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READ—the following paper :—

From G. D. LEMAN, Esq., President, District Board, Coimbatore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Coimbatore, 10th August 1886, No. 625 L.F.

I have the honor to submit my report on the management of Local Funds of this district, under Act V of 1884, during the year 1885-86, prepared in accordance with the instructions conveyed in G.O., No. 741 L.F., dated 18th September 1885.

2. The audited figures show an opening balance at credit of Rs. 1,27,232, of which Rs. 56,191 belongs to the endowment fund.

3. *Receipts.*—The following table shows the receipts for the year as compared with the budget estimate and the actuals of the previous year. Excluding the opening balance, the actual receipts for the year amounted to Rs. 2,91,916, being an excess of Rs. 9,576 over the estimate and of Rs. 20,996 over the actuals of the previous year :—

—	Estimate.	Actuals.	Increase over the estimate.	Decrease under the estimate.	Actuals, 1884-85.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—Opening balance	1,27,300	1,27,232	..	68	1,56,308
II.—Rates and taxes—					
(*a*) Cess on land	1,96,000	* 2,07,286	11,286	..	1,85,957
(*b*) Tolls .. Under Act V of 1884	25,590	25,770	180	..	28,860
(*b*) Tolls .. Contributions from municipalities	8,090	7,975	..	115	8,527
III.—Education—					
(*a*) School-fees	6,550	5,405	..	1,145	2,661
(*b*) Contributions from municipalities ..	150	..	..	150	..
(*c*) Sale-proceeds of books	500	549	49	..	720
IV.—Medical—					
(*a*) Sale of medicines	150	71	..	79	90
(*b*) Income from endowments	910	980	70	..	980
(*c*) Miscellaneous	..	30	30	..	114
V.—Interest on arrears of revenue	..	61	61	..	76
VI.—Miscellaneous—					
(*a*) Contributions from private individuals for purposes other than Education, Medical or Works	..	215	215	..	151
(*b*) Choultry rents	386	421	35	..	412
(*c*) Market rents	23,000	24,119	1,119	..	24,520
(*d*) Bungalow fees	600	873	273	..	543
(*e*) Fees and fines	200	123	..	77	269
(*f*) Ferry rents	7,000	8,971	1,971	..	6,922
(*g*) Fishery rents	700	851	151	..	1,044
(*h*) Avenues	1,300	1,136	..	164	1,328
(*i*) Sale of stores	..	..	..	..	38
(*j*) Sundry receipts	..	229	229	..	857
VII.—Public Works—					
(*a*) Sale of buildings	..	..	..	..	90
(*b*) Sale of tools and plant	..	..	..	..	46
(*c*) Sale of old materials	..	88	88	..	289
(*d*) Contributions from private individuals ..	..	..	..	..	206
(*e*) Miscellaneous	..	139	139	..	..
VIII.—Contributions from Provincial Funds—					
(*a*) Education	6,350	1,860	..	4,490	1,245
(*b*) Choultries	4,764	4,764	..	..	4,764
IX.—Contributions from Special Funds—					
(*a*) Pound Fund	100	..	..	100	211
Total ..	2,82,340	2,91,916	15,896	6,320	2,70,920
Total, including Balance ..	4,09,640	4,19,148	15,896	6,388	4,27,228

* Includes Rs. 747 collected in advance for 1886-87.

4. *Item I.*—The opening balance calls for no remarks, as the actual balance was adopted in the revised budget sanctioned in G.O., No. 632 L.F., dated 20th August 1885. The small decrease of Rs. 68 is due to subsequent adjustments advised by the Accountant-General.

5. *Item II—Rates and Taxes*—(*a*) *Land-cess.*—The actual balance on the 1st April 1885 was Rs. 42,089, nearly Rs. 12,400 above the estimate of Rs. 29,400. The current demand of the year was Rs. 1,83,378, the estimate Rs. 1,97,000. Adding Rs. 1,83,378 to 42,089 we have a demand of Rs. 2,25,467. Of this, Rs. 2,06,539 (arrears Rs. 32,662 + current Rs. 1,73,877) were collected, which is nearly 92 per cent. of the demand. The actual collections exceeded the estimate, Rs. 1,96,000, by Rs. 10,500. It should be noticed that Rs. 2,07,286, shown as receipts in the table above, include Rs. 747 collected in the year under report on account of the current year. This sum has been left out of account for the sake of comparison.

(*b*) *Tolls.*—The following are the particulars of collection :—

Name of toll-gates.	Estimate (amount of lease).	Collections including arrears.	Difference.	Actuals of 1884-85.	Remarks.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1. Bhaváni bridge at Bhaváni	1,975	2,226	+ 251*	2,226	* Arrears.
2. Do. do. at Satyamangalam ..	2,625	2,625	..	3,218	
3. Do. do. at Mettupálaiyam	8,000	8,000	..	9,593	
4. Tek Dhimbum on the Hassanúr Ghât road .	1,040	969†	— 71	1,401	† Includes an arrear of Rs. 17 collected.
5. Three gates on the Madura-Malabar roads at Polláchi	9,025	9,025	..	9,025	
6. Nóyil bridge at Tirupúr	2,925	2,925	..	3,397	
Total ..	25,590	25,770	180	28,860	
Net increase ..	Rs. 180.		..	..	

The excess collected above estimate is due to the collection in this year of Rs. 251, an arrear of 1883-84. This was due by the Bhaváni bridge lessee, which is diminished by 71 rupees short collection from the Dhimbum contractor. This is the second year of a triennial lease.

Municipal Toll collections.—Particulars are given below :—

	Estimate.	Amount paid being ½ toll collection.
	Rs.	Rs.
Coimbatore	5,350	5,330
Karúr	2,000	1,666
Erode	740	979
	8,090	7,975

The small decrease of Rs. 115 is due to the lowness of the accepted bid for the privilege of collecting the Karúr municipal tolls.

6. *Item No. III*—(*a*) *School-fees.*—Rs. 5,405 were collected in the following schools :—

	Estimate.	Collections.
	Rs.	Rs.
(1) Coimbatore Normal school	100	93
(2) Karúr Normal „	40	17
(3) Udamalpet High „	3,720	3,067
(4) Polláchi Middle „	1,220	1,186
(5) Dhárápuram Middle „	1,350	1,042
(6) Kollegál „ „	120	Not stated.
Total ..	6,550	5,405

The estimate was clearly too high. The actuals reached only Rs. 5,405, notwithstanding the raising of the status of the Udamalpet High school and the Dhárápuram Middle school.

(*b*) *Municipal Contributions.*—Rs. 150 was the estimated aggregate of results grants to be earned by the practising branches attached to the Coimbatore and the Karúr Normal schools. The Municipal Councils, however, have refused result grant.

7. *Item* 4—(*c*) *Miscellaneous, Rs.* 30.—Is the sale-proceeds of dealwood boxes, &c.

8. *Item* 6—(*a*) *Contributions, Rs.* 215.—This is the amount contributed by the villagers for sinking and improving drinking-water wells.

(*j*) *Sundry Receipts, Rs.* 229.—This is the amount realized by the sale of (1) bamboo mats, &c., materials purchased for sanitary purposes during the car festivals, and (2) of town sweepings and old carts, &c.

9. *Item* 7—(*e*) *Miscellaneous, Rs.* 139.—Includes the proceeds of avenue clippings sold and the rent of buildings let out by the Local Fund Engineering department.

10. *Expenditure.*—The following table shows the expenditure for the year :—

Heads.	Sanctioned allotment.	Actual expenditure.	Increase.	Decrease.	Actuals, 1884-85.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Grant I	2,28,397	1,91,862	..	36,535	2,07,269
Do. II	38,077	29,934	..	8,143	30,094
Do. III	64,151	53,612	..	10,539	54,324
Do. IV	7,890	7,920	30	..	8,309
Total ..	3,38,515	2,83,328	30	55,217	2,99,996

11. *Grant I.*—The particulars are as follows :—

Particulars.	Sanctioned allotment.	Expenditure.				Difference between columns 2 and 6.	
		By P.W.D.	By Local Fund P.W.D.	By other agency.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
New Works.							
1. Communications	16,714	..	15,359	212	15,571	..	1,143
2. Civil buildings	4,508	..	4,343	159	4,502	..	6
3. Miscellaneous public improvements	20,000	..	9,786	70	9,856	..	10,144
Total ..	41,222	..	29,488	441	29,929	..	11,293
Repairs.							
4. Communications	1,31,038	..	1,27,577	..	1,27,577	..	3,461
5. Civil buildings	5,867	..	4,009	143	4,152	..	1,715
6. Miscellaneous public improvements	21,250	..	1,547	717	2,264	..	18,986
Total ..	1,58,155	..	1,33,133	860	1,33,993	..	24,162
Establishment.							
7. Public Works Department supervision	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Cost of Local Fund Engineering establishment ..	27,300	..	26,356	..	26,356	..	944
9. Charges in connection with tolls and ferries	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10. Tools and plant	1,000	..	865	..	865	..	135
11. Contingencies	500	..	499	..	499	..	1
12. Contribution to the Nílgiri District Board on account of the Kótagiri Ghat road	220	..	..	220	220	..	..
Total ..	29,020	..	27,720	220	27,940	..	1,080
Grand Total ..	2,28,397	..	1,90,341	1,521	1,91,862	..	36,535

It will be observed from the above that out of an allotment of Rs. 2,28,397, Rs. 1,91,862 were spent, being a little over 84 per cent., as against 81 per cent. of the previous year.

The chief cause for the non-expenditure of Rs. 36,535 was the suspension of works under Miscellaneous Public Improvements (New Works and Repairs) in accordance with G.O., No. 213 L.F., dated 26th May 1885, forbidding expenditure. There have also been some small savings on works.

12. *New Works—Item* 1.—The following are the details of allotment and expenditure :—

Name of work.	Allotment.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Constructing an iron girder bridge over the Nóyil river at Coimbatore	14,780	13,680
(2) Making a village road to connect Kaliyapuram and Ramana Moodelly Pudur villages, Polláchi taluk	214	213
(3) Making two timber bridges across the Palayam channel on the road from Kollegál to Hanur	340	339
(4) Rebuilding a culvert across the irrigation channel near Chinna Dhárápuram	680	680
(5) Compensation for the land taken up for the road from Mathampatti to Thondamuthur	40	..
(6) Constructing parapet walls along the dangerous curves in portions of the Chennimalai Ghât road from Kángyam to Perundurai	240	240
(7) Diverting a portion of the road from Kavundapadi to Bhaváni	420	419
Total ..	16,714	15,571

All the above works were completed. The compensation to be paid (item 5) has not yet been paid to the parties concerned, and the balance is chiefly owing to savings under No. 1.

13. *Item* 2—*New Works—Civil Buildings.*—The particulars of the allotment are :—

Name of work.	Allotment.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Constructing a Normal school-house at Coimbatore	3,137	3,131
(2) Constructing a pandal in front of the Local Fund bungalow at Polláchi	40	40
(3) Constructing a pandal in front of the dispensary at Dhárápuram	50	50
(4) Constructing a pandal in front of the travellers' bungalow at Kárúr	9	9
(5) Building out-houses to the travellers' chattram bungalow at Dhimbum	420	420
(6) Compensation for the plot of land taken up for the Mettupálaiyam dispensary	60	60
(7) Making improvements to the dispensary at Mettupálaiyam	510	510
(8) Constructing a stable to the Kángyam bungalow	242	242
(9) Do. a pandal in front of the hospital at Mettupálaiyam	40	40
Total ..	4,508	4,502

All the above works were completed.

14. *Item* 3—*Miscellaneous Public Improvements—New Works.*—Out of the budget provision of Rs. 20,000 under this head only Rs. 10,483 were appropriated and the remainder was not appropriated for reasons stated in paragraph 11 above.

