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READ—the following paper :—

From M.R.Ry. C. SITARAMAYYA PANTULU Garu, Chairman, Municipal Council, Ellore, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated 16th June 1899, Cur. No. 88.

I have the honour to submit the administration report of the Ellore Municipality for 1898-99, together with the usual statements and the reports of the Medical officer on the working of the Ellore municipal hospital and of the Assistant Inspector of Schools, Gódvári and Kistna Divisions.

I.—CONSTITUTION OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

1. Statement X shows the constitution of the Council. The maximum number of councillors is eighteen, of whom five are nominated and thirteen elected. During the year there was only one vacancy in the nominated seats which was filled up on 13th September 1898. There were no vacancies in the elected seats.

2. I held the office of Chairman during the whole year, except for the first 25 days in April, when the same was held by the Divisional officer as ex-officio Chairman.

3. The number of meetings actually held during the year was 34 against 49 and of those adjourned for want of quorum was three against four of the previous year. The average attendance at each meeting was 9.58 against 8.71 of the previous year, that of the officials being 17 and of non-officials 9.41 against 34 and 8.37, respectively. On the whole the attendance was fairly satisfactory. There was this year only one official member against two in the previous year and hence is the decrease in the attendance of the official members.

II.—RECEIPTS.

4. The budget and the revised estimates for 1898-99 were reviewed by Government in their orders Nos. 293 M., dated 1st February 1898, and 378 M., dated 15th March 1899, respectively.

5. The actual receipts of the year under report, exclusive of the opening balance, amounted to Rs. 37,682-9-1, against Rs. 38,200 of the revised estimate and Rupees 34,677-4-3, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease in the actuals occurred chiefly under tax on arts, tax on buildings, tax on lands, tax on carts, &c., avenue receipts, fees from travellers' bungalow, sale-proceeds of old materials, and street refuse, &c., income from educational institutions, from markets, license fees, fines under Municipal and other Acts, contributions from Local Boards, and it was partly counterbalanced by an increase under tax on vehicles, tax on animals, tolls, fees under Act II of 1888, sale-proceeds and composition fees of medicines, other medical receipts, distraint and warrant fees, cart-stand fees, 4-V. miscellaneous fees, private scavenging fees, cess-pool fees, refunds of expenditure of previous year and permanent and other advances.

A.—Receipts from Taxation.

6. *Municipal Rates and Taxes—Tax on Arts.*—This tax was levied on all classes under schedule A, Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897, after revision.

during the year. The demand registers were prepared in the month of July 1898. The original current demand was Rs. 3,188-8-0 against Rs. 3,053 of the previous year, and the number of appeals preferred under this head was 105 against 143 in the previous year. The tax was confirmed in 60 cases and reduced in 45 cases. The amount of remissions in those 45 cases was Rs. 171-8-0 against Rs. 78-12-0 of the previous year. The increase in the remissions was chiefly due to a fall in the trade and income of tax-payers. Of the final demand of Rs. 3,017, Rs. 2,567 were collected against Rs. 2,372-12-0 of the previous year and a sum of Rs. 7-8-0 was written off against Rs. 15-8-0, leaving a balance of Rs. 442-8-0 against Rs. 586 of the previous year, of which Rs. 166 have since been collected. It will thus appear that the collections are on the whole satisfactory. The arrears outstanding at the beginning of the year under report amounted to Rs. 644 against Rs. 369-9-0, of which Rs. 350 were collected against Rs. 270-9-0 in the previous year. Rs. 40 were written off by the Council as irrecoverable against Rs. 41 of the previous year, leaving a balance of Rs. 254 against Rs. 58 in the previous year. There was a decrease of Rs. 183 under the revised estimate which was due to the demand not being fully collected, but there was an increase of Rs. 274-4-0 over the actuals of the previous year which may be considered fair.

7. *Tax on Buildings.*—This tax was levied at $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the annual rent value as in the previous years. The demand registers were re-written during the year under report. The total current demand of the tax was Rs. 9,478 against Rs. 9,467-11-0 of the previous year; the remission granted by the Council on appeal was Rs. 8-2-3 against Re. 1, and the demand, as finally settled, was Rs. 9,469-13-9 against Rupees 9,466-11-0 of the previous year, of which Rs. 8,421-10-9 were collected against Rs. 8,125-6-0 of the previous year. The amount written off as irrecoverable was Rs. 12 against Rs. 5-9-0 in the previous year and Rs. 1,036-3-0 remained to be collected against Rs. 1,335-12-0 of the previous year, of which Rs. 533-3-0 have since been collected. The arrears outstanding at the beginning of the year was Rs. 1,410-4-0, of which Rs. 1,090-5-0 were collected against Rs. 521-9-0 and Rupees 435-11-0, respectively, of the previous year. The amount written off by the Council as irrecoverable was Rs. 18-10-0 against Rs. 11-6-0 of the previous year, leaving a balance of Rs. 300-15-0 against Rs. 74-8-0 of the previous year. Of this amount Rs. 16-6-0 have since been collected. Out of 32 appeals disposed of under this head, the tax was confirmed in 25 cases and remitted in seven cases. The decrease was due to overestimate. There was an increase of Rs. 950-5-9 over the actuals of the previous year which shows the interest taken and the improvements effected in the collection of the taxes.

8. *Tax on Lands.*—The tax on vacant lands was levied at $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of rent value. The land tax demand register was re-written this year. The total current demand was Rs. 216-4-0 against Rs. 387-2-0 of the previous year. There were no appeals against the imposition of this tax. The demand as finally settled was Rs. 216-4-0, of which Rs. 130-9-0 were collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 85-11-0 at the end of the year. The arrears outstanding at the beginning of the year was Rs. 174-1-0, of which Rs. 105 were collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 25-14-0 against Rs. 230-14-0, Rs. 17, and Rs. 63-14-0, respectively, of the previous year. Of this amount Rupees 26-4-0 have since been collected. The decrease of Rs. 64-7-0 under the revised estimate was due to the demand not being fully collected as some of the owners live at distant places far away from the Municipality. However, there was an increase of Rs. 91-10-0 over the actuals of the previous year which is creditable.

9. On the whole the collections of all taxes during the year it will thus be seen have been satisfactory when compared with those of the previous year, and that some steps were taken to give effect to the remarks made by Government in paragraph 3, clause (2) of G.O., No. 1587 M., dated 9th September 1898.

10. *Tax on Vehicles with Springs, &c.*—Rs. 102 were collected under this head during the year against Rs. 100 of the revised estimate and Rs. 101-8-0, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 2 over the revised estimate is small.

11. *Tax on Animals*.—Rs. 1,095-8-0 were collected under this tax against Rupees 1,000 of the revised estimate and Rs. 951-8-0, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 95-8-0 was due to careful supervision over this branch.

12. *Tax on Carts, &c.*—Rs. 2,232 were realized against Rs. 2,050 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,920, the actuals of the previous year. The increase in both the cases was due to vigilance on part of the executive.

13. *Tolls*.—Rs. 10,691-9-0 were collected against Rs. 10,500 of the revised estimate and Rs. 7,940-6-9, the actuals of the previous year. There were nine toll-gates as in the previous year and the tolls were levied departmentally at the maximum rates specified in the schedule. No contribution was paid to the Local Boards, as some of their roads are being maintained by the Council. The increase of Rupees 191-9-0 over the revised estimate was due to careful management. Great difficulty was experienced in collecting tolls as some of the persons living outside the municipal limits often tried to avoid payment of tolls. In a case instituted against a person for non-payment of tolls due, the accused gave any amount of trouble in the case and was fined Rs. 200 by the Head Assistant Magistrate who eventually decided the case, though it was originally filed before the Stationary Magistrate. I trust that the fine inflicted and the remarks made by the Head Assistant Magistrate as regards the nature of the offence and the conduct, will have a deterrent effect in future. Evasion of payment of tolls is also effected by outside bandymen by paying toll only for a select few bandies and by employing them as hired carts in goods belonging to other unlicensed bandies for a period of 24 hours using under section 94 of the Municipal Act the toll receipt as a license. I entertain some doubt as to the propriety of the procedure adopted by these cart-men as I consider that section 94 does not apply to cases of this kind.

14. The incidence of taxation per head of the population as per statement I, head 2, was As. 14-7 including tolls and As. 8-9 excluding them, against As. 12-1 and As. 7-9, respectively, of the previous year. The rise in both the cases is creditable and due to an increase in the collections.

B.—Miscellaneous.

15. *Realizations under Special Act—(c) Fees under Act II of 1888*.—Rs. 95 were collected under this head against Rs. 50 of the revised estimate. The increase of Rs. 45 was due to the arrival of a dramatic company not anticipated.

16. *Revenue derived from Municipal Property and powers apart from Taxation*.—As in the previous years, Rs. 3-4-0 were realized for using municipal land for private purposes.

17. *Avenue Receipts*.—Rs. 5-4-0 were realized by the sale of trees against Rs. 20 of the revised estimate and Rs. 14-1-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 14-12-0 was due to the fluctuating nature of the item.

18. *Fees from Travellers' Bungalow*.—Rs. 115-10-0 were realized under this head against Rs. 150 of the revised estimate and Rs. 163, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 34-6-0 was due to a less number of travellers halting at the station.

19. *Sale-proceeds of Old Materials, empty Oil Cans, &c.*—Rs. 2-6-0 were realized against Rs. 20 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1-10-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 17-10-0 was due to the varying nature of the item.

20. *Conservancy Receipts—Sale-proceeds of Night-soil, Street Refuse, &c.*—Rs. 52 were realized under this item against Rs. 150 of the revised estimate and Rs. 390-15-6, the actuals of the previous year. Of this sum, Rs. 50 were collected from the sale of rubbish and Rs. 2 from the sale of night-soil. For want of bidders the sale of rubbish and night-soil was postponed at three meetings. Hence the decrease.

21. *Income from Educational Institutions—School Fees*.—Rs. 1,539-10-9 were realized against Rs. 1,800 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,948-13-6, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 260-5-3 under the revised estimate was chiefly due to late remittance.

22. *Income from Medical Institutions—Sale-proceeds and Composition fees of Medicines*.—Rs. 36-12-0 were realized against Rs. 10 of the revised estimate and Rs. 30-3-3, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 26-12-0 was due to the fluctuating nature of the item.

23. *Other Receipts*.—Rs. 108-5-1 were realized under this head against Rs. 80 of the revised estimate and Rs. 43-6-3, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 28-5-1 was due to the fluctuating nature of the item.

24. *Income from Markets*.—Rs. 322-10-2 were realized departmentally against Rs. 405 of the revised estimate and Rs. 610, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 82-5-10 was due to a fall in the number of firewood-carts as they were engaged in conveying stone to Gódávári bridge works under a contract between the Municipality and the Engineer-in-Chief under section 91, clause 2 of Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897.

25. *Income from Slaughter-houses*.—Rs. 1,725 were realized as was estimated in the revised estimate against Rs. 1,700, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 25 was due to competition among the bidders.

26. *Other Fees—Distraint and Warrant Fees, &c.*—Rs. 287-7-0 were realized under this item against Rs. 200 of the revised estimate and Rs. 43-7-0, the actuals of the previous year. The increase was due to the stringent steps taken in the execution of warrants.

27. *License Fees*.—The amount realized under this head was Rs. 685 against Rs. 700 of the revised estimate and Rs. 874-1-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 15 was small and calls for no remarks.

28. *Cart-stand Fees*.—Rs. 1,076-10-0 were collected departmentally on cart-stands against Rs. 900 of the revised estimate and Rs. 500, the actuals of the previous year. The increase is more than double the amount of the previous year and is satisfactory, being chiefly due to the pains taken in collecting the fees. These fees were collected either at the toll-gates (where there are also five cart-stands) or at the cart-stands as the parties choose to pay. This system was introduced in 1896 after consulting the neighbouring Municipalities where it prevails.

29. *Miscellaneous*.—Rs. 12-8-0 were realized on account of fees for granting extracts against Rs. 10 of the revised estimate and Rs. 3-8-0, the actuals of the previous year. This is a fluctuating item.

30. *Fines under Municipal and other Acts*.—Rs. 327-1-0 were realized under this head against Rs. 500 of the revised estimate and Rs. 389-9-3, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 172-15-0 under the revised estimate was chiefly due to overestimate.

31. *Grants and Contributions—From Government—Education*.—Rs. 60 were realized as was estimated in the revised estimate against Rs. 65, the actuals of the previous year, as grants for the gymnastic instructor.

32. *From Local Boards*.—Rs. 2,800 were realized under this head against Rs. 3,000 of the revised estimate and Rs. 2,499-8-3, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 200 was due to the part payment of the amount due from the Board.

33. *Miscellaneous—Recoveries on account of services rendered to private individuals*.—Rs. 1,526-5-6 were realized under this item against Rs. 1,260 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,316-4-6, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 266-5-6 over the revised estimate and of Rs. 210-4-0 over the actuals of the previous year was chiefly due to an increase in private scavenging and cess-pool fees under strict supervision.

34. *Other Items*.—Rs. 63-8-10 were realized against Rs. 60 of the revised estimate and Rs. 8-1-0, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 3-8-10 over the revised estimate was small and needs no remarks.

35. *Extraordinary and Debt—Advances—Permanent and others*.—Rs. 52-9-0 were realized under this head against Rs. 50 of the revised estimate. The increase of Rs. 2-9-0 was small and calls for no remark.

36. The actual receipts including the opening balance were Rs. 37,211-8-2 against Rs. 36,429-13-0, the actuals of the previous year, and Rs. 37,730 anticipated in the revised estimate. The decrease of Rs. 518-7-10 under the revised estimate and an increase of Rs. 781-11-2 over the actuals of the previous year are explained above.

37. Statement I-A is left blank, as there are no endowments entrusted to the Council.

III.—EXPENDITURE.

38. The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 32,289-4-5 against Rs. 34,850 of the revised estimate and Rs. 36,900-13-11, the actuals of the previous year, the closing balance being Rs. 4,922-3-9 against Rs. 2,880 of the revised estimate and minus Rs. 471-0-11 of the previous year. The actual charges were distributed as shown below among the several grants:—

Grant		RS.	A.	P.
1, Public Works		6,693	5	8
" 2, Education		4,136	10	9
" 3, Sanitation and medical service		13,524	10	6
" 4, Lighting and other miscellaneous purposes		3,704	4	6
" 5, General establishment		4,195	1	6
Advances recoverable		35	3	6
Total		32,289	4	5

The decrease of Rs. 2,560-11-7 in the actuals under the estimate is explained below.

39. *Grant 1, Public Works—New Works—Communications.*—No expenditure was incurred during the year under this head. Rs. 250 were estimated for constructing roads in Turpupet, but the amount was not spent as the plan sent to the Sanitary Board was not approved.

40. *Buildings.*—The allotment in the revised estimate was Rs. 700 and the expenditure was Rs. 670-5-4 on buildings during the year. The decrease of Rupees 29-10-8 was small and calls for no remark.

41. *Water-supply.*—Rs. 5-2-0 were spent against Rs. 100 of the revised estimate. The decrease of Rs. 94-14-0 was due to the non-payment of hire within the year due to the loan of a boring apparatus.

42. *Miscellaneous Public Improvements.*—Rs. 184-4-0 were expended during the year against Rs. 300 of the revised estimate. The decrease was due to the part completion of the work.

43. *Repairs—Communications.*—Rs. 2,500 were allotted in the revised estimate, but Rs. 4,199-13-11 were expended during the year. The increase was chiefly due to repairing tank bund road which was levelled last year and for constructing revetment wall to high road at inconvenient and dangerous localities. Details are given in statement II-A, Part II. The roads were repaired departmentally during the year, but the supply of materials was done by contract. The total mileage of roads under the control of the Council is 21 miles, 3 furlongs and 115 yards, of which 12 miles, 3 furlongs and 3 yards were metalled and 9 miles and 112 yards unmetalled.

44. The condition of the main roads has been considerably bettered by constructing revetment walls and widening wherever possible. The construction of the tank bund road is nearing completion and will, when completed, add considerably to the convenience of the public. This may be considered the widest road in the town. The transfer of some amount to plague charges has interfered with public works. The condition of roads in general is fair.

45. *Buildings.*—The outlay under this item was Rs. 92-11-8 against Rs. 200 of the revised estimate. The decrease of Rs. 107-4-4 was chiefly due to the non-completion of white-washing the hospital building as no chunam was procurable and partly due to the absence of any necessity for the repairs to other buildings. The

repairing of out-houses and the white-washing of the hospital building will, it is hoped, be completed within three weeks as the work has been begun already and is promptly progressing.

46. *Drainage—Repairs to Works.*—Nothing was spent under this head against Rs. 200 allotted in the revised estimate as the amount was transferred to repairs—communications.

47. *Establishment for Flushing Drains, &c.*—Rs. 598-8-2 were expended during the year under this head against Rs. 650 of the revised estimate. The decrease of Rs. 51-7-10 was chiefly due to fines and stoppages.

48. *Water-supply—Repairs to Works, &c.*—Rs. 3 were spent against Rs. 10 of the revised estimate and Rs. 31-12-3, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease was small and needs no remarks.

49. *Contingencies.*—Nothing was spent under this item against Rs. 10 of the revised estimate as the item was of a fluctuating nature.

50. *Establishment.*—Rs. 859-5-7 were expended under this item against Rs. 880 of the revised estimate and Rs. 819-1-8, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 20-10-5 under the revised estimate was partly due to fines and stoppages and partly to the office of overseer being vacant for some time.

51. *Tools and Plant and Other Stores.*—Rs. 20-3-0 were spent under this item against Rs. 50 of the revised estimate and Rs. 47-0-1, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 29-13-0 under the revised estimate was due to no want of tools and plants during the year.

52. *Grant 2, Education.*—The total expenditure on education was Rupees 4,136-10-9 against Rs. 4,260 of the revised estimate and Rs. 4,098-11-9, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 123-5-3 under the revised estimate is explained below.

53. *Municipal Schools—On Salary system—Lower Secondary School—Establishment Charges and Contingencies.*—The expenditure under these items amounted to Rs. 1,456-10-7 against Rs. 1,530 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,498-8-11, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 73-5-5 was chiefly due to the non-purchase of certain gymnastic apparatus. The number of teachers in the school on 31st March 1899 was four; of these the head, and the first, assistant teachers possess trained teachers' certificates, one teacher had untrained teachers' certificate, and the remaining one is an untrained Telugu pandit. The number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March 1899 was 99 boys against 97 of the previous year. The total expenditure for the school was Rs. 1,456-10-7 and the collections from school fees amounted to Rs. 1,390-12-0 besides Rs. 233-4-0 remitted after the close of the year under report. Thus it will be seen that the real collections amounted to Rs. 1,624 and that the school was not only self-supporting, but also earned Rs. 167-5-5 over and above the expenditure. This is very satisfactory. The school sent up this year 34 students for Lower Secondary examination and ten came out successful, though there was a general slaughter this year in the results. The primary department in same school sent up sixteen boys against the same of the previous year of whom fifteen passed against twelve of the previous year. Thus it will be seen that the financial condition of the school and the examination results are sound and satisfactory.

54. *On Salary-result System.*—The expenditure under this head was Rupees 947-14-8 against Rs. 930 of the revised estimate. The increase of Rs. 17-14-8 was small and due to an increase in result stipends and contingencies. The number of schools maintained by the Council was five as in the previous year, of which one is for Hindus, two for Muhammadans, and one for Panchamas, and one is a night school for Muhammadans. The number of teachers in the schools was seven on the 31st March 1899. Out of these, four teachers hold trained teachers' certificates, one holds untrained teachers' certificate, one is an unpassed teacher with long service and one an unqualified teacher.

55. *Municipal Salary-result System Hindu School, Powerpet.*—The number of pupils on rolls on 31st March 1899 was 48 boys and 9 girls against 61 boys and 8

girls of the previous year, the average attendance being 58 against 39 of the previous year. The increase in the average attendance was due to strict supervision. The net cost of the Municipality was Rs. 253-1-7 against Rs. 224-6-1 of the previous year, the average net cost per pupil being Rs. 4-5-10 against Rs. 5-12-1 of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 1-6-3 in the net cost is due to an increase in the average attendance.

56. *Panchama School*.—The number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March 1899 was 34 boys and 5 girls against 27 boys and 5 girls in the previous year. The average attendance was 34 against 21 in the previous year, which is satisfactory. As in the previous year, no fees were collected from the pupils. The net cost of the school was Rs. 170-12-10 against Rs. 204-3-0 of the previous year, the average net cost per pupil being Rs. 5-0-5 against Rs. 9-11-7 in the previous year. The decrease (Rs. 4-11-2) in the net cost per pupil is due to an increase in the average attendance and is satisfactory as showing a reduction in the cost (*vide* G.O., No. 1587 M., dated 9th September 1898, paragraph 4, clause 2).

57. *Lakshimvarapeta Muhammadan School*.—The number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March 1899 was 19 boys against 20 in the previous year. The average attendance was 19 against 16 in the previous year, which is fair. The net cost to the Municipality was Rs. 120-7-3 against Rs. 107-11-9 in the previous year, the average net cost per pupil being Rs. 6-5-5 against Rs. 6-11-9 in the previous year. The decrease (As. 6-4), though small, is satisfactory.

58. *Bazaar Street Muhammadan School*.—The number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March 1899 was 21 against the same number in the previous year. The average attendance was 20 against 13 in the previous year, which is satisfactory. The net cost to the Municipality was Rs. 109-14-3 against Rs. 118-11-0 in the previous year, the average net cost per pupil being Rs. 5-7-11 against Rs. 9-2-1 in the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 3-10-2 was satisfactory and was due to careful supervision (*vide* G.O., No. 1587 M., dated 9th September 1898, paragraph 4, clause 2).

59. *Municipal Muhammadan Night School*.—The number on the rolls on 31st March 1899 was 22 against the same in the previous year. The average attendance was 20 against 17 in the previous year, which is satisfactory. The net cost to the Municipality was Rs. 144-12-0 against Rs. 135-6-0 in the previous year, and the average net cost per pupil was Rs. 7-3-10 against Rs. 7-15-5 in the previous year. This is satisfactory.

60. The total number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March 1899 was 144 boys and 14 girls against 151 boys and 13 girls in the last year, and the total net cost was Rs. 5-4-8 against Rs. 7-7-4 of the previous year. The decrease in the net cost is satisfactory. The results of the examination were satisfactory, as 80 came out successful out of 102 presented, the percentage of passes to the number examined being 78.43 against 83.75 in the previous year.

61. *Salary Grants*.—Rs. 400 were paid as was estimated in the revised estimate and Rs. 394-2-8, the actuals of the previous year, as salary grants to the Manager, Church Mission High school. The number on rolls on 31st March 1899 was 222 against 218 of the previous year. As for other details, the financial statement B submitted by the manager of the school is enclosed.

62. *Result Grants*.—The number of result grant primary schools at the beginning was sixteen. Two were closed and two were aided during the year in addition to the above and thus there were sixteen aided schools at the close of the year. The number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March 1899 in all the schools was 647 boys and 33 girls against 666 boys and 34 girls of the previous year. The total amount of grant earned by the teachers was Rs. 1,607-1-0 against Rs. 1,654-13-0, the amount payable was Rs. 900 against Rs. 896-8-0 and the amount actually paid was Rs. 900 against Rs. 896-8-0 and against the same amount allotted in the revised estimate. The number of pupils examined was 570 and of those 405 passed or 71.05 per cent. against 457 and 408 or 89.27 per cent. of the previous year. On the whole the results were considered satisfactory by the Educational authorities. The grants were fully paid by the Council.

63. *Building and Furniture Grants*.—Rs. 36 were paid against Rs. 50 of the revised estimate and Rs. 9, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 14 was small and the increase of Rs. 27 was satisfactory.

