty, but that it is generally done fairly satisfactorily may be judged from the fact that the disease has not become indigenous in new centres. The suspected indigenous case at Kuppam was that of a man who travelled by train to Jalarpet and back. In parts such as Cuddapah, Erode and Karúr (Coimbatore) the inhabitants keep strangers from their villages, but in other parts, notably Salem, and probably Bellary and parts of Anantapur, the people are not so cautious for their safety. The Karúr case is interesting on account of the conduct of M.R.Ry. Varadarajulu Mudaliyar Avargal, an Honorary Magistrate. The man attacked was a relation of his, and the persons who travelled with the sick man objected to segregation in the camp; whereupon Mr. Varadarajulu Mudaliyar took them to the camp and stayed there with them, so as to assure them that everything was all right.

Appendix A.

District and village.	Cases.				Remarks.
	Imported.		Indigenous.		
	Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>Anantapur District.</i>					
Gooty	1	1	..	..	Contacts segregated in tents. The temporary shed when the patient died was burnt.
Hindupur	1	1	..	..	House evacuated and disinfected. Contacts segregated in another building.
Guntakal	..	..	41	40	Deaths occurred partly in huts in fields and partly in the villages. The villages have now been evacuated, and segregation is now generally fairly carried out.
Kotala	..	..	3	3	
<i>Bellary District.</i>					
Bellary	1	1	..	..	Segregated in sheds. Patient treated in plague hospital.
Holagandi	1	..	..	..	Patient isolated in a temple on a hill. No contacts.
Hospet	1	1	..	..	Treated in plague shed attached to inspection station.
Molagavalli	..	..	5	4	Contacts segregated in sheds. Houses disinfected.
<i>Chingleput District.</i>					
Zamin Adayalcheri	1	1	..	..	Contacts segregated in a hut specially put up. House disinfected.
<i>Madras.</i>					
Egmore	1	..	..	..	Admitted in Egmore Plague Hospital.
<i>Coimbatore District.</i>					
Karur	1	..	..	..	Segregated in sheds.
<i>Cuddapah District.</i>					
Marripad	1	1	..	..	Details not received.
<i>North Arcot District.</i>					
Ammur	1	1	..	..	The attitude of the villagers being hostile, the patient was removed to the segregation camp near Wallajannagar and the contacts segregated in sheds. A segregation shed was burnt down. The house where the patient was attacked was disinfected. The patient was isolated in a hut outside the village. The contacts were segregated in a hut especially put up.
Chetpat	1	1	..	..	
Kalanipakkam	1	1	..	..	Contacts segregated in a hut specially put up.
Kuppam (Kangundi Division)	..	..	1	1	Segregation and disinfection measures carried out.
Tandalam	2	2	..	..	Contacts not segregated, but were placed under observation. Houses partially disinfected.
Vellore	1	..	..	..	Contact's home segregated. House disinfected.
Venkatapuram	1	1	..	..	Contacts segregated in a shed outside the village.
Walajanagar	1	..	..	..	Patient was not taken to segregation shed, but was isolated in a building situated in a thinly populated corner of the town. The house is guarded and attendants watched.
<i>Salem District.</i>					
Ettikodi	1	1	..	..	Details not reported.
Hosur	1	..	..	..	Contacts segregated in shed.
Kothakondapalli	1	1	..	..	Patient treated in plague camp and contacts segregated in sheds.
Matigri	..	..	1	1	Details not reported.

Appendix A—cont.

District and Villages.	Cases.				Remarks.
	Imported.		Indigenous.		
	Seizures.	Deaths.	Seizures.	Deaths.	
1	2		3		4
<i>Salem District—cont.</i>					
Near Bagalur	2	1	..	..	Patients and attendant segregated in a mantapam.
Salem	..	1	..	..	Patient home segregated. House evacuated and disinfected. Contacts taken to segregation camp.
Vaniyambadi	1	2	..	..	One of the patients treated in plague hospital. The other was home segregated. Contacts are kept closely to their house and house partially disinfected.
Girisamudram	1	1	..	..	Segregated in a shed.
Jalarpet	7	4	..	..	Treated in plague camp attached to the inspection station.
Susevada	1	..	..	..	Treated in detention camp.
Shulagiri	1	1	..	..	Segregated in a chattram.
Komaranpalli	1	..	..	..	Details not reported.
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ORDER—No. 1553 P., dated 9th December 1898.

Recorded with the remarks that, in future, information should be given as to the progress of inoculation, and that details of action taken should be obtained in each case of plague.

(True Extract.)

A. Edgington
for Secretary to Government.

To the Plague Commissioner.

Exd. C. M. Thumbuswamy.

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