The amount appropriated was for the list of works sanctioned by the Revenue Board in their Proceedings, No. 2468, of the 19th July 1884. These were left incomplete in the previous year, and completed in the year under report.

15. *Item* 4—*Communications—Repairs.*—The allotment of Rs. 1,31,038 is arrived at as follows :—

	RS.
As per budget ..	1,23,370
Subsequent additions ..	7,668
	1,31,038

The following are the particulars of allotment and expenditure :—

	Allotment.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Ordinary maintenance allowance	1,09,170	1,07,746
(2) Special repairs	20,373	18,404
(3) Repairs to town roads	1,295	1,294
(4) Tolls and ferries	200	133
	1,31,038	1,27,577

16. (2) *Special Repairs.*—The following are the more important of the works under this head :—

(1) Repairing the road from Annoor to Mettupálaiyam.
(2) Do. do. from Polláchi to Palladam.
(3) Do. do. from Coimbatore to Bolampatti.
(4) Do. do. from Anaimalai to Komaralingam.
(5) Do. do. from Kángyam to Kodumudi *viâ* Muthur.
(6) Do. do. from Bhaváni to Nerinjipet.
(7) Do. do. from Cheyur to Puliempatti.
(8) Do. do. from Anaimalai to Settumadai.

Almost all these were incomplete works of the previous year and completed during the year under report. The first two roads were thoroughly re-metalled and put into good order. The others were repaired at a less expense, but they are good cart roads and can be driven over. During the year, 1,083 miles of road were maintained and 96 miles were specially repaired, being in all 1,179.

17. *Town roads.*—No provision was made in the budget, but the allotment of Rs. 1,295 was subsequently sanctioned for the repair of the roads in the four towns, viz., Kollegál, Udamalpet, Polláchi and Bhaváni, which has been well spent.

18. *Tolls and Ferries.*—Out of the budget provision of Rs. 200 for repairs of sheds, &c., Rs. 151 were appropriated and only Rs. 133 were spent.

19. *Item* 5—*Civil Buildings—Repairs.*—The allotment under this head includes Rs. 4,000, provided in the budget for the repair of the chattrams, *plus* Rs. 1,867 subsequently sanctioned for buildings other than chattrams; but out of Rs. 4,000 only Rs. 3,200 were appropriated by the board.

There were in all forty works in hand, of which the following four were left incomplete at the end of the year :—

(1) Repairing chattram at Nadukkaval.
(2) Do. bungalow at Kottamangalam.
(3) Do. chattram at Gúdalúr.
(4) Do. chattram at Annoor.

The repairs of the first two of these works are in progress, for they could not be completed owing to the unhealthiness of the places and the difficulty of procuring materials. The repairs of No. 3, which were reported to have been finished, were found by the Local Fund Engineer on inspection not to be satisfactory and the work has therefore been ordered to be done over again. No. 4 was sanctioned late in the year and could not therefore be finished in the year.

20. *Item No.* 6—*Miscellaneous Public Improvements—Repairs.*—Of the provision of Rs. 21,250, Rs. 20,000 were for markets and Rs. 1,250 for avenues. It should, however, be noted here that only Rs. 3,132 were appropriated for markets for reasons stated in paragraph 11 above; and only Rs. 915 for avenues. Of this, Rs. 1,741 and Rs. 523 were spent on markets and avenues respectively, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,391

under the former head which could not be utilized as the sanction for several of the works was given late in the year.

21. *Item* 7—*Local Fund Engineering Establishment.*—The savings under this item were due to the absence, on leave without pay, of certain overseers and supervisors. The total cost of the establishment including contingencies is 16·4 per cent. nearly of the total expenditure on works under Grant I.

22. *General Remarks.*—No change has been made in the number or ranges of the supervisors or overseers in the year. The system of getting work done by mile-coolies and petty contractors was, as usual, followed with the result that the roads are well-maintained everywhere and that the local fund works are well and cheaply executed. The roads that are maintained are, generally speaking, in very good order, except a few roads in the Satyamangalam and the Kollegál taluks. Mr. B. Stephens, the Local Fund Engineer, is doing good work and the expenditure is very creditable and shows with what care he attends to the duty entrusted to him. The girder bridge over the Nóyil river and the Normal school building, completed during the year, are both of them works of which the board may be proud. The first of these two works was finished with great expedition and in a highly satisfactory manner.

23. The statement of road avenues called for in G.O., No. 154 L.F., dated 5th February 1886, is forwarded.

24. *Grant III.*—The following table shows the expenditure for the year:—

No.	Particulars.	Sanctioned allotment.	Expenditure.	Increase.	Decrease.
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1	Hospitals and dispensaries	15,310	13,057	..	2,253
2	Vaccination	10,250	6,902	..	3,348
3	Sanitation	14,000	13,849	..	151
4	Markets	10,150	6,627	..	3,523
5	Choultries	3,600	3,386	..	214
6	Bungalows	780	440	..	340
7	Zillah Surgeon's establishment and contingencies, &c.	640	696	56	..
8	Miscellaneous	9,421	8,655	..	766
	Total ..	64,151	53,612	56	10,595
			Net decrease ..		10,539

25. There were nine dispensaries in the district as in the previous year. Of these, eight are major dispensaries in charge of apothecaries, and one is a minor dispensary in charge of a 2nd-class hospital assistant. In-patients' wards, a cook room and a latrine were added to the Mettupálaiyam hospital in the year under report.

26. The district medical and sanitary officer inspected all the dispensaries, except the one at Aravakurchi. Of those visited, Kollegál received only one visit, the rest two each. All the dispensaries, except the Aravakurchi, were under the management of sub-committees. Those of the four places noted in the margin alone met. The necessity of more frequent meetings is great, but the matter is in abeyance until the formation of taluk boards is complete. There were ten sub-committee meetings against seven of the previous year.

	No. of meetings.
Polláchi	2
Udamalpet	2
Dhárápuram	2
Palladam	4
	10

27. The decrease in the actuals of Rs. 2,253 is due to the less expenditure under "Salaries of Medical subordinates," "Diet of patients" and "Surgical instruments," and also to less expenditure under "Medicines and contingencies" owing to a large use of country medicines, as observed in the last year's report. The saving under Salaries of Medical subordinates is due to the absence on leave of some of the apothecaries, to whom no charge allowance was paid during the period of their absence, and

to the salaries of their *locum tenens* having been debited to Provincial Funds. Also there was no apothecary in charge of the Polláchi dispensary for nearly four months, as no one was appointed in the place of Mr. Prince who was called away on other duty.

28. *Midwives.*—Four midwives were working in the marginally-noted dispensaries during the year, against three of the previous year. The midwife at Kollegál was appointed late in the year in January. No lying-in wards are attached to any of the dispensaries except to the one at Polláchi. The number and other particulars of cases treated by these women are given in the district medical and sanitary officer's report submitted herewith.

Polláchi, Udamalpet, Dhárápuram, and Kollegál.

29. *General Remarks.*—The number of in-patients and out-patients treated during the year were 662 and 51,478 as against 677 and 47,835 respectively of the previous year, showing a slight fall in the number of the former and a perceptible increase in the number of the latter. The increase in the number of out-patients shows that European treatment is getting more and more popular. The working of the several dispensaries, as remarked by the district medical and sanitary officer in his inspection reports, is satisfactory.

30. *Item* 2—*Vaccination.*—There was no change in the vaccine staff, the number of deputy inspectors and vaccinators being the same as in the previous year; but the Deputy Inspector of Vaccination, North Coimbatore, Tiruvengadam Pillai, was transferred late in the year to another district. There were, however, eight probationary vaccinators on Rs. 7 each per mensem, temporarily employed to work in the taluks of Erode, Coimbatore, Bhaváni and Satyamangalam for over two months of the year on account of the prevalence of small-pox in those taluks.

31. The total number of operations reported is 43,349 and the number of successful cases 41,973 against 44,925 and 43,876 respectively of the previous year. The infants (under a year) vaccinated are 14,586. The cost of each successful case therefore is 2 annas and 7 pies against 2 annas and 8 pies of the previous year. There is a falling off of 1,903 in the number of successful cases compared with the figures of the previous year.

The deputy inspectors attribute the decrease to the absence on leave, &c., of several of the permanent vaccinators for long periods during the year, and to the several changes and transfers among them. Also the men appointed temporarily, being new, could not work so successfully as those well acquainted with the people. With a view to remove the prejudices entertained by the people to the arm-to-arm operation and to make vaccination more popular, animal vaccination was introduced at the suggestion of the Sanitary Commissioner in January 1886 and was conducted in the taluks of Coimbatore, Polláchi and Udamalpet at a total cost of Rs. 100-15-6. One hundred and ninety-six cases were vaccinated with animal lymph. One hundred and fifty-nine proved successful, 32 unknown, and five unsuccessful. The cost of each successful case is Annas 10 and Pies 2. This method was no more popular than the usual method, and as considerable difficulty was found in getting calves and the experiment was very expensive, it was abandoned.

The additional vaccinators sanctioned in Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 5216 R.S., dated 20th October 1884, were not entertained even during the current year, as the revised lists of villages grouped into circles to be assigned to the vaccinators were not complete. The lists are almost complete and orders will shortly be issued for the entertainment of the extra vaccinators.

32. Out of an allotment of Rs. 10,250 under Vaccination, the total outlay was Rs. 6,902 against Rs. 7,350, the actuals of the previous year. The provision was not fully spent owing to the non-entertainment of the additional vaccinators and to savings in the pay, &c., of vaccinators who were away on leave.

33. *General Remarks.*—During the year under report, one 2nd-class vaccinator was dismissed for submission of false reports, one 1st-class vaccinator was reduced for insubordination and one 2nd-class vaccinator, who was reported to have submitted false returns, absconded before sufficient inquiries could be made. The conduct of the vaccinators on the whole is not satisfactory, and I am not favorably impressed with the mode of supervision exercised over them by the deputy inspectors.

34. *Sanitation.*—Out of the provision of Rs. 14,000, Rs. 13,849 were spent. The following are the details:—

Particulars.	Budget provision.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Improvement of water-supply	2,500	2,204
(2) Do. of village-site	500	1,005
(3) Scavenging establishment	8,000	8,033
(4) Arrangements at fairs and festivals }	3,000	634
(5) Other sanitary outlay .. .. }		1,973
Total ..	14,000	13,849

From the above it will be observed that very nearly the whole allotment was expended, leaving only a very small balance of Rs. 151.

35. *Improvement of Water-supply.*—The whole of the budget provision was allotted by the district board, and Rs. 2,204 were spent in sinking ten wells in ten villages in the taluks noted in the margin, and in repairing or otherwise improving fourteen wells in fourteen villages of Erode, Palladam, Coimbatore, Satyamangalam, Dhárápuram and Póllachi.

Erode, Palladam, Coimbatore, Satyamangalam, Dhárápuram, Bhaváni and Karúr.

Rs. 215 were contributed by the people for the improvement of their wells.

36. *Improvement of village-site.*—The expenditure of Rs. 1,005 under this head was double the amount provided in the budget as against Rs. 377, the actuals of the previous year. An itinerating gang of 20 coolies under a maistry was entertained during the latter part of the year for the destruction of noxious vegetation, with reference to the remarks made by Government in paragraph 10 of their order, No. 758 L.F., dated 21st September 1885, reviewing the annual report for 1884-85. This establishment was placed under the supervision of the Temporary Deputy Collector and Vice-President of the board, Mr. P. A. Cole, and was just set to work in the Coimbatore taluk. The cost incurred up to the close of the year under report was Rs. 364. The remainder Rs. 641 was spent in clearing prickly-pear, &c., in fourteen villages in the district.

37. *Scavenging establishments.*—The whole of the allotment was spent in thirty-five villages as in the previous year.