64. *Inspection—Establishment*.—Rs. 203 were spent against Rs. 204 of the revised estimate and Rs. 173-13-10, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Re. 1 was small.

65. *Contingencies*.—Rs. 10-11-6 were expended under this head against Rs. 26 of the revised estimate and Rs. 10-8-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 15-4-6 was due to the non-receipt of bill for record-rack.

66. *General Gymnasium*.—Rs. 180 were spent against Rs. 200 of the revised estimate and Rs. 180-15-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 20 under the revised estimate was due to no amount spent under contingent charges.

67. *Other Items*.—Rs. 2-6-0 were spent under this head against Rs. 20 of the revised estimate. The decrease was due to the fluctuating nature of the item.

68. *Grant 3, Sanitation and Medical Service*.—The total expenditure under this grant was Rs. 13,524-10-6 against Rs. 16,570 of the revised estimate and Rupees 14,784-12-10, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease is explained below.

69. *Hospitals and Dispensaries—Establishment*.—As in the previous year, one hospital was maintained during the year, in which both in and out patients were treated. The medical relief was appreciated by the public. Three hundred and fifty in and 11,867 out patients received treatment during the year against 480 and 12,952, respectively, of the previous year. The expenditure incurred for establishment charges during the year was Rs. 1,768-8-5 against Rs. 1,860 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,902-2-4, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 91-7-7 was chiefly due to the office of the hospital assistant being vacant for some time, as the permanent man was transferred on plague duty. The hospital is in charge of the civil apothecary and one-eighth of his salary is paid from Provincial funds, and he is assisted by the hospital assistant.

70. The labour cases attended to by the midwife were 123 against 118 of the previous year, which was satisfactory. Civil apothecary attended one in and seven out cases, making a total of 131 cases.

71. *Medicines and Supplies*.—Rs. 1,179-14-1 were expended under this item during the year against Rs. 1,200 of the revised estimate and Rs. 936-3-10, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 20-1-11 was small.

72. *Diet of Patients*.—The expenditure under this head was Rs. 751-3-1 against Rs. 700 of the revised estimate and Rs. 996-1-7, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 51-3-1 was small.

73. *Sundries and Contingencies*.—The outlay under this item was Rs. 221-10-4 against Rs. 410 of the revised estimate and Rs. 467-1-8, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 188-5-8 was due to the varying nature of the item.

74. The total expenditure for the hospital during the year was Rs. 3,921-3-11 against Rs. 4,170 of the revised estimate and Rs. 4,301-9-5, the actuals of the previous year. The reason for the decrease was shown above. The average net cost per patient was As. 5-1 against the same in the previous year.

The following improvements were made during the year under report:—

- (1) Hospital Assistant's quarters were completed.
- (2) Hospital compound wall was erected.
- (3) Petty repairs were made.

As regards the medical officer's recommendation to remove certain houses in the main bazaar, the Council is not in a position to do the same under the present financial condition, as much money is required for the acquisition of sites, more valuable than those situated in other parts of the town.

As regards white-washing of the buildings, it is nearing completion now—*vide* paragraph 45 *supra*.

As regards the recommendations made by the Surgeon-General and the District Medical and Sanitary Officer in the previous years, Rs. 200 were provided in the budget for 1899-1900 for constructing out-houses.

I may also mention here that Government in G.O., No. 378 M., dated 15th March 1899, reduced the allotment made for repairing buildings by Rs. 250. The other minor recommendations cannot be attended to for the present for want of funds, as much money has already been spent on the institution.

75. *Contribution to Provincial Funds*.—Rs. 333 were paid during the year as contribution against Rs. 250 of the revised estimate and Rs. 305, the actuals of the previous year, as per Treasury Deputy Collector's letter, Ref. on C. No. 174—G.B.-Acct., dated 11th March 1899.

76. *Vaccination—Establishment and Contingencies*.—Rs. 469-4-4 were expended this year under this item against Rs. 550 of the revised estimate and Rs. 608-7-4, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 80-11-8 was due to short expenditure under contingent charges. There are two vaccinators—one first class drawing Rs. 15 per mensem and the other second class drawing Rs. 10 per mensem. From the year 1886, compulsory vaccination has been in force in the town. The lymph was supplied by the Mysore Government. The total number of operations during the year was 2,941 including those performed by the medical subordinates, against 2,599 of the previous year. Of these, 2,864 were successful against 2,278 of the previous year. Prompt steps were taken in this branch during the year by giving strict orders to the vaccinators. It is very satisfactory to note that there has been considerable improvement in this branch during the year. The total number of cases successfully vaccinated by the vaccinators below one year was 772 against 639 of the previous year. There was an increase of 133 cases. The total number of primary vaccinations was 2,475 against 2,022 of the previous year, of which 2,432 proved successful against 1,784 of the previous year. The number of births registered during the year was 1,079 against 801 of the previous year. The average cost of each successful case was As. 2-8 against As. 4-6 of the previous year. The decrease is very satisfactory. The number of cases vaccinated during the past two years is compared below with the number of cases vaccinated during the year under report:—

Years.	Total.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Unknown.
1896-97	1,944	1,759	185	7
1897-98	2,416	2,119	290	6
1898-99	2,811	2,736	69	

Thus it will be seen that there was a marked improvement in the number of operations performed and in the number of successful cases during the year as the result of strict supervision over this branch of work.

77. There were no deaths from small-pox during the year. The medical subordinates vaccinated 130 cases against 183 of the previous year, of which 128 proved successful against 159 of the previous year. The work done by the vaccinators was supervised by the civil apothecary and by the hospital assistant and was checked in my office by comparing the work done in a week in the year, with the corresponding weeks of the previous two years, and by ordering them to make up the deficit whenever found.

78. *Registration of Births and Deaths—Establishment and Contingencies*.—Rupees 153-0-7 were spent against Rs. 180 of the revised estimate and Rs. 120-14-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease was due to fines and stoppages in the establishment charges and to short expenditure under contingencies. As in the previous year, the office of the registrar of births and deaths is located in the Municipal office. The sanitary inspector and the sub-inspectors were directed to help the registrar and to report to him daily births and deaths occurring in their wards. The number of births registered during the year was 1,079, and that of deaths was 656 against 801 and 823, respectively, of the previous year. The increase in the former was due to strict supervision, orders having been given both to the registrar and the sanitary staff to inspect their wards daily and to report cases. The registrar goes

daily to a ward and detects cases, if any, and reports them. The fall in the number of deaths was chiefly due to only 12 deaths from cholera against 130 of the previous year. Of the 656 death cases, 12 died from cholera, 161 from fevers, 44 from bowel complaints, 7 from injuries and 432 from all other causes against 130 from cholera, 191 from fevers, 111 from bowel complaints, 8 from injuries and 383 from all other causes of the previous year. The birth-rate per mille was 36.71 against 27.26 of the previous year. This is satisfactory. The number of prosecutions instituted during the year for failure to register births and deaths was 15, of which 10 were convicted, 4 acquitted and 1 pending.

79. Thus it will be seen that every possible care was taken regarding this branch of work and that the result has been satisfactory.

80. *Sanitation—Conservancy, Road Cleaning and Road Watering—Establishment*.—Rs. 5,418-12-4 were expended during the year against Rs. 5,454 of the revised estimate and Rs. 5,317-15-7, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 35-3-8 was due to fines and stoppages.

81. The street sweepings and the night-soil were collected and removed in the same manner as in the previous year. This year some night-soil was sold for Rs. 2 to betel gardeners and the rest was retained for want of bidders.

82. As per statement XI, there were nineteen public latrines. Of these, 9 have brick-wall enclosures, seven tatty ones, two corrugated iron sheet with roofing and one mud-wall enclosures. All these latrines are cleaned twice a day. The fixing of the two corrugated iron-sheet latrines was completed during the year.

83. The Council engaged for hire ten carts or one more than in the previous year for removing rubbish, two for cleaning drains, one for cess-pools, and two for removing night-soil. They were hired at Rs. 15 per cart per mensem. All the rubbish carts are country ones with bamboo big baskets. The cess-pool carts have wooden barrels. Bullocks and drivers were hired for the night-soil carts.

84. *Hire of Carts*.—The expenditure under this head amounted to Rs. 1,598-7-9 against Rs. 2,006 of the revised estimate and Rs. 2,033-7-10, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 407-8-3 was chiefly due to the hiring of carts at Rs. 13 per cart per mensem during some months in the year as no good bullocks were procurable.

85. *Private Scavenging—Establishment and Hire of Carts*.—Rs. 907-3-8 were spent against Rs. 1,000 of the revised estimate and Rs. 831-8-2, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 92-12-4 was chiefly due to fines and stoppages in the establishment charges, and to the non-entertainment of a scavenger for some months when there was no necessity. The latrines in general are cleaned once a day, but those that pay As. 8 a month are cleaned twice a day. The work of the scavengers is daily inspected by the sanitary staff, who are entrusted, as in the previous year, with books containing the list of latrines that are under the agency in each ward. They obtain daily the signatures of the owners of the latrines in proof of their regular attendance and thus cleanliness is secured. The number of houses served under this system at the end of March 1899 was 498, notwithstanding 33 which were withdrawn from municipal management owing to the transfer, &c., of owners from the town. The number of houses served under this system was 450 last year.

The prosecutions instituted under this system were three, which were all convicted, against 26 instituted last year. The amount of fees collected was Rs. 1,261-3-6 and the expenditure incurred was Rs. 907-3-8 against Rs. 1,081-12-6 and Rs. 831-8-2 respectively, of the previous year. The savings will be utilized during 1899-1900 for purchasing an air-tight iron night-soil cart as one was out of use. The Government will be pleased to observe that this improved condition, which reflects great credit upon the administration, was the result of the strict and stringent steps taken to improve the system.

86. *Cess-pool service—Establishment and Contingencies, &c.*—Rs. 221-8-5 were spent during the year against Rs. 260 of the revised estimate and Rs. 324-0-9, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 38-7-7 was chiefly due to short

expenditure under contingent charges. There was a small loss of Rs. 14-8-5 to the Municipality over Rs. 100 in the previous year owing to high rates fixed already. Steps are being taken to make the system self-supporting—*vide* G.O., No. 378 M., dated 16th March 1899, paragraph 4, clause 4.

87. *Epidemic Charges*.—Rs. 428-1-6 were spent under this head for plague and cholera against Rs. 2,500 estimated in the revised estimate and Rs. 861-10-9, the actuals of the previous year. Cholera appeared only once in the year and the total number of deaths during the year was 12 against 130 of the previous year. Every endeavour has been taken to prevent the spread of the epidemic.

Two sanitary inspectors were appointed to inspect trains both days and nights for the purposes of plague and to issue passports. They are still working. Every precaution as per recommendations of the sanitary officers and the Collector has been being taken to prevent any epidemic.

88. *Contingencies*.—Rs. 69 were spent under this head against Rs. 200 of the revised estimate and Rs. 80-3-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease was due to the fluctuating nature of the item.

89. *Grant 4, Miscellaneous Municipal purposes—Lighting—Establishment*.—Rs. 743 were spent under this item against Rs. 744 of the revised estimate and Rs. 733-14-2, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Re. 1 was due to fines and stoppages.

90. *Contingencies*.—Rs. 1,717-12-7 were spent against Rs. 1,096 of the revised estimate and Rs. 980-3-9, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rupees 621-12-7 was chiefly due to the purchase of chimneys, burners, &c., from Messrs. P. Orr & Sons, which was not anticipated at first. The number of lamps was 279, the same as in the previous year. The lighting was inspected by the lighting maistry and by the overseer. The lighting was carried on departmentally as in the previous year.

91. *Markets*.—Rs. 1-8-0 were spent under this head against Rs. 50 of the revised estimate. The collection of fees from vegetable markets was postponed on account of the recent vegetable market strike; hence the decrease.

92. *Slaughter-houses—Establishment and Contingencies*.—Rs. 71-14-5 were spent under this head against Rs. 90 of the revised estimate and Rs. 71-14-6, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 18-1-7 was due to no expenditure under contingent charges.

93. *Travellers' Bungalow—Establishment and Contingencies*.—Rs. 65-1-4 were spent under this head against Rs. 90 of the revised estimate and Rs. 69-11-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 24-14-8 was due to short expenditure under contingent charges.

94. *Public gardens—Establishment and Contingencies*.—Rs. 97-14-0 were spent under this head against Rs. 100 of the revised estimate and Rs. 31-9-10, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 2-2-0 was small and needs no explanation.

95. *Other charges*.—The outlay under this head was Rs. 1,007-2-2 against Rs. 1,460 of the revised estimate and Rs. 2,385-13-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 452-13-10 was due to the short expenditure under works done to private individuals for removing water, printing and other items.

96. *Grant 5, General Establishment—Office Establishment*.—Rs. 1,317-5-5 were spent against Rs. 1,325 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,309-8-2, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 7-10-7 was due to fines and stoppages.

97. *Contingencies*.—Rs. 271-0-5 were spent against Rs. 400 of the revised estimate and Rs. 325-7-8, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease was due to the varying nature of the item.

98. *Collection of Municipal taxes—Establishment*.—Rs. 251 were spent against Rs. 255 of the revised estimate and Rs. 174, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 4 was due to fines and stoppages.

99. *Contingencies*.—Rs. 330-4-7 were spent against Rs. 130 of the revised estimate and Rs. 51-7-4, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rupees 200-4-7 was due to the payment of the amount of Rs. 329-4-7 as per Treasury Deputy Collector's letter, Ref. on C. No. 186 G-B.-Acc., dated 14th March 1899, for the cost of printing Municipal account forms.

100. *Collection of Tolls—Establishment*.—Rs. 1,329-6-3 were spent against Rs. 1,330 of the revised estimate and no expenditure in the previous year. The decrease of As. 9-9 was small and needs no explanation.

101. *Contingencies*.—Rs. 416-0-10 were spent against Rs. 500 of the revised estimate and Rs. 484-6-5, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease was due to the fluctuating nature of the item.

102. *Contributions for Central Office and Audit Establishments*.—As was provided in the revised estimate, Rs. 280 were spent under this head.

103. *Advances Recoverable*.—Rs. 35-3-6 were expended under this head against Rs. 200 of the revised estimate and Rs. 35-1-4, the actuals of the previous year.

104. *Refunds of other than current collections*.—Nothing was spent under this head against Rs. 10 provided in the revised estimate.

105. *Pensions and Gratuities*.—The amount provided in the estimate was Rs. 50, but nothing was spent under this head during the year.

106. (iv) *Closing Balance*.—The year closed with a balance of Rs. 4,922-3-9 against a deficit balance of Rs. 471-0-11 of the previous year and Rs. 2,880 ordered by Government—*vide* G.O., No. 378 M., dated 15th March 1899. The increase of Rs. 2,051-3-9 was due to a decrease of Rs. 518-7-10 in the actual receipts and to a decrease of Rs. 2,560-11-7 in the expenditure which was chiefly due to the decrease of Rs. 2,071-14-6 in the expenditure allotted for plague charges.

107. The accounts of the year under report were not audited.

V.—GENERAL REMARKS.

108. The following is a summary of improvements effected during the year under report:—

(1) *Education*.—The whole amount of salary-result stipends recommended by the educational officers was paid.

(2) The whole amount of fixed result grants as per assignment of the educational authorities was also paid.

(3) *Medical, Sanitation and Miscellaneous*.—About Rs. 300 for hospital assistant quarters and about Rs. 70 for the construction of a compound wall to the hospital were spent during the year.

(4) Petty repairs were made to the hospital building and the white-washing and tarring have been commenced.

(5) The private scavenging system is more than self-supporting and its income is contributing largely to its improvement and extension.

(6) There was an income of Rs. 50 from the sale of rubbish, &c.

(7) There was an income of Rs. 2 from the sale of night-soil.

(8) An extra rubbish cart was engaged.

(9) The construction of one corrugated iron latrine as per standard plan of the Sanitary Board was completed.

(10) The slaughter-house in D. division was opened for use.

(11) The harbour was, to a certain extent, filled in with silt taken from the Kistna canal.

(12) Temporary latrines were constructed during the Moharam festival.

(13) All the rubbish depots were levelled.

(14) Revetment walls were constructed to some of the main roads which were enlarged and levelled.

(15) Some latrines were repaired at a cost of about Rs. 80.

(16) The cesspool service has almost become self-supporting.

(17) About Rs. 600 were spent in securing a sufficient supply of chimneys and burners from Messrs. P. Orr & Sons.

(18) There was an additional bill-collector entertained.

109. Lastly, I may mention here that the most important subject of water-supply requires early attention. There has been a good deal of correspondence regarding this subject. The necessity was fully explained in this office letter, No. 37, dated 1st June 1898, paragraph 109, embodied in G.O., No. 1587 M., dated 9th September 1898. The views of the Council were explained in this office letter, Ref. on C. No. 33 of 1898, dated 27th July 1898, and the Government, in its Order, Mis. No. 14 M., dated 3rd January 1899, was pleased to order enquiries referred to in paragraph 9 of the Sanitary Board's Proceedings regarding the possibility of an artesian well. No final orders have yet been received on the subject, and I trust the Government may be pleased in disposing of the subject to take into consideration the objections raised in my letter referred to above.

I may be permitted to mention here that the view of the Collector, as embodied in paragraph 7 of the resolution embodied in G.O., Mis. No. 14 M., dated 3rd January 1899, does not meet the objections urged by the Council to the use of the canal water. The canal water carries all manner of filth from Bezwada including dead bodies, and its use even for domestic purposes has been condemned both by the Sanitary Commissioner and the District Medical Officer.

110. The report was placed before the Council at its meeting, dated 29th May 1899, and the enclosed resolution was passed adopting the same.

111. The delay in submitting the report was explained in this office letter, Ref. on C. No. 56 of 1899, dated 7th June 1899.

ENCLOSURE.

CONCISE ANNUAL REPORT ON Municipal Hospital, Ellore, for the official year 1898-99.

1. *Public Health.*—The town was free from small-pox during the year. There were no cases of plague either indigenous or imported. There were 17 cases of cholera in the town in the month of July 1898, beginning on the 9th and ending by 17th, out of which 12 proved fatal. Health of the people fairly good. Monsoons broke out in time and there was sufficient rainfall.

2. *Vital Statistics.*—There were 1,079 births and 656 deaths registered during the official year against 801 and 823 of last year.

3. *General Sanitation.*—Most of the houses of the town are low-lying, damp and ill-ventilated. The town is overcrowded. In Powerpetta the Toorpu dwelling huts are to be found side by side with good class of houses. The removal of these would be a sanitary improvement of the houses in the area. In that part of the town close to the main bazaar, there is much over-crowding of houses; it would be advisable both with reference to facility of communication and of perforation of air to remove certain houses and enlarge the roads.

4. *Water-supply* is from Kistna canal, Gajivillivari tank and 30 other wells; many of these are pottering wells; a few of them are pakka built with platforms and parapet walls, and drains to carry off the surface water; during the hot months of April and May when the canal is closed, water from these wells is inadequate for the use of people.

5. *Drainage.*—Some roads are provided with side drains and others with mere cuttings. There is no regular system in force; the town is intersected by an irrigation channel which receives much of the sewage of neighbouring houses and is also used in some places as latrines, as well as depot of filth of all sorts.

6. *Conservancy.*—The number of latrines at the disposal of the public at present is only 19—a number far below the requirements of the town; with the exception of the two corrugated iron latrines, all others are mere enclosures, with either brick or tatty walls; there must be 32 latrines at the disposal of the town and seven night-soil carts.

7. *Roads* are in fairly good order.

8. *Vaccination* is compulsory in the town and is done with lanoline paste obtained from Mysore. The staff consists of two vaccinators, one first class and the other

second class, on Rs. 15 and Rs. 10, respectively. The number of cases vaccinated during the official year is 2,941, out of which 2,864 were successful, 71 unsuccessful and 6 unknown.

9. *Hospital and Dispensary.*—There is sufficient accommodation in the general wards; all the buildings connected with the hospital, except the hospital assistant's quarters, require thorough repairs and white-washing, which have not been done for the last two years though the same have been brought to the notice of the Council on several occasions by means of letters and by forwarding recommendations from the visitors' book made by inspecting officers from time to time.

10. *Repair of Furniture.*—Good.

The Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras inspected this institution in January 1896 and made the following recommendations:—

"The hospital is an admirable one if it was kept in a proper state of repair; such repairs should be provided for in the annual budget. There is a great deal to be done, and the Council should see that the repairs are carried out fully and efficiently with as little delay as possible. The present ruined isolation huts should be replaced by smaller ones on the standard plan to be obtained from the Sanitary Engineer. They should consist of two beds each for males and females in separate huts for septic and standard plan huts for caste patients. There should also be a standard plan hut for two cases of venereal disease in female, so as to keep the general ward for respectable native women. A separate delivery ward is required for the lying-in ward, a standard plan of which can be obtained. Quarters for the midwife, sweeper and ward attendant are much required."

The District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Gódvári, made the following recommendations in November 1897:—

"Visited and inspected the hospital. No repairs have been undertaken by the Municipality although the main building, the latrines are not in thorough good order. The cholera and contagious sheds too are in need of repair. None of the recommendations made by the Surgeon-General on his visit in January 1896 have been attended to. There appears to be a necessity for entertaining an assistant compounder."

The following recommendations were made by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Gódvári, in April 1898:—

"I must call attention to the fact that the white-washing and repairing the hospital (especially the latrines) have not yet been done although recommended by the Surgeon-General in January 1896 and also on 11th November 1897 by Surgeon-Major Sarkies. I also recommend that the latrines be done at once and the compound wall be finished to prevent cattle continually coming in; it appears to me that there ought to be proper separate dressing-rooms for men and women separately instead of tatty enclosures."

The Acting Head Assistant Collector, Ellore, visited the hospital on 28th February 1899 and made the following recommendations:—

"Visited the hospital; I find that so far back as 1896, the Surgeon-General remarked on the disrepair of latrines; yet no steps have been taken. The matter, I consider, demands the immediate attention of the Municipal Council, and I trust they will see their way to provide funds for the repair; it is not easy to understand why the building has not been whitewashed for the last two years. In the interest of the patients it is necessary to white-wash it as soon as possible; less emergent works might be put off and funds spared for the purpose."

Copies of the above recommendations have been forwarded to the Municipal Council soon after they were made, respectively; yet I regret to say that no work has been done during the year except plastering of the verandah of lying-in ward and the kitchen, which were done about the last week of March 1899.

Rs. 36-12-0 were recovered as dieting and medicine charges; Rs. 108-5-1 recovered from the sale of medicines and subscriptions.

11. *Number of Patients compared with three previous years —*

	In-patients.	Out-patients.
1896-97	407	12,743
1897-98	480	12,952
1898-99	350	11,867

The decrease is due to the generally healthy condition consequent perhaps on the timely rains and other favourable circumstances.

12. *Mortality.*—There were twenty-five deaths in hospital, but none died of septic disease.

13. *Operations and Results.*—There were 477 surgical operations during the official year; no deaths.

14. *Midwife* attended on 123 cases against 118 of last year.

15. *General Remarks.*—As a precaution against plague, two sanitary inspectors are deputed to inspect passengers by train and boat and keep them under observation for ten days in the case of those who come from affected areas.

ELLORE,
22nd April 1899.

(Signed) T. EKAMBARAM PILLAY,
Civil Apothecary in Medical Charge.

No. 1833.

Forwarded.

2. By oversight the report has been kept with the reports of the hospital assistants in the district collected for the district concise report; hence the delay.

RAJAHMUNDRY,
24th May 1899.

(Signed) G. CHARLESWORTH,
Ag. Dist. Medl. and Sany. Officer, Gódvári.

