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Reviewing the report of the Trichinopoly
Municipality for the year 1881-82.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From H. SEWELL, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Trichinopoly, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 22nd June 1882, No. 1837.

I have the honor to submit the report on the working of the Municipal Act in the town of Trichinopoly, together with the usual statements for the year 1881-82.

2. The receipts for the year exceeded the budget estimate by about Rs. 300, while the disbursements were less than the estimate by about Rs. 6,000. The decrease was caused principally by savings in the hospital expenditure, by contributions to Inspecting Sanitary Establishment and Medical College not being paid within the year, by a diminution in the cost of the Police, and by the fact of only one fire-engine instead of two having been purchased. The Vice-President's carriage allowance, Rs. 75 a-month, was also not drawn during the year. I made a reference to Government on this matter in the case of Mr. Pritchard, Deputy Collector and formerly Vice-President, in my letter, No. 4, dated 10th June 1881.

3. There was a decrease in the taxes on vehicles and animals owing to the effect of G.O., dated 8th December 1881, No. 2399, exempting military officers from payment. The Imperial License-tax shows a slight increase over the estimate. The receipts from tolls was less than was anticipated, and there is a balance still due from the Local Fund Board, which will be adjusted speedily.

4. The principal new works undertaken was the construction of a new ward for the hospital, which is almost complete. It is intended to build one more large ward, and we shall then be able to utilize the central building for dispensing medicines to out-patients. The want of proper accommodation for them has long been felt, and has been remarked on by the Surgeon-General. The roads were kept in fair order during the year.

5. There has been an increase in the number of schools and of pupils during the year, and the Deputy Inspector's report, which is forwarded, shows a fairly satisfactory state of things.

6. There was a decrease in the number of in and out patients at the hospital. The Civil Surgeon attributes this to people being afraid of infection if they come to the hospital during the cholera epidemic; otherwise the institution has worked well during the year. Vaccination shows some falling off. This is partly due to Vaccinators having been employed on cholera duty in distributing medicines. I am aware that Government do not approve of utilizing their services in this way as a rule, but in this case the emergency was so great, and it was so utterly impossible to get sufficient hands otherwise, that I trust Government will overlook the irregularity.

7. The conservancy of the town was well looked after, and special measures were taken before and during the prevalence of cholera to keep the town as clean as possible and to remove all filth, &c. This accounts for the increased expenditure under this head.

8. A very full and complete drainage scheme has been prepared by Major Drake-Brockman, R.E., and the Commissioners are much obliged to him for the report and estimates which he has furnished to them. The cost of the scheme, nearly

three lakhs of rupees, renders it necessary to proceed with caution. The subject is receiving the attention of the Commissioners, and if Government relieve us of our share of the cost of Police, I hope we shall soon be able to make a start with the works.

9. The town suffered, like all the rest of Southern India, from a severe epidemic of cholera, which lasted from 24th October to 8th March. The number of attacks reported was 2,601 and of deaths 1,053. A special report on the outbreak by the Civil Surgeon is enclosed. He speaks strongly about the insanitary condition of the town, which I do not believe to be any worse than most other large native towns in Southern India. I can safely say that I never saw the town kept so clean as during the epidemic since I first joined this station in 1875. I believe the real cause of disease lies in the dirty habits and filthy backyards of the premises of the poorer classes, a cause which it is most difficult for a Municipality to remove. The Commissioners did all that was in their power to struggle against the epidemic. The question of the Muhammadan burying-ground is occupying their attention at present. The real difficulty is the selection of a suitable site for a new cemetery. Inquiry is going on on the subject.

10. The Auditor's report shows that the accounts have been properly kept with a few exceptions. His remarks have been attended to.

11. I regret to find that a register showing the number of coercive processes has not been properly kept. The Government Order on the subject was, it is true, received only in October last, but still the returns should have been made up from that date. The register will be kept up in future.

ENCLOSURES.

From A. F. RICHARDS, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Trichinopoly, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Trichinopoly, dated 8th June 1882, No. 20.

The Commissioners for the town of Trichinopoly have the honor to report on the administration of the Municipality under Act III of 1871 during the official year 1881-82.

2. The total receipts during the year amounted to Rs. 95,843-13-7, including the opening balance of Rs. 6,145-0-4, and the expenditure to Rs. 86,469-12-7, leaving a balance of Rs. 9,374-1-0 at the close of the year, besides a deposit balance of Rs. 1,231-11-8 to the credit of the Municipality. The year closes with a balance almost equal to one-tenth of the receipts as ordered in paragraph 8 of the G.O., No. 448, of the 16th March 1881. This state of balance is chiefly owing to the amount of Rs. 1,425 received from the savings from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales' Reception Fund as contribution towards the erection of a new ward for the hospital as explained in the President's letter to Government, No. 7, of 16th November 1881.

3. The budget estimates for the year were—

	RS.
Receipts including the opening balance	95,530
Disbursements	92,581
Closing balance	2,949

as sanctioned or modified by the Government Orders noted below. The variations between the actuals and the estimated sums have been fully explained in Statement VI-B:—

G.O., 16th March 1881, No. 448.	
„ 20th April „ „ 662.	
„ 14th Sept. „ „ 1716.	
„ 15th June „ „ 1086.	
„ 28th Nov. „ „ 2314.	

4. **RECEIPTS—Rates on Houses.**—The House-tax, which was levied at the maximum rate of 7½ per cent. on the annual valuation of houses, yielded Rs. 22,549-3-5, showing an increase of Rs. 1,049-3-5 over the estimate. The re-assessment made during the year accounts for the increase. The collection of the tax was, as in previous years, on the contract system, and the commission allowed had been 3¼ per cent. instead of 4 per cent. in the previous year.