38. *Other sanitation.*—The details of expenditure are:—

	RS.
(1) Sanitary arrangements during fairs and festivals	634
(2) Purchase and repair of conservancy carts	102
(3) Purchase and feed of bullocks	1,500
(4) Travelling allowance of medical subordinates on cholera duty ..	179
(5) Sundry charges	192
	2,607

39. *General Remarks.*—During the year the general health of the public compares favorably with the previous year. Cholera, which broke out in November 1884, continued for some time in the year under report. The disease, however, altogether disappeared from the district in September. The number of deaths amounted to 862 against 5,349 of the previous year.

40. *Item* 4—*Markets.*—The number of leased markets was the same as in the previous year, *i.e.*, 60. The receipts were Rs. 24,224, excluding the opening balance, and the charges amounted to Rs. 20,186. The details are shown in statement VI herewith sent.

41. *Item* 5—*Choultries.*—The number of choultries maintained during the year is 56, the same as in the previous year. To each of these is allowed a sweeper on a monthly salary of Rs. 4, except to the one at Nadukkaval, to which a sweeper on a monthly salary of Rs. 7 is allowed: and a contingent allowance of one rupee is allowed to each of the choultries, except to the one at Terampalaiyam. The total receipts, excluding the opening balance, amounted to Rs. 8,995 and the charges were Rs. 6,391. Nineteen chattrams were repaired during the year and almost all the buildings are in good repair.

42. *Item* 6—*Bungalows.*—The number of bungalows maintained during the year was 14 of the 16 bungalows provided in the budget. The bungalow at Hassanúr has been, as reported in the annual report for 1884-85, transferred to the Forest department, and the mantapam bungalow at Karúr has been ordered to be demolished—*vide* G.O., Mis. No. 341 L.F., dated 20th June 1885. The total receipts were Rs. 873 and the charges amounted to Rs. 440. The allotment under this item was Rs. 780. The decrease of Rs. 340 was due to the non-expenditure of the amounts of contingencies of most of the bungalows.

43. *Item* 7—*Zillah Surgeon's Establishment and Contingencies.*—The allotment under this head was Rs. 640 and the expenditure Rs. 696. The increase of Rs. 56 over the allotment was due to the insufficiency of the budget provision for travelling allowance and contingencies as pointed out in my letter, No. 16 L.F., dated 8th January 1885, embodied in Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 582, dated 21st February 1885.

44. *Item* 8—*Miscellaneous.*—The particulars of allotment and expenditure are detailed below:—

Particulars.	Allotment.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Medical pupils	150	144
(2) Cholera charges	500	43
(3) Contributions to—		
(1) Medical College	1,390	1,331
(2) Sanitary inspection	1,390	1,331
(3) Medical Reserve staff	110	106
(4) Cutler's establishment	50	25
(5) Lunatics	500	343
(6) Municipalities	5,331	5,331
(4) Reward for killing dogs	..	1
Total ..	9,421	8,655

45. *Grant IV.*—Calls for no remark.

46. The year closed with a balance of Rs. 1,35,820, of which Rs. 59,317 belongs to the endowment fund.

47. *Working of the District Board.*—In accordance with the provisions contained in Act V of 1884 (Madras Local Boards Act), which came into force from 1st April 1885, the district board was reorganised and there were at the end of the year seven official and twenty non-official members.

Twelve meetings were held during the year—eleven ordinary and one special; two were postponed for want of a quorum. The average attendance of official members was 3·4 and that of the non-official members 4·3. The attendance of the non-official members was not so satisfactory as could be desired, though their attention was called to the necessity and importance of more frequent attendance.

48. The delay in the submission of this report is due to the non-receipt of statistical information from the Educational department, which has not yet been furnished. The educational portion has been consequently omitted and it will be submitted on receipt of the information referred to above.

ENCLOSURES.

ANNUAL Concise Report on the working of Local Fund Dispensaries in the district of Coimbatore for the year 1885-86.

During the year under report there have been nine dispensaries working in the district; of these, six are located in buildings specially built for the purpose, two are in Government buildings not originally designed for dispensary, and one in a rented building. The dispensary at Polláchi was under the charge of an assistant apothecary of warrant grade, seven under civil apothecaries, and one under an hospital assistant. All the dispensaries, except the minor dispensary at Aravakurchi, receive both in and out patients.

2. The accompanying statement will show at a glance all possible informations regarding the working of each dispensary during the year under review as compared with the previous year. A great decline is observed in the mortality of patients treated out-door.

3. The principal diseases and conditions for which advice and treatment were sought were the following :—ophthalmia, malarious fever, skin diseases, rheumatic, respiratory and syphilitic affections. Veneral disease prevails to a lamentable extent, and the patients, as a rule, resort to their own vydians or hakims.

4. Generally speaking there was nothing worthy of notice as regards the temperature. The subjoined statement records the principal meteorological phenomena as observed at Coimbatore during the past five years. The rainfall for the year under report was deficient; there was a slight failure of rainfall due in November. The failure has not had a very prejudicial effect upon the crops, both wet and dry. Food supplies have been abundant, though the rates of some were above those of previous year.

Extreme Meteorological Records.

Years.	Highest reading of sun thermometer maximum.		Shade maximum.		Lowest reading of shade thermometer.		Greatest velocity of wind.		Heaviest fall of rain.		Highest reading of attached thermometer.	
1881 ..	..	..	102·5	27th Apr.	56·3	28th Jan.	264	14th Sept.	3·48	19th Oct.	94·2	28th Apr.
1882 ..	156·4	3rd Apr.	102·1	6th ,,	57·0	14th Dec.	309	4th July.	1·76	23rd Sept.	93·8	4th May.
1883 ..	170·1	10th Dec.	102·0	10th ,,	54·2	29th ,,	231	30th Aug.	2·91	14th Oct.	93·6	13th Apr.
1884 ..	156·0	25th Aug.	99·6	15th ,,	54·1	13th Jan.	279	8th Sept.	2·82	17th ,,	93·2	6th June.
1885 ..	156·0	25th May.	101·5	23rd May.	58·7	27th ,,	288	27th June.	1·29	8th Dec.	94·4	5th May.

5. The general health of the public compares favorably with previous years. The following statement gives full particulars on this point :—

Years.	Cholera.	Small-pox.	Fevers.	Bowel-complaints.	Injuries.	All other causes.	Total.
1881-82	652	1,135	10,676	1,070	653	8,154	22,340
1882-83	2,371	1,960	12,013	1,077	627	9,539	27,587
1883-84	3,247	1,152	12,490	1,524	673	11,581	30,667
1884-85	5,349	516	12,308	1,849	732	12,206	32,960
1885-86	862	483	10,603	1,261	766	11,151	25,126

The official year 1885-86 opened with a widely diffused epidemic of cholera in most of the taluks. This was a continuation of the epidemic which broke out in November 1884. The months of April, May, June, July and August were unhealthy as regards cholera; since September the disease has altogether disappeared from the district. The usual sanitary precautions were taken during the epidemic.

Sporadic cases of small-pox prevailed in most of the taluks from April to December 1885, especially in those places where the people showed religious scruples against vaccination. The disease assumed an epidemic form in January 1886 and caused about 127 deaths in the months of January, February and March. During the year extra vaccinators were temporarily employed to itinerate in the affected localities. The following statement shows the number of cases vaccinated for the past two years :—

Years.	Total No. vaccinated.	Successful.
1884-85	44,925	43,876
1885-86	43,349	41,973

During the year under report I have personally visited all the taluk stations and many villages and found them all in a fairly clean state.

6. Midwives are attached to four Local Fund dispensaries—Polláchi, Udamalpet, Dhárápuram and Kollegál. Separate accommodation for lying-in cases is provided only at Polláchi.

During the past year the admissions as in-patients into the lying-in ward were six, and ninety-two were attended at their own houses by the midwives.

The table below gives the admissions of the year under report and those of two previous years :—

Years.	In-door.	Out-door.	Deaths.
1883-84	18	67	4
1884-85	8	98	2
1885-86	6	92	3

Generally these diplomaed midwives are not called on to attend upon ordinary natural labors; their services are resorted to only when the cases prove tedious or difficult.

COIMBATORE,
31*st May* 1886.

(Signed) J. F. FITZPATRICK, Surgeon-Major,
District Medical and Sanitary Officer.

TABULAR Statement to accompany the Concise Report of the Local Fund Dispensaries in the district of Coimbatore for the official year 1885-86.

Name of dispensary.	Class and grade.	Number of committee meetings.	Inspection by District Surgeon.	Committee, Local Fund or private.	Local Fund Dispensary Committee meetings.	Surgical operations. Major.	Surgical operations. Minor.	Vaccination. 1884-85.	Vaccination. 1885-86.	Midwifery. 1884-85. In-door.	Midwifery. 1884-85. Out-door.	Midwifery. 1885-86. In-door.	Midwifery. 1885-86. Out-door.	Patients treated. Out-door. Treated.	Patients treated. Out-door. Died.	Patients treated. In-door. Treated.	Patients treated. In-door. Died.	Average daily attendance. In-door.	Average daily attendance. Out-door.	Total rainfall.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1. Polláchi ..	2nd-class	1	2	2	1	2	2	363	33	19	14,222	14,439	9	2	17·27	16·37	84·38	83·96	31·17	
2. Udamalpet ..	Do.	1	2	2	1	2	2	104	11	4	4,796	5,164	67	9	4·03	5·16	37·24	47·21	34·07	
3. Dhárápuram ..	Do.	4	2	2	4	2	2	51	4	5	4,114	5,295	49	11	5·73	4·42	64·94	72·54	21·86	
4. Palladam ..	3rd-class	..	2	2	..	2	2	14	4	..	2,391	1,975	4	..	1·45	·59	23·33	22·37	17·92	
5. Bhavání ..	2nd-class	..	2	2	..	2	2	27	1	..	4,112	4,469	16	8	·39	·34	32·97	35·01	28·11	
6. Satyamangalam	Do.	..	2	2	..	2	1	9	2	..	4,081	4,924	32	41	2·27	2·70	49·26	51·06	32·87	
7. Kollegál ..	Do.	..	2	2	..	1	2	36	3	..	4,621	4,188	1	34	4·30	4·10	53·40	40·40	39·67	
8. Mettupálaiyam	Do.	..	2	2	..	2	1	38	12	..	5,637	5,808	10	12	1·16	1·68	30·08	32·41	27·30	
9. Aravakurchi ..	3rd-class	..	2	2	..	1	2	39	..	..	3,861	5,216	23	5	..	..	45·26	52·23	79·12	
Total ..		7	15	15	10	15	15	677	66	24	47,385	51,478	201	122	36·60	35·36	420·86	437·19	315·21	244·48
Local Fund Dispensary Committee meetings.		4	6	Committee, Local Fund or private.		Local Fund Dispensary Committee meetings.		Class and grade.		Name of dispensary.										
		1884-85.	1885-86.			1884-85.	1885-86.													
		20	21			Major.	Minor.													
						22	23													
						1884-85.	1885-86.													
						Surgical operations.														
1. Polláchi ..	2nd-class	35	72	490	712	353	441	91	74	60	38	74	88	62	147	36	670	91	1,027	62
2. Udamalpet ..	Do.	10	28	441	353	393	67	74	60	38	74	88	62	147	36	670	91	1,027	62	
3. Dhárápuram ..	Do.	5	4	393	323	67	38	60	38	74	88	62	147	36	670	91	1,027	62		
4. Palladam ..	3rd-class	..	1	67	14	38	74	88	62	147	36	670	91	1,027	62					
5. Bhavání ..	2nd-class	23	33	174	133	74	88	62	147	36	670	91	1,027	62						
6. Satyamangalam	Do.	24	24	162	145	88	62	147	36	670	91	1,027	62							
7. Kollegál ..	Do.	4	4	70	95	62	147	36	670	91	1,027	62								
8. Mettupálaiyam	Do.	1	2	174	126	147	36	670	91	1,027	62									
9. Aravakurchi ..	3rd-class	5	5	160	160	36	670	91	1,027	62										
Total ..		105	173	2,061	2,209	670	91	1,027	62											

Order—dated 4th October 1886, No. 1260 L.F., Financial.