R. Dis. No. 212-Rev.

Forwarded.

2. Of the demand on account of taxes for the year under report, a balance of Rs. 1,031 was left utostanding, and the Chairman considers the collections on the whole satisfactory. With the aid of an additional bill-collector entertained for the year, better work still might have been turned out, and if the provisions of 103 and the following sections were strictly followed, the arrears would be reduced to a very small figure or would be even *nil*. It is hardly creditable that Rs. 372 of last year's arrears have not yet been wiped off.

3. The roads are nowhere very badly cut up. In some parts they are more or less sandy, in others somewhat uneven, but there are no holes or other serious defects which may interfere with the ordinary traffic.

4. As to water-supply, I may mention the Ellore Taluk Board has promised a contribution if an artesian well is dug.

5. I have heard competent judges who have known these parts long and well say that sanitation has of late perceptibly improved. The establishment does not seem inadequate, and a close supervision over it may go a long way.

6. Some appliances at least for extinguishing fire may be maintained by the Municipality. From a recent experience I can say that people are almost helpless when a fire breaks out. The canal running through the town is open for nearly ten months in the year, and these appliances will prove very useful and handy.

7. As to the Chairman's remarks in the concluding portion of paragraph 13, I do not think the Municipality has much reason to grumble. Numbers of carts laden with merchandise arrive near the toll-gate from outside villages and halt there. All do not pass through, but a few are employed to carry the goods into the town. It seems a sensible and economical arrangement to make on the part of the traders.

8. It is to be hoped that the Municipality will take timely action to raise the house-tax which they have recently promised to do to Government.

9. It would appear that more care is evinced this year in collecting statistics as to births and deaths.

10. The Chairman, as usual, is taking interest in municipal affairs and steadily labouring to advance the best interests of Municipal Government.

17th June 1899.

(Signed) P. KERSHASP,
Ag. Head Assistant Collector.

Dis. on Cur. No. 1968-Rev.

Forwarded.

2. *Paragraph 3—Meetings.*—The number of meetings actually held during the year was 34 against 49 in the year 1897-98. The number, however, is still satisfactory. The average attendance of the members was fair in the case of non-official members, while the attendance of official members was worse than in the previous year, but there was only one official member.

3. *Paragraph 6—Tax on Arts, Paragraph 7—Tax on Buildings.*—It is very unsatisfactory there should be an arrear balance of Rs. 254 and Rs. 300-15-0 under these heads against Rs. 58 and Rs. 74-8-0 in the previous year, being about 40 and 22 per cent. respectively of the arrear at the beginning of the year.

4. *Paragraph 8—Tax on Lands.*—The demand fell from Rs. 387-2-0 in 1897-98 to Rs. 216-4-0. The short fall should have been accounted for.

5. *Paragraph 13—Tolls.*—A sum of Rs. 10,691-9-0 was realised against Rupees 10,500 as per the revised estimate and Rs. 7,940-6-9, the actuals of 1897-98. The increase under this head is gratifying. The view expressed by the Head Assistant Collector in paragraph 7 of his endorsement, viz., that the cartmen are entitled under section 94 of the Act to move their carts or animals as many times as they choose within the period of 24 hours for a single fee is correct.

6. *Paragraph 24—Income from Markets.*—Rs. 322-10-2 were realised against Rs. 610, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease is attributed to the fall in the number of firewood carts as they were engaged in conveying stone to the Gódvári bridge-works. The recent market strike is probably mainly responsible for the short fall (*vide* also paragraph 91 of the Chairman's report). A separate report on this subject will be submitted shortly.

7. *Paragraph 28—Cart-stand Fees.*—The marked increase in the collections from Rs. 500 in 1897-98 to Rs. 1,076-10-0 is due to the increased cart traffic on account of stone carts for the Gódvári bridge-works.

8. *Paragraph 43—Repairs—Communications.*—Rs. 4,199-13-11 were expended during the year against Rs. 2,500 allotted in the revised estimate. The increased expenditure was on repairs to the tank bund road chiefly and for the construction of a revetment wall to the high road. From paragraph 3 of the Head Assistant Collector's endorsement the roads appear to have received some attention but are capable of further improvement.

9. *Paragraphs 52 to 67—Education.*—The educational work of the Council continued to be satisfactory.

10. *Paragraph 69—Medical.*—The number of in- and out-patients treated fell from 480 and 12,952 in 1897-98 to 350 and 11,867, respectively, in the year under report, and the expenditure from Rs. 1,902-2-4, the actuals of 1897-98, to Rupees 1,768-8-5. The decrease is attributed to the hospital assistant being deputed on plague duty for some time. The number of cases attended by the midwife rose from 118 to 123.

11. *Paragraph 76—Vaccination.*—The expenditure under vaccination fell from Rs. 608-7-4, the actuals of 1897-98, to Rs. 469-4-4. The vaccinations in the year were more numerous than in 1897-98, being 2,941 against 2,599, of which 2,864 were successful against 2,278 in 1897-98.

12. *Paragraph 78—Vital Statistics.*—The births and deaths registered were 1,079 and 656 against 801 and 823, respectively, in 1897-98. The decrease in the number

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of deaths is attributed to the absence of epidemics in the year. The birth-rate per mille 36.71 against 27.26 in 1897-98 evidently shows that more attention is paid to the registration of vital statistics.

13. *Paragraph 80—Sanitation.*—The undersigned is glad to note that the sanitation of the town has perceptibly improved.

14. *Paragraph 84—Private Scavenging.*—The number of houses served was 498 against 450 in 1897-98. The amount of fees collected and the expenditure were Rs. 1,261-3-6 and Rs. 907-3-8 against Rs. 1,081-12-6 and Rs. 831-8-2, respectively, in the preceding year. The proposal to utilize the savings towards the purchase of an air-tight iron night-soil cart should not be abandoned.

15. *Paragraph 86—Cesspool Service.*—Rs. 221-8-5 spent in the year against Rs. 324-0-9, the actuals of 1897-98 is not adequate.

General.—The collections under the principal taxes were very tardy and require more promptitude. The subject of good water-supply and sanitation should receive the constant attention of the Council. The Municipality appears to have done, on the whole, good work during the year.

21st June 1899.

(Signed) J. A. CUMMING,
Ag. Collector.

ORDER—No. 1089 M., dated 31st July 1899.

The receipts and charges of the Ellore Municipality for 1898-99 are compared below with the budget and revised estimates for the year and the actuals of 1897-98 :—

	Actuals, 1897-98.	Budget estimate, 1898-99.	Revised estimate, 1898-99.	Actuals, 1898-99.
<i>Receipts.</i>				
Balance brought forward	Rs. 1,753	Rs. 550	Rs. — 470	Rs. — 471
Tax on Arts	2,643	3,100	3,100	2,917
Buildings and Lands	8,705	10,300	10,300	9,748
Vehicles and Animals	1,053	1,100	1,100	1,197
Carts	1,920	2,000	2,050	2,232
Tolls	7,940	8,500	10,500	10,692
Realizations under Special Acts	105	50	50	95
Rent of Lands, Buildings, &c., and Sale-proceeds of Lands, &c.	182	250	190	126
Conservancy Receipts	391	150	150	52
Fees and Revenue from Educational Institutions	1,949	1,800	1,800	1,540
Medical Institutions	74	70	90	145
Income from Markets and Slaughter-houses	2,310	3,200	2,130	2,048
License Fees	874	1,200	700	685
Other Fees	547	760	1,110	1,377
Fines under Municipal and other Acts	390	500	500	327
Grants and Contributions from Government	65	190	60	60
Local Boards	2,499	3,000	3,000	2,800
Recoveries for Services to Private Individuals	1,316	1,330	1,200	1,526
Miscellaneous	8	100	60	63
Advances Recovered	1,706	300	50	53
Total	34,677	37,900	38,200	37,683
Grand Total	36,430	38,450	37,730	37,212
<i>Charges.</i>				
GRANT 1—				
New Works—				
Communications	5,290	900	250	670
Buildings	139	1,800	700	5
Water-supply	..	100	100	184
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	..	300	800	..
Repairs—				
Communications	3,902	4,500	2,500	4,200
Buildings	158	400	200	93
Drainage	597	1,050	850	599
Water-supply	92	390	70	63
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	..	10	10	..
Establishment	819	880	880	860
Tools and Plant and other Stores	47	100	50	20
Total	11,044	10,430	5,910	6,604

	Actuals, 1897-98.	Budget estimate, 1898-99.	Revised estimate, 1898-99.	Actuals, 1898-99.
<i>Charges—cont.</i>				
GRANT 2—	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Training Schools	24	120	..	..
Municipal Schools—				
On the Salary System	1,499	1,530	1,530	1,457
Salary-result System	911	930	930	948
Grants-in-aid—				
Salary Grants	394	400	400	400
Fixed and Result Grants	897	1,000	900	900
Building, Furniture, &c., Grants	9	50	50	36
Inspection	184	230	230	214
Miscellaneous	181	320	220	182
Total	4,099	4,580	4,260	4,137
GRANT 3—				
Hospitals and Dispensaries	4,302	4,210	4,170	3,921
Contributions	305	250	250	333
Vaccination	608	550	550	470
Registration of Births and Deaths	121	160	180	158
Sanitation	9,449	10,110	11,420	8,643
Total	14,785	15,280	16,570	13,525
GRANT 4—				
Lighting	1,714	2,140	1,840	2,461
Markets and Slaughter-houses	72	310	140	73
Travellers' Bungalows	70	90	90	65
Public Garden, Survey of Land, Fire, Pounds and other Charges	2,417	1,910	1,560	1,105
Total	4,273	4,450	3,630	3,704
GRANT 5—				
Supervision and Management	2,665	2,560	4,220	4,195
Extraordinary and Debt—				
Advances Recoverable	35	200	200	35
Grants	..	10	10	..
Pensions and Gratuities	..	50	50	..
Total	35	260	260	35
Grand Total	36,901	37,560	34,850	32,290
Balance	— 471	890	2,880	4,922

2. Thirty-four meetings were held by the Municipal Council against 49 in the previous year and three others were adjourned for want of a quorum against four in that year. The average attendance of non-official members was again fair; but the attendance of the Revenue Divisional officer, who was the only official member, was very poor. The Collector is requested to inform him that the Government expects him to be more regular in attending the meetings of the Council in future.

3. *Receipts.*—(1) The arts tax registers were revised during the year with the result that the demand as originally assessed by the Chairman rose from Rs. 3,053 to Rs. 3,188; but as 5.4 per cent. of this sum was remitted by the Council on appeal, there was an increase of only Rs. 43 in the net demand. These large remissions are ascribed by the Chairman chiefly to a fall in the trade and income of the rate-payers. It is observed that the average incidence of the tax was only Rs. 3-1-10 against a general average of Rs. 3-13-9 for Municipalities in 1897-98. The net demand under the taxes on buildings and lands remained almost stationary.

(2) The current collections under the principal taxes improved and were fair under the taxes on arts and buildings; but under the tax on lands, they were again indifferent. Except in the case of the land-tax, the arrear realizations declined; but under none of these heads were they good. In this connection the attention of the Municipal Council is drawn to the remarks of the Head Assistant Collector and the Collector in paragraphs 2 and 3 of their respective endorsements, in which the Government concurs. The outstandings should be adjusted without delay. Coercive processes were adopted to a considerably larger extent than in the previous year at

more than one-third of the number of warrants for disposal remained unexecuted on the 31st March 1899. Greater promptness should be displayed in this respect in future.

(3) There was an increase in the receipts from the taxes on animals and carts and a more marked rise under tolls and cart-stand fees, which in the case of the first two items is ascribed to the careful supervision exercised by the municipal executive, and in that of the last two to their collection having been managed departmentally. Owing, it is stated, to the stringent steps taken in the execution of warrants, the amount realized under warrant fees also showed an increase. The income from the sale of sweepings, school-fees and market-rents, however, declined in the circumstances explained in paragraphs 20, 21 and 24 of the Chairman's report. With reference to the Chairman's remarks in the latter part of paragraph 13 of his report, his attention is drawn to the observations of the Head Assistant Collector and the Collector in paragraphs 7 and 5 of their respective endorsements. The report promised by the Collector in the concluding portion of paragraph 6 of his endorsement regarding the strike in the municipal market is awaited.

(4) The number of houses served by the private scavenging agency and the receipts from this source again rose from 450 and Rs. 1,082, respectively, to 498 and Rs. 1,261, and the service continued to be worked at a profit. As, however, the system is now adopted by only 10·7 per cent. of the total number of houses assessed to the tax on buildings, there is ample scope for its expansion. The Municipal Council should direct its attention towards extending the service in the current year, the surplus accruing from its working being devoted for the purpose. The cost of cleaning private cess-pools was almost covered by the receipts.

4. *Expenditure*—(1) *Public Works*.—No new work of any importance was undertaken during the year. The total outlay on communications amounted to Rs. 4,200 or only 46·9 per cent. of the net Municipal income from tolls against the minimum of 50 per cent. prescribed by Government; but the short expenditure is explained in paragraphs 39 and 44 of the Chairman's report. The Chairman states that town roads were generally in fair order; but from the remarks of the Head Assistant Collector and the Collector in paragraphs 3 and 8 of their respective endorsements it appears that they are capable of further improvement. Steps should be taken to effect this in the current year.

(2) *Education*.—The net expenditure on education was Rs. 2,537 or 9·5 per cent. of the receipts from taxation, and all but Rs. 511 of this sum was devoted to primary education. As in the previous year, the Municipal Council maintained one lower secondary school on the salary system and five primary schools on the salary-result system and also aided one secondary school with salary grants and one secondary and sixteen primary schools with result grants. The attendance at these institutions remained almost stationary. The results of the Lower Secondary Examination in the Municipal school were indifferent, only 10 out of 34 pupils sent up having been successful; but those of the departmental and grant examinations, though not so good as in the previous year, were still fair, and more than 92 per cent. of the allotment for grants was utilized. The total number of boys under instruction in the schools maintained and aided from Municipal funds fell from 1,132 to 1,112 or 51·8 per cent. of the male population of school-going age against the general average of 61·8 per cent. for Municipalities in 1897-98.

(3) *Medical Relief*.—The number of in-patients and out-patients treated at the Municipal hospital fell from 480 and 12,952, respectively, to 350 and 11,867, the decrease being ascribed by the Civil Apothecary to the general healthy condition of the town. The midwife employed by the Municipal Council attended 123 cases of labour or five more than in the previous year. In addition to this, the Civil Apothecary attended eight cases.

(4) *Vaccination and Vital Statistics*.—The total number of persons vaccinated during the year again rose from 2,599 to 2,941 and the percentage of reported success from 87·7 to 97·7. Infantile vaccination also made fair progress, the number of children under one year successfully vaccinated having risen from 21·9 to 26·5 per

mille of the population; but to be satisfactory, the number of vaccinations should more nearly approach the birth-rate, viz., 36·7 per mille. It is gratifying to note that the cost of each successful operation was reduced from As. 4-7 to As. 2-9.

Owing, it is stated, to more careful supervision, the number of births registered during the year rose from 801 or 27·3 per mille of the population to 1,079 or 36·7 per mille, but the number of deaths fell from 823 or 28 per mille to 656 or 22·3 per mille; the decrease being ascribed to the absence of cholera during the year. The returns in both cases were still incomplete, the rates recorded being below the normal. The Municipal Council should endeavour to make them more accurate and trustworthy.

(5) *Sanitation*.—The expenditure under this head amounting to Rs. 8,643 fell short of the allotment by 14·5 per cent. and was 22·9 per cent. of the total receipts. From paragraph 108 of the Chairman's report and from paragraphs 5 and 13 respectively, of the Head Assistant Collector's and the Collector's endorsements, the Government is glad to observe that some noticeable improvement has been effected in the sanitation of the town; but the Council should not rest satisfied until all the defects pointed out by the Sanitary Officers from time to time have been remedied. In this connection, the attention of the Municipal Council is drawn to the remarks of the Civil Apothecary in paragraphs 3 to 6 of his report and to those of the Head Assistant Collector in paragraphs 4 and 6 of his endorsement.

5. *General Remarks*.—The year closed with a balance of Rs. 4,922 (or 13·1 per cent. of the receipts).

The administration of the municipality during the year under review continued to be tolerably satisfactory; but the collection of taxes, registration of vital statistics and sanitation require closer attention. The Government notes with pleasure the testimony borne by the Head Assistant Collector to the interest evinced by the Chairman in the management of municipal affairs.

(True Extract.)

C. J. WEIR,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Ellore.
" Collector of Gódvári.
" President, District Board, Gódvári.
" Accountant-General.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Surgeon-General.
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers:—

From M.R.Ry. C. SITARAMAYYA PANTULU Garu, Chairman, Municipal Council, Ellore, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated 16th June 1899, Cur. No. 88.

I have the honour to submit the administration report of the Ellore Municipality for 1898-99, together with the usual statements and the reports of the Medical officer on the working of the Ellore municipal hospital and of the Assistant Inspector of Schools, Gôdâvari and Kistna Divisions.

I.—CONSTITUTION OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

1. Statement X shows the constitution of the Council. The maximum number of councillors is eighteen, of whom five are nominated and thirteen elected. During the year there was only one vacancy in the nominated seats which was filled up on 13th September 1898. There were no vacancies in the elected seats.

2. I held the office of Chairman during the whole year, except for the first 25 days in April, when the same was held by the Divisional officer as ex-officio Chairman.

3. The number of meetings actually held during the year was 34 against 49 and of those adjourned for want of quorum was three against four of the previous year. The average attendance at each meeting was 9.58 against 8.71 of the previous year, that of the officials being 17 and of non-officials 9.41 against 34 and 8.37, respectively. On the whole the attendance was fairly satisfactory. There was this year only one official member against two in the previous year and hence is the decrease in the attendance of the official members.

II.—RECEIPTS.

4. The budget and the revised estimates for 1898-99 were reviewed by Government in their orders Nos. 293 M., dated 1st February 1898, and 378 M., dated 15th March 1899, respectively.

5. The actual receipts of the year under report, exclusive of the opening balance, amounted to Rs. 37,682-9-1, against Rs. 38,200 of the revised estimate and Rupees 34,677-4-3, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease in the actuals occurred chiefly under tax on arts, tax on buildings, tax on lands, tax on carts, &c., avenue refuse, &c., income from educational institutions, from markets, license fees, fines under Municipal and other Acts, contributions from Local Boards, and it was partly counterbalanced by an increase under tax on vehicles, tax on animals, tolls, fees receipts, distraint and warrant fees, cart-stand fees, 4-V. miscellaneous fees, private scavenging fees, cess-pool fees, refunds of expenditure of previous year and permanent and other advances.

A.—Receipts from Taxation.

6. *Municipal Rates and Taxes—Tax on Arts.*—This tax was levied on all classes under schedule A, Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897, after revision

during the year. The demand registers were prepared in the month of July 1898. The original current demand was Rs. 3,188-8-0 against Rs. 3,053 of the previous year, and the number of appeals preferred under this head was 105 against 143 in the previous year. The tax was confirmed in 60 cases and reduced in 45 cases. The amount of remissions in those 45 cases was Rs. 17.-8-0 against Rs. 78-12-0 of the previous year. The increase in the remissions was chiefly due to a fall in the trade and income of tax-payers. Of the final demand of Rs. 3,017, Rs. 2,567 were collected against Rs. 2,372-12-0 of the previous year and a sum of Rs. 7-8-0 was written off against Rs. 15-8-0, leaving a balance of Rs. 412-8-0 against Rs. 586 of the previous year, of which Rs. 166 have since been collected. It will thus appear that the collections are on the whole satisfactory. The arrears outstanding at the beginning of the year under report amounted to Rs. 644 against Rs. 369-9-0, of which Rs. 350 were collected against Rs. 270-9-0 in the previous year. Rs. 40 were written off by the Council as irrecoverable against Rs. 41 of the previous year, leaving a balance of Rs. 254 against Rs. 58 in the previous year. There was a decrease of Rs. 183 under the revised estimate which was due to the demand not being fully collected, but there was an increase of Rs. 274-4-0 over the actuals of the previous year which may be considered fair.

7. *Tax on Buildings.*—This tax was levied at 7½ per cent. on the annual rent value as in the previous years. The demand registers were re-written during the year under report. The total current demand of the tax was Rs. 9,478 against Rs. 9,467-11-0 of the previous year; the remission granted by the Council on appeal was Rs. 8-2-3 against Re. 1, and the demand, as finally settled, was Rs. 9,469-13-9 against Rupees 9,466-11-0 of the previous year, of which Rs. 8,421-10-9 were collected against Rs. 8,125-6-0 of the previous year. The amount written off as irrecoverable was Rs. 12 against Rs. 5-9-0 in the previous year and Rs. 1,036-3-0 remained to be collected against Rs. 1,335-12-0 of the previous year, of which Rs. 53-3-0 have since been collected. The arrears outstanding at the beginning of the year was Rs. 1,410-4-0, of which Rs. 1,090-5-0 were collected against Rs. 521-9-0 and Rupees 435-11-0, respectively, of the previous year. The amount written off by the Council as irrecoverable was Rs. 18-10-0 against Rs. 11-6-0 of the previous year, leaving a balance of Rs. 300-15-0 against Rs. 74-8-0 of the previous year. Of this amount Rs. 16-6-0 have since been collected. Out of 32 appeals disposed of under this head, the tax was confirmed in 25 cases and remitted in seven cases. The decrease was due to overestimate. There was an increase of Rs. 950-5-9 over the actuals of the previous year which shows the interest taken and the improvements effected in the collection of the taxes.

8. *Tax on Lands.*—The tax on vacant lands was levied at 7½ per cent. of rent value. The land tax demand register was re-written this year. The total current demand was Rs. 216-4-0 against Rs. 387-2-0 of the previous year. There were no appeals against the imposition of this tax. The demand as finally settled was Rs. 216-4-0, of which Rs. 130-9-0 were collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 85-11-0 at the end of the year. The arrears outstanding at the beginning of the year was Rs. 174-1-0, of which Rs. 105 were collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 25-14-0 against Rs. 230-14-0, Rs. 17, and Rs. 63-14-0, respectively, of the previous year. Of this amount Rupees 26-4-0 have since been collected. The decrease of Rs. 64-7-0 under the revised estimate was due to the demand not being fully collected as some of the owners live at distant places far away from the Municipality. However, there was an increase of Rs. 91-10-0 over the actuals of the previous year which is creditable.

9. On the whole the collections of all taxes during the year it will thus be seen have been satisfactory when compared with those of the previous year, and that some steps were taken to give effect to the remarks made by Government in paragraph 3, clause (2) of G.O., No. 1587 M., dated 9th September 1898.

10. *Tax on Vehicles with Springs, &c.*—Rs. 102 were collected under this head during the year against Rs. 100 of the revised estimate and Rs. 101-8-0, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 2 over the revised estimate is small.

11. *Tax on Animals.*—Rs. 1,095-8-0 were collected under this tax against Rupees 1,000 of the revised estimate and Rs. 951-8-0, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 95-8-0 was due to careful supervision over this branch.

12. *Tax on Carts, &c.*—Rs. 2,232 were realized against Rs. 2,050 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,920, the actuals of the previous year. The increase in both the cases was due to vigilance on part of the executive.