5. **Rates on Lands.**—The estimate for the year, including the amount due for 1880-81, which was not realized during that year as explained in paragraph 4 of the report of that year,

was Rs. 8,000. Out of this sum, Rs. 6,117-11-0 was collected during the year under report, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,882-5-0, which has since been realized.

6. **Taxes on Arts.**—The demand on account of this tax during the year, *minus* the amount remitted on appeal, is Rs. 6,822, of which Rs. 4,379 has been collected during the year, leaving a balance of Rs. 2,443. The Commissioners are taking necessary steps for realizing this and the balance of Rs. 961 due for the previous years. In several cases prosecution has been made, and the cases are pending before the Magistracy.

7. **Taxes on Vehicles and Animals.**—The total receipts were Rs. 3,972 against Rs. 4,300 estimated for. The decrease is due to the non-collection of the tax on the vehicles, &c., owned by the military officers, which was remitted under G.O., 8th December 1881, No. 2399.

8. **Fees realized from the Registration of Carts** were Rs. 3,946-8-0 against the estimate of Rs. 4,200. Though the actuals are short of the estimate by Rs. 253-8-0, they are almost equal to the actuals of the previous year.

9. **License Tax under Act III of 1878.**—The revenue derived from this source was Rs. 4,097-8-0, showing an increase of Rs. 997-8-0 over the estimate, which is due to the addition made to the list of tax-payers after the budget had been submitted. The additional precautions taken for informing the tax-payers of their liability to the tax, as noticed in paragraph 7 of the previous year's report, had the intended effect, and the amount of fine collected under Section 19 of the Act has been reduced from Rs. 865 in the previous year to Rs. 280 in the year under report. The demand of the tax for the year, as published in the original lists, was Rs. 4,275, and the amount remitted on hearing objection-petitions under Section 13 was Rs. 495. This leaves a settled balance of Rs. 3,780, out of which Rs. 3,591 was paid to Government, deducting Rs. 189 for the remuneration due to the Municipality. Out of the current demand of Rs. 3,780, Rs. 3,642-8-0 has been realized during the year, leaving only a small balance still due.

10. **Tolls.**—The tolls are, as usual, under the management of the Local Fund Board, who pay a moiety of the net collections to the Municipality. The amount estimated was Rs. 14,000, of which Rs. 11,073-12-0 was received during the year, and the balance is due from the Local Fund Board.

11. **Fines and Fees.**—The receipts under this head amounted to Rs. 1,170-1-0, showing an increase of Rs. 370-1-0 over the estimate, *viz.*, Rs. 800. These are fines levied by the Magistracy, and the Commissioners therefore cannot account for fluctuations in this item.

12. **The Contribution from Special Fund.**—This item consisted of a share of fees collected from the cattle pounds within the Municipal limits and the revenue realized from the sale of the right of fishing in the tanks. The actual receipt was Rs. 12-13-11 against Rs. 275 estimated for. The decrease is due to the non-rental of the fishery during the year on account of the scarcity of water. The custom is to empty out the tanks periodically, and then the fish are caught in the mud at the bottom. This year there was a deficiency of water in January, February and March, and we therefore were obliged to retain all the water we could in the tanks.

13. **Rents of Markets, Houses, &c.**—The revenue from this head consists of the following items:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Markets	10,227	1	9
Slaughter-houses	875	0	0
Rent of Gardens	165	13	10
Total	11,267	15	7

On the whole there is an increase of Rs. 267-15-7 over the estimate. The reason for the increase is that the Fort Straw Market and the Oriore Market, which were under Municipal management, have been leased out during the year for a higher sum, which was not anticipated when framing the estimate.

14. **Miscellaneous.**—This consists of the following items:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Sale of Sweepings	1,850	0	0
„ of Night-soil	3,015	0	0
„ of Avenues	86	6	0
„ of Grass	60	0	0
„ of Sundry Articles	199	10	8
Contribution from Government on account of Census expenditure	285	1	8
Total	5,496	2	4

There is an increase of Rs. 1,991-2-4 over the estimate, the sale of rubbish and night-soil having fetched a higher amount than in the previous year.

15. *EXPENDITURE—Grant I—New Works.*—Rs. 4,620-5-9 were spent on the following works :—

	RS.	A.	P.
(a) Construction of tunnels	164	0	0
(b) Do. of compound wall for the Municipal Hospital.	365	0	0
(c) New ward	1,222	5	9
(d) Wall for rubbish depôt	107	0	0
(e) Erecting sheds for storing dry-earth for latrines	384	0	0
(f) Constructing new latrines	2,214	0	0
(g) Petty works, &c.	164	0	0
Total	4,620	5	9

The increase over the estimate is chiefly due to the following additional expenditure not entered in the budget :—

- (a) Rs. 1,962 for completing the stone foundation latrines which were provided for in the previous year and left incomplete as noticed in paragraph 12 of that year's report.
 (b) Rs. 232-5-9 for the new ward for the Municipal Hospital out of Rs. 1,425 contributed for this work from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales' Reception Fund (*vide* President's letter to Government, No. 7, of 16th November 1881).

16. *Repairs.*—Rs. 9,588-2-9 was incurred in maintaining the roads as detailed in Statement II-A, Part 2; Rs. 2,284-10-10 were expended on buildings as shown in Statement II-B, Part 2; and Rs. 149-11-6 for clearing channels as shown in Statement II-D, Part 2. The total expenditure on the whole was Rs. 12,022-9-1 against Rs. 12,030 estimated for.

