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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, for the month of January 1860.

No. 113. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department, dated 7th January 1860, No 23.

Reviewing the returns exhibiting the working of the Civil Dispensaries in the provinces and of the Civil institutions at the Presidency during 1858, and calling the Chief Engineer's attention to the requisition in paragraph 19 of the Government order of 9th August 1858 in respect to a new Lunatic Asylum.

(Vide Public Proceedings from 1st to 10th January 1860, Nos. 39-40.)

No. 114. ORDER THEREON, 19th January 1860, No. 144.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation dated 23rd September 1858 No. 1963, with a request that he will expedite the submission of the revised estimate for the Lunatic Asylum.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Dy. Secy. to Government.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Director General, Medical Department.

(Here enter 29th September 1859, No. 178.)

ORDER THEREON, 7th January 1860, No. 23.

1. With this letter the Director General submits Returns exhibiting the working of the Civil Dispensaries in the Provinces and of the Civil Institutions at the Presidency during the year 1858.

* 1851 1,61,214
1855 1,84,069
1856 2,10,566
1857 2,41,311
1858 2,60,124

2. The results are very encouraging. The progressive increase in the number of persons treated in the Dispensaries affords most gratifying evidence that the prejudices of the Native community against the European system of treatment are steadily and rapidly subsiding, and that the benefits afforded by these Charitable Institutions are becoming better appreciated, and, by consequence, more widely diffused.

3. The year appears to have been on the whole a healthy one. Epidemic diseases having with some few exceptions, been less prevalent than in 1857. Cholera, however, visited various parts of Madras, principally in the cold months, and the Mortuary Returns show that in the Presidency Town alone 2,000 deaths are attributable to this disease. Cholera appeared also in parts of Tanjore, Salem, and Canara.

4. Paragraph 5 will be communicated to the Military Department. The Government trust that no long time will elapse before the return of Medical Subordinate Officers from service will allow of the arrangements adverted to being carried out.

5. During the year under review, applications for Medical aid were most numerous in Cuddalore and Trichinopoly.

6. The Dispensaries in Triplicane, Chintadripettah, and Black Town, appear also to have been largely resorted to, all three showing a considerable increase in the number of cases treated.

7. The Government are glad to observe the continued satisfactory working of the Dispensaries* managed by Native Surgeons. That at Pollâchi has been most successful; no less than 6,343 patients having received Medical attendance during the first year of its existence.

* *Black Town.*
Manárgudi.
Pollâchi.

8. The attention of the Municipal Commissioners will be directed to the remarks of Garrison Surgeon Sanderson (pp. 3 to 6 of his Report) regarding the drains in the immediate vicinity of the Chintadripettah Dispensary.

9. To the general healthiness of the year there were one or two exceptions.

10. In Ootacamund, fever was more prevalent and of a more severe type than usual.

11. In Salem the failure of the South West Monsoon and consequent rise of prices caused great suffering among the poorer classes. Cholera, in an epidemic form, appeared in January, continuing more or less throughout the year; and the season was altogether a very unhealty one, both for man and beast.

12. The Governor in Council observes with much satisfaction, that efforts are being made in some of the districts to establish classes for instructing Native females in the principles and practice of Midwifery. Much may be effected by well-directed exertions on the part of the local officers, and even where the Zillah Surgeon may have sufficient work to fully occupy his time, the Subordinate Medical Officers, many of whom are well qualified for the duty, may be usefully employed in giving instruction respecting the duties of Nurses and the management of cases of labor. The means proposed by the Director General appear well calculated to promote this object.

Para 7.

13. Every encouragement should be given to the establishment, wherever practicable of additional wards to serve as Lying-in-Hospitals.

14. The total expenses of the Dispensaries during the year amounted to Rupees 86,620-5-6; the average cost for the patients being Annas 5, Pice 7 per head, somewhat in excess of the rate of the previous year.

15. *General Hospital.*—The number of Europeans admitted into the General Hospital was unusually large. So many sick and wounded Soldiers from Bengal were received that it was found necessary to remove the Native sick into an adjoining building.

Proceedings of Government, dated 24th September, No. 1476 of 1859, P. D.

16. *Idiot Asylum.*—It is observed that sanction has been given for the additional accommodation required for this Institution, and that the works have been ordered for immediate execution.

17. *House of Industry,—Male Asylum.*—Cholera made its appearance in both of these Institutions. The health of the inmates otherwise was good.

18. *Female Asylum.*—This Asylum continues to work most satisfactorily.

19. *Lunatic Asylum.*—The attention of the Chief Engineer will be called, through the Public Works Department, to the Order of Government, dated 9th August 1858, paragraph 19.

20. *Eye Infirmary,—Lying-in-Hospital.*—The benefits afforded by these invaluable Institutions continue to be highly appreciated. Much credit is due for the unwearied attention given to them by the Medical Officers in charge. Doctor Paul's Report upon the operations of the Lying-in-Hospital contains much interesting and valuable information in connection with Midwifery cases. The class of female pupils appear to have made progress.

Surgeon J. Shaw.
Assistant Surgeon Paul.

21. In paragraph 9 of his Report the Director General mentions in terms of special commendation the ten Medical Officers named in the margin.* To these Officers, as well as to the service generally, whose zeal and assiduity have largely contributed to the satisfactory result above noticed, the Director General will communicate an expression of the approbation and thanks of the Government.

* *Surgeon Porteous.*
Asst. Surgeon Blackwell.
" *Colebrook.*
" *Rogers.*
" *Paul.*
" *Williams.*
" *Joseph.*
" *Cleveland.*
" *Shortt.*
" *Ross.*

22. Ordered that these Reports and Returns, together with this review of them, be published as a volume of the Selections from the Records of Government.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Director General, Medical Department.
" Military Department.
" Municipal Commissioners.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Vide 113 & 114.

Encl. N° 144. 19th January 1860
William Gordon Esq.

N° 1661

Ordered, that the communication be submitted to the Chief Engineer with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 23rd September 1858 N° 1963, with a request that he will expedite the submission of the revised Estimate for the new Lunatic Asylum.

Fort St George
19 January 1860

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