13. *Tolls.*—Rs. 10,691-9-0 were collected against Rs. 10,500 of the revised estimate and Rs. 7,940-6-9, the actuals of the previous year. There were nine toll-gates as in the previous year and the tolls were levied departmentally at the maximum rates specified in the schedule. No contribution was paid to the Local Boards, as some of their roads are being maintained by the Council. The increase of Rupees 191-9-0 over the revised estimate was due to careful management. Great difficulty was experienced in collecting tolls as some of the persons living outside the municipal limits often tried to avoid payment of tolls. In a case instituted against a person for non-payment of tolls due, the accused gave any amount of trouble in the case and was fined Rs. 200 by the Head Assistant Magistrate who eventually decided the case, though it was originally filed before the Stationary Magistrate. I trust that the fine inflicted and the remarks made by the Head Assistant Magistrate as regards the nature of the offence and the conduct, will have a deterrent effect in future. Evasion of payment of tolls is also effected by outside bandymen by paying toll only for a select few bandies and by employing them as hired carts in goods belonging to other unlicensed bandies for a period of 24 hours using under section 94 of the Municipal Act the toll receipt as a license. I entertain some doubt as to the propriety of the procedure adopted by these cart-men as I consider that section 94 does not apply to cases of this kind.

14. The incidence of taxation per head of the population as per statement I, head 2, was As. 14-7 including tolls and As. 8-9 excluding them, against As. 12-1 and As. 7-9, respectively, of the previous year. The rise in both the cases is creditable and due to an increase in the collections.

B.—Miscellaneous.

15. *Realizations under Special Act—(c) Fees under Act II of 1888.*—Rs. 95 were collected under this head against Rs. 50 of the revised estimate. The increase of Rs. 45 was due to the arrival of a dramatic company not anticipated.

16. *Revenue derived from Municipal Property and powers apart from Taxation.*—As in the previous years, Rs. 3-4-0 were realized for using municipal land for private purposes.

17. *Avenue Receipts.*—Rs. 5-4-0 were realized by the sale of trees against Rs. 20 of the revised estimate and Rs. 14-1-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 14-12-0 was due to the fluctuating nature of the item.

18. *Fees from Travellers' Bungalow.*—Rs. 115-10-0 were realized under this head against Rs. 150 of the revised estimate and Rs. 163, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 34-6-0 was due to a less number of travellers halting at the station.

19. *Salvage-proceeds of Old Materials, empty Oil Cans, &c.*—Rs. 2-6-0 were realized against Rs. 20 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1-10-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 17-10-0 was due to the varying nature of the item.

20. *Conservancy Receipts—Sale-proceeds of Night-soil, Street Refuse, &c.*—Rs. 52 were realized under this item against Rs. 150 of the revised estimate and Rs. 390-15-6, the actuals of the previous year. Of this sum, Rs. 50 were collected from the sale of rubbish and Rs. 2 from the sale of night-soil. For want of bidders the sale of rubbish and night-soil was postponed at three meetings. Hence the decrease.

21. *Income from Educational Institutions—School Fees.*—Rs. 1,539-10-9 were realized against Rs. 1,800 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,948-13-6, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 260-5-3 under the revised estimate was chiefly due to late remittance.

22. *Income from Medical Institutions—Sale-proceeds and Composition fees of Medicines.*—Rs. 36-12-0 were realized against Rs. 10 of the revised estimate and Rs. 30-3-3, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 26-12-0 was due to the fluctuating nature of the item.

23. *Other Receipts.*—Rs. 108-5-1 were realized under this head against Rs. 80 of the revised estimate and Rs. 43-6-3, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 28-5-1 was due to the fluctuating nature of the item.

24. *Income from Markets.*—Rs. 322-10-2 were realized departmentally against Rs. 405 of the revised estimate and Rs. 610, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 82-5-10 was due to a fall in the number of firewood-carts as they were engaged in conveying stone to Gódávri bridge works under a contract between the Municipality and the Engineer-in-Chief under section 91, clause 2 of Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897.

25. *Income from Slaughter-houses.*—Rs. 1,725 were realized as was estimated in the revised estimate against Rs. 1,700, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 25 was due to competition among the bidders.

26. *Other Fees—Distraint and Warrant Fees, &c.*—Rs. 287-7-0 were realized under this item against Rs. 200 of the revised estimate and Rs. 43-7-0, the actuals of the previous year. The increase was due to the stringent steps taken in the execution of warrants.

27. *License Fees.*—The amount realized under this head was Rs. 685 against Rs. 700 of the revised estimate and Rs. 874-1-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 15 was small and calls for no remarks.

28. *Cart-stand Fees.*—Rs. 1,076-10-0 were collected departmentally on cart-stands against Rs. 900 of the revised estimate and Rs. 500, the actuals of the previous year. The increase is more than double the amount of the previous year and is satisfactory, being chiefly due to the pains taken in collecting the fees. These fees were collected either at the toll-gates (where there are also five cart-stands) or at the cart-stands as the parties choose to pay. This system was introduced in 1896 after consulting the neighbouring Municipalities where it prevails.

29. *Miscellaneous.*—Rs. 12-8-0 were realized on account of fees for granting extracts against Rs. 10 of the revised estimate and Rs. 3-8-0, the actuals of the previous year. This is a fluctuating item.

30. *Fines under Municipal and other Acts.*—Rs. 327-1-0 were realized under this head against Rs. 500 of the revised estimate and Rs. 389-9-3, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 172-15-0 under the revised estimate was chiefly due to overestimate.

31. *Grants and Contributions—From Government—Education.*—Rs. 60 were realized as was estimated in the revised estimate against Rs. 65, the actuals of the previous year, as grants for the gymnastic instructor.

32. *From Local Boards.*—Rs. 2,800 were realized under this head against Rs. 3,000 of the revised estimate and Rs. 2,499-8-3, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 200 was due to the part payment of the amount due from the Board.

33. *Miscellaneous—Recoveries on account of services rendered to private individuals.*—Rs. 1,526-5-6 were realized under this item against Rs. 1,260 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,316-4-6, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 266-5-6 over the revised estimate and of Rs. 210-1-0 over the actuals of the previous year was chiefly due to an increase in private scavenging and cess-pool fees under strict supervision.

34. *Other Items.*—Rs. 63-8-10 were realized against Rs. 60 of the revised estimate and Rs. 8-1-0, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 3-8-10 over the revised estimate was small and needs no remarks.

35. *Extraordinary and Debt—Advances—Permanent and others.*—Rs. 52-9-0 were realized under this head against Rs. 50 of the revised estimate. The increase of Rs. 2-9-0 was small and calls for no remark.

36. The actual receipts including the opening balance were Rs. 37,211-8-2 against Rs. 36,429-13-0, the actuals of the previous year, and Rs. 37,730 anticipated in the revised estimate. The decrease of Rs. 518-7-10 under the revised estimate and an increase of Rs. 781-11-2 over the actuals of the previous year are explained above.

37. Statement I-A is left blank, as there are no endowments entrusted to the Council.

III.—EXPENDITURE.

38. The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 32,289-4-5 against Rs. 34,850 of the revised estimate and Rs. 36,900-13-11, the actuals of the previous year, the closing balance being Rs. 4,922-3-9 against Rs. 2,880 of the revised estimate and minus Rs. 471-0-11 of the previous year. The actual charges were distributed as shown below among the several grants:—

Grant	RS.	A.	P.
1, Public Works	6,693	5	8
" 2, Education	4,136	10	9
" 3, Sanitation and medical service	13,524	10	6
" 4, Lighting and other miscellaneous purposes	3,704	4	6
" 5, General establishment	4,195	1	6
Advances recoverable	35	3	6
Total	32,289	4	5

The decrease of Rs. 2,560-11-7 in the actuals under the estimate is explained below.

39. *Grant 1, Public Works—New Works—Communications.*—No expenditure was incurred during the year under this head. Rs. 250 were estimated for constructing roads in Turpupet, but the amount was not spent as the plan sent to the Sanitary Board was not approved.

40. *Buildings.*—The allotment in the revised estimate was Rs. 700 and the expenditure was Rs. 670-5-4 on buildings during the year. The decrease of Rupees 29-10-8 was small and calls for no remark.

41. *Water-supply.*—Rs. 5-2-0 were spent against Rs. 100 of the revised estimate. The decrease of Rs. 94-14-0 was due to the non-payment of hire within the year due to the loan of a boring apparatus.

42. *Miscellaneous Public Improvements.*—Rs. 184-4-0 were expended during the year against Rs. 300 of the revised estimate. The decrease was due to the part completion of the work.

43. *Repairs—Communications.*—Rs. 2,500 were allotted in the revised estimate, but Rs. 4,199-13-11 were expended during the year. The increase was chiefly due to repairing tank bund road which was levelled last year and for constructing revetment wall to high road at inconvenient and dangerous localities. Details are given in statement II-A, Part II. The roads were repaired departmentally during the year, but the supply of materials was done by contract. The total mileage of roads under the control of the Council is 21 miles, 3 furlongs and 115 yards, of which 12 miles, 3 furlongs and 3 yards were metalled and 9 miles and 112 yards unmetalled.

44. The condition of the main roads has been considerably bettered by constructing revetment walls and widening wherever possible. The construction of the tank bund road is nearing completion and will, when completed, add considerably to the convenience of the public. This may be considered the widest road in the town. The transfer of some amount to plague charges has interfered with public works. The condition of roads in general is fair.

45. *Buildings.*—The outlay under this item was Rs. 92-11-8 against Rs. 200 of the revised estimate. The decrease of Rs. 107-4-4 was chiefly due to the non-completion of white-washing the hospital building as no chunam was procurable and partly due to the absence of any necessity for the repairs to other buildings. The

repairing of out-houses and the white-washing of the hospital building will, it is hoped, be completed within three weeks as the work has been begun already and is promptly progressing.

46. *Drainage—Repairs to Works.*—Nothing was spent under this head against Rs. 200 allotted in the revised estimate as the amount was transferred to repairs—communications.

47. *Establishment for Flushing Drains, &c.*—Rs. 598-8-2 were expended during the year under this head against Rs. 650 of the revised estimate. The decrease of Rs. 51-7-10 was chiefly due to fines and stoppages.

48. *Water-supply—Repairs to Works, &c.*—Rs. 3 were spent against Rs. 10 of the revised estimate and Rs. 31-12-3, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease was small and needs no remarks.

49. *Contingencies.*—Nothing was spent under this item against Rs. 10 of the revised estimate as the item was of a fluctuating nature.

50. *Establishment.*—Rs. 859-5-7 were expended under this item against Rs. 880 of the revised estimate and Rs. 819-1-8, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 20-10-5 under the revised estimate was partly due to fines and stoppages and partly to the office of overseer being vacant for some time.

51. *Tools and Plant and Other Stores.*—Rs. 20-3-0 were spent under this item against Rs. 50 of the revised estimate and Rs. 47-0-1, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 29-13-0 under the revised estimate was due to no want of tools and plants during the year.

52. *Grant 2, Education.*—The total expenditure on education was Rupees 4,136-10-9 against Rs. 4,260 of the revised estimate and Rs. 4,098-11-9, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 123-5-3 under the revised estimate is explained below.

53. *Municipal Schools—On Salary system—Lower Secondary School—Establishment Charges and Contingencies.*—The expenditure under these items amounted to Rs. 1,456-10-7 against Rs. 1,530 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,498-8-11, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 73-5-5 was chiefly due to the non-purchase of certain gymnastic apparatus. The number of teachers in the school on 31st March 1899 was four; of these the head, and the first, assistant teachers possess trained teachers' certificates, one teacher had untrained teachers' certificate, and the remaining one is an untrained Telugu pandit. The number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March 1899 was 99 boys against 97 of the previous year. The total expenditure for the school was Rs. 1,456-10-7 and the collections from school fees amounted to Rs. 1,390-12-0 besides Rs. 233-4-0 remitted after the close of the year under report. Thus it will be seen that the real collections amounted to Rs. 1,624 and that the school was not only self-supporting, but also earned Rs. 167-5-5 over and above the expenditure. This is very satisfactory. The school sent up this year 34 students for Lower Secondary examination and ten came out successful, though there was a general slaughter this year in the results. The primary department in same school sent up sixteen boys against the same of the previous year of whom fifteen passed against twelve of the previous year. Thus it will be seen that the financial condition of the school and the examination results are sound and satisfactory.

54. *On Salary-result System.*—The expenditure under this head was Rupees 947-14-8 against Rs. 930 of the revised estimate. The increase of Rs. 17-14-8 was small and due to an increase in result stipends and contingencies. The number of schools maintained by the Council was five as in the previous year, of which one is for Hindus, two for Muhammadans, and one for Panchamas, and one is a night school for Muhammadans. The number of teachers in the schools was seven on the 31st March 1899. Out of these, four teachers hold trained teachers' certificates, one holds untrained teachers' certificate, one is an unpassed teacher with long service and one an unqualified teacher.

55. *Municipal Salary-result System Hindu School, Powerpet.*—The number of pupils on rolls on 31st March 1899 was 48 boys and 9 girls against 61 boys and 8

girls of the previous year, the average attendance being 58 against 39 of the previous year. The increase in the average attendance was due to strict supervision. The net cost of the Municipality was Rs. 253-1-7 against Rs. 224-6-1 of the previous year, the average net cost per pupil being Rs. 4-5-10 against Rs. 5-12-1 of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 1-6-3 in the net cost is due to an increase in the average attendance.

56. *Panchama School*.—The number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March 1899 was 34 boys and 5 girls against 27 boys and 5 girls in the previous year. The average attendance was 34 against 21 in the previous year, which is satisfactory. As in the previous year, no fees were collected from the pupils. The net cost of the school was Rs. 170-12-10 against Rs. 204-3-0 of the previous year, the average net cost per pupil being Rs. 5-0-5 against Rs. 9-11-7 in the previous year. The decrease (Rs. 4-11-2) in the net cost per pupil is due to an increase in the average attendance and is satisfactory as showing a reduction in the cost (*vide* G.O., No. 1587 M., dated 9th September 1898, paragraph 4, clause 2).

57. *Lakshimvarapupeta Muhammadan School*.—The number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March 1899 was 19 boys against 20 in the previous year. The average attendance was 19 against 16 in the previous year, which is fair. The net cost to the Municipality was Rs. 120-7-3 against Rs. 107-11-9 in the previous year, the average net cost per pupil being Rs. 6-5-5 against Rs. 6-11-9 in the previous year. The decrease (As. 6-4), though small, is satisfactory.

58. *Bazaar Street Muhammadan School*.—The number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March 1899 was 21 against the same number in the previous year. The average attendance was 20 against 13 in the previous year, which is satisfactory. The net cost to the Municipality was Rs. 109-14-3 against Rs. 118-11-0 in the previous year, the average net cost per pupil being Rs. 5-7-11 against Rs. 9-2-1 in the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 3-10-2 was satisfactory and was due to careful supervision (*vide* G.O., No. 1587 M., dated 9th September 1898, paragraph 4, clause 2).

59. *Municipal Muhammadan Night School*.—The number on the rolls on 31st March 1899 was 22 against the same in the previous year. The average attendance was 20 against 17 in the previous year, which is satisfactory. The net cost to the Municipality was Rs. 144-12-0 against Rs. 135-6-0 in the previous year, and the average net cost per pupil was Rs. 7-3-10 against Rs. 7-15-5 in the previous year. This is satisfactory.

60. The total number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March 1899 was 144 boys and 14 girls against 151 boys and 13 girls in the last year, and the total net cost was Rs. 5-4-8 against Rs. 7-7-4 of the previous year. The decrease in the net cost is satisfactory. The results of the examination were satisfactory, as 80 came out successful out of 102 presented, the percentage of passes to the number examined being 78.43 against 83.75 in the previous year.

61. *Salary Grants*.—Rs. 400 were paid as was estimated in the revised estimate and Rs. 394-2-8, the actuals of the previous year, as salary grants to the Manager, Church Mission High school. The number on rolls on 31st March 1899 was 222 against 218 of the previous year. As for other details, the financial statement B submitted by the manager of the school is enclosed.

62. *Result Grants*.—The number of result grant primary schools at the beginning was sixteen. Two were closed and two were aided during the year in addition to the above and thus there were sixteen aided schools at the close of the year. The number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March 1899 in all the schools was 647 boys and 33 girls against 666 boys and 34 girls of the previous year. The total amount of grant earned by the teachers was Rs. 1,607-1-0 against Rs. 1,654-13-0, the amount payable was Rs. 900 against Rs. 896-8-0 and the amount actually paid was Rs. 900 against Rs. 896-8-0 and against the same amount allotted in the revised estimate. The number of pupils examined was 570 and of those 405 passed or 71.05 per cent. against 457 and 408 or 89.27 per cent. of the previous year. On the whole the results were considered satisfactory by the Educational authorities. The grants were fully paid by the Council.

63. *Building and Furniture Grants*.—Rs. 36 were paid against Rs. 50 of the revised estimate and Rs. 9, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 14 was small and the increase of Rs. 27 was satisfactory.

64. *Inspection—Establishment*.—Rs. 203 were spent against Rs. 204 of the revised estimate and Rs. 173-13-10, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Re. 1 was small.

65. *Contingencies*.—Rs. 10-11-6 were expended under this head against Rs. 26 of the revised estimate and Rs. 10-8-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 15-4-6 was due to the non-receipt of bill for record-rack.

66. *General Gymnasium*.—Rs. 180 were spent against Rs. 200 of the revised estimate and Rs. 180-15-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 20 under the revised estimate was due to no amount spent under contingent charges.

67. *Other Items*.—Rs. 2-6-0 were spent under this head against Rs. 20 of the revised estimate. The decrease was due to the fluctuating nature of the item.

68. *Grant 3, Sanitation and Medical Service*.—The total expenditure under this grant was Rs. 13,524-10-6 against Rs. 16,570 of the revised estimate and Rupees 14,784-12-10, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease is explained below.

69. *Hospitals and Dispensaries—Establishment*.—As in the previous year, one hospital was maintained during the year, in which both in and out patients were treated. The medical relief was appreciated by the public. Three hundred and fifty in and 11,867 out patients received treatment during the year against 480 and 12,952, respectively, of the previous year. The expenditure incurred for establishment charges during the year was Rs. 1,768-8-5 against Rs. 1,860 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,902-2-4, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 91-7-7 was chiefly due to the office of the hospital assistant being vacant for some time, as the permanent man was transferred on plague duty. The hospital is in charge of the civil apothecary and one-eighth of his salary is paid from Provincial funds, and he is assisted by the hospital assistant.

70. The labour cases attended to by the midwife were 123 against 118 of the previous year, which was satisfactory. Civil apothecary attended one in and seven out cases, making a total of 131 cases.

71. *Medicines and Supplies*.—Rs. 1,179-14-1 were expended under this item during the year against Rs. 1,200 of the revised estimate and Rs. 936-3-10, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 20-1-11 was small.

72. *Diet of Patients*.—The expenditure under this head was Rs. 751-3-1 against Rs. 700 of the revised estimate and Rs. 996-1-7, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 51-3-1 was small.

73. *Sundries and Contingencies*.—The outlay under this item was Rs. 221-10-4 against Rs. 410 of the revised estimate and Rs. 467-1-8, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 188-5-8 was due to the varying nature of the item.

74. The total expenditure for the hospital during the year was Rs. 3,921-3-11 against Rs. 4,170 of the revised estimate and Rs. 4,301-9-5, the actuals of the previous year. The reason for the decrease was shown above. The average net cost per patient was As. 5-1 against the same in the previous year.

The following improvements were made during the year under report:—

- (1) Hospital Assistant's quarters were completed.
- (2) Hospital compound wall was erected.
- (3) Petty repairs were made.

As regards the medical officer's recommendation to remove certain houses in the main bazaar, the Council is not in a position to do the same under the present financial condition, as much money is required for the acquisition of sites, more valuable than those situated in other parts of the town.

As regards white-washing of the buildings, it is nearing completion now—*vide* paragraph 45 *supra*.

As regards the recommendations made by the Surgeon-General and the District Medical and Sanitary Officer in the previous years, Rs. 200 were provided in the budget for 1899-1900 for constructing out-houses.

I may also mention here that Government in G.O., No. 378 M., dated 15th March 1899, reduced the allotment made for repairing buildings by Rs. 250. The other minor recommendations cannot be attended to for the present for want of funds, as much money has already been spent on the institution.

75. *Contribution to Provincial Funds.*—Rs. 333 were paid during the year as contribution against Rs. 250 of the revised estimate and Rs. 305, the actuals of the previous year, as per Treasury Deputy Collector's letter, Ref. on C. No. 174—G.B.-Acet., dated 11th March 1899.

76. *Vaccination—Establishment and Contingencies.*—Rs. 469-4-4 were expended this year under this item against Rs. 550 of the revised estimate and Rs. 608-7-4, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 80-11-8 was due to short expenditure under contingent charges. There are two vaccinators—one first class drawing Rs. 15 per mensem and the other second class drawing Rs. 10 per mensem. From the year 1886, compulsory vaccination has been in force in the town. The lymph was supplied by the Mysore Government. The total number of operations during the year was 2,941 including those performed by the medical subordinates, against 2,599 of the previous year. Of these, 2,864 were successful against 2,278 of the previous year. Prompt steps were taken in this branch during the year by giving strict orders to the vaccinators. It is very satisfactory to note that there has been considerable improvement in this branch during the year. The total number of cases successfully vaccinated by the vaccinators below one year was 772 against 639 of the previous year. There was an increase of 133 cases. The total number of primary vaccinations was 2,475 against 2,022 of the previous year, of which 2,432 proved successful against 1,784 of the previous year. The number of births registered during the year was 1,079 against 801 of the previous year. The average cost of each successful case was As. 2-8 against As. 4-6 of the previous year. The decrease is very satisfactory. The number of cases vaccinated during the past two years is compared below with the number of cases vaccinated during the year under report:—

Years.	Total.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Unknown.
1896-97	1,944	1,759	185	..
1897-98	2,416	2,119	290	7
1898-99	2,811	2,736	69	6

Thus it will be seen that there was a marked improvement in the number of operations performed and in the number of successful cases during the year as the result of strict supervision over this branch of work.

77. There were no deaths from small-pox during the year. The medical subordinates vaccinated 130 cases against 183 of the previous year, of which 128 proved successful against 159 of the previous year. The work done by the vaccinators was supervised by the civil apothecary and by the hospital assistant and was checked in my office by comparing the work done in a week in the year, with the corresponding weeks of the previous two years, and by ordering them to make up the deficit whenever found.

78. *Registration of Births and Deaths—Establishment and Contingencies.*—Rupees 158-0-7 were spent against Rs. 180 of the revised estimate and Rs. 120-14-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease was due to fines and stoppages in the establishment charges and to short expenditure under contingencies. As in the previous year, the office of the registrar of births and deaths is located in the Municipal office. The sanitary inspector and the sub-inspectors were directed to help the registrar and to report to him daily births and deaths occurring in their wards. The number of births registered during the year was 1,079, and that of deaths was 656 against 801 and 823, respectively, of the previous year. The increase in the former was due to strict supervision, orders having been given both to the registrar and the sanitary staff to inspect their wards daily and to report cases. The registrar goes

daily to a ward and detects cases, if any, and reports them. The fall in the number of deaths was chiefly due to only 12 deaths from cholera against 130 of the previous year. Of the 656 death cases, 12 died from cholera, 161 from fevers, 44 from bowel complaints, 7 from injuries and 432 from all other causes against 130 from cholera, 191 from fevers, 111 from bowel complaints, 8 from injuries and 383 from all other causes of the previous year. The birth-rate per mille was 36.71 against 27.26 of the previous year. This is satisfactory. The number of prosecutions instituted during the year for failure to register births and deaths was 15, of which 10 were convicted, 4 acquitted and 1 pending.

79. Thus it will be seen that every possible care was taken regarding this branch of work and that the result has been satisfactory.

80. *Sanitation—Conservancy, Road Cleaning and Road Watering—Establishment.*—Rs. 5,418-12-4 were expended during the year against Rs. 5,454 of the revised estimate and Rs. 5,317-15-7, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 35-3-8 was due to fines and stoppages.