17. *Tools and Plant.*—Rs. 229-13-0 were spent under this head against Rs. 200 allotted. The increase of Rs. 29-13-0 over the estimate was unavoidable, as extensive repairs were carried out during the year.

18. *Grant II—Education.*—Out of the four salary grant schools, grant for one school was disallowed on the recommendation of the Inspector of Schools, who discovered fraud in the payment of local contribution to teachers. Fourteen schools under the combined system received salary grants at Rs. 3 each per month, and the schools which received result grants were twenty-four against twenty-two in the previous years. The expenditure on the whole was Rs. 2,330-15-8, the details of which are shown in Statement V. The extract from the report of the Deputy Inspector of Schools forwarded herewith shows in detail the working of the schools in the Municipality.

19. *Grant III—Sanitation and Medical Services—Municipal Hospital.*—The total expenditure during the year for this institution was Rs. 13,580-9-7 against the estimate of Rs. 16,338. The establishment cost Rs. 2,881-7-9 against the estimate of Rs. 2,988; the cost of medicines Rs. 3,104-1-3 against the estimate of Rs. 4,000; the dieting charges Rs. 6,541-8-10 against the estimate of Rs. 7,200; and sundries Rs. 1,053-7-9 against the estimate of Rs. 2,150. In all these items there is decrease, which is due to the falling off in the number of patients treated at the hospital during the year, which the Civil Surgeon attributes to the outbreak of cholera (*vide* paragraph 6 of his report herewith forwarded), and to the amount of about Rs. 1,000, out of the allotment made for bedding and clothing, and for furnishing the new ward, not having been spent within the year. The insufficiency of the supply of bedding and clothing referred to in the Civil Surgeon's report has been already taken notice of by the Commissioners, and an estimate, amounting to Rs. 884-13-11, has been passed. A portion has already been supplied, and orders have been given for the remainder.

20. *The Leper Hospital.*—This is a branch of the Municipal Hospital maintained at a cost of Rs. 1,548-14-7 against Rs. 2,020 provided in the budget. The amount of Rs. 250 allotted for medicines has not been spent, as the supply was made from the stock in the Municipal Hospital. In the dieting of patients and contingencies there has been a large saving. Hence the decrease. The Civil Surgeon's reports on the two institutions are forwarded herewith.

21. Rs. 425 was allotted for paying the contribution to the Medical College as ordered in G.O., No. 147, of 25th January 1878. Out of this sum, only Rs. 22-4-11 was disbursed for the arrears of the previous year at the request of the Accountant-General, and no bill for the amount due for the year under report has as yet been received.

22. *Vaccination.*—The vaccination staff consists of one First-class Vaccinator, three Second-class Vaccinators, and two Probationers. The establishment, including the allowance of Rs. 15 paid to the Hospital Assistant attached to the Municipal Hospital for supervising the vaccination work, amounted to Rs. 827-2-2, and the contingencies, consisting of fee paid to the parents of vaccinated children and the remuneration paid to Vaccinators for cases operated on in excess of the maximum number, amounted to Rs. 65-4-6 against Rs. 840 and 200, respectively, entered in the budget. The savings of Rs. 12 and odd in the establishment is the amount of fines and stop-

pages, and that in the contingencies is due to the Vaccinators having been for sometime employed on cholera duty. The total number of cases vaccinated was 2,658 against 3,549 in the previous year. This falling off is accounted for by the fact that the Vaccinators have been deputed for distributing cholera medicines for about four months when cholera broke out in the town. The results of vaccination for the last three years are, as usual, given below :—

Years.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.
1879-80	2,231	171
1880-81	3,277	183
1881-82	2,127	118

The cost of each successful case during the year was As. 6-8 against As. 4-5 in the previous year.

23. *Registration of Births and Deaths.*—The number of births and deaths registered during the year was 1,551 and 2,408 against 1,593 and 1,481, respectively, in the previous year :—

	Births.	Deaths.
Males	769	1,262
Females	782	1,146
Total	1,551	2,408

The cost of registration was Rs. 479-5-8. The figures for the four preceding years are given below :—

Years.	Births.	Deaths.
1877-78	1,578	2,934
1878-79	1,474	1,577
1879-80	1,509	1,488
1880-81	1,593	1,481

The causes which contributed to the deaths for the year under report may be classed as follows :—

	1881-82.	1880-81.	1879-80.
Cholera	1,053	..	..
Small-pox	55	4	24
Fever	357	359	328
Bowel-complaints	354	391	387
Other diseases	589	727	749

24. *Conservancy.*—The expenditure under this head amounts to Rs. 16,814-7-3 against the estimate of Rs. 16,688 and the actuals of the previous year, Rs. 15,999-14-11. The establishment, which consisted of five Inspectors, fifteen peons, and eighty-five scavengers, cost Rs. 6,742-8-4 against Rs. 6,588 entered in the budget. For conservancy carts Rs. 9,064-6-0 were spent against Rs. 9,350 estimated for; the contingencies amounted to Rs. 503-0-11 against the estimate of Rs. 250, and the amount spent for clearing the tanks was Rs. 504-8-0. The appointment of an Inspector of latrines, coolies for burning the rubbish in the cinerators, and additional scavengers, and some petty items in contingent expenses, which were all indispensably necessary, caused the slight increase over the estimate above noticed.