The receipts and charges of the District Board of Coimbatore for 1885-86 are compared below with the estimate of the year and the actuals of 1884-85 :—

Receipts.

	Actuals, 1884-85.	Estimate, 1885-86.	Actuals, 1885-86.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Balance	1,56,032	1,27,300	1,26,956
1. Rates and Taxes—			
Cess on Land	1,85,957	1,96,000	2,07,286
Tolls	37,387	33,680	33,745
2. Education—			
School Fees	2,661	6,550	5,405
Other Items	746	650	549
3. Medical—			
Other Items	213	150	101
4. Interest—			
On Government Securities ..	980	910	980
On Arrears of Revenue ..	76	..	61
5. Miscellaneous—			
Contributions	151	..	215
Choultry Rents	412	386	421
Market Rents	24,520	23,000	24,119
Other Items	10,968	9,800	12,183
6. Public Works Receipts	629	..	227
7. Contribution from Provincial Funds—			
Education	1,245	6,350	1,860
Choultries	4,764	4,764	4,764
8. Contribution from Special Funds—			
Pound Fund	211	100	..
9. Miscellaneous Debt Accounts ..	13	..	..
Grand Total ..	4,26,965	4,09,640	4,18,872

Charges.

Grant I—			
New Works—			
Communications	3,023	16,714	15,571
Buildings	4,881	4,508	4,502
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	28,490	20,000	9,856
Repairs—			
Communications	1,40,684	1,31,038	1,27,577
Buildings	2,366	5,867	4,152
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	1,946	21,250	2,264
Engineering Establishment ..	25,655	27,800	26,855
Tools and Plant	4	1,000	865
Contributions	220	220	220
Grant II—			
Inspection	4,130	5,000	4,280
Training Schools	4,178	5,577	4,434
Local Fund Schools	10,299	15,450	11,084
Results Grants	9,739	10,500	8,674
Contributions	738	..	375
Miscellaneous	1,010	1,550	1,087
Grant III—			
Hospitals and Dispensaries ..	12,353	14,200	11,994
Vaccination	7,349	10,250	6,870
Sanitation	13,242	14,000	13,849
Markets	7,073	10,150	6,627
Choultries	3,261	3,600	3,386
Travellers' Bungalows ..	581	780	440
Contributions	10,465	11,171	10,445
Miscellaneous	..	..	1

Charges—*continued.*

	Actuals, 1884-85.	Estimate, 1885-86.	Actuals, 1885-86.
Grant IV—	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment, including Contingencies, Refunds, &c. ..	8,309	7,890	7,920
Miscellaneous Debt Accounts ..	13	..	..
Total Expenditure ..	3,00,009	3,38,515	2,83,328
Balance ..	1,26,956	71,125	1,35,544
Grand Total ..	4,26,965	4,09,640	4,18,872

2. In statements I-A and I-B the unaudited figures given in the report for 1884-85 have been retained in some cases instead of the audited figures subsequently furnished by the Accountant-General, and the opening balances for 1884-85 and 1885-86 include debt heads which should have been excluded. The arrears outstanding under Land-cess date so far back as the year 1877-78, while those under Fishery, Ferry and Market Rents are 11, 13 and 9 years old respectively, and are also heavy. This is not satisfactory. In statement I-A, the sum of Rs. 980, shown as income from endowments under "3, Medical," being the interest on Government promissory notes belonging to the Polláchi dispensary, should have been entered under the head 4 (*a*) Interest on Government Securities. The receipts from choultry and market rents are given as Rs. 421 and Rs. 24,119, whereas, according to statement VI, they amounted to Rs. 314 and Rs. 24,224 respectively. The difference should be explained. The sum of Rs. 88 given under Public Works receipts, being the sale-proceeds of the materials of a market, should have been shown under the head Miscellaneous in statement VI, and the sale-proceeds of avenue clippings included under Avenues and not under Public Works Receipts.

3. From statement III it would appear that the sum of Rs. 1,27,577, shown under Repairs—Communications, in statement I-B, includes Rs. 24, the rent of a toll-shed at Mettupálaiyam. This should have been debited to tolls and ferries under Contingencies. Statement IV does not contain the statistics of village roads, an omission which should now be supplied. In this statement the total number of miles of road repaired during the year is given as $1,179\frac{1}{32}$, whereas there were only $1,176\frac{5}{8}$ miles under the charge of the district board at the commencement of the year, and only a quarter of a mile was newly constructed. In statement VI the total expenditure on markets is given as Rs. 20,276, whereas in paragraph 40 of the report it is stated to have been Rs. 20,186. These discrepancies should be explained.

4. The attention of the Director of Public Instruction will be drawn to paragraph 48 of the report regarding the delay in the transmission of statistical information by the Educational Department.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the President, District Board, Coimbatore.
" Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department.
" Accountant-General.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
" Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.
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Local Fund Report.

Reviewing the — of the Coimbatore district for 1885-86.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From G. D. LEMAN, Esq., President, District Board, Coimbatore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Coimbatore, 10th August 1886, No. 625 L.F.

I have the honor to submit my report on the management of Local Funds of this district, under Act V of 1884, during the year 1885-86, prepared in accordance with the instructions conveyed in G.O., No. 741 L.F., dated 18th September 1885.

2. The audited figures show an opening balance at credit of Rs. 1,27,232, of which Rs. 56,191 belongs to the endowment fund.

3. *Receipts.*—The following table shows the receipts for the year as compared with the budget estimate and the actuals of the previous year. Excluding the opening balance, the actual receipts for the year amounted to Rs. 2,91,916, being an excess of Rs. 9,576 over the estimate and of Rs. 20,996 over the actuals of the previous year:—

—	Estimate.	Actuals.	Increase over the estimate.	Decrease under the estimate.	Actuals, 1884-85.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
I.—Opening balance	1,27,300	1,27,232	..	68	1,56,308
II.—Rates and taxes—					
(*a*) Cess on land	1,96,000	* 2,07,286	11,286	..	1,85,957
(*b*) Tolls.. { Under Act V of 1884	25,590	25,770	180	..	28,860
(*b*) Tolls.. { Contributions from municipalities	8,090	7,975	..	115	8,527
III.—Education—					
(*a*) School-fees	6,550	5,405	..	1,145	2,661
(*b*) Contributions from municipalities ..	150	..	..	150	..
(*c*) Sale-proceeds of books	500	549	49	..	720
IV.—Medical—					
(*a*) Sale of medicines	150	71	..	79	90
(*b*) Income from endowments	910	980	70	..	980
(*c*) Miscellaneous	..	30	30	..	114
V.—Interest on arrears of revenue	..	61	61	..	76
VI.—Miscellaneous—					
(*a*) Contributions from private individuals for purposes other than Education, Medical or Works	..	215	215	..	151
(*b*) Choultry rents	386	421	35	..	412
(*c*) Market rents	23,000	24,119	1,119	..	24,520
(*d*) Bungalow fees	600	873	273	..	543
(*e*) Fees and fines	200	123	..	77	269
(*f*) Ferry rents	7,000	8,971	1,971	..	6,922
(*g*) Fishery rents	700	851	151	..	1,044
(*h*) Avenues	1,300	1,136	..	164	1,328
(*i*) Sale of stores	..	..	..	..	38
(*j*) Sundry receipts	..	229	229	..	857
VII.—Public Works—					
(*a*) Sale of buildings	..	..	..	..	90
(*b*) Sale of tools and plant	..	..	..	..	46
(*c*) Sale of old materials	..	88	88	..	289
(*d*) Contributions from private individuals ..	..	..	..	..	206
(*e*) Miscellaneous	..	139	139	..	..
VIII.—Contributions from Provincial Funds—					
(*a*) Education	6,350	1,860	..	4,490	1,245
(*b*) Choultries	4,764	4,764	..	..	4,764
IX.—Contributions from Special Funds—					
(*a*) Pound Fund..	100	..	..	100	211
Total ..	2,82,340	2,91,916	15,896	6,320	2,70,920
Total, including Balance ..	4,09,640	4,19,148	15,896	6,388	4,27,228

* Includes Rs. 747 collected in advance for 1886-87.

4. *Item I.*—The opening balance calls for no remarks, as the actual balance was adopted in the revised budget sanctioned in G.O., No. 632 L.F., dated 20th August 1885. The small decrease of Rs. 68 is due to subsequent adjustments advised by the Accountant-General.

5. *Item II—Rates and Taxes*—(*a*) *Land-cess.*—The actual balance on the 1st April 1885 was Rs. 42,089, nearly Rs. 12,400 above the estimate of Rs. 29,400. The current demand of the year was Rs. 1,83,378, the estimate Rs. 1,97,000. Adding Rs. 1,83,378 to 42,089 we have a demand of Rs. 2,25,467. Of this, Rs. 2,06,539 (arrears Rs. 32,662 + current Rs. 1,73,877) were collected, which is nearly 92 per cent. of the demand. The actual collections exceeded the estimate, Rs. 1,96,000, by Rs. 10,500. It should be noticed that Rs. 2,07,286, shown as receipts in the table above, include Rs. 747 collected in the year under report on account of the current year. This sum has been left out of account for the sake of comparison.

(*b*) *Tolls.*—The following are the particulars of collection :—

Name of toll-gates.	Estimate (amount of lease).	Collections including arrears.	Difference.	Actuals of 1884-85.	Remarks.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
1. Bhaváni bridge at Bhaváni	1,975	2,226	+ 251*	2,226	* Arrears.
2. Do. do. at Satyamangalam ..	2,625	2,625	..	3,218	
3. Do. do. at Mettupálaiyam	8,000	8,000	..	9,593	
4. Tek Dhimbum on the Hassanúr Ghât road	1,040	969†	— 71	1,401	† Includes an arrear of Rs. 17 collected.
5. Three gates on the Madura-Malabar roads at Pollâchi	9,025	9,025	..	9,025	
6. Nóyil bridge at Tirupúr	2,925	2,925	..	3,397	
Total ..	25,590	25,770	180	28,860	
Net increase ..	Rs. 180.		..	..	

The excess collected above estimate is due to the collection in this year of Rs. 251, an arrear of 1883-84. This was due by the Bhaváni bridge lessee, which is diminished by 71 rupees short collection from the Dhimbum contractor. This is the second year of a triennial lease.

Municipal Toll collections.—Particulars are given below :—

	Estimate.	Amount paid being ⅛ toll collection.
	RS.	RS.
Coimbatore	5,350	5,330
Karúr	2,000	1,666
Erode	740	979
	8,090	7,975

The small decrease of Rs. 115 is due to the lowness of the accepted bid for the privilege of collecting the Karúr municipal tolls.

6. *Item No. III*—(*a*) *School-fees.*—Rs. 5,405 were collected in the following schools :—

	Estimate.	Collections.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Coimbatore Normal school	100	93
(2) Karúr Normal „	40	17
(3) Udamalpet High „	3,720	3,067
(4) Polláchi Middle „	1,220	1,186
(5) Dhárápuram Middle „	1,350	1,042
(6) Kollegál „ „	120	Not stated.
Total ..	6,550	5,405

The estimate was clearly too high. The actuals reached only Rs. 5,405, notwithstanding the raising of the status of the Udamalpet High school and the Dhárápuram Middle school.

(*b*) *Municipal Contributions.*—Rs. 150 was the estimated aggregate of results grants to be earned by the practising branches attached to the Coimbatore and the Karúr Normal schools. The Municipal Councils, however, have refused result grant.