81. The street sweepings and the night-soil were collected and removed in the same manner as in the previous year. This year some night-soil was sold for Rs. 2 to betel gardeners and the rest was retained for want of bidders.

82. As per statement XI, there were nineteen public latrines. Of these, 9 have brick-wall enclosures, seven tatty ones, two corrugated iron sheet with roofing and one mud-wall enclosures. All these latrines are cleaned twice a day. The fixing of the two corrugated iron-sheet latrines was completed during the year.

83. The Council engaged for hire ten carts or one more than in the previous year for removing rubbish, two for cleaning drains, one for cess-pools, and two for removing night-soil. They were hired at Rs. 15 per cart per mensem. All the rubbish carts are country ones with bamboo big baskets. The cess-pool carts have wooden barrels. Bullocks and drivers were hired for the night-soil carts.

84. *Hire of Carts.*—The expenditure under this head amounted to Rs. 1,598-7-9 against Rs. 2,006 of the revised estimate and Rs. 2,033-7-10, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 407-8-3 was chiefly due to the hiring of carts at Rs. 13 per cart per mensem during some months in the year as no good bullocks were procurable.

85. *Private Scavenging—Establishment and Hire of Carts.*—Rs. 907-3-8 were spent against Rs. 1,000 of the revised estimate and Rs. 831-8-2, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 92-12-4 was chiefly due to fines and stoppages in the establishment charges, and to the non-entertainment of a scavenger for some months when there was no necessity. The latrines in general are cleaned once a day, but those that pay As. 8 a month are cleaned twice a day. The work of the scavengers is daily inspected by the sanitary staff, who are entrusted, as in the previous year, with books containing the list of latrines that are under the agency in each ward. They obtain daily the signatures of the owners of the latrines in proof of their regular attendance and thus cleanliness is secured. The number of houses served under this system at the end of March 1899 was 498, notwithstanding 33 which were withdrawn from municipal management owing to the transfer, &c., of owners from the town. The number of houses served under this system was 450 last year.

The prosecutions instituted under this system were three, which were all convicted, against 26 instituted last year. The amount of fees collected was Rs. 1,261-3-6 and the expenditure incurred was Rs. 907-3-8 against Rs. 1,081-12-6 and Rs. 831-8-2 respectively, of the previous year. The savings will be utilized during 1899-1900 for purchasing an air-tight iron night-soil cart as one was out of use. The Government will be pleased to observe that this improved condition, which reflects great credit upon the administration, was the result of the strict and stringent steps taken to improve the system.

86. *Cess-pool service—Establishment and Contingencies, &c.*—Rs. 221-8-5 were spent during the year against Rs. 260 of the revised estimate and Rs. 324-0-9, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 38-7-7 was chiefly due to short

expenditure under contingent charges. There was a small loss of Rs. 14-8-5 to the Municipality over Rs. 100 in the previous year owing to high rates fixed already. Steps are being taken to make the system self-supporting—*vide* G.O., No. 378 M., dated 16th March 1899, paragraph 4, clause 4.

87. *Epidemic Charges*.—Rs. 428-1-6 were spent under this head for plague and cholera against Rs. 2,500 estimated in the revised estimate and Rs. 861-10-9, the actuals of the previous year. Cholera appeared only once in the year and the total number of deaths during the year was 12 against 130 of the previous year. Every endeavour has been taken to prevent the spread of the epidemic.

Two sanitary inspectors were appointed to inspect trains both days and nights for the purposes of plague and to issue passports. They are still working. Every precaution as per recommendations of the sanitary officers and the Collector has been taken to prevent any epidemic.

88. *Contingencies*.—Rs. 69 were spent under this head against Rs. 200 of the revised estimate and Rs. 80-3-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease was due to the fluctuating nature of the item.

89. *Grant 4, Miscellaneous Municipal purposes—Lighting—Establishment*.—Rs. 743 were spent under this item against Rs. 744 of the revised estimate and Rs. 733-14-2, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Re. 1 was due to fines and stoppages.

90. *Contingencies*.—Rs. 1,717-12-7 were spent against Rs. 1,096 of the revised estimate and Rs. 980-3-9, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rupees 621-12-7 was chiefly due to the purchase of chimneys, burners, &c., from Messrs. P. Orr & Sons, which was not anticipated at first. The number of lamps was 279, the same as in the previous year. The lighting was inspected by the lighting maistry and by the overseer. The lighting was carried on departmentally as in the previous year.

91. *Markets*.—Rs. 1-8-0 were spent under this head against Rs. 50 of the revised estimate. The collection of fees from vegetable markets was postponed on account of the recent vegetable market strike; hence the decrease.

92. *Slaughter-houses—Establishment and Contingencies*.—Rs. 71-14-5 were spent under this head against Rs. 90 of the revised estimate and Rs. 71-14-6, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 18-1-7 was due to no expenditure under contingent charges.

93. *Travellers' Bungalow—Establishment and Contingencies*.—Rs. 65-1-4 were spent under this head against Rs. 90 of the revised estimate and Rs. 69-11-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 24-14-8 was due to short expenditure under contingent charges.

94. *Public gardens—Establishment and Contingencies*.—Rs. 97-14-0 were spent under this head against Rs. 100 of the revised estimate and Rs. 31-9-10, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 2-2-0 was small and needs no explanation.

95. *Other charges*.—The outlay under this head was Rs. 1,007-2-2 against Rs. 1,460 of the revised estimate and Rs. 2,385-13-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 452-13-10 was due to the short expenditure under works done to private individuals for removing water, printing and other items.

96. *Grant 5, General Establishment—Office Establishment*.—Rs. 1,317-5-5 were spent against Rs. 1,325 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,309-8-2, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 7-10-7 was due to fines and stoppages.

97. *Contingencies*.—Rs. 271-0-5 were spent against Rs. 400 of the revised estimate and Rs. 325-7-8, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease was due to the varying nature of the item.

98. *Collection of Municipal taxes—Establishment*.—Rs. 251 were spent against Rs. 255 of the revised estimate and Rs. 174, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 4 was due to fines and stoppages.

99. *Contingencies*.—Rs. 330-4-7 were spent against Rs. 130 of the revised estimate and Rs. 51-7-4, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rupees 200-4-7 was due to the payment of the amount of Rs. 329-4-7 as per Treasury Deputy Collector's letter, Ref. on U. No. 186 G-B.-Acc., dated 14th March 1899, for the cost of printing Municipal account forms.

100. *Collection of Tolls—Establishment*.—Rs. 1,329-6-3 were spent against Rs. 1,330 of the revised estimate and no expenditure in the previous year. The decrease of As. 9-9 was small and needs no explanation.

101. *Contingencies*.—Rs. 416-0-10 were spent against Rs. 500 of the revised estimate and Rs. 184-6-5, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease was due to the fluctuating nature of the item.

102. *Contributions for Central Office and Audit Establishments*.—As was provided in the revised estimate, Rs. 280 were spent under this head.

103. *Advances Recoverable*.—Rs. 35-3-6 were expended under this head against Rs. 200 of the revised estimate and Rs. 35-1-4, the actuals of the previous year.

104. *Refunds of other than current collections*.—Nothing was spent under this head against Rs. 10 provided in the revised estimate.

105. *Pensions and Gratuities*.—The amount provided in the estimate was Rs. 50, but nothing was spent under this head during the year.

106. (iv) *Closing Balance*.—The year closed with a balance of Rs. 4,922-3-9 against a deficit balance of Rs. 471-0-11 of the previous year and Rs. 2,880 ordered by Government—*vide* G.O., No. 378 M., dated 15th March 1899. The increase of Rs. 2,042-3-9 was due to a decrease of Rs. 518-7-10 in the actual receipts and to a decrease of Rs. 2,560-11-7 in the expenditure which was chiefly due to the decrease of Rs. 2,071-14-6 in the expenditure allotted for plague charges.

107. The accounts of the year under report were not audited.

V.—GENERAL REMARKS.

108. The following is a summary of improvements effected during the year under report:—

(1) *Education*.—The whole amount of salary-result stipends recommended by the educational officers was paid.

(2) The whole amount of fixed result grants as per assignment of the educational authorities was also paid.

(3) *Medical, Sanitation and Miscellaneous*.—About Rs. 300 for hospital assistant quarters and about Rs. 70 for the construction of a compound wall to the hospital were spent during the year.

(4) Petty repairs were made to the hospital building and the white-washing and tarring have been commenced.

(5) The private scavenging system is more than self-supporting and its income is contributing largely to its improvement and extension.

(6) There was an income of Rs. 50 from the sale of rubbish, &c.

(7) There was an income of Rs. 2 from the sale of night-soil.

(8) An extra rubbish cart was engaged.

(9) The construction of one corrugated iron latrine as per standard plan of the Sanitary Board was completed.

(10) The slaughter-house in D. division was opened for use.

(11) The harbour was, to a certain extent, filled in with silt taken from the Kistna canal.

(12) Temporary latrines were constructed during the Moharam festival.

(13) All the rubbish depots were levelled.

(14) Revetment walls were constructed to some of the main roads which were enlarged and levelled.

(15) Some latrines were repaired at a cost of about Rs. 80.

(16) The cesspool service has almost become self-supporting.

(17) About Rs. 600 were spent in securing a sufficient supply of chimneys and burners from Messrs. P. Orr & Sons.

(18) There was an additional bill-collector entertained.

109. Lastly, I may mention here that the most important subject of water-supply requires early attention. There has been a good deal of correspondence regarding this subject. The necessity was fully explained in this office letter, No. 37, dated 1st June 1898, paragraph 109, embodied in G.O., No. 1587 M., dated 9th September 1898. The views of the Council were explained in this office letter, Ref. on C. No. 33 of 1898, dated 27th July 1898, and the Government, in its Order, Mis. No. 14 M., dated 3rd January 1899, was pleased to order enquiries referred to in paragraph 9 of the Sanitary Board's Proceedings regarding the possibility of an artesian well. No final orders have yet been received on the subject, and I trust the Government may be pleased in disposing of the subject to take into consideration the objections raised in my letter referred to above.

I may be permitted to mention here that the view of the Collector, as embodied in paragraph 7 of the resolution embodied in G.O., Mis. No. 14 M., dated 3rd January 1899, does not meet the objections urged by the Council to the use of the canal water. The canal water carries all manner of filth from Bezwada including dead bodies, and its use even for domestic purposes has been condemned both by the Sanitary Commissioner and the District Medical Officer.

110. The report was placed before the Council at its meeting, dated 29th May 1899, and the enclosed resolution was passed adopting the same.

111. The delay in submitting the report was explained in this office letter, Ref. on C. No. 56 of 1899, dated 7th June 1899.

ENCLOSURE.

CONCISE ANNUAL REPORT ON MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL, Ellore, for the official year 1898-99.

1. *Public Health.*—The town was free from small-pox during the year. There were no cases of plague either indigenous or imported. There were 17 cases of cholera in the town in the month of July 1898, beginning on the 9th and ending by 17th, out of which 12 proved fatal. Health of the people fairly good. Monsoons broke out in time and there was sufficient rainfall.

2. *Vital Statistics.*—There were 1,079 births and 656 deaths registered during the official year against 801 and 823 of last year.

3. *General Sanitation.*—Most of the houses of the town are low-lying, damp and ill-ventilated. The town is overcrowded. In Powerpetta the Toorpu dwelling huts are to be found side by side with good class of houses. The removal of these would be a sanitary improvement of the houses in the area. In that part of the town close to the main bazaar, there is much over-crowding of houses; it would be advisable both with reference to facility of communication and of perforation of air to remove certain houses and enlarge the roads.

4. *Water-supply* is from Kistna canal, Gajivillivari tank and 30 other wells; many of these are potting wells; a few of them are pakka built with platforms and parapet walls, and drains to carry off the surface water; during the hot months of April and May when the canal is closed, water from these wells is inadequate for the use of people.

5. *Drainage.*—Some roads are provided with side drains and others with mere cuttings. There is no regular system in force; the town is intersected by an irrigation channel which receives much of the sewage of neighbouring houses and is also used in some places as latrines, as well as depot of filth of all sorts.

6. *Conservancy.*—The number of latrines at the disposal of the public at present is only 19—a number far below the requirements of the town; with the exception of the two corrugated iron latrines, all others are mere enclosures, with either brick or tatty walls; there must be 32 latrines at the disposal of the town and seven night-soil carts.

7. *Roads* are in fairly good order.

8. *Vaccination* is compulsory in the town and is done with lanoline paste obtained from Mysore. The staff consists of two vaccinators, one first class and the other

second class, on Rs. 15 and Rs. 10, respectively. The number of cases vaccinated during the official year is 2,941, out of which 2,864 were successful, 71 unsuccessful and 6 unknown.

9. *Hospital and Dispensary.*—There is sufficient accommodation in the general wards; all the buildings connected with the hospital, except the hospital assistant's quarters, require thorough repairs and white-washing, which have not been done for the last two years though the same have been brought to the notice of the Council on several occasions by means of letters and by forwarding recommendations from the visitors' book made by inspecting officers from time to time.

10. *Repair of Furniture.*—Good.

The Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras inspected this institution in January 1896 and made the following recommendations:—

“The hospital is an admirable one if it was kept in a proper state of repair; such repairs should be provided for in the annual budget. There is a great deal to be done, and the Council should see that the repairs are carried out fully and efficiently with as little delay as possible. The present ruined isolation huts should be replaced by smaller ones on the standard plan to be obtained from the Sanitary Engineer. They should consist of two beds each for males and females in separate huts for septic and dirty cases, two beds each for cholera and small-pox males and females. One or two standard plan huts for caste patients. There should also be a standard plan hut for two cases of venereal disease in female, so as to keep the general ward for respectable native women. A separate delivery ward is required for the lying-in ward, a standard plan of which can be obtained. Quarters for the midwife, sweeper and ward attendant are much required.”

The District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Gódvári, made the following recommendations in November 1897:—

“Visited and inspected the hospital. No repairs have been undertaken by the Municipality although the main building, the latrines are not in thorough good order. The cholera and contagious sheds too are in need of repair. None of the recommendations made by the Surgeon-General on his visit in January 1896 have been attended to. There appears to be a necessity for entertaining an assistant compounder.”

The following recommendations were made by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Gódvári, in April 1898:—

“I must call attention to the fact that the white-washing and repairing the hospital (especially the latrines) have not yet been done although recommended by the Surgeon-General in January 1896 and also on 11th November 1897 by Surgeon-Major Sarkies. I also recommend that the latrines be done at once and the compound wall be finished to prevent cattle continually coming in; it appears to me that there ought to be proper separate dressing-rooms for men and women separately instead of tatty enclosures.”

The Acting Head Assistant Collector, Ellore, visited the hospital on 28th February 1899 and made the following recommendations:—

“Visited the hospital; I find that so far back as 1896, the Surgeon-General remarked on the disrepair of latrines; yet no steps have been taken. The matter, I consider, demands the immediate attention of the Municipal Council, and I trust they will see their way to provide funds for the repair; it is not easy to understand why the building has not been whitewashed for the last two years. In the interest of the patients it is necessary to white-wash it as soon as possible; less emergent works might be put off and funds spared for the purpose.”

Copies of the above recommendations have been forwarded to the Municipal Council soon after they were made, respectively; yet I regret to say that no work has been done during the year except plastering of the verandah of lying-in ward and the kitchen, which were done about the last week of March 1899.

Rs. 35-12-0 were recovered as dieting and medicine charges; Rs. 108-5-1 recovered from the sale of medicines and subscriptions.

11. *Number of Patients compared with three previous years —*

					In-patients.	Out-patients.
1896-97	..	..	..	..	407	12,743
1897-98	..	..	..	..	480	12,952
1898-99	..	..	..	..	350	11,867

The decrease is due to the generally healthy condition consequent perhaps on the timely rains and other favourable circumstances.

12. *Mortality.*—There were twenty-five deaths in hospital, but none died of septic disease.

13. *Operations and Results.*—There were 477 surgical operations during the official year; no deaths.

14. *Midwife* attended on 123 cases against 118 of last year.

15. *General Remarks.*—As a precaution against plague, two sanitary inspectors are deputed to inspect passengers by train and boat and keep them under observation for ten days in the case of those who come from affected areas.

ELLORE,
22nd April 1899.

(Signed) T. EKAMBARAM PILLAY,
Civil Apothecary in Medical Charge.

No. 1833.

Forwarded.

2. By oversight the report has been kept with the reports of the hospital assistants in the district collected for the district concise report; hence the delay.

RAJAHMUNDRY,
24th May 1899.

(Signed) G. CHARLESWORTH,
Ag. Dist. Medl. and San'y. Officer, Gódvári.

R. Dis. No. 212-Rev.

Forwarded.

2. Of the demand on account of taxes for the year under report, a balance of Rs. 1,031 was left utostanding, and the Chairman considers the collections on the whole satisfactory. With the aid of an additional bill-collector entertained for the year, better work still might have been turned out, and if the provisions of 103 and the following sections were strictly followed, the arrears would be reduced to a very small figure or would be even *nil*. It is hardly creditable that Rs. 372 of last year's arrears have not yet been wiped off.

3. The roads are nowhere very badly cut up. In some parts they are more or less sandy, in others somewhat uneven, but there are no holes or other serious defects which may interfere with the ordinary traffic.

4. As to water-supply, I may mention the Ellore Taluk Board has promised a contribution if an artesian well is dug.

5. I have heard competent judges who have known these parts long and well say that sanitation has of late perceptibly improved. The establishment does not seem inadequate, and a close supervision over it may go a long way.

6. Some appliances at least for extinguishing fire may be maintained by the Municipality. From a recent experience I can say that people are almost helpless when a fire breaks out. The canal running through the town is open for nearly ten months in the year, and these appliances will prove very useful and handy.

7. As to the Chairman's remarks in the concluding portion of paragraph 13, I do not think the Municipality has much reason to grumble. Numbers of carts laden with merchandise arrive near the toll-gate from outside villages and halt there. All do not pass through, but a few are employed to carry the goods into the town. It seems a sensible and economical arrangement to make on the part of the traders.

8. It is to be hoped that the Municipality will take timely action to raise the house-tax which they have recently promised to do to Government.

9. It would appear that more care is evinced this year in collecting statistics as to births and deaths.

10. The Chairman, as usual, is taking interest in municipal affairs and steadily labouring to advance the best interests of Municipal Government.

(Signed) P. KERSHASP,
Ag. Head Assistant Collector.

17th June 1899.

Dis. on Cur. No. 1968-Rev.

Forwarded.

2. *Paragraph 3—Meetings.*—The number of meetings actually held during the year was 34 against 49 in the year 1897-98. The number, however, is still satisfactory. The average attendance of the members was fair in the case of non-official members, while the attendance of official members was worse than in the previous year, but there was only one official member.

3. *Paragraph 6—Tax on Arts, Paragraph 7—Tax on Buildings.*—It is very unsatisfactory there should be an arrear balance of Rs. 254 and Rs. 300-15-0 under these heads against Rs. 58 and Rs. 74-8-0 in the previous year, being about 40 and 22 per cent. respectively of the arrear at the beginning of the year.

4. *Paragraph 8—Tax on Lands.*—The demand fell from Rs. 387-2-0 in 1897-98 to Rs. 216-4-0. The short fall should have been accounted for.

5. *Paragraph 13—Tolls.*—A sum of Rs. 10,691-9-0 was realised against Rupees 10,500 as per the revised estimate and Rs. 7,940-6-9, the actuals of 1897-98. The increase under this head is gratifying. The view expressed by the Head Assistant Collector in paragraph 7 of his endorsement, viz., that the cartmen are entitled under section 94 of the Act to move their carts or animals as many times as they choose within the period of 24 hours for a single fee is correct.

6. *Paragraph 24—Income from Markets.*—Rs. 322-10-2 were realised against Rs. 610, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease is attributed to the fall in the number of firewood carts as they were engaged in conveying stone to the Gódvári bridge-works. The recent market strike is probably mainly responsible for the short fall (*vide* also paragraph 91 of the Chairman's report). A separate report on this subject will be submitted shortly.

7. *Paragraph 28—Cart-stand Fees.*—The marked increase in the collections from Rs. 500 in 1897-98 to Rs. 1,076-10-0 is due to the increased cart traffic on account of stone carts for the Gódvári bridge-works.

8. *Paragraph 43—Repairs—Communications.*—Rs. 4,199-13-11 were expended during the year against Rs. 2,500 allotted in the revised estimate. The increased expenditure was on repairs to the tank bund road chiefly and for the construction of a revetment wall to the high road. From paragraph 3 of the Head Assistant Collector's endorsement the roads appear to have received some attention but are capable of further improvement.

9. *Paragraphs 52 to 67—Education.*—The educational work of the Council continued to be satisfactory.

10. *Paragraph 69—Medical.*—The number of in- and out- patients treated fell from 480 and 12,952 in 1897-98 to 350 and 11,867, respectively, in the year under report, and the expenditure from Rs. 1,902-2-4, the actuals of 1897-98, to Rupees 1,768-8-5. The decrease is attributed to the hospital assistant being deputed on plague duty for some time. The number of cases attended by the midwife rose from 118 to 123.

11. *Paragraph 76—Vaccination.*—The expenditure under vaccination fell from Rs. 608-7-4, the actuals of 1897-98, to Rs. 469-4-4. The vaccinations in the year were more numerous than in 1897-98, being 2,941 against 2,599, of which 2,864 were successful against 2,278 in 1897-98.

12. *Paragraph 78—Vital Statistics.*—The births and deaths registered were 1,079 and 656 against 801 and 823, respectively, in 1897-98. The decrease in the number

of deaths is attributed to the absence of epidemics in the year. The birth-rate per mille 36.71 against 27.26 in 1897-98 evidently shows that more attention is paid to the registration of vital statistics.

13. *Paragraph 80—Sanitation.*—The undersigned is glad to note that the sanitation of the town has perceptibly improved.

14. *Paragraph 84—Private Scavenging.*—The number of houses served was 498, against 450 in 1897-98. The amount of fees collected and the expenditure were Rs. 1,261-3-6 and Rs. 907-3-8 against Rs. 1,081-12-6 and Rs. 831-8-2, respectively, in the preceding year. The proposal to utilize the savings towards the purchase of an air-tight iron night-soil cart should not be abandoned.

15. *Paragraph 86—Cesspool Service.*—Rs. 221-8-5 spent in the year against Rs. 324-0-9, the actuals of 1897-98 is not adequate.

General.—The collections under the principal taxes were very tardy and require more promptitude. The subject of good water-supply and sanitation should receive the constant attention of the Council. The Municipality appears to have done, on the whole, good work during the year.

(Signed) J. A. CUMMING,
Ag. Collector.

21st June 1899.

ORDER—No. 1089 M., dated 31st July 1899.