25. Rs. 425 were allotted for paying contribution to the additional Sanitary Inspecting Agency, and this remained unpaid pending the receipt of bills.

26. *Drainage Scheme.*—Rs. 2,620 was allotted for drawing out a scheme for the complete drainage of the town, which Major Drake-Brockman, R.E., kindly undertook to do. A lump sum of Rs. 2,500 was paid to him for the work. As already reported in paragraph 16 of the budget report for 1882-83, considering the large outlay as Rs. 2,85,200 which the introduction of the scheme would cost, the Commissioners have resolved to reserve the subject of carrying out the project for future consideration.

27. *Grant IV—Lighting.*—The total expenditure on account of lighting was Rs. 3,940-12-11 against Rs. 3,740 provided for in the budget. The cost of establishment was Rs. 1,684-3-0 and contingencies Rs. 2,256-9-11 against Rs. 1,740 and Rs. 2,000, respectively, in the previous year. Several lamp-posts, which were made of wood, have been replaced by stone ones, and twenty additional lamps were provided for the town. Hence the increase in the contingencies.

28. *Markets and Slaughter-houses.*—The amount spent on account of markets and slaughter-houses was Rs. 817-6-3 against Rs. 1,194 provided in the budget. Oriore Market and Straw Market, which were in the Municipal management, and for which provision was made in the budget,

have been leased out during the year, and therefore there is saving in the amount allotted for them in the budget. The Fort Market has been placed in charge of a separate Commissioner, and its sanitation is properly attended to.

29. *Miscellaneous*.—Rs. 1,400 was sanctioned for the purchase of two fire-engines in G.O., No. 1086, of 15th June 1881. Only one engine was purchased during the year at a cost of Rs. 656-7-0.

30. *Grant V—Supervision and Management*.—Rs. 3,589-11-11 were spent during the year against Rs. 3,826 entered in the budget. The decrease is due to the savings from the pay of clerks and in the contingencies.

31. *Health of the Town*.—Cholera broke out in the town on the 24th October 1881 and lasted till 8th March 1882. A detailed report received from the Civil Surgeon on the outbreak of the disease is forwarded herewith. The expenditure for special sanitary measures, medicines, &c., amounted to Rs. 1,899-14-8 against Rs. 1,900 sanctioned by Government in G.O., No. 2314, dated 28th December 1881.

32. The Commissioners have passed a resolution that the Muhammadan burial-grounds which lie in the thickly-populated part of the town and in close proximity to tanks should be removed to a less objectionable locality, and a Sub-Committee appointed for selecting sites, but the matter has not as yet been brought to a close.

33. The accounts for the year were, as in last year, audited by Mr. Koeneman, Accountant in the Chief Auditor's Office, South Indian Railway, whose report and the statements received therewith are forwarded herewith.

34. With reference to the Auditor's remarks in paragraph 3 of his report, the Commissioners have the honor to state that the omission to obtain stamped vouchers for payments made on account of contribution to band-stand was an oversight, which they regret. The mistake has already been rectified, and the vouchers now received for the item are stamped. The next three vouchers referred to in the report are nominal rolls of coolies, and the fifth one is a bill for the cost of firewood. These were vouchers for petty sums and were accidentally lost. There are entries in the bill-book duly signed by the Vice-President and passed by the Commissioners at meetings, and the counterfoil of cheques issued for the amount to support the payment. The last voucher is for Rs. 3,591, which was the amount of License-tax paid to Government. The amount was remitted in the shape of a cheque drawn in favor of the Collector with a letter of advice, and the receipt was acknowledged by the Treasury Deputy Collector. The acknowledgment is not forthcoming, but the counterfoil of the acknowledgment in the Deputy Collector's Office was shown to the Auditor. In the absence of the original, the Commissioners consider this or the letter of advice or the counterfoil of the cheque is sufficient to support the entry in the cash-book.

35. The Commissioners are not able to forward herewith Appendix A to Statement IV, showing the coercive measures resorted to for the collection of House and Land Tax, as no register showing the information necessary for filling up the form was kept in the year under report; the G.O., No. 1528, of 22nd August 1881, calling for the return having been received in October 1881, i.e., seven months after the commencement of the year.

Concise Report of the Municipal Hospital, Trichinopoly, for the Official Year 1881-82.

The accommodation of the building is still insufficient. Number of beds available for male and female is forty-seven, and the number of patients now under treatment is fifty-four; of these, seven are accommodated in the verandahs of the building. These cases are generally surgical of a less severe nature.

The lying-in and caste wards are used for the European and East Indian patients during the absence of Native patients not occupying them.

In addition to the latrines for male and female patients pointed out to be too small last year, two other latrines outside of the compound wall are under construction, and likely to be completed in the course of a month. A ward for accommodation of the poor hospital is also under construction. The buildings were in good repair during the year. A compound wall of mud has been erected around the old wall with the object of enclosing waste lands around the hospital compound, which has hitherto been allowed to receive sweepings of the street.

The supply of bedding and clothing is quite insufficient.

2. All dispensary matters requiring attention are discussed at the weekly meetings of the Municipal Commissioners.

3. The prevailing diseases during the year were fevers, rheumatic and venereal affections diseases of bowels, abscesses and boils, skin diseases and injuries.

4. Epidemic cholera made its appearance on the 24th October 1881 at Varagnary, a most unhealthy locality owing to the situation of nearly half a dozen tanneries. The number of cases occurred 2,591 and deaths 1,106, for which a special report will be submitted.