7. *Item* 4—(*c*) *Miscellaneous, Rs.* 30.—Is the sale-proceeds of dealwood boxes, &c.

8. *Item* 6—(*a*) *Contributions, Rs.* 215.—This is the amount contributed by the villagers for sinking and improving drinking-water wells.

(*j*) *Sundry Receipts, Rs.* 229.—This is the amount realized by the sale of (1) bamboo mats, &c., materials purchased for sanitary purposes during the car festivals, and (2) of town sweepings and old carts, &c.

9. *Item* 7—(*e*) *Miscellaneous, Rs.* 139.—Includes the proceeds of avenue clippings sold and the rent of buildings let out by the Local Fund Engineering department.

10. *Expenditure.*—The following table shows the expenditure for the year :—

Heads.	Sanctioned allotment.	Actual expenditure.	Increase.	Decrease.	Actuals, 1884-85.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Grant I	2,28,397	1,91,862	..	36,535	2,07,269
Do. II	38,077	29,934	..	8,143	30,094
Do. III	64,151	53,612	..	10,539	54,324
Do. IV	7,890	7,920	30	..	8,309
Total ..	3,38,515	2,83,328	30	55,217	2,99,996

11. *Grant I.*—The particulars are as follows :—

Particulars.	Sanctioned allotment.	Expenditure.				Difference between columns 2 and 6.	
		By P.W.D.	By Local Fund P.W.D.	By other agency.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
New Works.							
1. Communications	16,714	..	15,359	212	15,571	..	1,143
2. Civil buildings	4,508	..	4,343	159	4,502	..	6
3. Miscellaneous public improvements	20,000	..	9,786	70	9,856	..	10,144
Total ..	41,222	..	29,488	441	29,929	..	11,293
Repairs.							
4. Communications	1,31,038	..	1,27,577	..	1,27,577	..	3,461
5. Civil buildings	5,867	..	4,009	143	4,152	..	1,715
6. Miscellaneous public improvements	21,250	..	1,547	717	2,264	..	18,986
Total ..	1,58,155	..	1,33,133	860	1,33,993	..	24,162
Establishment.							
7. Public Works Department supervision	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Cost of Local Fund Engineering establishment ..	27,300	..	26,356	..	26,356	..	944
9. Charges in connection with tolls and ferries	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10. Tools and plant	1,000	..	865	..	865	..	135
11. Contingencies	500	..	499	..	499	..	1
12. Contribution to the Nílgiri District Board on account of the Kótagiri Ghat road	220	..	..	220	220	..	..
Total ..	29,020	..	27,720	220	27,940	..	1,080
Grand Total ..	2,28,397	..	1,90,341	1,521	1,91,862	..	36,535

It will be observed from the above that out of an allotment of Rs. 2,28,397, Rs. 1,91,862 were spent, being a little over 84 per cent., as against 81 per cent. of the previous year.

The chief cause for the non-expenditure of Rs. 36,535 was the suspension of works under Miscellaneous Public Improvements (New Works and Repairs) in accordance with G.O., No. 213 L.F., dated 26th May 1885, forbidding expenditure. There have also been some small savings on works.

12. *New Works—Item* 1.—The following are the details of allotment and expenditure :—

Name of work.	Allotment.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Constructing an iron girder bridge over the Nóyil river at Coimbatore	14,780	13,680
(2) Making a village road to connect Kaliyapuram and Ramana Moodelly Pudur villages, Polláchi taluk ..	214	213
(3) Making two timber bridges across the Palayam channel on the road from Kollegál to Hanur	340	339
(4) Rebuilding a culvert across the irrigation channel near Chinna Dhárápuram	680	680
(5) Compensation for the land taken up for the road from Mathampatti to Thondamuthur	40	..
(6) Constructing parapet walls along the dangerous curves in portions of the Chennimalai Ghât road from Kángyam to Perundurai	240	240
(7) Diverting a portion of the road from Kavundapadi to Bhaváni	420	419
Total ..	16,714	15,571

All the above works were completed. The compensation to be paid (item 5) has not yet been paid to the parties concerned, and the balance is chiefly owing to savings under No. 1.

13. *Item* 2—*New Works—Civil Buildings.*—The particulars of the allotment are :—

Name of work.	Allotment.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Constructing a Normal school-house at Coimbatore ..	3,137	3,131
(2) Constructing a pandal in front of the Local Fund bungalow at Polláchi	40	40
(3) Constructing a pandal in front of the dispensary at Dhárápuram	50	50
(4) Constructing a pandal in front of the travellers' bungalow at Kárúr	9	9
(5) Building out-houses to the travellers' chattram bungalow at Dhimbum	420	420
(6) Compensation for the plot of land taken up for the Mettupálaiyam dispensary	60	60
(7) Making improvements to the dispensary at Mettupálaiyam	510	510
(8) Constructing a stable to the Kángyam bungalow ..	242	242
(9) Do. a pandal in front of the hospital at Mettupálaiyam	40	40
Total ..	4,508	4,502

All the above works were completed.

14. *Item* 3—*Miscellaneous Public Improvements—New Works.*—Out of the budget provision of Rs. 20,000 under this head only Rs. 10,483 were appropriated and the remainder was not appropriated for reasons stated in paragraph 11 above.

The amount appropriated was for the list of works sanctioned by the Revenue Board in their Proceedings, No. 2468, of the 19th July 1884. These were left incomplete in the previous year, and completed in the year under report.

15. *Item* 4—*Communications—Repairs.*—The allotment of Rs. 1,31,038 is arrived at as follows :—

	RS.
As per budget	1,23,370
Subsequent additions	7,668
	1,31,038

The following are the particulars of allotment and expenditure :—

	Allotment.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Ordinary maintenance allowance	1,09,170	1,07,746
(2) Special repairs	20,373	18,404
(3) Repairs to town roads	1,295	1,294
(4) Tolls and ferries	200	133
	1,31,038	1,27,577

16. (2) *Special Repairs.*—The following are the more important of the works under this head :—

(1) Repairing the road from Annoor to Mettupálaiyam.
(2) Do. do. from Polláchi to Palladam.
(3) Do. do. from Coimbatore to Bolampatti.
(4) Do. do. from Anaimalai to Komaralingam.
(5) Do. do. from Kángyam to Kodumudi *viâ* Muthur.
(6) Do. do. from Bhaváni to Nerinjipet.
(7) Do. do. from Cheyur to Puliempatti.
(8) Do. do. from Anaimalai to Settumadai.

Almost all these were incomplete works of the previous year and completed during the year under report. The first two roads were thoroughly re-metalled and put into good order. The others were repaired at a less expense, but they are good cart roads and can be driven over. During the year, 1,083 miles of road were maintained and 96 miles were specially repaired, being in all 1,179.

17. *Town roads.*—No provision was made in the budget, but the allotment of Rs. 1,295 was subsequently sanctioned for the repair of the roads in the four towns, viz., Kollegál, Udamalpet, Polláchi and Bhaváni, which has been well spent.

18. *Tolls and Ferries.*—Out of the budget provision of Rs. 200 for repairs of sheds, &c., Rs. 151 were appropriated and only Rs. 133 were spent.

19. *Item* 5—*Civil Buildings—Repairs.*—The allotment under this head includes Rs. 4,000, provided in the budget for the repair of the chattrams, *plus* Rs. 1,867 subsequently sanctioned for buildings other than chattrams; but out of Rs. 4,000 only Rs. 3,200 were appropriated by the board.

There were in all forty works in hand, of which the following four were left incomplete at the end of the year :—

(1) Repairing chattram at Nadukkaval.
(2) Do. bungalow at Kottamangalam.
(3) Do. chattram at Gúdalúr.
(4) Do. chattram at Annoor.

The repairs of the first two of these works are in progress, for they could not be completed owing to the unhealthiness of the places and the difficulty of procuring materials. The repairs of No. 3, which were reported to have been finished, were found by the Local Fund Engineer on inspection not to be satisfactory and the work has therefore been ordered to be done over again. No. 4 was sanctioned late in the year and could not therefore be finished in the year.

20. *Item No.* 6—*Miscellaneous Public Improvements—Repairs.*—Of the provision of Rs. 21,250, Rs. 20,000 were for markets and Rs. 1,250 for avenues. It should, however, be noted here that only Rs. 3,132 were appropriated for markets for reasons stated in paragraph 11 above; and only Rs. 915 for avenues. Of this, Rs. 1,741 and Rs. 523 were spent on markets and avenues respectively, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,391

34. *Sanitation.*—Out of the provision of Rs. 14,000, Rs. 13,849 were spent. The following are the details:—

Particulars.	Budget provision.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Improvement of water-supply	2,500	2,204
(2) Do. of village-site	500	1,005
(3) Scavenging establishment	8,000	8,033
(4) Arrangements at fairs and festivals } (5) Other sanitary outlay .. .. }	3,000	634 / 1,973
Total ..	14,000	13,849

From the above it will be observed that very nearly the whole allotment was expended, leaving only a very small balance of Rs. 151.

35. *Improvement of Water-supply.*—The whole of the budget provision was allotted by the district board, and Rs. 2,204 were spent in sinking ten wells in ten villages in the taluks noted in the margin, and in repairing or otherwise improving fourteen wells in fourteen villages of Erode, Palladam, Coimbatore, Satyamangalam, Dhárápuram and Póllachi.

Erode, Palladam, Coimbatore, Satyamangalam, Dhárápuram, Bhaváni and Karúr.

Rs. 215 were contributed by the people for the improvement of their wells.

36. *Improvement of village-site.*—The expenditure of Rs. 1,005 under this head was double the amount provided in the budget as against Rs. 377, the actuals of the previous year. An itinerating gang of 20 coolies under a maistry was entertained during the latter part of the year for the destruction of noxious vegetation, with reference to the remarks made by Government in paragraph 10 of their order, No. 758 L.F., dated 21st September 1885, reviewing the annual report for 1884-85. This establishment was placed under the supervision of the Temporary Deputy Collector and Vice-President of the board, Mr. P. A. Cole, and was just set to work in the Coimbatore taluk. The cost incurred up to the close of the year under report was Rs. 364. The remainder Rs. 641 was spent in clearing prickly-pear, &c., in fourteen villages in the district.

37. *Scavenging establishments.*—The whole of the allotment was spent in thirty-five villages as in the previous year.

38. *Other sanitation.*—The details of expenditure are :—

	RS.
(1) Sanitary arrangements during fairs and festivals	634
(2) Purchase and repair of conservancy carts	102
(3) Purchase and feed of bullocks	1,500
(4) Travelling allowance of medical subordinates on cholera duty ..	179
(5) Sundry charges	192
	2,607

39. *General Remarks.*—During the year the general health of the public compares favorably with the previous year. Cholera, which broke out in November 1884, continued for some time in the year under report. The disease, however, altogether disappeared from the district in September. The number of deaths amounted to 862 against 5,349 of the previous year.

40. *Item* 4—*Markets.*—The number of leased markets was the same as in the previous year, *i.e.*, 60. The receipts were Rs. 24,224, excluding the opening balance, and the charges amounted to Rs. 20,186. The details are shown in statement VI herewith sent.

41. *Item* 5—*Choultries.*—The number of choultries maintained during the year is 56, the same as in the previous year. To each of these is allowed a sweeper on a monthly salary of Rs. 4, except to the one at Nadukkaval, to which a sweeper on a monthly salary of Rs. 7 is allowed: and a contingent allowance of one rupee is allowed to each of the choultries, except to the one at Terampalaiyam. The total receipts, excluding the opening balance, amounted to Rs. 8,995 and the charges were Rs. 6,391. Nineteen chattrams were repaired during the year and almost all the buildings are in good repair.

