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Weekly report of plague in Mysore

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SUBJECT.

For forwarding copy of the weekly
report of plague in the Mysore
state including the Civil and
military station for the week
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I. Civil and Military Station.

The following are the figures of plague during the week compared with those of the three previous weeks:—

	Plague cases.	Plague deaths.	Deaths from all causes.	Normal mortality for same period for 5 previous years.
From 28th Sep. to 16th Dec.	3,254	2,658	4,981	427
Week ending 23rd "	309	261	324	35
" 30th "	149	144	201	35
" 6th January	87*	70*	130*	36
" 13th "	79	56	99	36

The improvement noticeable in the five previous weeks has thus been hardly maintained, as the cases were only 8 fewer than in the previous week. This is due to the persistent hold of the disease in Knoxpett, the quarter referred to in last week's report, and to a slight outbreak in a division, the 10th circle, also an outlying one, which had previously been comparatively free. Cases continued to occur sporadically throughout the town, and none of the circles were altogether free. The evacuation of Knoxpett has, however, now been completed with results that are already apparent, and there is no reason to expect else than a steady decrease throughout the town.

2. The reporting of plague cases continued to improve, many being seen in an early stage. Concealment of cases has to a very great degree decreased, and prosecutions for infringements of the Epidemic Deases Regulations have been chiefly for failures to report sickness other than plague.

3. The cases during the week were distributed as follows :—

European	...	1	Hindus	...	40
Eurasians	...	4	Native Christians	...	9
Mahomedans	...	9	Pariahs	...	16

The case of a European was that of a Roman Catholic Priest, who, however, did not contract the disease in Bangalore, but in the town of Tumkur, where he had been working among the sick. He had been twice inoculated, and his attack has been a mild one. The European soldier who remained under treatment has been discharged from hospital.

4. During the week 113 persons were sent into segregation, and 44 others exempted on account of having been inoculated. The figures for the contacts camps were:

	Remaining.	Admitted.	Developed Plague.	Died from other causes.	Discharged.	Remaining.
North Camp ...	42	27	...	1	45	23
South Camp ...	79	86	1	...	63	101

5. During the week 730 first, and 11 second inoculations were performed, of which 40 were among Mahomedans. Several of the District Medical Officers now inoculate, and many persons have thus been done who would not have gone to any central station. Lt. Dick has been particularly successful, and hopes to inoculate the population of Knoxpett before they return to their houses. The total number of inoculations now amounts to 28,846. In addition to these, 8,562 persons among the troops and followers have been inoculated, of whom 1,912 were re-inoculated.

*Revised figures.

During the week, 12 inoculated persons were attacked. The figures for verified inoculates in hospital (excluding military hospitals) now stand :—

	Total admitted.	Discharged.	Died.	Remaining.
North Camp ...	43	11	9	23
South Camp ...	38	15	11	12

6. The number of houses disinfected during the week was 1,272, and Rs. 320 were paid as compensation.

The outlying villages which were highly infected, and in many cases voluntarily deserted by their inhabitants, have been thoroughly disinfected, and the returning inhabitants huddled out till the villages were completely cleaned.

Cases of fresh cases in disinfected houses have recently occurred, though rarely. In no case has it been possible to trace the infection to the house itself, as other sources of infection have been open.

7. The hospital figures for the week were as follows :—

	Remaining.	Admitted.	Discharged.	Died.	Remaining..
North Camp ...	74	26	9	13	78
South Camp ...	106	15	14	10	97
Military Hospital	19	3	4	1	17

The figures from the commencement now are :—

	Admissions.	Discharges.	Deaths.	Remaining.
Civil Plague Hospitals ...	1,658	462	1,021	175
Military Hospital ...	193	39	137	17

During the week Hospital Assistant L. A. Doraswami Pillay, a member of the staff of the north camp, who had worked from the beginning of the out-break in a most exemplary manner, was attacked by plague and died in two days.