5. During the year the Municipal Hospital was once inspected by the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

6. The total number of admissions amongst in-patients during the year is 1,151 and out-patients 39,344. These numbers compared with those of the previous year show a fall of 725 patients amongst in-patients and 1,024 amongst out-patients. This is probably due to the outbreak of cholera in the town, owing to which patients from surrounding hamlets did not resort to the hospital for medical treatment.

7. The lying-in ward and the wards of the caste sick and self-dieting patients are utilized to the extent the accommodation of the building admits of. But occasionally some of the patients have to be sent home owing to the insufficient accommodation. The cost of the maintenance of this institution amounts to Rs. 15,389-15-4; compared with the previous year, there is a decrease of Rs. 1,909-15-3 as shown below:—

								RS.	A.	P.
1880-81	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17,299	14	7
1881-82	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,389	15	4

General Remarks.—The sanitary condition of the station is fair. Before cholera made its appearance in the town, steps were taken to secure the drinking water in the tank from contamination; the streets were thoroughly swept and dust-bins cleared of their contents, and houses thoroughly whitewashed, and a number of other sanitary operations were performed.

TRICHINOPOLY, 1st April 1882. (Signed) J. B. THOMAS, Surgeon-Major, Civil Surgeon.

Concise Report of the Municipal Leper Hospital, Trichinopoly, for 1881-82.

During the year under review there were sixty-three admissions with two deaths amongst in and out patients against sixty admissions with eight deaths in the previous year. The decrease of six deaths is due to the patients resorting to the institution at an early stage of disease, and the slight increase of admissions is due to the fact that lepers appreciate medical aid more. The deaths were from dysentery and leprosy.

The building now in use as the Leper Hospital is an old jail situated in the heart of the town, and requires white-washing. The accommodation is sufficient and suitable for the small number of lepers under treatment. Furniture fittings suffice for the requirements of the institution, except bedding and clothing.

TRICHINOPOLY, 1st April 1882. (Signed) J. B. THOMAS, Surgeon-Major, Civil Surgeon.

Extract from the report of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, South Trichinopoly Circle, on the progress of education in the Circle, dated 25th May 1882, No. 707.

Municipal Schools.

26. The following table gives statistical particulars, &c., of the Municipal Schools on salary and combined systems:—

	Number of Schools on 31st March		Number of Certificated Masters.		Strength on 31st March		Average Attendance.		Number of Pupils examined during		Total Salaries and Grants sanctioned during	
	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1880-81.	1881-82.	1880-81.	1881-82.
Salary Grant Schools ..	4	3	7	8	206	169	178	143	..	..	472	371
Combined System Schools.	14	14	..	..	538	526	480	436	198	182	789	675
Total ..	18	17	7	8	744	695	658	579	198	182	1,261	1,046

27. On 31st March 1881 there were four aided schools attended by 206 pupils, and fourteen vernacular combined system schools with 538 pupils. Of the four aided schools, the one in Jaffer Sahib Street, Fort Hindu School, was withdrawn from Municipal aid during the year; hence the decrease in the number of aided schools and pupils on 31st March 1882.

As regards the Combined System Schools, there were fourteen at the close of the previous year and the number remained unchanged, but it will be seen from the foregoing table that there has been a diminution in the number of pupils and in average attendance. This decrease may be attributed partly to the severe prevalence of cholera during the year, and partly to the want of energy on the part of the teachers.

The following table gives particulars of the schools aided under salary system:—

Schools.	NUMBER ON 31ST MARCH		Total Cost to Municipality.		Condition of each.
	1880.	1881.			
S.P.G. School, Worriyur	71	74	RS. 148	A. P. 0 0	Very good.
Do. Tennore	56	56	88	0 0	Good.
Do. Fort	25	39	52	7 11	Do.
Hindu Fort School	54	..	83	0 0	Do.
Total ..	206	169	371	7 11	

28. The Fort Hindu School was a very efficiently conducted Primary School under Native management, and had always maintained a decent position among the other aided schools of this class, but I am sorry to report that this school lost the Municipal support owing to some fraud committed by the Manager in paying the local contributions to the teachers.

S. P. G. Schools, Worriyur, Tennore, Fort.—I inspected these schools about the middle of March, and I am satisfied with the results produced. All the three schools are provided with commodious building and necessary furniture and apparatus. The teachers are all passed men, and they work with great energy, especially those of the Worriyur School, which stands far superior to the other two in every respect—strength, attainments, and discipline. The Manager, Mr. Pearce, takes a warm interest in the welfare of these. The Worriyur School passed eight pupils in the Upper Primary and four in the Lower Primary Examinations, the Tennore five in the former and four in the latter, and the Fort Infant School passed none.

The numbers of the Worriyur, Tennore, and the Fort Infant Schools were respectively 74, 56, and 39 on 31st March 1882.

29. Combined System Schools.—I inspected nine of the fourteen schools in February and March and with one exception found them in a very wretched condition. There is no punctuality in the attendance either of masters or of the boys; there is no discipline and the instructions imparted are far from being systematical. The teachers seem to be careless and take no pains to improve the schools under them. They teach the subjects prescribed for the standards for names-sake only with a view to keep up the salary grant that they receive from the Municipality, and it is my impression that they do not devote so much time to the teaching of standard subjects as they do to the other Tamil subjects (Poems, Puranaws, Nigandoo, &c.) more liked by the people. If a school had about thirty pupils, the number presented for the examination was only seven or eight, which they do simply to satisfy the Municipal Board. I have, however, warned them during my examination to be more energetic and more careful in the discharge of their duties.