42. *Item* 6—*Bungalows.*—The number of bungalows maintained during the year was 14 of the 16 bungalows provided in the budget. The bungalow at Hassanúr has been, as reported in the annual report for 1884-85, transferred to the Forest department, and the mantapam bungalow at Karúr has been ordered to be demolished—*vide* G.O., Mis. No. 341 L.F., dated 20th June 1885. The total receipts were Rs. 873 and the charges amounted to Rs. 440. The allotment under this item was Rs. 780. The decrease of Rs. 340 was due to the non-expenditure of the amounts of contingencies of most of the bungalows.

43. *Item* 7—*Zillah Surgeon's Establishment and Contingencies.*—The allotment under this head was Rs. 640 and the expenditure Rs. 696. The increase of Rs. 56 over the allotment was due to the insufficiency of the budget provision for travelling allowance and contingencies as pointed out in my letter, No. 16 L.F., dated 8th January 1885, embodied in Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 582, dated 21st February 1885.

44. *Item* 8—*Miscellaneous.*—The particulars of allotment and expenditure are detailed below :—

Particulars.	Allotment.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Medical pupils	150	144
(2) Cholera charges	500	43
(3) Contributions to—		
(1) Medical College	1,390	1,331
(2) Sanitary inspection	1,390	1,331
(3) Medical Reserve staff	110	106
(4) Cutler's establishment	50	25
(5) Lunatics	500	343
(6) Municipalities	5,331	5,331
(4) Reward for killing dogs	..	1
Total ..	9,421	8,655

45. *Grant IV.*—Calls for no remark.

46. The year closed with a balance of Rs. 1,35,820, of which Rs. 59,317 belongs to the endowment fund.

47. *Working of the District Board.*—In accordance with the provisions contained in Act V of 1884 (Madras Local Boards Act), which came into force from 1st April 1885, the district board was reorganised and there were at the end of the year seven official and twenty non-official members.

Twelve meetings were held during the year—eleven ordinary and one special; two were postponed for want of a quorum. The average attendance of official members was 3·4 and that of the non-official members 4·3. The attendance of the non-official members was not so satisfactory as could be desired, though their attention was called to the necessity and importance of more frequent attendance.

48. The delay in the submission of this report is due to the non-receipt of statistical information from the Educational department, which has not yet been furnished. The educational portion has been consequently omitted and it will be submitted on receipt of the information referred to above.

ENCLOSURES.

ANNUAL Concise Report on the working of Local Fund Dispensaries in the district of Coimbatore for the year 1885-86.

During the year under report there have been nine dispensaries working in the district; of these, six are located in buildings specially built for the purpose, two are in Government buildings not originally designed for dispensary, and one in a rented building. The dispensary at Polláchi was under the charge of an assistant apothecary of warrant grade, seven under civil apothecaries, and one under an hospital assistant. All the dispensaries, except the minor dispensary at Aravakurchi, receive both in and out patients.

2. The accompanying statement will show at a glance all possible informations regarding the working of each dispensary during the year under review as compared with the previous year. A great decline is observed in the mortality of patients treated out-door.

3. The principal diseases and conditions for which advice and treatment were sought were the following:—ophthalmia, malarious fever, skin diseases, rheumatic, respiratory and syphilitic affections. Veneral disease prevails to a lamentable extent, and the patients, as a rule, resort to their own vydians or hakims.

4. Generally speaking there was nothing worthy of notice as regards the temperature. The subjoined statement records the principal meteorological phenomena as observed at Coimbatore during the past five years. The rainfall for the year under report was deficient; there was a slight failure of rainfall due in November. The failure has not had a very prejudicial effect upon the crops, both wet and dry. Food supplies have been abundant, though the rates of some were above those of previous year.

Extreme Meteorological Records.

Years.	Highest reading of sun thermometer maximum.		Shade maximum.		Lowest reading of shade thermometer.		Greatest velocity of wind.		Heaviest fall of rain.		Highest reading of attached thermometer.	
1881 ..	..	..	102·5	27th Apr.	56·3	28th Jan.	264	14th Sept.	3·48	19th Oct.	94·2	28th Apr.
1882 ..	156·4	3rd Apr.	102·1	6th ,,	57·0	14th Dec.	309	4th July.	1·76	23rd Sept.	93·8	4th May.
1883 ..	170·1	10th Dec.	102·0	10th ,,	54·2	29th ,,	231	30th Aug.	2·91	14th Oct.	93·6	13th Apr.
1884 ..	156·0	25th Aug.	99·6	15th ,,	54·1	13th Jan.	279	8th Sept.	2·82	17th ,,	93·2	6th June.
1885 ..	156·0	25th May.	101·5	23rd May.	58·7	27th ,,	288	27th June.	1·29	8th Dec.	94·4	5th May.

5. The general health of the public compares favorably with previous years. The following statement gives full particulars on this point:—

Years.	Cholera.	Small-pox.	Fevers.	Bowel-complaints.	Injuries.	All other causes.	Total.
1881-82	652	1,135	10,676	1,070	653	8,154	22,340
1882-83	2,371	1,960	12,013	1,077	627	9,539	27,587
1883-84	3,247	1,152	12,490	1,524	673	11,581	30,667
1884-85	5,349	516	12,308	1,849	732	12,206	32,960
1885-86	862	483	10,603	1,261	766	11,151	25,126

The official year 1885-86 opened with a widely diffused epidemic of cholera in most of the taluks. This was a continuation of the epidemic which broke out in November 1884. The months of April, May, June, July and August were unhealthy as regards cholera; since September the disease has altogether disappeared from the district. The usual sanitary precautions were taken during the epidemic.

Sporadic cases of small-pox prevailed in most of the taluks from April to December 1885, especially in those places where the people showed religious scruples against vaccination. The disease assumed an epidemic form in January 1886 and caused about 127 deaths in the months of January, February and March. During the year extra vaccinators were temporarily employed to itinerate in the affected localities. The following statement shows the number of cases vaccinated for the past two years:—

Years.	Total No. vaccinated.	Successful.
1884-85	44,925	43,876
1885-86	43,349	41,973

During the year under report I have personally visited all the taluk stations and many villages and found them all in a fairly clean state.

6. Midwives are attached to four Local Fund dispensaries—Polláchi, Udamalpet, Dhárápuram and Kollegál. Separate accommodation for lying-in cases is provided only at Polláchi.

During the past year the admissions as in-patients into the lying-in ward were six, and ninety-two were attended at their own houses by the midwives.

The table below gives the admissions of the year under report and those of two previous years:—

Years.	In-door.	Out-door.	Deaths.
1883-84	18	67	4
1884-85	8	98	2
1885-86	6	92	3

Generally these diplomaed midwives are not called on to attend upon ordinary natural labors; their services are resorted to only when the cases prove tedious or difficult.

COIMBATORE,
31*st May* 1886.

(Signed) J. F. FITZPATRICK, Surgeon-Major,
District Medical and Sanitary Officer.

TABULAR Statement to accompany the Concise Report of the Local Fund Dispensaries in the district of Coimbatore for the official year 1885-86.

Name of dispensary.	Class and grade.	Number of committee meetings.		Inspection by District Surgeon.		Committee, Local Fund or private.		Patients treated.						Average daily attendance.						Midwifery.						Vaccination.		Surgical operations.				Total rainfall.	
								In-door.				Out-door.		In-door.				Out-door.		1884-85.				1885-86.		1884-85.	1885-86.	Major.		Minor.			
								Treated.		Died.		Treated.		Died.						In-door.				Out-door.									
		1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	Natural.	Difficult.	Death.	Natural.	Difficult.	Death.	Unsuccessful.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Successful.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41
1. Polláchi ..	2nd-class	1	2	2	2	2	2	375	363	9	33	14,222	14,439	2	2	17·27	16·37	84·38	83·96	5	1	..	29	6	..	24	100	9	25	24	91	35	72	712	490	37	2	..	34·89	31·17
2. Udamalpet ..	Do.	1	2	2	2	2	2	86	104	4	11	4,706	5,164	57	9	4·03	5·16	37·24	47·21	1	..	..	33	8	..	10	130	5	26	27	74	10	28	353	441	12	2	1	34·07	33·24
3. Dhárápuram ..	Do.	1	2	2	2	2	2	67	51	4	4	4,114	5,295	49	11	5·73	4·42	64·94	72·64	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	56	3	8	9	60	2	5	323	393	30	1	2	21·86	20·55
4. Palladam ..	3rd-class	4	4	2	2	2	2	27	14	..	..	2,391	1,975	4	..	·59	1·45	23·33	22·37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	73	8	27	14	38	3	4	67	1	..	..	..	17·92	31·92
5. Bhavání ..	2nd-class	..	..	..	..	2	2	9	8	..	1	4,112	4,469	16	8	·39	·34	32·97	35·01	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	81	1	3	74	88	3	23	133	174	..	..	..	28·11	30·63
6. Satyamangalam	Do.	..	..	..	..	2	2	36	45	2	3	4,081	4,924	32	41	2·27	2·70	49·26	51·06	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	102	4	24	88	62	..	24	145	238	4	..	..	32·37	35·25
7. Kollegál ..	Do.	1	1	2	2	1	1	38	39	1	3	4,621	4,188	1	34	4·30	4·10	53·40	40·40	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	292	6	10	62	147	10	2	126	70	1	..	..	39·57	38·02
8. Mettupálaiyam ..	Do.	..	..	1	1	..	..	39	..	..	12	5,637	5,808	10	12	1·16	1·68	30·08	32·41	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	72	7	10	147	36	1	5	160	174	..	..	..	27·30	28·40
9. Aravakurchi ..	3rd-class	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,881	5,216	6	6	..	..	46·26	52·23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	121	19	39	36	174	1	6	160	174	..	..	..	79·12	..
Total ..		7	10	15	15	15	15	677	662	51	67	47,835	51,478	201	122	36·60	35·36	420·86	437·19	6	2	1	83	15	1	1	927	67	176	677	670	91	105	1,837	2,061	2,209	39	5	1	315·21	244·48

Name of dispensary.	Class and grade.	Committee, Local Fund or private.	Local Fund Dispensary Committee meetings.	Surgical operations.				Total
				Major.		Minor.		
				1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	
1. Polláchi ..	2nd-class	..	..	35	72	712	490	1,309
2. Udamalpet ..	Do.	..	..	10	28	353	441	832
3. Dhárápuram ..	Do.	..	..	5	4	323	393	725
4. Palladam ..	3rd-class	..	..	..	1	14	67	82
5. Bhavání ..	2nd-class	..	..	23	33	133	174	363
6. Satyamangalam	Do.	..	..	24	24	145	238	431
7. Kollegál ..	Do.	..	..	2	4	95	162	263
8. Mettupálaiyam ..	Do.	..	..	1	2	126	70	199
9. Aravakurchi ..	3rd-class	..	..	5	6	160	174	345
Total ..		105	173	2,061	2,209	670	91	4,549

Order—dated 4th October 1886, No. 1260 L.F., Financial.

The receipts and charges of the District Board of Coimbatore for 1885-86 are compared below with the estimate of the year and the actuals of 1884-85 :—

Receipts.

	Actuals, 1884-85.	Estimate, 1885-86.	Actuals, 1885-86.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Balance	1,56,032	1,27,300	1,26,956
1. Rates and Taxes—			
Cess on Land	1,85,957	1,96,000	2,07,286
Tolls	37,387	33,680	33,745
2. Education—			
School Fees	2,661	6,550	5,405
Other Items	746	650	549
3. Medical—			
Other Items	213	150	101
4. Interest—			
On Government Securities ..	980	910	980
On Arrears of Revenue ..	76	..	61
5. Miscellaneous—			
Contributions	151	..	215
Choultry Rents	412	386	421
Market Rents	24,520	23,000	24,119
Other Items	10,968	9,800	12,183
6. Public Works Receipts	629	..	227
7. Contribution from Provincial Funds—			
Education	1,245	6,350	1,860
Choultries	4,764	4,764	4,764
8. Contribution from Special Funds—			
Pound Fund	211	100	..
9. Miscellaneous Debt Accounts ..	13	..	..
Grand Total ..	4,26,965	4,09,640	4,18,872

Charges.

