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[Despatch Abstract.]

Fever

Recovering letter from the Collector of North Arcot reporting about the prevalence of fever in the Kadappali village of Kanyakumari Division

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SUBJECT.

Reporting for the information of Government that 15 deaths occurred in Kadepalle village of Rayanur Taluk between 12th June & 3rd July 99 and that were ascertained to not be due to plague.

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Recd. 6th July 1899.

From,

Dr. W. Lubek.
Mg. District Medical and
Sanitary Officer, Bellare.

To.

R. A. Campbell Esq
Mg. Collector of North Arcot.

Sir,

On Monday evening, the 3rd
instant, I received a telegram
to the effect that the death of a
few rats, had been followed
by 15 deaths among the villagers
of a hamlet of Judupalle, near
Kuppam. I proceeded by the next
morning's train to the place to in-
vestigate the matter and beg to
report as follows:—

Kadepalle—the hamlet in
question—Consists of only 21 houses
with a population of 111 (census
1891). The first death occurred on the
12th June, and between this date
and the 2nd July, 16 deaths occurred.

On arriving at the village,
I found it already evacuated,
the houses are being erected

in the adjoining fields and two females ill - one a girl of about 12 years of age and the other a woman of about 45 years. The former was one of a family of nine, six of whom died between the 18th and 28th June; the latter has been ailing for the past two months with fever, and was confined to "bed" for the last 5 or 6 days after a fall. These two cases in my opinion, were certainly not plague, the little girl being this morning and even yesterday evening perfectly well, having merely had a slight rise of temperature for a few days. As regards the cause of the epidemic, or rather outbreak, no evidence at all of an imported nature could be ascertained so as to suggest a possible source of infection, say Kolar or other infected areas. The village headman at my first investigation on the evening of the 4th June, was very reticent and did not

or rather would not give anything beyond a few general statements. ~~but~~ but he seemed a little more pliable to the next morning, especially with regard to my question about the general symptoms - when he with corroboratory statements from some other villagers - told me that nearly all the cases that died were, suffering from diarrhoea (purging) and vomiting; and that the average duration of the illness was ~~from~~ for 4 or 5 days - sometimes less. The Hospital assistant confirms the history of "diarrhoea" in two of the cases he examined before death - one an old woman of about 70 and the other a little girl of 3. He further noted a slight rise of temperature in them.

The Hospital assistant examined 5 in all including two convalescents.

Of the 16 deaths: -

- (A) 4 occurred in the village
{ 3 being in the village munsif's house, viz
the wife (shortly after confinement),
daughter 3 years and mother 70 years.
(B) 6 occurred in a newly built isolated hut to which the family of nine persons removed from the village.

These deaths occurred between the 18th and 28th June.

(C) 6 occurred in the adjoining fields. As soon as anyone took ill with vomiting and diarrhoea, he was sent away to the fields - in case no shed was erected in time. In this, the villagers showed a remarkable appreciation of the value of isolation or segregation.

In regard to the disposal of the dead bodies:-

The three bodies belonging to the family of the village munsif were burnt and the rest were buried in the partially dug bed of a neighbouring tank - their usual burying ground.

It would be seen from what I have already stated that the tendency of the outbreak was more towards cholera, than plague; the fact of their having been fever in some cases can be satisfactorily accounted for by the fact that fever (malarial) is at present very prevalent along that portion of the district

and also even elsewhere.

The telegraphic report about "dead rats" being found in the villages prior to the outbreak, I have ascertained to be ~~absolutely~~ absolutely unfounded and merely due to the fertile imagination of a village gossip.

Measures adapted.

Although I have not returned the cases as plague, still I have suggested precautionary measures to be taken, e.g. evacuation, isolation, disinfection,

thorough cleansing of the evacuated village, and subsequent white washing of the huts. The village being in an extremely dirty condition and reeking with ~~excrement~~ excremental filth all over; the hut in which 6 deaths occurred was burnt down; the villagers were directed to boil their water and milk before consumption and to be very careful as regards their diet; over crowding

appears to have received a telegram direct from the Deputy Tahsildar and he has made the necessary enquiries into the matter. His report dated 6th July was received by me only on the 12th instant. A copy of it is herewith submitted. I have already requested the District Medical and sanitary officer to post a Hospital assistant at the village to watch the public health in and around the villages of Kadepalle and I am also issuing orders to the Deputy Tahsildar to watch the villages in that locality very carefully. I have also sent copies of the District Medical and sanitary officer's report and this letter to the Sanitary Commissioner.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours most obedient servant

Your obedient
for a collector.

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