I have also given necessary instructions to the Inspecting Schoolmaster to visit these schools more frequently and to bring them to a state of efficiency. I hope better results at the next inspection.

The following table gives particulars of the above schools and the condition of each:—

Schools.	Number of Pupils on 31st March.		Total Cost to Municipality.		Condition of each.
	1881.	1882.			
Andar Street	36	40	RS. 44	A. P. 8 0	Fair.
Rock Fort	38	26	45	4 0	Do.
Varadarajaperumal Covil	45	43	63	0 0	Good.
Pandamungalam	27	29	48	0 0	Fair.
Edatheru Palakarai	59	55	53	6 0	Good.
Methuchintamani	31	25	44	4 0	Middling.
Ja'afar Sahib Street	33	38	39	8 0	Very poor.
Kasipolayam	52	46	55	8 0	Fair.
Virupatchipuram	23	41	41	0 0	Poor.
Manjanokara Street	54	54	55	2 0	Fair.
Periakammala Street	40	26	42	4 0	Do.
Putur	35	30	42	8 0	Poor.
Vasandaroya Police Street	29	33	62	8 0	Good.
Tennore	36	40	39	0 0	Poor.
Total ..	538	526	675	12 0	

Results Schools in the Municipalities.—The following table gives particulars of the Results Schools in the Trichinopoly Municipality:—

Municipality.	AIDED.				UNAIDED, BUT UNDER IMPROVEMENT.				Number of Pupils passed during		RESULT GRANT EARNED DURING			
	Schools.		Pupils.		Schools.		Pupils.				1880-81.		1881-82.	
	1880-81.	1881-82.	1880-81.	1881-82.	1880-81.	1881-82.	1880-81.	1881-82.	Provincial Funds.	Municipal Funds.	Provincial Funds.	Municipal Funds.		
Trichinopoly ..	28	33	1,209	1,509	13	16	372	390	513	490	RS. 1,080	RS. 983	RS. 1,534	RS. 998

At the close of 1880-81 there were forty-one aided and unaided schools with 1,581 pupils; thirteen schools were brought under inspection and five schools were closed during the year 1881-82, thus leaving on 31st March forty-nine schools with 1,899 pupils, the figures on the last day showing an increase of eight schools and 318 pupils over the previous year. Of these forty-nine schools, thirty-three were examined including nine girls' schools against twenty-eight of the previous year. They earned a grant of Rs. 1,534 from Provincial Funds and of Rs. 998 from Municipal Funds, the average grant earned by each school being Rs. 76-7-8 against Rs. 45-3-3 in the last year, the increase being due to more girls being examined during the year. The schools examined were on the whole in a satisfactory state and produced favorable results.

Female Education.—The following table gives statistical particulars of the girls' schools and the girls in mixed schools for the last two years:—

GIRLS.

Taluk or Municipality.	MISSION SCHOOLS.					
	Number of Schools on the 31st March		Number of Pupils on the 31st March		Grants from Provincial Funds.	
	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1880-81.	1881-82.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<i>Pure Girls.</i>						
Trichinopoly Municipality	9	11	426	465	RS. A. P. 1,153 4 4	RS. A. P. 1,328 1 7
Srirangam do.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Trichinopoly Taluk	4	4	188	129	528 4 0	820 1 0
Kulitalai do.	..	1	..	31	..	45 6 0
<i>Girls in Boys' Schools.</i>						
Trichinopoly Municipality	..	..	26	37	..	..
Srirangam do.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Trichinopoly Taluk	..	..	16	37	..	18 6 0
Kulitalai do.	..	..	..	1	..	..

Taluk or Municipality.	OTHER SCHOOLS.					
	Number of Schools on the 31st March		Number of Pupils on the 31st March		Grants from Provincial Funds.	
	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1880-81.	1881-82.
	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Pure Girls.</i>						
Trichinopoly Municipality	..	1	..	33	RS. A. P. ..	RS. A. P. ..
Srirangam do.	1	1	53	60	99 9 9	116 10 6
Trichinopoly Taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kulitalai do.	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Girls in Boys' Schools.</i>						
Trichinopoly Municipality	..	..	8	24	7 0 0	25 6 0
Srirangam do.	..	..	19	39	..	35 0 0
Trichinopoly Taluk	..	..	19	68	45 8 0	42 0 0
Kulitalai do.	..	..	7	18	6 4 0	29 12 0

At the close of the year 1880-81 the number of girls' schools in the circle was 14 with an attendance of 687 girls. Three of these—the Lady Hobart's School, Convent School, and Mrs. Pennington's Girls' School—were schools aided on salary grant system and the rest were Result System Schools. During the year under review the Convent School was closed, the Lady Hobart's School was turned into a Result School, and five Result Schools were newly brought under inspection. Thus on the 31st March there were 18 girls' schools with an attendance of 687 girls.

Of these 18 schools 12 are in the Trichinopoly Municipality, 4 in the Trichinopoly Taluk, 1 in Srirangam Municipality, and 1 in Kulitalai Taluk. Though the number of schools has increased by 4, the increase in the number of girls is but too small, which is due, I believe, to the abolition of the Convent School, which had about 60 pupils, while the schools newly opened are not very strong in attendance. It is worthy to be remarked here that all the above girls' schools but two are under Mission Societies, and that they spare no pains to improve female education, taking a great interest in the welfare of the schools under their management. I should say that the existence of so many girls' schools in the district is due absolutely to their labors.