Grant I—			
New Works—			
Communications	3,023	16,714	15,571
Buildings	4,881	4,508	4,502
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	28,490	20,000	9,856
Repairs—			
Communications	1,40,684	1,31,038	1,27,577
Buildings	2,366	5,867	4,152
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	1,946	21,250	2,264
Engineering Establishment ..	25,655	27,800	26,855
Tools and Plant	4	1,000	865
Contributions	220	220	220
Grant II—			
Inspection	4,130	5,000	4,280
Training Schools	4,178	5,577	4,434
Local Fund Schools	10,299	15,450	11,084
Results Grants	9,739	10,500	8,674
Contributions	738	..	375
Miscellaneous	1,010	1,550	1,087
Grant III—			
Hospitals and Dispensaries ..	12,353	14,200	11,994
Vaccination	7,349	10,250	6,870
Sanitation	13,242	14,000	13,849
Markets	7,073	10,150	6,627
Choultries	3,261	3,600	3,386
Travellers' Bungalows ..	581	780	440
Contributions	10,465	11,171	10,445
Miscellaneous	..	..	1

Charges—*continued.*

	Actuals, 1884-85.	Estimate, 1885-86.	Actuals, 1885-86.
Grant IV—	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment, including Contingencies, Refunds, &c. ..	8,309	7,890	7,920
Miscellaneous Debt Accounts ..	13	..	..
Total Expenditure ..	3,00,009	3,38,515	2,83,328
Balance ..	1,26,956	71,125	1,35,544
Grand Total ..	4,26,965	4,09,640	4,18,872

2. In statements I-A and I-B the unaudited figures given in the report for 1884-85 have been retained in some cases instead of the audited figures subsequently furnished by the Accountant-General, and the opening balances for 1884-85 and 1885-86 include debt heads which should have been excluded. The arrears outstanding under Land-cess date so far back as the year 1877-78, while those under Fishery, Ferry and Market Rents are 11, 13 and 9 years old respectively, and are also heavy. This is not satisfactory. In statement I-A, the sum of Rs. 980, shown as income from endowments under "3, Medical," being the interest on Government promissory notes belonging to the Polláchi dispensary, should have been entered under the head 4 (*a*) Interest on Government Securities. The receipts from choultry and market rents are given as Rs. 421 and Rs. 24,119, whereas, according to statement VI, they amounted to Rs. 314 and Rs. 24,224 respectively. The difference should be explained. The sum of Rs. 88 given under Public Works receipts, being the sale-proceeds of the materials of a market, should have been shown under the head Miscellaneous in statement VI, and the sale-proceeds of avenue clippings included under Avenues and not under Public Works Receipts.

3. From statement III it would appear that the sum of Rs. 1,27,577, shown under Repairs—Communications, in statement I-B, includes Rs. 24, the rent of a toll-shed at Mettupálaiyam. This should have been debited to tolls and ferries under Contingencies. Statement IV does not contain the statistics of village roads, an omission which should now be supplied. In this statement the total number of miles of road repaired during the year is given as $1,179\frac{1}{32}$, whereas there were only $1,176\frac{5}{8}$ miles under the charge of the district board at the commencement of the year, and only a quarter of a mile was newly constructed. In statement VI the total expenditure on markets is given as Rs. 20,276, whereas in paragraph 40 of the report it is stated to have been Rs. 20,186. These discrepancies should be explained.

4. The attention of the Director of Public Instruction will be drawn to paragraph 48 of the report regarding the delay in the transmission of statistical information by the Educational Department.

(True Extract.)

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READ—the following paper:—

From G. D. LEMAN, Esq., President, District Board, Coimbatore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Coimbatore, 10th August 1886, No. 625 L.F.

I have the honor to submit my report on the management of Local Funds of this district, under Act V of 1884, during the year 1885-86, prepared in accordance with the instructions conveyed in G.O., No. 741 L.F., dated 18th September 1885.

2. The audited figures show an opening balance at credit of Rs. 1,27,232, of which Rs. 56,191 belongs to the endowment fund.

3. *Receipts.*—The following table shows the receipts for the year as compared with the budget estimate and the actuals of the previous year. Excluding the opening balance, the actual receipts for the year amounted to Rs. 2,91,916, being an excess of Rs. 9,576 over the estimate and of Rs. 20,996 over the actuals of the previous year:—

	Estimate.	Actuals.	Increase over the estimate.	Decrease under the estimate.	Actuals, 1884-85.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—Opening balance	1,27,300	1,27,232	..	68	1,56,308
II.—Rates and taxes—					
(*a*) Cess on land	1,96,000	* 2,07,286	11,286	..	1,85,957
(*b*) Tolls.. { Under Act V of 1884	25,590	25,770	180	..	28,860
(*b*) Tolls.. { Contributions from municipalities	8,090	7,975	..	115	8,527
III.—Education—					
(*a*) School-fees	6,550	5,405	..	1,145	2,661
(*b*) Contributions from municipalities ..	150	..	..	150	..
(*c*) Sale-proceeds of books	500	549	49	..	720
IV.—Medical—					
(*a*) Sale of medicines	150	71	..	79	90
(*b*) Income from endowments	910	980	70	..	980
(*c*) Miscellaneous	..	30	30	..	114
V.—Interest on arrears of revenue	..	61	61	..	76
VI.—Miscellaneous—					
(*a*) Contributions from private individuals for purposes other than Education, Medical or Works	..	215	215	..	151
(*b*) Choultry rents	386	421	35	..	412
(*c*) Market rents	23,000	24,119	1,119	..	24,520
(*d*) Bungalow fees	600	873	273	..	543
(*e*) Fees and fines	200	123	..	77	269
(*f*) Ferry rents	7,000	8,971	1,971	..	6,922
(*g*) Fishery rents	700	851	151	..	1,044
(*h*) Avenues	1,300	1,136	..	164	1,328
(*i*) Sale of stores	..	..	..	..	38
(*j*) Sundry receipts	..	229	229	..	857
VII.—Public Works—					
(*a*) Sale of buildings	..	..	..	..	90
(*b*) Sale of tools and plant	..	..	..	..	46
(*c*) Sale of old materials	..	88	88	..	289
(*d*) Contributions from private individuals ..	..	..	..	..	206
(*e*) Miscellaneous	..	139	139	..	..
VIII.—Contributions from Provincial Funds—					
(*a*) Education	6,350	1,860	..	4,490	1,245
(*b*) Choultries	4,764	4,764	..	..	4,764
IX.—Contributions from Special Funds—					
(*a*) Pound Fund..	100	..	..	100	211
Total ..	2,82,340	2,91,916	15,896	6,320	2,70,920
Total, including Balance ..	4,09,640	4,19,148	15,896	6,388	4,27,228

* Includes Rs. 747 collected in advance for 1886-87.

4. *Item I.*—The opening balance calls for no remarks, as the actual balance was adopted in the revised budget sanctioned in G.O., No. 632 L.F., dated 20th August 1885. The small decrease of Rs. 68 is due to subsequent adjustments advised by the Accountant-General.

5. *Item II—Rates and Taxes*—(*a*) *Land-cess.*—The actual balance on the 1st April 1885 was Rs. 42,089, nearly Rs. 12,400 above the estimate of Rs. 29,400. The current demand of the year was Rs. 1,83,378, the estimate Rs. 1,97,000. Adding Rs. 1,83,378 to 42,089 we have a demand of Rs. 2,25,467. Of this, Rs. 2,06,539 (arrears Rs. 32,662 + current Rs. 1,73,877) were collected, which is nearly 92 per cent. of the demand. The actual collections exceeded the estimate, Rs. 1,96,000, by Rs. 10,500. It should be noticed that Rs. 2,07,286, shown as receipts in the table above, include Rs. 747 collected in the year under report on account of the current year. This sum has been left out of account for the sake of comparison.

(*b*) *Tolls.*—The following are the particulars of collection :—

Name of toll-gates.	Estimate (amount of lease).	Collections including arrears.	Difference.	Actuals of 1884-85.	Remarks.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1. Bhaváni bridge at Bhaváni	1,975	* 2,226	+ 251*	2,226	* Arrears.
2. Do. do. at Satyamangalam ..	2,625	2,625	..	3,218	
3. Do. do. at Mettupálaiyam	8,000	8,000	..	9,593	
4. Tek Dhimbum on the Hassanúr Ghát road .	1,040	969†	— 71	1,401	† Includes an arrear of Rs. 17 collected.
5. Three gates on the Madura-Malabar roads at Polláchi	9,025	9,025	..	9,025	
6. Nóyil bridge at Tirupúr	2,925	2,925	..	3,397	
Total ..	25,590	25,770	180	28,860	
Net increase ..	Rs. 180.		..	..	

The excess collected above estimate is due to the collection in this year of Rs. 251, an arrear of 1883-84. This was due by the Bhaváni bridge lessee, which is diminished by 71 rupees short collection from the Dhimbum contractor. This is the second year of a triennial lease.

Municipal Toll collections.—Particulars are given below :—

	Estimate.	Amount paid being ⅓ toll collection.
	Rs.	Rs.
Coimbatore	5,350	5,330
Karúr	2,000	1,666
Erode	740	979
	8,090	7,975

The small decrease of Rs. 115 is due to the lowness of the accepted bid for the privilege of collecting the Karúr municipal tolls.

6. *Item No. III*—(*a*) *School-fees.*—Rs. 5,405 were collected in the following schools :—

	Estimate.	Collections.
	Rs.	Rs.
(1) Coimbatore Normal school	100	93
(2) Karúr Normal „	40	17
(3) Udamalpet High „	3,720	3,067
(4) Polláchi Middle „	1,220	1,186
(5) Dhárápuram Middle „	1,350	1,042
(6) Kollegál „ „	120	Not stated.
Total ..	6,550	5,405

The estimate was clearly too high. The actuals reached only Rs. 5,405, notwithstanding the raising of the status of the Udamalpet High school and the Dhárápuram Middle school.

(*b*) *Municipal Contributions.*—Rs. 150 was the estimated aggregate of results grants to be earned by the practising branches attached to the Coimbatore and the Karúr Normal schools. The Municipal Councils, however, have refused result grant.

7. *Item* 4—(*c*) *Miscellaneous, Rs.* 30.—Is the sale-proceeds of dealwood boxes, &c.

8. *Item* 6—(*a*) *Contributions, Rs.* 215.—This is the amount contributed by the villagers for sinking and improving drinking-water wells.

(*j*) *Sundry Receipts, Rs.* 229.—This is the amount realized by the sale of (1) bamboo mats, &c., materials purchased for sanitary purposes during the car festivals, and (2) of town sweepings and old carts, &c.

9. *Item* 7—(*e*) *Miscellaneous, Rs.* 139.—Includes the proceeds of avenue clippings sold and the rent of buildings let out by the Local Fund Engineering department.