The receipts and charges of the Ellore Municipality for 1898-99 are compared below with the budget and revised estimates for the year and the actuals of 1897-98 :—

	Actuals, 1897-98.	Budget estimate, 1898-99.	Revised estimate, 1898-99.	Actuals, 1898-99.
<i>Receipts.</i>				
Balance brought forward	Rs. 1,753	Rs. 550	Rs. — 470	Rs. — 471
Tax on Arts	2,643	3,100	3,100	2,917
Buildings and Lands	8,705	10,300	10,300	9,748
Vehicles and Animals	1,053	1,100	1,100	1,197
Carts	1,920	2,000	2,050	2,232
Tolls	7,940	8,500	10,500	10,692
Realizations under Special Acts	105	50	50	96
Rent of Lands, Buildings, &c., and Sale-proceeds of Lands, &c. ..	182	250	190	126
Conservancy Receipts	391	150	150	52
Fees and Revenue from Educational Institutions	1,949	1,800	1,800	1,540
Medical Institutions	74	70	90	145
Income from Markets and Slaughter-houses	2,310	3,200	2,130	2,048
License Fees	874	1,200	700	685
Other Fees	547	760	1,110	1,377
Fines under Municipal and other Acts	390	500	500	327
Grants and Contributions from Government	65	190	60	60
Local Boards	2,499	3,000	3,000	2,800
Recoveries for Services to Private Individuals	1,316	1,330	1,260	1,526
Miscellaneous	8	100	60	63
Advances Recovered	1,706	300	50	53
Total	34,677	37,900	38,200	37,683
Grand Total	36,430	38,450	37,730	37,212
<i>Charges.</i>				
GRANT 1—				
New Works—				
Communications	..	900	250	..
Buildings	5,290	1,800	700	670
Water-supply	139	100	100	5
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	..	300	300	184
Repairs—				
Communications	3,902	4,500	2,500	4,200
Buildings	158	400	200	93
Drainage	597	1,050	850	599
Water-supply	92	300	70	63
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	..	10	10	..
Establishment	819	880	880	860
Tools and Plant and other Stores	47	100	50	20
Total	11,044	10,480	5,910	6,694

	Actuals, 1897-98.	Budget estimate, 1898-99.	Revised estimate, 1898-99.	Actuals, 1898-99.
<i>Charges—cont.</i>				
GRANT 2—	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Training Schools	24	120	..	..
Municipal Schools—				
On the Salary System	1,499	1,530	..	..
Salary-result System	911	930	1,530	1,457
Grants-in-aid—				
Salary Grants	394	400	400	400
Fixed and Result Grants	897	1,000	900	900
Building, Furniture, &c., Grants	9	50	50	36
Inspection	184	230	230	214
Miscellaneous	181	320	220	182
Total	4,099	4,580	4,260	4,137
GRANT 3—				
Hospitals and Dispensaries	4,302	4,210	4,170	3,921
Contributions	305	250	250	333
Vaccination	608	550	550	470
Registration of Births and Deaths	121	180	180	158
Sanitation	9,449	10,110	11,420	8,643
Total	14,785	15,280	16,570	13,525
GRANT 4—				
Lighting	1,714	2,140	1,840	2,461
Markets and Slaughter-houses	72	310	140	73
Travellers' Bungalows	70	90	90	65
Public Garden, Survey of Land, Fire, Pounds and other	2,417	1,910	1,560	1,105
Total	4,273	4,450	3,630	3,704
GRANT 5—				
Supervision and Management	2,665	2,560	4,220	4,195
Extraordinary and Debt—				
Advances Recoverable	35	200	200	35
Refunds	..	10	10	..
Pensions and Gratuities	..	50	50	..
Total	35	260	260	35
Grand Total	36,901	37,660	34,850	32,290
Balance	— 471	890	2,880	4,922

2. Thirty-four meetings were held by the Municipal Council against 49 in the previous year and three others were adjourned for want of a quorum against four in that year. The average attendance of non-official members was again fair; but the attendance of the Revenue Divisional officer, who was the only official member, was very poor. The Collector is requested to inform him that the Government expects him to be more regular in attending the meetings of the Council in future.

3. *Receipts.*—(1) The arts tax registers were revised during the year with the result that the demand as originally assessed by the Chairman rose from Rs. 3,053 to Rs. 3,188; but as 5.4 per cent. of this sum was remitted by the Council on appeal, there was an increase of only Rs. 43 in the net demand. These large remissions are ascribed by the Chairman chiefly to a fall in the trade and income of the rate-payers. It is observed that the average incidence of the tax was only Rs. 3-1-10, against a general average of Rs. 3-13-9 for Municipalities in 1897-98. The net demand under the taxes on buildings and lands remained almost stationary.

(2) The current collections under the principal taxes improved and were fair under the taxes on arts and buildings; but under the tax on lands, they were again indifferent. Except in the case of the land-tax, the arrear realizations declined; but under none of these heads were they good. In this connection the attention of the Municipal Council is drawn to the remarks of the Head Assistant Collector and the Collector in paragraphs 2 and 3 of their respective endorsements, in which the Government concurs. The outstandings should be adjusted without delay. Coercive processes were adopted to a considerably larger extent than in the previous year, but

more than one-third of the number of warrants for disposal remained unexecuted on the 31st March 1899. Greater promptness should be displayed in this respect in future.

(3) There was an increase in the receipts from the taxes on animals and carts and a more marked rise under tolls and cart-stand fees, which in the case of the first two items is ascribed to the careful supervision exercised by the municipal executive, and in that of the two last to their collection having been managed departmentally. Owing, it is stated, to the stringent steps taken in the execution of warrants, the amount realized under warrant fees also showed an increase. The income from the sale of sweepings, school-fees and market-rents, however, declined in the circumstances explained in paragraphs 20, 21 and 24 of the Chairman's report. With reference to the Chairman's remarks in the latter part of paragraph 13 of his report, his attention is drawn to the observations of the Head Assistant Collector and the Collector in paragraphs 7 and 5 of their respective endorsements. The report promised by the Collector in the concluding portion of paragraph 6 of his endorsement regarding the strike in the municipal market is awaited.

(4) The number of houses served by the private scavenging agency and the receipts from this source again rose from 450 and Rs. 1,082, respectively, to 498 and Rs. 1,261, and the service continued to be worked at a profit. As, however, the system is now adopted by only 10·7 per cent. of the total number of houses assessed to the tax on buildings, there is ample scope for its expansion. The Municipal Council should direct its attention towards extending the service in the current year, the surplus accruing from its working being devoted for the purpose. The cost of cleaning private cess-pools was almost covered by the receipts.

4. *Expenditure*—(1) *Public Works*.—No new work of any importance was undertaken during the year. The total outlay on communications amounted to Rs. 4,200 or only 46·9 per cent. of the net municipal income from tolls against the minimum of 50 per cent. prescribed by Government; but the short expenditure is explained in paragraphs 39 and 44 of the Chairman's report. The Chairman states that the town roads were generally in fair order; but from the remarks of the Head Assistant Collector and the Collector in paragraphs 3 and 8 of their respective endorsements, it appears that they are capable of further improvement. Steps should be taken to effect this in the current year.

(2) *Education*.—The net expenditure on education was Rs. 2,537 or 9·5 per cent. of the receipts from taxation, and all but Rs. 511 of this sum was devoted to primary education. As in the previous year, the Municipal Council maintained one lower secondary school on the salary system and five primary schools on the salary-result system and also aided one secondary school with salary grants and one secondary and sixteen primary schools with result grants. The attendance at these institutions remained almost stationary. The results of the Lower Secondary Examination in the municipal school were indifferent, only 10 out of 34 pupils sent up having been successful; but those of the departmental and grant examinations, though not so good as in the previous year, were still fair, and more than 92 per cent. of the allotment for grants was utilized. The total number of boys under instruction in the schools maintained and aided from Municipal funds fell from 1,132 to 1,112 or 51·8 per cent. of the male population of school-going age against the general average of 61·8 per cent. for Municipalities in 1897-98.

(3) *Medical Relief*.—The number of in-patients and out-patients treated at the municipal hospital fell from 480 and 12,952, respectively, to 350 and 11,867, the decrease being ascribed by the Civil Apothecary to the general healthy condition of the town. The midwife employed by the Municipal Council attended 123 cases of labour or five more than in the previous year. In addition to this, the Civil Apothecary attended eight cases.

(4) *Vaccination and Vital Statistics*.—The total number of persons vaccinated during the year again rose from 2,599 to 2,941 and the percentage of reported success from 87·7 to 97·7. Infantile vaccination also made fair progress, the number of children under one year successfully vaccinated having risen from 21·9 to 26·5 per

mille of the population; but to be satisfactory, the number of vaccinations should more nearly approach the birth-rate, viz., 36·7 per mille. It is satisfactory to note that the cost of each successful operation was reduced from As. 4-7 to As. 2-9.

Owing, it is stated, to more careful supervision, the number of births registered during the year rose from 801 or 27·3 per mille of the population to 1,079 or 36·7 per mille; but the number of deaths fell from 823 or 28 per mille to 656 or 22·3 per mille, the decrease being ascribed to the absence of cholera during the year. The returns in both cases were still incomplete, the rates recorded being below the normal. The Municipal Council should endeavour to make them more accurate and trustworthy.

(5) *Sanitation*.—The expenditure under this head amounting to Rs. 8,643 fell short of the allotment by 14·5 per cent. and was 22·9 per cent. of the total receipts. From paragraph 108 of the Chairman's report, and from paragraphs 5 and 13, respectively, of the Head Assistant Collector's and the Collector's endorsements, the Government is glad to observe that some noticeable improvement has been effected in the sanitation of the town; but the Council should not rest satisfied until all the defects pointed out by the Sanitary Officers from time to time have been remedied. In this connection, the attention of the Municipal Council is drawn to the remarks of the Civil Apothecary in paragraphs 3 to 6 of his report and to those of the Head Assistant Collector in paragraphs 4 and 6 of his endorsement.

5. *General Remarks*.—The year closed with a balance of Rs. 4,922 or 13·1 per cent. of the receipts.

The administration of the municipality during the year under review continued to be tolerably satisfactory; but the collection of taxes, registration of vital statistics and sanitation require closer attention. The Government notes with pleasure the testimony borne by the Head Assistant Collector to the interest evinced by the Chairman in the management of municipal affairs.

(True Extract.)

for Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Ellore.
 " Collector of Godávri.
 " President, District Board, Godávri.
 " Accountant-General.
 " Director of Public Instruction.
 " Surgeon-General.
 " Sanitary Board.
 " " Commissioner.
 " " Engineer.
 Editors' Table.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From M.R.Ry. C. SITARAMAYYA PANTULU Garu, Chairman, Municipal Council, Ellore, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated 16th June 1899, Cur. No. 88.

I have the honour to submit the administration report of the Ellore Municipality for 1898-99, together with the usual statement and the reports of the Medical officer on the working of the Ellore municipal hospital and of the Assistant Inspector of Schools, Gódvári and Kistna Divisions.

I.—CONSTITUTION OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

1. Statement X shows the constitution of the Council. The maximum number of councillors is eighteen, of whom five are nominated and thirteen elected. During the year there was only one vacancy in the nominated seats which was filled up on 13th September 1898. There were no vacancies in the elected seats.

2. I held the office of Chairman during the whole year, except for the first 25 days in April, when the same was held by the Divisional officer as ex-officio Chairman.

3. The number of meetings actually held during the year was 34 against 49 and of those adjourned for want of quorum was three against four of the previous year. The average attendance at each meeting was 9.58 against 8.71 of the previous year, that of the officials being 17 and of non-officials 9.41 against 34 and 8.37, respectively. On the whole the attendance was fairly satisfactory. There was this year only one official member against two in the previous year and hence is the decrease in the attendance of the official members.

II.—RECEIPTS.

4. The budget and the revised estimates for 1898-99 were reviewed by Government in their orders Nos. 293 M., dated 1st February 1898, and 378 M., dated 15th March 1899, respectively.

5. The actual receipts of the year under report, exclusive of the opening balance, amounted to Rs. 37,682-9-1, against Rs. 38,200 of the revised estimate and Rupees 34,677-4-3, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease in the actuals occurred chiefly under tax on arts, tax on buildings, tax on lands, tax on carts, &c., avenue receipts, fees from travellers' bungalow, sale-proceeds of old materials, and street refuse, &c., income from educational institutions, from markets, license fees, fines under Municipal and other Acts, contributions from Local Boards, and it was partly counterbalanced by an increase under tax on vehicles, tax on animals, tolls, fees under Act II of 1888, sale-proceeds and composition fees of medicines, other medical receipts, distraint and warrant fees, cart-stand fees, 4-V. miscellaneous fees, private scavenging fees, cess-pool fees, refunds of expenditure of previous year and permanent and other advances.

A.—Receipts from Taxation.

6. *Municipal Rates and Taxes—Tax on Arts.*—This tax was levied on all classes under schedule A, Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897, after revision during the year. The demand registers were prepared in the month of July 1898. The original current demand was Rs. 3,188-8-0 against Rs. 3,053 of the previous year, and the number of appeals preferred under this head was 105 against 143 in the previous year. The tax was confirmed in 60 cases and reduced in 45 cases. The amount of remissions in those 45 cases was Rs. 171-8-0 against Rs. 78-12-0 of the previous year. The increase in the remissions was chiefly due to a fall in the trade and income of tax-payers. Of the final demand of Rs. 3,017, Rs. 2,567 were collected against Rs. 2,372-12-0 of the previous year and a sum of Rs. 7-8-0 was written off against Rs. 15-8-0, leaving a balance of Rs. 442-8-0 against Rs. 586 of the previous year, of which Rs. 166 have since been collected. It will thus appear that the collections are on the whole satisfactory. The arrears outstanding at the beginning of the year under report amounted to Rs. 644 against Rs. 349-9-0, of which Rs. 350 were collected against Rs. 270-9-0 in the previous year. Rs. 40 were written off by the Council as irrecoverable against Rs. 41 of the previous year, leaving a balance of Rs. 254 against Rs. 58 in the previous year. There was a decrease of Rs. 183 under the revised estimate which was due to the demand not being fully collected, but there was an increase of Rs. 274-4-0 over the actuals of the previous year which may be considered fair.

7. *Tax on Buildings.*—This tax was levied at $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the annual rent value as in the previous years. The demand registers were re-written during the year under report. The total current demand of the tax was Rs. 9,478 against Rs. 9,467-11-0 of the previous year; the remission granted by the Council on appeal was Rs. 8-2-3 against Re. 1, and the demand, as finally settled, was Rs. 9,469-13-9 against Rupees 9,466-11-0 of the previous year, of which Rs. 8,421-10-9 were collected against Rs. 8,125-6-0 of the previous year. The amount written off as irrecoverable was Rs. 12 against Rs. 5-9-0 in the previous year and Rs. 1,036-3-0 remained to be collected against Rs. 1,335-12-0 of the previous year, of which Rs. 533-3-0 have since been collected. The arrears outstanding at the beginning of the year was Rs. 1,410-4-0, of which Rs. 1,090-5-0 were collected against Rs. 521-9-0 and Rupees 435-11-0 of the previous year. The amount written off by the Council as irrecoverable was Rs. 18-10-0 against Rs. 11-6-0 of the previous year, leaving a balance of Rs. 300-15-0 against Rs. 74-8-0 of the previous year. Of this amount Rs. 16-6-0 have since been collected. Out of 32 appeals disposed of under this head, the tax was confirmed in 25 cases and remitted in seven cases. The decrease was due to over-estimate. There was an increase of Rs. 950-5-9 over the actuals of the previous year which shows the interest taken and the improvements effected in the collection of the taxes.

8. *Tax on Lands.*—The tax on vacant lands was levied at $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of rent value. The land tax demand register was re-written this year. The total current demand was Rs. 216-4-0 against Rs. 387-2-0 of the previous year. There were no appeals against the imposition of this tax. The demand as finally settled was Rs. 216-4-0, of which Rs. 130-9-0 were collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 85-11-0 at the end of the year. The arrears outstanding at the beginning of the year was Rs. 174-1-0, of which Rs. 105 were collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 25-14-0 against Rs. 230-14-0, Rs. 17, and Rs. 63-14-0 of the previous year. Of this amount Rs. 26-4-0 have since been collected. The decrease of Rs. 64-7-0 under the revised estimate was due to the demand not being fully collected as some of the owners live at distant places far away from the Municipality. However, there was an increase of Rs. 91-10-0 over the actuals of the previous year which is creditable.

9. On the whole the collections of all taxes during the year will thus be seen have been satisfactory when compared with those of the previous year, and that some steps were taken to give effect to the remarks made by Government in paragraph 3, clause (2) of G.O., No. 1587 M., dated 9th September 1898.

10. *Tax on Vehicles with Springs, &c.*—Rs. 102 were collected under this head during the year against Rs. 100 of the revised estimate and Rs. 101-8-0, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 2 over the revised estimate is small.

11. *Tax on Animals.*—Rs. 1,095-8-0 were collected under this tax, against Rupees 1,000 of the revised estimate and Rs. 951-8-0, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 95-8-0 was due to the careful supervision over this branch.

12. *Tax on Carts, &c.*—Rs. 2,232 were realized against Rs. 2,050 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,920, the actuals of the previous year. The increase in both the cases was due to the vigilance on the part of the executive.

13. *Tolls.*—Rs. 10,691-9-0 were collected against Rs. 10,500 of the revised estimate and Rs. 7,940-6-9, the actuals of the previous year. There were nine toll-gates as in the previous year and the tolls were levied departmentally at the maximum rates specified in the schedule. No contribution was paid to the Local Boards, as some of their roads are being maintained by the Council. The increase of Rupees 191-9-0 over the revised estimate was due to careful management. Great difficulty was experienced in collecting tolls as some of the persons living outside the municipal limits often tried to avoid payment of tolls. In a case instituted against a person for non-payment of tolls due, the accused gave any amount of trouble in the case and was fined Rs. 200 by the Head Assistant Magistrate who eventually decided the case, though it was originally filed before the Stationary Magistrate. I trust that the fine inflicted and the remarks made by the Head Assistant Magistrate as regards the nature of the offence, and the conduct, will have a deterrent effect in future. Evasion of payment of tolls is also effected by outside bandymen by paying toll only for a select few bandies and by employing them as hired carts in goods belonging to other unlicensed bandies for a period of 24 hours using under section 94 of the Municipal Act the toll receipt as a license. I entertain some doubt as to the propriety of the procedure adopted by these cart-men as I consider that section 94 does not apply to cases of this kind.

14. The incidence of taxation per head of the population as per statement I, head 2, was As. 14-7 including tolls and As. 8-9 excluding them, against As. 12-1 and As. 7-10, respectively, of the previous year. The rise in both the cases is creditable and due to an increase in the collections.

B.—Miscellaneous.

15. *Realizations under Special Act—(c) Fees under Act II of 1888.*—Rs. 95 were collected under this head against Rs. 50 of the revised estimate. The increase of Rs. 45 was due to the arrival of a dramatic company not anticipated.

16. *Revenue derived from Municipal Property and powers apart from Taxation.*—As in the previous years, Rs. 3-4-0 were realized for using municipal land for private purposes.

17. *Avenue Receipts.*—Rs. 5-4-0 were realized by the sale of trees against Rs. 20 of the revised estimate and Rs. 14-1-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 14-12-0 was due to the fluctuating nature of the item.

18. *Fees from Travellers' Bungalow.*—Rs. 115-10-0 were realized under this head against Rs. 150 of the revised estimate and Rs. 163, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 34-6-0 was due to a less number of travellers halting at the station.

19. *Sale-proceeds of Old Materials, empty Oil Cans, &c.*—Rs. 2-6-0 were realized against Rs. 20 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 1-10-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 17-10-0 was due to the varying nature of the item.

20. *Conservancy Receipts—Sale-proceeds of Night-soil, Street Refuse, &c.*—Rs. 52 were realized under this item against Rs. 150 of the revised estimate and Rs. 390-15-6, the actuals of the previous year. Of this sum, Rs. 50 were collected from the sale of rubbish and Rs. 2 from the sale of night-soil. For want of bidders the sale of rubbish and night-soil was postponed at three meetings. Hence the decrease.

21. *Income from Educational Institutions—School Fees.*—Rs. 1,539-10-9 were realized against Rs. 1,800 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,948-13-6, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 260-5-3 under the revised estimate was chiefly due to late remittance.

22. *Income from Medical Institutions—Sale-proceeds and Composition fees of Medicines.*—Rs. 36-12-0 were realized against Rs. 10 of the revised estimate and Rs. 30-3-3, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 26-12-0 was due to the fluctuating nature of the item.

23. *Other Receipts.*—Rs. 108-5-1 were realized under this head against Rs. 80 of the revised estimate and Rs. 43-6-3, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 28-5-1 was due to the fluctuating nature of the item.

24. *Income from Markets.*—Rs. 322-10-2 were realized departmentally against Rs. 405 of the revised estimate and Rs. 610, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 82-5-10 was due to a fall in the number of firewood-carts as they were engaged in conveying stone to Gódávri bridge works under a contract between the Municipality and the Engineer-in-Chief under section 91, clause 2 of Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897.

25. *Income from Slaughter-houses.*—Rs. 1,725 were realized as was estimated in the revised estimate against Rs. 1,700, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 25 was due to competition among the bidders.

26. *Other Fees—Distraint and Warrant Fees, &c.*—Rs. 287-7-0 were realized under this item against Rs. 200 of the revised estimate and Rs. 43-7-0, the actuals of the previous year. The increase was due to the stringent steps taken in the execution of warrants.

27. *License Fees.*—The amount realized under this head was Rs. 685 against Rs. 700 of the revised estimate and Rs. 874-1-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 15 was small and calls for no remarks.

28. *Cart-stand Fees.*—Rs. 1,076-10-0 were collected departmentally on cart-stands against Rs. 900 of the revised estimate and Rs. 500, the actuals of the previous year. The increase is more than double the amount of the previous year and is satisfactory, being chiefly due to the pains taken in collecting the fees. These fees were collected either at the toll-gates (where there are also five cart-stands) or at the cart-stands as the parties choose to pay. This system was introduced in 1896 after consulting the neighbouring Municipalities where it prevails.

29. *Miscellaneous.*—Rs. 12-8-0 were realized on account of fees for granting extracts against Rs. 10 of the revised estimate and Rs. 3-8-0, the actuals of the previous year. This is a fluctuating item.

30. *Fines under Municipal and other Acts.*—Rs. 327-1-0 were realized under this head against Rs. 500 of the revised estimate and Rs. 389-9-3, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 172-15-0 under the revised estimate was chiefly due to overestimate.

31. *Grants and Contributions—From Government—Education.*—Rs. 60 were realized as was estimated in the revised estimate against Rs. 65, the actuals of the previous year, as grants for the gymnastic instructor.

32. *From Local Boards.*—Rs. 2,800 were realized under this head against Rs. 3,000 of the revised estimate and Rs. 2,499-8-3, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 200 was due to the part payment of the amount due from the Board.

33. *Miscellaneous—Recoveries on account of services rendered to private individuals.*—Rs. 1,526-5-6 were realized under this item against Rs. 1,260 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,316-4-6, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 266-5-6 over the revised estimate and of Rs. 210-1-0 over the actuals of the previous year was chiefly due to an increase in private scavenging and cess-pool fees under strict supervision.

34. *Other Items.*—Rs. 63-8-10 were realized against Rs. 60 of the revised estimate and Rs. 8-1-0, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 3-8-10 over the revised estimate was small and needs no remarks.

35. *Extraordinary and Debt—Advances—Permanent and others.*—Rs. 52-9-0 were realized under this head against Rs. 50 of the revised estimate. The increase of Rs. 2-9-0 was small and calls for no remark.

36. The actual receipts including the opening balance were Rs. 37,211-8-2 against Rs. 36,429-13-0, the actuals of the previous year, and Rs. 37,730 anticipated in the revised estimate. The decrease of Rs. 518-7-10 under the revised estimate and an increase of Rs. 781-11-2 over the actuals of the previous year is explained above.

37. Statement I-A is left blank, as there are no endowments entrusted to the Council.

III.—EXPENDITURE.

38. The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 32,289-4-5 against Rs. 34,850 of the revised estimate and Rs. 36,900-13-11, the actuals of the previous year, the closing balance being Rs. 4,922-3-9 against Rs. 2,880 of the revised estimate and minus Rs. 471-0-11 of the previous year. The actual charges were distributed as shown below among the several grants:—

Grant		RS.	A.	P.
1, Public Works		6,693	5	8
2, Education		4,136	10	9
3, Sanitation and medical service		13,524	10	6
4, Lighting and other miscellaneous purposes		3,704	4	6
5, General establishment		4,195	1	6
Advances recoverable		35	3	6
Total		32,289	4	5

The decrease of Rs. 2,560-11-7 in the actuals under the estimate is explained below.

