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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
27th August 1866.*

No. 535. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Educational Department:—

Requesting that orders may be issued for the
examination of the roof of Stonehouse, and
for pressing on the erection of the Hospital
at Lovedale, Ootacamund, with a view to its
being temporarily occupied as a Female
Asylum in January next. } (Here enter 15th August 1866, No. 225.)

No. 536. ORDER THEREON, 27th August 1866, No. 2,702.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 87.

1. Communicated to the Superin-
tending Engineer of the 7th Division,
who will take measures for having the
roof of the building referred to in paragraph 2 examined by Major Farewell,
reporting the result for the information of Government.

2. The Executive Engineer should be instructed to push on the construction
of the Hospital at Lovedale.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
.. Educational Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin!

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Educational Department,
15th August 1866.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 23. From the Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 19th April 1866, No. 146.

With reference to Order of Government, 9th September 1863, No. 226, paragraph 2nd, calling for occasional inspections of the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, I have the honor to forward a report received from the Deputy Inspector General, Southern Division, dated 26th ultimo.

2. From Mr. Reynold's Report, the latrines at Stonehouse appear to be little better cared for than they were in 1863.

3. The bath accommodation is also stated to be bad, and the lads too much exposed when dressing.

4. One or two cases of Rheumatic Fever are reported to have occurred. I remark that one young boy is in Hospital with disease of the heart; this is a very common sequence of Fever. I have called for further information regarding these cases, and the alleged over-crowding and imperfect ventilation.

Inspection Report of the Lawrence Asylums, Ootacamund, 26th March 1866.

In obedience to instructions given in the Proceedings of Government,* Educational Department, No. 226, of 9th September 1863, I this day inspected the Lawrence Asylums.

* Paragraph 2.

2. I saw all the boys present at school; they looked healthy. The rooms are large, but scarcely sufficiently so, and tolerably well-ventilated, when the season permits doors and windows to be open. The vicinity was clean, with the exception of two or three puddles—caused by mismanagement of the stream supplying water to the house—and a dirty cow-house in close proximity.

3. In the Hospital, which is near the school, there were five young boys, one with disease of the heart, the others not serious cases. This building is clean, and in good condition; the rooms small, but the space for 10 beds has hitherto been found sufficient. The Dresser on duty, Syed Ali Mahomed, No. 591, is sickly, and wishes to leave the Hills. Doctor Miller considers that a respectable elderly man would be better suited for this Institution; there are a large number of growing up girls, most of them Europeans, to be attended to. I would, therefore, recommend the appointment of a married Apothecary, or a respectable elderly Dresser. Two boys died during the year, the only deaths in five years.

4. A small ill-ventilated and crowded room in the School-house is occupied by some of the younger boys at night; it is over-crowded. Bath room and privy tolerably clean. In Stonehouse the dormitories are clean, the rooms small and over-crowded; ventilation insufficient;—the roof in some places does not appear to me to be quite safe. I found the privies very dirty; the buckets had not been emptied, to all appearance, for two, if not three, days; a want of paper for use—bits of rag, and narrow cuttings of cloth seemed to be supplied for this purpose; dry earth not used. The plunge bath was empty, but being re-filled. It has not been used for some days, owing to one or two cases of Rheumatic Fever having occurred. At the bath there is a small shed for dressing, too much exposed for young boys; tubs are placed in the open air for washing. I directed their removal to the sheds in which they had formerly been placed, which sheds are now lumber rooms. Water is scarce just now at Stonehouse, and ample means of cleanliness do not exist.

5. The Norwood Dormitory was clean, but also wanting in ventilation, and over-crowded. Bath rooms and privy clean—coal tar is used generally in the Asylums. There appeared to be a scarcity of brushes and combs for the boys, and more attention to their heads seemed to be advisable.

6. I found the female school and dormitories clean and in good order; the floors are subject to damp, owing to the want of deep drainage in rear, to carry off the water falling from the steep

Hill. Just now the place is dry, but this cannot be the case during the rainy season, and for a considerable time after. The girls, varying in age from 16 or 17, to 4 or 5, looked remarkably healthy, clean and neat. The dormitories here are small, and over-crowded, bedding and furniture, comfortable. With all draw-backs of crowding and want of ventilation, both Asylums have been very healthy, and have hitherto escaped every epidemic on the Hills; but as the new Asylums are not likely to be ready for years, some means of relieving the present wants of ventilation and of sleeping accommodation should be adopted, and, in the mean time, the strictest observance of cleanliness should be enjoined, as a preventive measure.

7. Cooking is performed in small tidy cook-rooms, by means of iron ranges, or stoves. Both boys and girls assist in the operation.

(Signed) J. A. REYNOLDS,
Dy. Insp. Genl. of Hospitals,
Southern Division.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction, for communication to the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, who will be good enough to submit any remarks they may desire to offer, with reference to the report of the Deputy Inspector General, and to report what arrangements they propose making for the purpose of remedying the defects adverted to by Mr. Reynolds.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
1st May 1866.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 24. From the Director of Public Instruction, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 21st May 1866, No. 931.

I have the honor to return letter, No. 146, of the 19th ultimo, from the Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, with the enclosed Report by Dr. Reynolds upon the Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum. I also submit a letter, dated the 15th instant, from the Principal and Secretary to the Asylum, enclosing a Report drawn up by a Sub-Committee of the Governors, and approved by the whole Board, upon the points touched on in Dr. Reynolds' communication.