In the majority of cases I find that the girls' schools under Mission management are exclusively attended by Christian girls. I am glad also to report that the number of girls in mixed schools, which was only 92 at the close of 1880-81, rose to 224 on 31st March 1882, which shows that the number has more than doubled during the past twelve months. It would not be

out of place here for me to say that most of the existing girls' schools are within the limit of the Trichinopoly Municipality, while such boon is denied to the interior parts of the district. In Kulitalai there is but one girls' school, and it is the only one for the whole taluk; establishment of a few more schools in this taluk is highly desirable.

Aided Girls' Schools.—The only aided school now in existence is Mrs. Pennington's Girls' School in Srirangam. It is a pretty large school, attended mostly by Brahmin girls of the place and maintained by the Municipality, which obtains a salary grant from Provincial Funds to meet the expenditure of the institution. The two mistresses of the school are passed women, of whom the Head Mistress is in charge of Tamil section and the second the Telugu section. I inspected the school in March, and I regret I was not able to report favorably on it. Not only the results were unsatisfactory, but also the instruction imparted was unsound and unsystematical. I have, however, drawn the attention of the mistresses to the several irregularities and defects that I noticed in the school, and I expect better result and improvement when I inspect it next time, which I propose to do shortly.

Results Girls' Schools.—Almost all the result schools are provided with mistresses, some of whom are certificated women, and the schools under them are generally working satisfactorily. Of the 17 schools of this class which remained on 31st March 1882, 16 were examined for result grant, and earned a grant of Rs. 2,468-11-1 against Rs. 1,831-14-1 in the previous year. The results of the schools that I examined were on the whole satisfactory, and I am glad to say that female education is steadily improving. The most important fact worthy of notice in connection with this branch of education is the establishment of a female training institution in Trichinopoly, very useful for training females to be sent abroad as school-mistresses.

Schools for Special and Technical Training.—There are two schools of this description—the Normal School, Kulitalai, and the S. P. G. Training Institution, Trichinopoly. The following table gives particulars of them:—

Normal Schools and Training Schools.

Name of School.	Strength on 31st March 1882.	Number presented for Teachers' Certificate Examination in December 1881.	NUMBER PASSED.			Number Appointed.	Value of Appointment.	Number set up Schools.	Remarks.
			1st Class.	2nd Class.	Total.				
Normal School for boys, Kulitalai ..	33	19	5	7	12	4	Rs. 5 and 7	1	
S. P. G. Female Training Institution, Trichinopoly.	31	5	1	2	3	..	..	..	

Practising Department.—There were 40 pupils on the rolls on 31st December 1881, but the number has since fallen off owing to the abolition of the highest on the 3rd Standard Class in December and many of the parents even of humbler circumstances preferring to send their children to Government School with a view of educating them in English also. The strength of the school on 31st March last was 29. I visited the school twice during the year and found it in a satisfactory state.

The Local Fund Board have undertaken the management of this institution from 1st April last.

S. P. G. Female Training School.—This school was opened on the 1st October 1881 under the management of the Rev. J. L. Wyatt. The school commenced with 16 pupils, all Christians, and by caste Nadars, belonging to Tinnevely District. Subsequently 15 more joined the school; thus on the 31st March there were 31 girls, of whom 29 are scholarship holders. Thirteen girls prepare for the 2nd Grade and 18 for 3rd Grade. I examined the school in February and the girls acquitted themselves very satisfactorily. In December five were sent up for the Special Upper Primary Examination, of whom three passed with one in the first class. The girls are all very intelligent and work with zeal, and the school is in a satisfactory state under the efficient management of the Rev. J. L. Wyatt.

Practising Department.—This is called Boarding and Day School, which works under the Result System Rules. It has three standards and is working well under two mistresses specially appointed.

From H. SEWELL, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Trichinopoly, dated 22nd June 1882, No. —.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding license-tax statement for the year 1881-82.

ORDER—dated 24th October 1882, No. 1565, Financial.

The receipts and charges of the Trichinopoly Municipality for 1881-82 are compared below with the estimates for the year and the actuals for the previous year:—

RECEIPTS.

	Actuals, 1880-81.	Estimate, 1881-82.	Actuals, 1881-82.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	1,515	3,360	6,145
Rates on Houses and Lands	25,502	29,500	28,667
Taxes on Arts	5,023	7,000	5,815
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	3,972	4,300	3,972
Registration of Carts	3,940	4,200	3,947
Tolls	15,495	14,000	11,074
Licenses	1,240	1,200	1,151
License Tax	4,140	3,100	4,097
Assignments by Government	1,674	1,460	1,201
Contribution from Local Funds	2,150	9,850	9,850
Fines and Fees	742	800	1,170
Endowments	3,091	2,000	1,782
Miscellaneous	15,942	14,760	16,973
Total	84,426	95,530	95,844

CHARGES.

