

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

25th June 1881, No. 98.

Cemeteries.

Read the following paper:—

From A. J. B. ATKINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cuddapah, 15th June 1881, No. 275 [Current No. 136].

In reference to Board's Standing Order No. 156 of the new series, I have the honor to submit my report on the state of Christian burial-grounds in the district for the official year ending with 31st March 1881.

2. There are no burial-grounds in the division of the Assistant or Temporary Deputy Collector which comprises the taluk of Pulivendla. In the division of the General Charge Deputy Collector, consisting of the taluks of Pullampet, Sidhout, and Badvel, there are only tombs situated in the villages of Kalasapad in Badvel Taluk, Gundloor in Pullampet Taluk, and Vontimitta and Malvenipatnam in Sidhout Taluk.

3. *Sub-division.*—There is a burial-ground belonging to the American Mission above the town of Madanapalle. It is well kept by the Mission and by private subscriptions. The burial-ground at Kadiri is also in good order. There is a tomb in the village of Vallamaddi in Kadiri Taluk which is reported as standing in need of certain repairs, for which the Sub-Collector will be requested to send an estimate. The burial-ground at Rayachoti has been properly enclosed by a stone wall and by a gate.

4. *Head Assistant Collector's Division.*—This division comprises the taluks of Cuddapah, Proddutur, and Jammalamadugu. All the tombs in the cemetery situated at the old cantonment are in good order. The earth mounds only want raising, which will be done. The cemetery situated just outside Cuddapah town is now in good order, the repairs sanctioned to the tombs by Government in their Order, No. 143, dated 30th July last, having been executed during the year in review at a cost of Rs. 27. The money has not, however, been actually paid owing to the delay caused by the bill having to be countersigned by the Venerable the Archdeacon. The tomb situated in the way from Proddutur to Ramaswaram in Proddutur Taluk was enclosed at a cost of Rs. 43 as directed by Government in the above Order. The Head Assistant Collector reports that there is a tomb at Dhoor situated in the compound of the bungalow belonging to the Irrigation Canal Company, which is kept in good order.

5. The Executive Engineer has again been asked to furnish the plans of the two cemeteries in Cuddapah and the Cantonment in order that the necessary books may be maintained as directed in G.O., No. 286, of 27th December 1877.

6. Referring to the latter part of paragraph 5 of the last year's report, the Head Assistant Collector has submitted the estimate for extending the burial-ground in the way to Sidhout, and a separate application will shortly be made on that subject.

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Recorded.

2. The apparent delay on the part of the Executive Engineer in complying with the Collector's request for plans of the Cuddapah Cemeteries will be brought to the Chief Engineer's notice.

(True Extract.)

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To the Collector of Cuddapah.
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„ Venerable the Archdeacon.

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