39. *Grant 1, Public Works—New Works—Communications.*—No expenditure was incurred during the year under this head. Rs. 250 were estimated for constructing roads in Turpupet, but the amount was not spent as the plan sent to the Sanitary Board was not approved.

40. *Buildings.*—The allotment in the revised estimate was Rs. 700 and the expenditure was Rs. 670-5-4 on buildings during the year. The decrease of Rupees 29-10-8 was small and calls for no remark.

41. *Water-supply.*—Rs. 5-2-0 were spent against Rs. 100 of the revised estimate. The decrease of Rs. 94-14-0 was due to the non-payment of hire within the year due to the loan of a boring apparatus.

42. *Miscellaneous Public Improvements.*—Rs. 184-4-0 were expended during the year against Rs. 300 of the revised estimate. The decrease was due to the part completion of the work.

43. *Repairs—Communications.*—Rs. 2,500 were allotted in the revised estimate, but Rs. 4,199-13-11 were expended during the year. The increase was chiefly due to repairing tank bund road which was levelled last year and for constructing revetment wall to high road at inconvenient and dangerous localities. Details are given in statement II-A, Part II. The roads were repaired departmentally during the year, but the supply of materials was done by contract. The total mileage of roads under the control of the Council is 21 miles, 3 furlongs and 115 yards, of which 12 miles, 3 furlongs and 3 yards were metalled and 9 miles and 112 yards unmetalled.

44. The condition of the main roads has been considerably bettered by constructing revetment walls and widening wherever possible. The construction of the tank bund road is nearing completion and will, when completed, add considerably to the convenience of the public. This may be considered the widest road in the town. The transfer of some amount to plague charges has interfered with public works. The condition of roads in general is fair.

45. *Buildings.*—The outlay under this item was Rs. 92-11-8 against Rs. 200 of the revised estimate. The decrease of Rs. 107-4-4 was chiefly due to the non-completion of white-washing the hospital building as no chunam was procurable and partly due to the absence of any necessity for the repairs to other buildings. The

repairing of out-houses and the white-washing of the hospital building will, it is hoped, be completed within three weeks as the work has been begun already and is promptly progressing.

46. *Drainage—Repairs to Works.*—Nothing was spent under this head against Rs. 200 allotted in the revised estimate as the amount was transferred to repairs—communications.

47. *Establishment for Flushing Drains, &c.*—Rs. 598-8-2 were expended during the year under this head against Rs. 650 of the revised estimate. The decrease of Rs. 51-7-10 was chiefly due to fines and stoppages.

48. *Water-supply—Repairs to Works, &c.*—Rs. 3 were spent against Rs. 10 of the revised estimate and Rs. 31-12-3, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease was small and needs no remarks.

49. *Contingencies.*—Nothing was spent under this item against Rs. 10 of the revised estimate as the item was of a fluctuating nature.

50. *Establishment.*—Rs. 859-5-7 were expended under this item against Rs. 880 of the revised estimate and Rs. 819-1-8, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 20-10-5 under the revised estimate was partly due to fines and stoppages and partly to the office of overseer being vacant for some time.

51. *Tools and Plant and Other Stores.*—Rs. 20-3-0 were spent under this item against Rs. 50 of the revised estimate and Rs. 47-0-1, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 29-13-0 under the revised estimate was due to no want of tools and plants during the year.

52. *Grant 2, Education.*—The total expenditure on education was Rupees 4,136-10-9 against Rs. 4,260 of the revised estimate and Rs. 4,098-11-9, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 123-5-3 under the revised estimate is explained below.

53. *Municipal Schools—On Salary system—Lower Secondary School—Establishment Charges and Contingencies.*—The expenditure under these items amounted to Rs. 1,456-10-7 against Rs. 1,530 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,498-8-11, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 73-5-5 was chiefly due to the non-purchase of certain gymnastic apparatus. The number of teachers in the school on 31st March 1899 was four; of these the head, and the first, assistant teachers possess trained teachers' certificates, one teacher had untrained teachers' certificate, and the remaining one is an untrained Telugu pandit. The number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March 1899 was 99 boys against 97 of the previous year. The total expenditure for the school was Rs. 1,456-10-7 and the collections from school fees amounted to Rs. 1,390-12-0 besides Rs. 233-4-0 remitted after the close of the year under report. Thus it will be seen that the real collections amounted to Rs. 1,624 and that the school was not only self-supporting, but also earned Rs. 167-5-5 over and above the expenditure. This is very satisfactory. The school sent up this year 34 students for Lower Secondary examination and ten came out successful though there was a general slaughter this year in the results. The primary department in same school sent up sixteen boys against the same of the previous year of whom fifteen passed against twelve of the previous year. Thus it will be seen that the financial condition of the school and the examination results are sound and satisfactory.

54. *On Salary-result System.*—The expenditure under this head was Rupees 947-14-8 against Rs. 930 of the revised estimate. The increase of Rs. 17-14-8 was small and due to an increase in result stipends and contingencies. The number of schools maintained by the Council was five as in the previous year, of which one is for Hindus, two for Muhammadans, and one for Panchamas, and one is a night school for Muhammadans. The number of teachers in the schools was seven on the 31st March 1899. Out of these, four teachers hold trained teachers' certificates, one holds untrained teachers' certificate, one an unpassed teacher with long service and one an unqualified teacher.

55. *Municipal Salary-result System Hindu School, Powerpet.*—The number of pupils on rolls on 31st March 1899 was 48 boys and 9 girls against 61 boys and 8

girls of the previous year, the average attendance being 58 against 39 of the previous year. The increase in the average attendance was due to strict supervision. The net cost of the Municipality was Rs. 253-1-7 against Rs. 224-6-1 of the previous year, the average net cost per pupil being Rs. 4-5-10 against Rs. 5-12-1 of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 1-6-3 in the net cost is due to an increase in the average attendance.

56. *Panchama School*.—The number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March 1899 was 34 boys and 5 girls against 27 boys and 5 girls in the previous year. The average attendance was 34 against 21 in the previous year, which is satisfactory. As in the previous year, no fees were collected from the pupils. The net cost of the school was Rs. 170-12-10 against Rs. 204-3-0 of the previous year, the average net cost per pupil being Rs. 5-0-5 against Rs. 9-11-7 in the previous year. The decrease (Rs. 4-11-2) in the net cost per pupil is due to an increase in the average attendance and is satisfactory as showing a reduction in the cost (*vide* G.O., No. 1587 M., dated 9th September 1898, paragraph 4, clause 2).

57. *Lalshimvarapupeta Muhammadan School*.—The number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March 1899 was 19 boys against 20 in the previous year. The average attendance was 19 against 16 in the previous year, which is fair. The net cost to the Municipality was Rs. 120-7-3 against Rs. 107-11-9 in the previous year, the average net cost per pupil being Rs. 6-5-5 against Rs. 6-11-9 in the previous year. The decrease (As. 6-4), though small, is satisfactory.

58. *Bazaar Street Muhammadan School*.—The number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March 1899 was 21 against the same number in the previous year. The average attendance was 20 against 13 in the previous year, which is satisfactory. The net cost to the Municipality was Rs. 109-14-3 against Rs. 118-11-0 in the previous year, the average net cost per pupil being Rs. 5-7-11 against Rs. 9-2-1 in the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 3-10-2 was satisfactory and was due to the careful supervision (*vide* G.O., No. 1587 M., dated 9th September 1898, paragraph 4, clause 2).

59. *Municipal Muhammadan Night School*.—The number on the rolls on 31st March 1899 was 22 against the same in the previous year. The average attendance was 20 against 17 in the previous year, which is satisfactory. The net cost to the Municipality was Rs. 144-12-0 against Rs. 135-6-0 in the previous year, and the average net cost per pupil was Rs. 7-3-10 against Rs. 7-15-5 in the previous year. This is satisfactory.

60. The total number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March 1899 was 144 boys and 14 girls against 151 boys and 13 girls in the last year, and the total net cost was Rs. 5-1-8 against Rs. 7-7-4 of the previous year. The decrease in the net cost is satisfactory. The results of the examination were satisfactory, as 80 came out successful out of 102 presented, the percentage of passes to the number examined being 78.43 against 83.75 in the previous year.

61. *Salary Grants*.—Rs. 400 were paid as was estimated in the revised estimate and Rs. 394-2-8, the actuals of the previous year, as salary grants to the Manager, Church Mission High school. The number on rolls on 31st March 1899 was 222 against 218 of the previous year. As for other details, the financial statement B submitted by the manager of the school is enclosed.

62. *Result Grants*.—The number of result grant primary schools at the beginning was sixteen. Two were closed and two were aided during the year in addition to the above and thus there were sixteen aided schools at the close of the year. The number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March 1899 in all the schools was 647 boys and 33 girls against 666 boys and 34 girls of the previous year. The total amount of grant earned by the teachers was Rs. 1,607-1-0 against Rs. 1,654-13-0, the amount payable was Rs. 900 against Rs. 896-8-0 and the amount actually paid was Rs. 900 against Rs. 896-8-0 and against the same amount allotted in the revised estimate. The number of pupils examined was 570 and of those 405 passed or 71.05 per cent. against 457 and 408 or 89.27 per cent. of the previous year. On the whole the results were considered satisfactory by the Educational authorities. The grants were fully paid by the Council.

63. *Building and Furniture Grants*.—Rs. 36 were paid against Rs. 50 of the revised estimate and Rs. 9, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 14 was small and the increase of Rs. 27 was satisfactory.

64. *Inspection—Establishment*.—Rs. 203 were spent against Rs. 204 of the revised estimate and Rs. 173-13-10, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 1 was small.

65. *Contingencies*.—Rs. 10-11-6 were expended under this head against Rs. 26 of the revised estimate and Rs. 10-8-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 15-4-6 was due to the non-receipt of bill for record-rack.

66. *General Gymnasium*.—Rs. 180 were spent against Rs. 200 of the revised estimate and Rs. 180-15-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 20 under the revised estimate was due to no amount spent under contingent charges.

67. *Other Items*.—Rs. 2-6-0 were spent under this head against Rs. 20 of the revised estimate. The decrease was due to the fluctuating nature of the item.

68. *Grant 3, Sanitation and Medical Service*.—The total expenditure under this grant was Rs. 13,524-10-6 against Rs. 16,570 of the revised estimate and Rupees 14,784-12-10, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease is explained below.

69. *Hospitals and Dispensaries—Establishment*.—As in the previous year, one hospital was maintained during the year, in which both in and out patients were treated. The medical relief was appreciated by the public. Three hundred and fifty in and 11,867 out patients received treatment during the year against 480 and 12,952, respectively, of the previous year. The expenditure incurred for establishment charges during the year was Rs. 1,768-8-5 against Rs. 1,860 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,902-2-4, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 91-7-7 was chiefly due to the office of the hospital assistant being vacant for some time, as the permanent man was transferred on plague duty. The hospital is in charge of the civil apothecary and one-eighth of his salary is paid from Provincial funds, and he is assisted by the hospital assistant.

70. The labour cases attended to by the midwife were 123 against 118 of the previous year, which was satisfactory. Civil apothecary attended one in and seven out cases, making a total of 131 cases.

71. *Medicines and Supplies*.—Rs. 1,179-14-1 were expended under this item during the year against Rs. 1,200 of the revised estimate and Rs. 936-3-10, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 20-1-11 was small.

72. *Diet of Patients*.—The expenditure under this head was Rs. 751-3-1 against Rs. 700 of the revised estimate and Rs. 996-1-7, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 51-3-1 was small.

73. *Sundries and Contingencies*.—The outlay under this item was Rs. 221-10-4 against Rs. 410 of the revised estimate and Rs. 467-1-8, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 188-5-8 was due to the varying nature of the item.

74. The total expenditure for the hospital during the year was Rs. 3,921-3-11 against Rs. 4,170 of the revised estimate and Rs. 4,301-9-5, the actuals of the previous year. The reason for the decrease was shown above. The average net cost per patient was As. 5-1 against the same in the previous year.

The following improvements were made during the year under report:—

- (1) Hospital Assistant's quarters were completed.
- (2) Hospital compound wall was erected.
- (3) Petty repairs were made.

As regards the medical officer's recommendation to remove certain houses in the main bazaar, the Council is not in a position to do the same under the present financial condition, as much money is required for the acquisition of sites, more valuable than those situated in other parts of the town.

As regards white-washing of the buildings, it is nearing completion now—*vide* paragraph 45 *supra*.

girls of the previous year, the average attendance being 58 against 39 of the previous year. The increase in the average attendance was due to strict supervision. The net cost of the Municipality was Rs. 253-1-7 against Rs. 224-6-1 of the previous year, the average net cost per pupil being Rs. 4-5-10 against Rs. 5-12-1 of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 1-6-3 in the net cost is due to an increase in the average attendance.

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57. *Lalshimvarapupeta Muhammadan School*.—The number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March 1899 was 19 boys against 20 in the previous year. The average attendance was 19 against 16 in the previous year, which is fair. The net cost to the Municipality was Rs. 120-7-3 against Rs. 107-11-9 in the previous year, the average net cost per pupil being Rs. 6-5-5 against Rs. 6-11-9 in the previous year. The decrease (As. 6-4), though small, is satisfactory.

58. *Bazaar Street Muhammadan School*.—The number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March 1899 was 21 against the same number in the previous year. The average attendance was 20 against 13 in the previous year, which is satisfactory. The net cost to the Municipality was Rs. 109-14-3 against Rs. 118-11-0 in the previous year, the average net cost per pupil being Rs. 5-7-11 against Rs. 9-2-1 in the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 3-10-2 was satisfactory and was due to the careful supervision (*vide* G.O., No. 1587 M., dated 9th September 1898, paragraph 4, clause 2).

59. *Municipal Muhammadan Night School*.—The number on the rolls on 31st March 1899 was 22 against the same in the previous year. The average attendance was 20 against 17 in the previous year, which is satisfactory. The net cost to the Municipality was Rs. 144-12-0 against Rs. 135-6-0 in the previous year, and the average net cost per pupil was Rs. 7-3-10 against Rs. 7-15-5 in the previous year. This is satisfactory.

60. The total number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March 1899 was 144 boys and 14 girls against 151 boys and 13 girls in the last year, and the total net cost was Rs. 5-1-8 against Rs. 7-7-4 of the previous year. The decrease in the net cost is satisfactory. The results of the examination were satisfactory, as 80 came out successful out of 102 presented, the percentage of passes to the number examined being 78.43 against 83.75 in the previous year.

61. *Salary Grants*.—Rs. 400 were paid as was estimated in the revised estimate and Rs. 394-2-8, the actuals of the previous year, as salary grants to the Manager, Church Mission High school. The number on rolls on 31st March 1899 was 222 against 218 of the previous year. As for other details, the financial statement B submitted by the manager of the school is enclosed.

62. *Result Grants*.—The number of result grant primary schools at the beginning was sixteen. Two were closed and two were aided during the year in addition to the above and thus there were sixteen aided schools at the close of the year. The number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March 1899 in all the schools was 647 boys and 33 girls against 666 boys and 34 girls of the previous year. The total amount of grant earned by the teachers was Rs. 1,607-1-0 against Rs. 1,654-13-0, the amount payable was Rs. 900 against Rs. 896-8-0 and the amount actually paid was Rs. 900 against Rs. 896-8-0 and against the same amount allotted in the revised estimate. The number of pupils examined was 570 and of those 405 passed or 71.05 per cent. against 457 and 408 or 89.27 per cent. of the previous year. On the whole the results were considered satisfactory by the Educational authorities. The grants were fully paid by the Council.

63. *Building and Furniture Grants*.—Rs. 36 were paid against Rs. 50 of the revised estimate and Rs. 9, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 14 was small and the increase of Rs. 27 was satisfactory.

64. *Inspection—Establishment*.—Rs. 203 were spent against Rs. 204 of the revised estimate and Rs. 173-13-10, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Re. 1 was small.

65. *Contingencies*.—Rs. 10-11-6 were expended under this head against Rs. 26 of the revised estimate and Rs. 10-8-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 15-4-6 was due to the non-receipt of bill for record-rack.

66. *General Gymnasium*.—Rs. 180 were spent against Rs. 200 of the revised estimate and Rs. 180-15-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 20 under the revised estimate was due to no amount spent under contingent charges.

67. *Other Items*.—Rs. 2-6-0 were spent under this head against Rs. 20 of the revised estimate. The decrease was due to the fluctuating nature of the item.

68. *Grant 3, Sanitation and Medical Service*.—The total expenditure under this grant was Rs. 13,524-10-6 against Rs. 16,570 of the revised estimate and Rupees 14,784-12-10, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease is explained below.

69. *Hospitals and Dispensaries—Establishment*.—As in the previous year, one hospital was maintained during the year, in which both in and out patients were treated. The medical relief was appreciated by the public. Three hundred and fifty in and 11,867 out patients received treatment during the year against 480 and 12,952, respectively, of the previous year. The expenditure incurred for establishment charges during the year was Rs. 1,763-8-5 against Rs. 1,860 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,902-2-4, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 91-7-7 was chiefly due to the office of the hospital assistant being vacant for some time, as the permanent man was transferred on plague duty. The hospital is in charge of the civil apothecary and one-eighth of his salary is paid from Provincial funds, and he is assisted by the hospital assistant.

70. The labour cases attended to by the midwife were 123 against 118 of the previous year which was satisfactory. Civil apothecary attended one in and seven out cases, making a total of 131 cases.

71. *Medicines and Supplies*.—Rs. 1,179-14-1 were expended under this item during the year against Rs. 1,200 of the revised estimate and Rs. 936-3-10, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 20-1-11 was small.

72. *Diet of Patients*.—The expenditure under this head was Rs. 751-3-1 against Rs. 700 of the revised estimate and Rs. 996-1-7, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rs. 51-3-1 was small.

73. *Sundries and Contingencies*.—The outlay under this item was Rs. 221-10-4 against Rs. 410 of the revised estimate and Rs. 467-1-8, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 188-5-8 was due to the varying nature of the item.

74. The total expenditure for the hospital during the year was Rs. 3,921-3-11 against Rs. 4,170 of the revised estimate and Rs. 4,301-9-5, the actuals of the previous year. The reason for the decrease was shown above. The average net cost per patient was As. 5-1 against the same in the previous year.

The following improvements were made during the year under report:—

- (1) Hospital Assistant's quarters were completed.
- (2) Hospital compound wall was erected.
- (3) Petty repairs were made.

As regards the medical officer's recommendation to remove certain houses in the main bazaar, the Council is not in a position to do the same under the present financial condition, as much money is required for the acquisition of sites, more valuable than those situated in other parts of the town.

As regards white-washing of the buildings, it is nearing completion now—*vide* paragraph 45 *supra*.

As regards the recommendations made by the Surgeon-General and the District Medical and Sanitary Officer in the previous years, Rs. 200 were provided in the budget for 1899-1900 for constructing out-houses.

I may also mention here that Government in G.O., No. 378 M., dated 15th March 1899, reduced the allotment made for repairing buildings by Rs. 250. The other minor recommendations cannot be attended to for the present for want of funds, as much money has already been spent on the institution.

75. *Contribution to Provincial Funds.*—Rs. 333 were paid during the year as contribution against Rs. 250 of the revised estimate and Rs. 305, the actuals of the previous year, as per Treasury Deputy Collector's letter, Ref. on C. No. 174—G.B.-Acct., dated 11th March 1899.

76. *Vaccination—Establishment and Contingencies.*—Rs. 469-4-4 were expended this year under this item against Rs. 550 of the revised estimate and Rs. 608-7-4, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 80-11-8 was due to short expenditure under contingent charges. There are two vaccinators—one first class drawing Rs. 15 per mensem and the other second class drawing Rs. 10 per mensem. From the year 1886, compulsory vaccination has been in force in the town. The lymph was supplied by the Mysore Government. The total number of operations during the year was 2,941 including those performed by the medical subordinates, against 2,599 of the previous year. Of these, 2,864 were successful against 2,278 of the previous year. Prompt steps were taken in this branch during the year by giving strict orders to the vaccinators. It is very satisfactory to note that there has been considerable improvement in this branch during the year. The total number of cases successfully vaccinated by the vaccinators below one year was 772 against 639 of the previous year. There was an increase of 133 cases. The total number of primary vaccinations was 2,475 against 2,022 of the previous year, of which 2,432 proved successful against 1,784 of the previous year. The number of births registered during the year was 1,079 against 801 of the previous year. The average cost of each successful case was As. 2-8 against As. 4-6 of the previous year. The decrease is very satisfactory. The number of cases vaccinated during the past two years is compared below with the number of cases vaccinated during the year under report:—

Years.	Total.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Unknown.
1896-97	1,944	1,759	185	..
1897-98	2,416	2,119	290	7
1898-99	2,811	2,736	69	6

Thus it will be seen that there was a marked improvement in the number of operations performed and in the number of successful cases during the year as the result of strict supervision over this branch of work.

77. There were no deaths from small-pox during the year. The medical subordinates vaccinated 130 cases against 183 of the previous year, of which 128 proved successful against 159 of the previous year. The work done by the vaccinators was supervised by the civil apothecary and by the hospital assistant and was checked in my office by comparing the work done in a week in the year, with the corresponding weeks of the previous two years, and by ordering them to make up the deficit whenever found.

78. *Registration of Births and Deaths—Establishment and Contingencies.*—Rupees 158-0-7 were spent against Rs. 180 of the revised estimate and Rs. 120-14-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease was due to fines and stoppages in the establishment charges and to short expenditure under contingencies. As in the previous year, the office of the registrar of births and deaths is located in the Municipal office. The sanitary inspector and the sub-inspectors were directed to help the registrar and to report to him daily births and deaths occurring in their wards. The number of births registered during the year was 1,079, and that of deaths was 656 against 801 and 823, respectively, of the previous year. The increase in the former was due to the strict supervision, orders having been given both to the registrar and the sanitary staff to inspect their wards daily and to report cases. The registrar goes

daily to a ward and detects cases, if any, and reports them. The fall in the number of deaths was chiefly due to only 12 deaths from cholera against 130 of the previous year. Of the 656 death cases, 12 died from cholera, 161 from fevers, 44 from bowel complaints, 7 from injuries and 432 from all other causes against 130 from cholera, 191 from fevers, 111 from bowel complaints, 8 from injuries and 383 from all other causes of the previous year. The birth-rate per mille was 36.71 against 27.26 of the previous year. This is satisfactory. The number of prosecutions instituted during the year for failure to register births and deaths was 15, of which 10 were convicted, 4 acquitted and 1 pending.

79. Thus it will be seen that every possible care was taken regarding this branch of work and that the result has been satisfactory.

80. *Sanitation—Conservancy, Road Cleaning and Road Watering—Establishment.*—Rs. 5,418-12-4 were expended during the year against Rs. 5,454 of the revised estimate and Rs. 5,317-15-7, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 35-3-8 was due to fines and stoppages.

81. The street sweepings and the night-soil were collected and removed in the same manner as in the previous year. This year some night-soil was sold for Rs. 2 to befel gardeners and the rest was retained for want of bidders.

82. As per statement XI, there were nineteen public latrines. Of these, 9 have brick-wall enclosures, seven tatty ones, two corrugated iron sheet with roofing and one mud-wall enclosures. All these latrines are cleaned twice a day. The fixing of the two corrugated iron-sheet latrines was completed during the year.

83. The Council engaged for hire ten carts or one more than in the previous year for removing rubbish, two for cleaning drains, one for cess-pools, and two for removing night-soil. They were hired at Rs. 15 per cart per mensem. All the rubbish carts are country ones with bamboo big baskets. The cess-pool carts have wooden barrels. Bullocks and drivers were hired for the night-soil carts.