	Actuals, 1880-81.	Estimate, 1881-82.	Actuals, 1881-82.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Communications	1,143	150	243
Buildings	1,993	2,770	4,377
Repairs—			
Communications	5,782	9,660	9,588
Buildings	1,080	2,220	2,285
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	113	150	150
Establishment	658	960	935
Tools and Plant	249	200	230
GRANT II.			
Salary Grants	472	480	372
Results Grants	983	1,000	980
Schools on the Combined system	789	700	676
Inspection (Contribution)	314	310	303
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	19,289	18,360	15,130
Medical College	420	420	22
Sanitary Inspection	..	420	..
Vaccination	913	1,040	892
Registration of Births and Deaths	480	480	479
Conservancy	16,000	19,310	19,315
Expenditure on account of cholera	..	1,900	1,900
GRANT IV.			
Lighting	2,974	3,740	3,941
Markets	1,054	1,040	667
Travellers' Bungalows	169	180	162
Avenues and Watering Roads	865	960	911
Police	10,800	11,000	10,366
License Tax	3,588	2,850	3,591
Miscellaneous	2,606	3,930	2,725
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management	5,202	7,670	5,846
Interest on Debt	128	130	128
Refunds	217	550	256
Balances	6,145	2,950	9,374
Total	84,426	95,530	95,844

2. The receipts, excluding the License Tax collections, amounted to Rs. 85,602 against Rs. 89,070 estimated and Rs. 78,771 actuals for 1880-81. The decrease as compared with the estimate is spread over all the items of taxation. Under House and Land-rate, the decrease is the net result of an increase of Rs. 1,050 under the House-rate and a decrease under Land-rate of Rs. 1,882. The former is ascribed to a re-assessment carried out during the year. The collection of these taxes under the contract system was very satisfactory, and the outstanding balance under the Land-rate has been collected since the close of the year. The administration of Tax on

Arts &c., was not equally efficient. Out of a total demand* of Rs. 10,962, Rs. 5,815 were collected, and Rs. 1,742 remitted, leaving a balance at the close of

the year of no less than Rs. 3,405. The necessity for so large an amount of remission is not stated, and it does not appear that vigorous measures were at any time adopted

for the collection of the tax. The remarks† of Government under this head

when reviewing the report for 1880-81 have clearly not received the attention they require from the Commissioners. Under Tolls there is a falling off which is not satisfactorily accounted for. The full amount due from the Local Fund Board should have been recovered before the close of the year, and failing this, the balance payable should have been shown as an asset in the foot-note to Statement II. The increase under Miscellaneous is attributable to the enhanced amount realized by the sale of sweepings and night-soil. Apparently the private scavenging service has been given up entirely. The cause of its ill-success should have been carefully ascertained and explained. The market revenue is put down as amounting to Rs. 10,227-1-9; some details as to the rate of fees levied, number of shops, &c., would have been of great interest. The President is requested to report on the matter.

3. The expenditure exclusive of the License Tax paid to Government aggregated Rs. 82,879 against Rs. 89,730 estimated and Rs. 74,693 actuals for 1880-81. It was distributed among the several grants as follows:—

Grant	I—Public Works	..	..	..	..	..	21-5
Do.	II—Education	..	..	..	..	..	2-8
Do.	III—Sanitation	..	..	..	..	..	45-5
Do.	IV—Lighting and Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	22-7
Do.	V—Supervision	..	..	..	..	..	7-0
	Refunds	..	..	..	..	..	5
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4. Under Public Works there was expenditure in excess of the budget grant, of Rs. 1,700 owing to the completion, during the year, of the latrines which were undertaken in the previous year and to the additional allotment of Rs. 232 made for the new ward for the hospital. There is apparently a balance of estimate of Rs. 1,523 to be still expended on the last named work. A sum of Rs. 9,588 was spent on the maintenance of the Municipal roads.

5. The expenditure on education was only 2-7 per cent. of the year's receipts. There were four salary grants schools of which one was excluded from the grant during the year owing to certain frauds on the part of the master, fourteen combined system schools, and thirty-three pure results grants schools. The report of the Deputy Inspector of Schools gives a full account of the working of all the schools in the town. The three salary grant schools showed improved attendance and good results at the examination, but the combined system schools are reported to be very badly managed. The Commissioners would do well to take these schools under their own direct control, and to introduce a more efficient system of teaching. The thirty-three pure results grant schools are reported to have worked satisfactorily on the whole. The Government are glad to hear of the progress of female education in Trichinopoly, but the results achieved do not appear to be due to local efforts.

	1880-81.		1881-82.	
	In-patients.	Out-patients.	In-patients.	Out-patients.
Hospital and Dispensary	1,876	40,368	1,151	39,344
Leper Hospital	71	6	65	9

7. The usual return of vaccination has not been submitted, but it appears from the Vice-President's report that the number of persons vaccinated during the year was only 2,658 against 3,549 in the previous year. The decrease is attributed to the fact that the vaccinators were employed on cholera duty for about four months. The cost per case is 5 annas and 4 pies, and should be reduced. The return of vital statistics also has not been furnished. As might be expected from the prevalence of cholera, the deaths show an undue preponderance over births, the mortality from that epidemic alone being returned as 1,053.

8. The sanitary condition of the town is described by the Civil Surgeon in his hospital report as "fair," but in his special report on cholera bearing the same date he describes it as being everywhere defective, with the exception of the cantonment. The latter is evidently nearer the truth. The Government are glad to find that the Commissioners have it in contemplation to remove the Muḥammadan burial ground to a less objectionable locality. No avoidable delay should occur in carrying out the arrangement. The removal of the rubbish depôt to a greater distance from the town is also very desirable, and drainage and water-supply should receive prominent and early attention. The drainage scheme prepared by Major Drake-Brockman for the town is estimated to cost nearly three lakhs of rupees. The Municipality being now relieved of the Police charge, it is hoped that there will be no difficulty in taking up the project. It is noted that a sum of Rs. 2,500 was paid to Major Brockman for drawing up the scheme.

9. The other items do not call for any remark except that the item "Interest on Debt" (Rs. 128) should be explained, and the separate account regarding loans prescribed by G.O., dated 5th January 1882, No. 3, should have been forwarded.

10. The various points noticed in the Auditor's report have been fully explained in the Vice-President's report.

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