8. The inhabitants of Venarapett, having remained totally free from plague since three cases were formed among them on the morning after they were camped out, were allowed to return to their houses after disinfection of their belongings. The population of Knoxpett went most willingly into the huts provided for them, while their quarters are being cleaned and the worst houses destroyed or unroofed. The number of persons moved into the military camps amounted to 4,357.

9. A large number of persons returned to the town during the week under report, and it has been found difficult to check their unauthorised occupation of their houses. Three cases of plague were found among those returning to one quarter, and the staff to keep such persons under observation has been increased. Persons arriving by rail are inspected and escorted to the quarter of the town in which they intend to live.

10. During the week, Lt. Clemesha I. M. S. departed on leave, and Dr. Mullan, who had been especially engaged for plague duty was relieved, as were some of the subordinate staff. Lt. Walton, I. M. S. arrived to carry out experiments with Yersin's serum.

II. Bangalore City.

11. The following are the figures in the City for the last four weeks.

	Plague Cases.	Plague Deaths.	Deaths from all causes.	Normal mortality for 5 previous years.
From 12th Aug. to 16th Dec.	3,191	2,512	6,555	441
Week ending 23rd	55	50	115	26
" 30th	29	31	77	26
" 6th January	14	22	63	23
" 13th	8	13	52	23

It would appear, therefore, as if the disease were about to terminate in the City, without a check of any kind in the gradual decrease.

12. The return of people to the town continues, but no prejudice to the general health has been caused thereby, the death rate continuing very low.

13. The figures for the Health and Segregation Camps were as follows :—

	Remaining.	Admissions.	Discharges.	Developed plague.	Remaining.
Health Camp ...	886	22	167	...	741
Segregation Camp ...	37	23	29	3	28

14. During the week there were 670 first and 7 second inoculations, bringing the totals to 26,827 first and 1,324 second inoculations: of these 2,733 have been among Mahomedans 221 inoculates are reported to have been attacked, of whom 147 have been verified.

15. The Hospital figures are as follows :—

	Remaining.	Admitted.	Discharged.	Died.	Remaining.
For the week ...	17	7	12	7	5
Since commencement..	...	2,079	726	1,348	5
Inoculates ...	...	99	59	38	2

16. During the week 525 houses were disinfected, and 9 cleaned before re-occupation.

III. Mysore State outside Bangalore.

17. The accompanying weekly return furnished by the Mysore State shows that there has been a further increase in the number of seizures in the Province. The return cannot in all cases be accurately compared with that of the previous week, as the figures do not always cover corresponding periods. There may, however, be taken to have been a decided spread in the Bangalore District, and a considerable one in Kolar, with some decrease in Tumkur.

18. In the town of Channapatna, 145 cases were reported during the week. Out of 2,700 houses in the town only 120 are now inhabited, the occupants of the remainder being camped in the fields. It is reported that all the houses in the town will be unroofed. The people are readily being inoculated by a lady inoculator, even the *Gosha* women, whom it has been impossible to reach elsewhere, being brought.

19. In the town of Malur, in the Kolar District, from which 144 cases have been recorded, only one case is stated to have occurred among the large number who have camped out, while those remaining in the town continue to be attacked. In another village, containing 600 persons, there are stated to have been no attacks among the 200 inoculates, while there have been 22 among the uninoculated. Such figures, though they cannot in the absence of verification be accepted as evidence, may be taken to at least show the belief of the people in the measures taken.

20. In Mysore City, the cases and deaths reported up to the 13th rose to 116 and 93, against 67 cases and 46 deaths in the previous seven days. The total mortality rose from 238 to 254, so that there was a considerable improvement in the reporting of cases of plague. In very few cases can the relatives be persuaded to take the sick to hospital. It is reported that no such wholesale departure from the town as has been noticeable elsewhere has occurred, and that the Mahomedans in particular appear to regard the plague, by itself, with comparative indifference.

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