2. The numerical comparison in paragraph 3 of the Reverend Mr. Whitehouse's letter, which was made at my suggestion, seems to indicate that there cannot be much ground for complaining that the dormitories are over-crowded.

3. The explanation regarding the privies does not appear to me altogether satisfactory; and I imagine that each boy should have a cheap comb and brush for himself.

From the Reverend T. WHITEHOUSE, M. A., Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras; dated Ootacamund, 15th May 1866.

I have the honor to inform you that your letter, No. 865, dated 2nd May 1866, was duly laid, as requested, before the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, together with the papers which accompanied it; and a Sub-Committee was at once appointed, consisting of J. Ouchterlony, Esq., Colonel Hadfield, H. R. Dawson, Esq., and Dr. Miller, to consider the statements contained in Dr. Reynolds' report.

2. The Sub-Committee assembled on Friday last, and drew up the report, of which I now enclose a copy. This report has been circulated for the information and approval of the General Committee, and I am directed by them to forward it on at once, through your office, to the Chief Secretary to Government.

3. In reply to paragraph 2 of your letter, I have the honor to state that when Mr. Shaw visited the Asylum in 1863, in Stonehouse dormitories there were 106 cots, in the largest dormitory at Misquith's 14, and in two smaller rooms (now disused) 11—total 131 cots. To relieve these dormitories, the rooms at Lower Norwood were at once arranged for the reception of 36, and thus, in the three following years, taking the month of April, the distribution was as follows:—

	1864.	1865.	1866.
Stonehouse.....	80	87	69
Lower Norwood.....	36	36	26
Misquith's.....	11	11	11
Total.....	127	134	106

4. Our four young pupil teachers have a room to themselves, not before used as a dormitory.

REPORT.

The Sub-Committee proceed to report, *seriatim*, on the several points touched upon in Dr. Reynolds' communication to the Inspector General.

1. *The ventilation of the School buildings.*—Since these were originally occupied, at least two official Medical visits have been paid, and no exception whatever has been taken at any time to the ventilation, which, in fact, has been increased from what it was at the first, and is considered quite ample for its object in this climate.

2. *The puddles.*—There is evidently some misconception here. The term, as used, implies stagnant, offensive water, whereas, in point of fact, the puddles or pools were caused by temporary remains of pure water in the inequalities of an irrigating channel for the cultivation of the garden, and which had just ceased flowing.

3. *The dirty Cow-house.*—This has been temporarily used to keep cattle in; and, if considered, as it apparently is, to be prejudicial, such use will be abandoned.

4. *Over-crowding of the Dormitories.*—This originally held 14 boys, which number was reduced, on Dr. Shaw's recommendation, in 1863. The number now occupying this room is 11; all, except the Monitor, being of the smallest boys in the School. The cubic space for each is about 330 feet, independent of a large ventilator in the roof, and other ventilation at the sides of the room.

5. *Insecurity of the Stonehouse roof.*—The Sub-Committee understand that Major Farewell stated an opinion last year that the roof would stand for some time, but would recommend that Major Farewell be asked to inspect and report specially.

6. *Over-crowding of the Dormitories at Stonehouse.*—When Dr. Shaw visited the Institution in 1863, he found 106 cots in these dormitories, and pronounced them over-crowded; the number was then reduced to 85, at the same time that improved ventilation (as recommended by him) was introduced. With this arrangement, Dr. Shaw, on his visit in 1864, expressed himself satisfied. At the time of Dr. Reynolds' inspection the other day, the number of inmates of these dormitories was only 69!

7. *The Privies.*—It is to be regretted that any reason should have existed for taking exception to the arrangements of these; but it must have been a purely exceptional case,—nor do the Sub-Committee think that there can (under the circumstance of the number of boys who use the buckets) have been more than a day's delay in emptying them, and this is explained to have been due to an accidental occurrence. The same delay has not been found to have taken place by any of the Committee in their inspections as monthly visitors. The Sub-Committee would observe that the Inspector General has obviously fallen into an error in supposing that what Dr. Reynolds has brought under notice, and which concerns the Privies out of doors, is the same arrangement in respect of which he found fault in 1863.

The Sub-Committee recommend that Dr. Miller be requested to advise and assist the Reverend Principal in introducing a system of dry conservancy in respect of these Privies.

accommodation for the present number of girls. This building, Major Farewell anticipates will be finished in January next. Every effort should be made to complete it by that time.

OOTACAMUND,
7th July 1866.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1866, No. 225.

The Governor in Council directs that the foregoing Memorandum be communicated to the Director of Public Instruction, for the information of the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, and also to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, with reference to his remark in paragraph 5.

2. Orders will be issued in the Public Works Department, directing the Executive Engineer to examine the roof of Stonehouse, and to press on the building of the Hospital at Lovedale, in order that it may be temporarily occupied as a Female Asylum in January next.

(True Extract).

L. D. Lums

Chief Secretary *L. D. Lums*

To the Director of Public Instruction.

" Public Works Department.

" Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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Pro. of the Madras Govt.
in the Educational Dept.

Of 15th August 1866
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