84. *Hire of Carts.*—The expenditure under this head amounted to Rs. 1,598-7-9 against Rs. 2,006 of the revised estimate and Rs. 2,033-7-10, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 407-8-3 was chiefly due to the hiring of carts at Rs. 13 per cart per mensem during some months in the year as no good bullocks were procurable.

85. *Private Scavenging—Establishment and Hire of Carts.*—Rs. 907-3-8 were spent against Rs. 1,000 of the revised estimate and Rs. 831-8-2, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 92-12-4 was chiefly due to fines and stoppages in the establishment charges, and to the non-entertainment of a scavenger for some months when there was no necessity. The latrines in general are cleaned once a day, but those that pay As. 8 a month are cleaned twice a day. The work of the scavengers is daily inspected by the sanitary staff, who are entrusted, as in the previous year, with books containing the list of latrines that are under the agency in each ward. They obtain daily the signatures of the owners of the latrines in proof of their regular attendance and thus cleanliness is secured. The number of houses served under this system at the end of March 1899 was 498, notwithstanding 33 which were withdrawn from municipal management owing to the transfer, &c., of owners from the town. The number of houses served under this system was 450 last year.

The prosecutions instituted under this system were three, which were all convicted, against 26 instituted last year. The amount of fees collected was Rs. 1,261-3-6 and the expenditure incurred was Rs. 907-3-8 against Rs. 1,081-12-6 and Rs. 831-8-2, respectively, of the previous year. The savings will be utilized during 1899-1900, for purchasing an air-tight iron night-soil cart as one was out of use. The Government will be pleased to observe that this improved condition, which reflects great credit upon the administration, was the result of the strict and stringent steps taken to improve the system.

86. *Cess-pool service—Establishment and Contingencies, &c.*—Rs. 221-8-5 were spent during the year against Rs. 260 of the revised estimate and Rs. 324-0-9, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 38-7-7 was chiefly due to short

expenditure under contingent charges. There was a small loss of Rs. 14-8-5 to the Municipality over Rs. 100 in the previous year owing to high rates fixed already. Steps are being taken to make the system self-supporting—*vide* G.O., No. 378 M., dated 16th March 1899, paragraph 4, clause 4.

87. *Epidemic Charges*.—Rs. 428-1-6 were spent under this head for plague and cholera against Rs. 2,500 estimated in the revised estimate and Rs. 861-10-9, the actuals of the previous year. Cholera appeared only once in the year and the total number of deaths during the year was 12 against 130 of the previous year. Every endeavour has been taken to prevent the spread of the epidemic.

Two sanitary inspectors were appointed to inspect trains both days and nights for the purposes of plague and to issue passports. They are still working. Every precaution as per recommendations of the sanitary officers and the Collector has been being taken to prevent any epidemic.

88. *Contingencies*.—Rs. 69 were spent under this head against Rs. 200 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 80-3-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease was due to the fluctuating nature of the item.

89. *Grant 4, Miscellaneous Municipal purposes—Lighting—Establishment*.—Rs. 743 were spent under this item against Rs. 744 of the revised estimate and Rs. 733-14-2, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Re. 1 was due to fines and stoppages.

90. *Contingencies*.—Rs. 1,717-12-7 were spent against Rs. 1,096 of the revised estimate and Rs. 980-3-9, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rupees 621-12-7 was chiefly due to the purchase of chimneys, burners, &c., from Messrs. P. Orr & Sons, which was not anticipated at first. The number of lamps was 279, the same as in the previous year. The lighting was inspected by the lighting maistry and by the overseer. The lighting was carried on departmentally as in the previous year.

91. *Markets*.—Rs. 1-8-0 were spent under this head against Rs. 50 of the revised estimate. The collection of fees from vegetable markets was postponed on account of the recent vegetable market strike; hence the decrease.

92. *Slaughter-houses—Establishment and Contingencies*.—Rs. 71-14-5 were spent under this head against Rs. 90 of the revised estimate and Rs. 71-14-6, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 18-1-7 was due to no expenditure under contingent charges.

93. *Travellers' Bungalow—Establishment and Contingencies*.—Rs. 65-1-4 were spent under this head against Rs. 90 of the revised estimate and Rs. 69-11-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 24-14-8 was due to short expenditure under contingent charges.

94. *Public gardens—Establishment and Contingencies*.—Rs. 97-14-0 were spent under this head against Rs. 100 of the revised estimate and Rs. 31-9-10, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 2-2-0 was small and needs no explanation.

95. *Other charges*.—The outlay under this head was Rs. 1,007-2-2 against Rs. 1,460 of the revised estimate and Rs. 2,385-13-0, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 452-13-10 was due to the short expenditure under works done to private individuals for removing water, printing and other items.

96. *Grant 5, General Establishment—Office Establishment*.—Rs. 1,317-5-5 were spent against Rs. 1,325 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,309-8-2, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 7-10-7 was due to fines and stoppages.

97. *Contingencies*.—Rs. 271-0-5 were spent against Rs. 400 of the revised estimate and Rs. 325-7-8, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease was due to the varying nature of the item.

98. *Collection of Municipal taxes—Establishment*.—Rs. 251 were spent against Rs. 255 of the revised estimate and Rs. 174, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 4 was due to fines and stoppages.

99. *Contingencies*.—Rs. 330-4-7 were spent against Rs. 130 of the revised estimate and Rs. 51-7-4, the actuals of the previous year. The increase of Rupees 200-4-7 was due to the payment of amount of Rs. 329-4-7 as per Treasury Deputy Collector's letter, Ref. on U. No. 186 J-B-Acc., dated 14th March 1899, for the cost of printing Municipal account forms.

100. *Collection of Tolls—Establishment*.—Rs. 1,329-6-3 were spent against Rs. 1,330 of the revised estimate and no expenditure in the previous year. The decrease of As. 9-9 was small and needs no explanation.

101. *Contingencies*.—Rs. 416-0-10 were spent against Rs. 500 of the revised estimate and Rs. 484-6-5, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease was due to the fluctuating nature of the item.

102. *Contributions for Central Office and Audit Establishments*.—As was provided in the revised estimate, Rs. 280 were spent under this head.

103. *Advances Recoverable*.—Rs. 35-3-6 were expended under this head against Rs. 200 of the revised estimate and Rs. 35-1-4, the actuals of the previous year.

104. *Refunds of other than current collections*.—Nothing was spent under this head against Rs. 10 provided in the revised estimate.

105. *Pensions and Gratuities*.—The amount provided in the estimate was Rs. 50, but nothing was spent under this head during the year.

106. (iv) *Closing Balance*.—The year closed with a balance of Rs. 4,922-3-9 against a deficit balance of Rs. 471-0-11 of the previous year and Rs. 2,880 ordered by Government—*vide* G.O., No. 378 M., dated 15th March 1899. The increase of Rs. 2,042-3-9 was due to a decrease of Rs. 518-7-10 in the actual receipts and to a decrease of Rs. 2,560-11-7 in the expenditure which was chiefly due to the decrease of Rs. 2,071-14-6 in the expenditure allotted for plague charges.

107. The accounts of the year under report were not audited.

V.—GENERAL REMARKS.

108. The following is a summary of improvements effected during the year under report:—

(1) *Education*.—The whole amount of salary-result stipends recommended by the educational officers was paid.

(2) The whole amount of fixed result grants as per assignment of the educational authorities was also paid.

(3) *Medical, Sanitation and Miscellaneous*.—About Rs. 300 for hospital assistant quarters and about Rs. 70 for the construction of a compound wall to the hospital were spent during the year.

(4) Petty repairs were made to the hospital building and the white-washing and tarring has been commenced.

(5) The private scavenging system is more than self-supporting and its income is contributing largely to its improvement and extension.

(6) There was an income of Rs. 50 from the sale of rubbish, &c.

(7) There was an income of Rs. 2 from the sale of night-soil.

(8) An extra rubbish cart was engaged.

(9) The construction of one corrugated iron latrine as per standard plan of the Sanitary Board was completed.

(10) The slaughter-house in D. division was opened for use.

(11) The harbour was, to a certain extent, filled in with silt taken from the Kistna canal.

(12) Temporary latrines were constructed during the Moharam festival.

(13) All the rubbish depots were levelled.

(14) Revetment walls were constructed to some of the main roads which were enlarged and levelled.

(15) Some latrines were repaired at a cost of about Rs. 80.

(16) The cesspool service has almost become self-supporting.

(17) About Rs. 600 were spent in securing a sufficient supply of chimneys and burners from Messrs. P. Orr & Sons.

(18) There was an additional bill-collector entertained.

109. Lastly, I may mention here that the most important subject of water-supply requires early attention. There has been a good deal of correspondence regarding this subject. The necessity was fully explained in this office letter, No. 37, dated 1st June 1898, paragraph 109, embodied in G.O., No. 1587 M., dated 9th September 1898. The views of the Council were explained in this office letter, Ref. on C. No. 33 of 1898, dated 27th July 1898, and the Government, in its Order, Mis. No. 14 M., dated 3rd January 1899, was pleased to order enquiries referred to in paragraph 9 of the Sanitary Board's Proceedings regarding the possibility of an artesian well. No final orders have yet been received on the subject, and I trust the Government may be pleased in disposing of the subject to take into consideration the objections raised in my letter referred to above.

I may be permitted to mention here that the view of the Collector, as embodied in paragraph 7 of the resolution embodied in G.O., Mis. No. 14 M., dated 3rd January 1899, does not meet the objections urged by the Council to the use of the canal water. The canal water carries all manner of filth from Bezvada including dead bodies, and its use even for domestic purposes has been condemned both by the Sanitary Commissioner and the District Medical Officer.

110. The report was placed before the Council at its meeting, dated 29th May 1899, and the enclosed resolution was passed adopting the same.

111. The delay in submitting the report was explained in this office letter, Ref. on C. No. 56 of 1899, dated 7th June 1899.

ENCLOSURE.

CONCISE ANNUAL REPORT ON Municipal Hospital, Ellore, for the official year 1898-99.

1. *Public Health.*—The town was free from small-pox during the year. There were no cases of plague either indigenous or imported. There were 17 cases of cholera in the town in the month of July 1898, beginning on the 9th and ending by 17th, out of which 12 proved fatal. Health of the people fairly good. Monsoons broke out in time and there was sufficient rainfall.

2. *Vital Statistics.*—There were 1,079 births and 656 deaths registered during the official year against 801 and 823 of last year.

3. *General Sanitation.*—Most of the houses of the town are low-lying, damp and ill-ventilated. The town is overcrowded. In Powerpetta the poorpu dwelling huts are to be found side by side with good class of houses. The removal of these would be a sanitary improvement of the houses in the area. In that part of the town close to the main bazaar, there is much over-crowding of houses; it would be advisable both with reference to facility of communication and of perforation of air to remove certain houses and enlarge the roads.

4. *Water-supply* is from Kistna canal, Gajivillivari tank and 30 other wells; many of these are pottering wells, a few of them are pakka built with platforms and parapet walls, and drains to carry off the surface water; during the hot months of April and May when the canal is closed, water from these wells is inadequate for the use of people.

5. *Drainage.*—Some roads are provided with side drains and others with mere cuttings. There is no regular system in force; the town is intersected by irrigation channel which receives much of the sewage of neighbouring houses and is also used in some places as latrines, as well as depot of filth of all sorts.

6. *Conservancy.*—The number of latrines at the disposal of the public at present is only 19—a number far below the requirements of the town; with the exception of the two corrugated iron latrines, all others are mere enclosures, with either brick or tatty walls; there must be 32 latrines at the disposal of the town and seven night-soil carts.

7. *Roads* are in fairly good order.

8. *Vaccination* is compulsory in the town and is done with lanoline paste obtained from Mysore. The staff consists of two vaccinators, one first class and the other

second class, on Rs. 15 and Rs. 10, respectively. The number of cases vaccinated during the official year is 2,941, out of which 2,864 were successful, 71 unsuccessful and 6 unknown.

9. *Hospital and Dispensary.*—There is sufficient accommodation in the general wards; all the buildings connected with the hospital, except the hospital assistant's quarters, require thorough repairs and white-washing, which has not been done for the last two years though the same has been brought to the notice of the Council on several occasions by means of letters and by forwarding recommendations from the visitors' book made by inspecting officers from time to time.

10. *Repair of Furniture.*—Good.

The Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras inspected this institution in January 1896 and made the following recommendations:—

"The hospital is an admirable one if it was kept in a proper state of repair; such repairs should be provided for in the annual budget. There is a great deal to be done, and the Council should see that the repairs are carried out fully and efficiently with as little delay as possible. The present ruined isolation huts should be replaced by smaller ones on the standard plan to be obtained from the Sanitary Engineer. They should consist of two beds each for males and females in separate huts for septic and dirty cases, two beds each for cholera and small-pox males and females. One or two standard plan huts for caste patients. There should also be a standard plan hut for two cases of venereal disease in female, so as to keep the general ward for respectable native women. A separate delivery ward is required for the lying-in ward, a standard plan of which can be obtained. Quarters for the midwife, sweeper and ward attendant are much required."

The District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Gódvári, made the following recommendations in November 1897:—

"Visited and inspected the hospital. No repairs have been undertaken by the Municipality although the main building, the latrines are not in thorough good order. The cholera and contagious sheds too are in need of repair. None of the recommendations made by the Surgeon-General on his visit in January 1896 have been attended to. There appears to be a necessity for entertaining an assistant compounder."

The following recommendations were made by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Gódvári, in April 1898:—

"I must call attention to the fact that the white-washing and repairing the hospital (especially the latrines) has not yet been done although recommended by the Surgeon-General in January 1896 and also on 11th November 1897 by Surgeon-Major Sarkies. I also recommend that the latrines be done at once and the compound wall be finished to prevent cattle continually coming in; it appears to me that there ought to be proper separate dressing-rooms for men and women separately instead of tatty enclosures."

The Acting Head Assistant Collector, Ellore, visited the hospital on 28th February 1899 and made the following recommendations:—

"Visited the hospital; I find that so far back as 1896, the Surgeon-General remarked on the disrepair of latrines, yet no steps have been taken. The matter, I consider, demands the immediate attention of the Municipal Council, and I trust they will see their way to provide funds for the repair; it is not easy to understand why the building has not been whitewashed for the last two years. In the interest of the patients it is necessary to white-wash it as soon as possible, less emergent works might be put off and funds spared for the purpose."

Copies of the above recommendations have been forwarded to the Municipal Council soon after they were made, respectively; yet I regret to say that no work has been done during the year except plastering of the verandah of lying-in ward and the kitchen, which were done about the last week of March 1899.

Rs. 36-12-0 were recovered as dieting and medicine charges; Rs. 108-5-1 recovered from the sale of medicines and subscriptions.

Number of Patients compared with three previous years —

	In-patients.	Out-patients.
1896-97	407	12,743
1897-98	480	12,952
1898-99	350	11,867

The decrease is due to the generally healthy condition consequent perhaps on the timely rains and other favourable circumstances.

12. *Mortality.*—There were twenty-five deaths in hospital, but none died of septic disease.

13. *Operations and Results.*—There were 477 surgical operations during the official year; no deaths.

14. *Midwife* attended on 131 cases against 118 of last year.

15. *General Remarks.*—As a precaution against plague, two sanitary inspectors are deputed to inspect passengers by train and boat and keep them under observation for ten days in the case of those who come from affected areas.

ELLORE,
22nd April 1899.

(Signed) T. EKAMBARAM PILLAY,
Civil Apothecary in Medical Charge.

No. 1833.

Forwarded.

2. By oversight the report has been kept with the reports of the hospital assistants in the district collected for district concise report; hence the delay.

RAJAHMUNDRY,
24th May 1899.

(Signed) G. CHARLESWORTH,
Ag. Dist. Medl. and Sany. Officer, Gódvári.

R. Dis. No. 212-Rev.

Forwarded.

2. Of the demand on account of taxes for the year under report, a balance of Rupees 1,031 was left out standing, and the Chairman considers the collections on the whole satisfactory. With the aid of an additional bill-collector entertained for the year, better work still might have been turned out, and if the provisions of 103 and the following sections were strictly followed, the arrears would be reduced to a very small figure or would be even nil. It is hardly creditable that Rs. 372 of last year's arrears have not yet been wiped off.

3. The roads are nowhere very badly cut up. In some parts they are more or less sandy, in others somewhat uneven, but there are no holes or other serious defects which may interfere with the ordinary traffic.

4. As to water-supply, I may mention the Ellore Taluk Board has promised a contribution if an artesian well is dug.

5. I have heard competent judges who have known these parts long and well say that sanitation has of late perceptibly improved. The establishment does not seem inadequate, and a close supervision over it may go a long way.

6. Some appliances at least for extinguishing fire may be maintained by the Municipality. From a recent experience I can say that people are almost helpless when a fire breaks out. The canal running through the town is open for nearly ten months in the year, and these appliances will prove very useful and handy.

7. As to the Chairman's remarks in the concluding portion of paragraph 13, I do not think the Municipality has much reason to grumble. Numbers of carts laden with merchandise arrive near the toll-gate from outside villages and halt there. All do not pass through, but a few are employed to carry the goods into the town. It seems a sensible and economical arrangement to make on the part of the traders.

8. It is to be hoped that the Municipality will take timely action to raise the house-tax which they have recently promised to do to Government.

8. It would appear that more care is evinced this year in collecting statistics as to births and deaths.

9. The Chairman, as usual, is taking interest in municipal affairs and steadily labouring to advance the best interests of Municipal Government.

17th June 1899.

(Signed) P. KERSHASP,
Ag. Head Assistant Collector.

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2. *Paragraph 3—Meetings.*—The number of meetings actually held during the year was 34 against 49 in the year 1897-98. The number, however, is still satisfactory. The average attendance of the members was fair in the case of non-official members, while the attendance of official members was worse than in the previous year, but there was only one official member.

3. *Paragraph 6—Tax on Arts, Paragraph 7—Tax on Buildings.*—It is very unsatisfactory there should be an arrear balance of Rs. 254 and Rs. 300-15-0 under these heads against Rs. 58 and Rs. 74-8-0 in the previous year, being about 40 and 22 per cent. respectively of the arrear at the beginning of the year.

4. *Paragraph 8—Tax on Lands.*—The demand fell from Rs. 387-2-0 in 1897-98 to Rs. 216-4-0. The short fall should have been accounted for.

5. *Paragraph 13—Tolls.*—A sum of Rs. 10,691-9-0 was realised against Rupees 10,500 as per the revised estimate and Rs. 7,940-6-9, the actuals of 1897-98. The increase under this head is gratifying. The view expressed by the Head Assistant Collector in paragraph 6 of his endorsement, viz., that the cartmen are entitled under section 94 of the Act to move their carts or animals as many times as they choose within the period of 24 hours for a single fee is correct.

6. *Paragraph 24—Income from Markets.*—Rs. 322-10-2 were realised against Rs. 610, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease is attributed to the fall in the number of firewood carts as they were engaged in conveying stone to the Gódvári bridge-works. The recent market strike is probably mainly responsible for the short fall (*vide* also paragraph 91 of the Chairman's report). A separate report on this subject will be submitted shortly.

7. *Paragraph 28—Cart-stand Fees.*—The marked increase in the collections from Rs. 500 in 1897-98 to Rs. 1,076-10-0 is due to the increased cart traffic on account of stone carts for the Gódvári bridge-works.

8. *Paragraph 43—Repairs—Communications.*—Rs. 4,199-13-11 were expended during the year against Rs. 2,500 allotted in the revised estimate. The increased expenditure was on repairs to the tank bund road chiefly and for the construction of a revetment wall to the high road. From paragraph 2 of the Head Assistant Collector's endorsement the roads appear to have received some attention but are capable of further improvement.

9. *Paragraphs 52 to 67—Education.*—The educational work of the Council continued to be satisfactory.

10. *Paragraph 69—Medical.*—The number of in- and out-patients treated fell from 480 and 12,952 in 1897-98 to 350 and 11,867, respectively, in the year under report, and the expenditure from Rs. 1,902-2-4, the actuals of 1897-98, to Rupees 1,768-8-5. The decrease is attributed to the hospital assistant being deputed on plague duty for some time. The number of cases attended by the midwife rose from 118 to 123.

11. *Paragraph 76—Vaccination.*—The expenditure under vaccination fell from Rs. 608-7-4, the actuals of 1897-98, to Rs. 469-4-4. The vaccinations in the year were more numerous than in 1897-98, being 2,941 against 2,549, of which 2,864 were successful against 2,278 in 1897-98.

12. *Paragraph 78—Vital Statistics.*—The births and deaths registered were 1,079 and 656 against 801 and 823, respectively, in 1897-98. The decrease in the number

of deaths is attributed to the absence of epidemics in the year. The birth-rate per mille, 36.71 against 27.26 in 1897-98 evidently shows that more attention is paid to the registration of vital statistics.

13. *Paragraph 80—Sanitation.*—The undersigned is glad to note that the sanitation of the town has perceptibly improved.

14. *Paragraph 84—Private Scavenging.*—The number of houses served was 498 against 450 in 1897-98. The amount of fees collected and the expenditure were Rs. 1,261-3-6 and Rs. 907-3-8 against Rs. 1,081-12-6 and Rs. 831-8-2, respectively, in the preceding year. The proposal to utilize the savings towards the purchase of an air-tight iron night-soil cart should not be abandoned.

15. *Paragraph 86—Cesspool Service.*—Rs. 221-8-5 spent in the year against Rs. 324-0-9, the actuals of 1897-98 is not adequate.

General.—The collections under the principal taxes were very tardy and require more promptitude. The subject of good water-supply and sanitation should receive the constant attention of the Council. The Municipality appears to have done on the whole, good work during the year.

(Signed) J. A. CUMMING,
Ag. Collector.

21st June 1899.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Current No. 1672 of 1899, dated from the Chairman M.C.
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The estimated receipts and charges of the Ellore Municipality for 1898-99, as passed by Government, are compared below with the budget and revised estimates for the year and the actuals of 1897-98.

	Actuals, 1897-98.	Budget Estimate, 1898-99.	Revised Estimate, 1898-99.	Actuals 1898-99.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Receipts—				
Balance brought forward	1753	550	470	471
Tax on Arts	2643	3100	3100	2917
Tax on Buildings and Lands	870	10300	10300	9748
Water and Drainage Tax on Buildings and Lands	"	"	"	"
Tax on Vehicles and Animals	1053	1100	1100	1197
Tax on Carts	1920	2000	2050	2232
Tax on Private Menial and Domestic Male Servants	"	"	"	"
Tolls	7940	8500	10500	10692
Realizations under Special Acts	105	50	50	95
Rent of Lands, Buildings, &c., and Sale-proceeds of Lands, &c.	182	250	190	126
Conservancy Receipts	391	150	150	52
Fees and Revenue from Educational Institutions	1949	1800	1800	1540
Do. from Medical Institutions	74	70	90	145
Income from Markets and Slaughter-houses	2310	3200	2130	2048
License Fees	874	1200	700	685
Other Fees	547	760	1110	1377
Fines under Municipal and other Acts	390287	500	500	327
Interest on Investments and Premium on Loans	"	"	"	"
Grants and Contributions from Government	65	190	60	60
Do. from Local Boards	2499	3000	3000	2800
Do. from other Bodies	"	"	"	"
Recoveries for services to private individuals	1316	1330	1260	1526
Miscellaneous	8	100	60	64
Loans	"	"	"	"
Sale-proceeds of Government Securities, &c., Realizations of Sinking Fund, and Discount on Investments	"	"	"	"
Advances Recovered	1706	300	50	53
Total ..	34677	37900	38200	37683
Grand Total ..	36420	38450	37700	37212