10. *Expenditure.*—The following table shows the expenditure for the year :—

Heads.	Sanctioned allotment.	Actual expenditure.	Increase.	Decrease.	Actuals, 1884-85.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Grant I	2,28,397	1,91,862	..	36,535	2,07,269
Do. II	38,077	29,934	..	8,143	30,094
Do. III	64,151	53,612	..	10,539	54,324
Do. IV	7,890	7,920	30	..	8,309
Total ..	3,38,515	2,83,328	30	55,217	2,99,996

11. *Grant I.*—The particulars are as follows :—

Particulars.	Sanctioned allotment.	Expenditure.				Difference between columns 2 and 6.	
		By P.W.D.	By Local Fund P.W.D.	By other agency.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
New Works.							
1. Communications	16,714	..	15,359	212	15,571	..	1,143
2. Civil buildings	4,508	..	4,343	159	4,502	..	6
3. Miscellaneous public improvements	20,000	..	9,786	70	9,856	..	10,144
Total ..	41,222	..	29,488	441	29,929	..	11,293
Repairs.							
4. Communications	1,31,038	..	1,27,577	..	1,27,577	..	3,461
5. Civil buildings	5,867	..	4,009	143	4,152	..	1,715
6. Miscellaneous public improvements	21,250	..	1,547	717	2,264	..	18,986
Total ..	1,58,155	..	1,33,133	860	1,33,993	..	24,162
Establishment.							
7. Public Works Department supervision	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Cost of Local Fund Engineering establishment ..	27,300	..	26,356	..	26,356	..	944
9. Charges in connection with tolls and ferries	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10. Tools and plant	1,000	..	865	..	865	..	135
11. Contingencies	500	..	499	..	499	..	1
12. Contribution to the Nílgiri District Board on account of the Kótagiri Ghat road	220	..	..	220	220	..	..
Total ..	29,020	..	27,720	220	27,940	..	1,080
Grand Total ..	2,28,397	..	1,90,341	1,521	1,91,862	..	36,535

It will be observed from the above that out of an allotment of Rs. 2,28,397, Rs. 1,91,862 were spent, being a little over 84 per cent., as against 81 per cent. of the previous year.

The chief cause for the non-expenditure of Rs. 36,535 was the suspension of works under Miscellaneous Public Improvements (New Works and Repairs) in accordance with G.O., No. 213 L.F., dated 26th May 1885, forbidding expenditure. There have also been some small savings on works.

12. *New Works—Item* 1.—The following are the details of allotment and expenditure :—

Name of work.	Allotment.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Constructing an iron girder bridge over the Nóyil river at Coimbatore	14,780	13,680
(2) Making a village road to connect Kaliyapuram and Ramana Moodelly Pudur villages, Polláchi taluk	214	213
(3) Making two timber bridges across the Palayam channel on the road from Kollegál to Hanur	340	339
(4) Rebuilding a culvert across the irrigation channel near Chinna Dhárápuram	680	680
(5) Compensation for the land taken up for the road from Mathampatti to Thondamuthur	40	..
(6) Constructing parapet walls along the dangerous curves in portions of the Chennimalai Ghât road from Kángyam to Perundurai	240	240
(7) Diverting a portion of the road from Kavundapadi to Bhaváni	420	419
Total	16,714	15,571

All the above works were completed. The compensation to be paid (item 5) has not yet been paid to the parties concerned, and the balance is chiefly owing to savings under No. 1.

13. *Item* 2—*New Works—Civil Buildings.*—The particulars of the allotment are :—

Name of work.	Allotment.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Constructing a Normal school-house at Coimbatore	3,137	3,131
(2) Constructing a pandal in front of the Local Fund bungalow at Polláchi	40	40
(3) Constructing a pandal in front of the dispensary at Dhárápuram	50	50
(4) Constructing a pandal in front of the travellers' bungalow at Kárúr	9	9
(5) Building out-houses to the travellers' chattram bungalow at Dhimbum	420	420
(6) Compensation for the plot of land taken up for the Mettupálaiyam dispensary	60	60
(7) Making improvements to the dispensary at Mettupálaiyam	510	510
(8) Constructing a stable to the Kángyam bungalow	242	242
(9) Do. a pandal in front of the hospital at Mettupálaiyam	40	40
Total	4,508	4,502

All the above works were completed.

14. *Item* 3—*Miscellaneous Public Improvements—New Works.*—Out of the budget provision of Rs. 20,000 under this head only Rs. 10,483 were appropriated and the remainder was not appropriated for reasons stated in paragraph 11 above.

The amount appropriated was for the list of works sanctioned by the Revenue Board in their Proceedings, No. 2468, of the 19th July 1884. These were left incomplete in the previous year, and completed in the year under report.

15. *Item* 4—*Communications—Repairs.*—The allotment of Rs. 1,31,038 is arrived at as follows :—

	RS.
As per budget	1,23,370
Subsequent additions	7,668
	1,31,038

The following are the particulars of allotment and expenditure :—

	Allotment.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Ordinary maintenance allowance	1,09,170	1,07,746
(2) Special repairs	20,373	18,404
(3) Repairs to town roads	1,295	1,294
(4) Tolls and ferries	200	133
	1,31,038	1,27,577

16. (2) *Special Repairs.*—The following are the more important of the works under this head :—

(1) Repairing the road from Annoor to Mettupálaiyam.
(2) Do. do. from Polláchi to Palladam.
(3) Do. do. from Coimbatore to Bolampatti.
(4) Do. do. from Anaimalai to Komaralingam.
(5) Do. do. from Kángyam to Kodumudi *viâ* Muthur.
(6) Do. do. from Bhaváni to Nerinjipet.
(7) Do. do. from Cheyur to Puliempatti.
(8) Do. do. from Anaimalai to Settumadai.

Almost all these were incomplete works of the previous year and completed during the year under report. The first two roads were thoroughly re-metalled and put into good order. The others were repaired at a less expense, but they are good cart roads and can be driven over. During the year, 1,083 miles of road were maintained and 96 miles were specially repaired, being in all 1,179.

17. *Town roads.*—No provision was made in the budget, but the allotment of Rs. 1,295 was subsequently sanctioned for the repair of the roads in the four towns, viz., Kollegál, Udamalpet, Polláchi and Bhaváni, which has been well spent.

18. *Tolls and Ferries.*—Out of the budget provision of Rs. 200 for repairs of sheds, &c., Rs. 151 were appropriated and only Rs. 133 were spent.

19. *Item* 5—*Civil Buildings—Repairs.*—The allotment under this head includes Rs. 4,000, provided in the budget for the repair of the chattrams, *plus* Rs. 1,867 subsequently sanctioned for buildings other than chattrams; but out of Rs. 4,000 only Rs. 3,200 were appropriated by the board.

There were in all forty works in hand, of which the following four were left incomplete at the end of the year :—

(1) Repairing chattram at Nadukkaval.
(2) Do. bungalow at Kottamangalam.
(3) Do. chattram at Gúdalúr.
(4) Do. chattram at Annoor.

The repairs of the first two of these works are in progress, for they could not be completed owing to the unhealthiness of the places and the difficulty of procuring materials. The repairs of No. 3, which were reported to have been finished, were found by the Local Fund Engineer on inspection not to be satisfactory and the work has therefore been ordered to be done over again. No. 4 was sanctioned late in the year and could not therefore be finished in the year.

20. *Item No.* 6—*Miscellaneous Public Improvements—Repairs.*—Of the provision of Rs. 21,250, Rs. 20,000 were for markets and Rs. 1,250 for avenues. It should, however, be noted here that only Rs. 3,132 were appropriated for markets for reasons stated in paragraph 11 above; and only Rs. 915 for avenues. Of this, Rs. 1,741 and Rs. 523 were spent on markets and avenues respectively, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,391

under the former head which could not be utilized as the sanction for several of the works was given late in the year.

21. *Item 7—Local Fund Engineering Establishment.*—The savings under this item were due to the absence, on leave without pay, of certain overseers and supervisors. The total cost of the establishment including contingencies is 16·4 per cent. nearly of the total expenditure on works under Grant I.

22. *General Remarks.*—No change has been made in the number or ranges of the supervisors or overseers in the year. The system of getting work done by mile-coolies and petty contractors was, as usual, followed with the result that the roads are well-maintained everywhere and that the local fund works are well and cheaply executed. The roads that are maintained are, generally speaking, in very good order, except a few roads in the Satyamangalam and the Kollegál taluks. Mr. B. Stephens, the Local Fund Engineer, is doing good work and the expenditure is very creditable and shows with what care he attends to the duty entrusted to him. The girder bridge over the Nóyil river and the Normal school building, completed during the year, are both of them works of which the board may be proud. The first of these two works was finished with great expedition and in a highly satisfactory manner.

23. The statement of road avenues called for in G.O., No. 154 L.F., dated 5th February 1886, is forwarded.

24. *Grant III.*—The following table shows the expenditure for the year:—

No.	Particulars.	Sanctioned allotment.	Expenditure.	Increase.	Decrease.
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1	Hospitals and dispensaries	15,310	13,057	..	2,253
2	Vaccination	10,250	6,902	..	3,348
3	Sanitation	14,000	13,849	..	151
4	Markets	10,150	6,627	..	3,523
5	Choultries	3,600	3,386	..	214
6	Bungalows	780	440	..	340
7	Zillah Surgeon's establishment and contingencies, &c.	640	696	56	..
8	Miscellaneous	9,421	8,655	..	766
	Total ..	64,151	53,612	56	10,595
			Net decrease ..		10,539

25. There were nine dispensaries in the district as in the previous year. Of these, eight are major dispensaries in charge of apothecaries, and one is a minor dispensary in charge of a 2nd-class hospital assistant. In-patients' wards, a cook room and a latrine were added to the Mettupálaiyam hospital in the year under report.

26. The district medical and sanitary officer inspected all the dispensaries, except the one at Aravakurchi. Of those visited, Kollegál received only one visit, the rest two each. All the dispensaries, except the Aravakurchi, were under the management of sub-committees. Those of the four places noted in the margin alone met. The necessity of more frequent meetings is great, but the matter is in abeyance until the formation of taluk boards is complete. There were ten sub-committee meetings against seven of the previous year.

	No. of meetings.
Polláchi	2
Udamalpet	2
Dhárápuram	2
Palladam	4
	10

27. The decrease in the actuals of Rs. 2,253 is due to the less expenditure under "Salaries of Medical subordinates," "Diet of patients" and "Surgical instruments," and also to less expenditure under "Medicines and contingencies" owing to a large use of country medicines, as observed in the last year's report. The saving under Salaries of Medical subordinates is due to the absence on leave of some of the apothecaries, to whom no charge allowance was paid during the period of their absence, and

to the salaries of their *locum tenens* having been debited to Provincial Funds. Also there was no apothecary in charge of the Polláchi dispensary for nearly four months, as no one was appointed in the place of Mr. Prince who was called away on other duty.

28. *Midwives.*—Four midwives were working in the marginally-noted dispensaries during the year, against three of the previous year. The midwife at Kollegál was appointed late in the year in January. No lying-in wards are attached to any of the dispensaries except to the one at Polláchi. The number and other particulars of cases treated by these women are given in the district medical and sanitary officer's report submitted herewith.

Polláchi, Udamalpet, Dhárápuram, and Kollegál.

29. *General Remarks.*—The number of in-patients and out-patients treated during the year were 662 and 51,478 as against 677 and 47,835 respectively of the previous year, showing a slight fall in the number of the former and a perceptible increase in the number of the latter. The increase in the number of out-patients shows that European treatment is getting more and more popular. The working of the several dispensaries, as remarked by the district medical and sanitary officer in his inspection reports, is satisfactory.

30. *Item 2—Vaccination.*—There was no change in the vaccine staff, the number of deputy inspectors and vaccinators being the same as in the previous year; but the Deputy Inspector of Vaccination, North Coimbatore, Tiruvengadam Pillai, was transferred late in the year to another district. There were, however, eight probationary vaccinators on Rs. 7 each per mensem, temporarily employed to work in the taluks of Erode, Coimbatore, Bhaváni and Satyamangalam for over two months of the year on account of the prevalence of small-pox in those taluks.

31. The total number of operations reported is 43,349 and the number of successful cases 41,973 against 44,925 and 43,876 respectively of the previous year. The infants (under a year) vaccinated are 14,586. The cost of each successful case therefore is 2 annas and 7 pies against 2 annas and 8 pies of the previous year. There is a falling off of 1,903 in the number of successful cases compared with the figures of the previous year.

The deputy inspectors attribute the decrease to the absence on leave, &c., of several of the permanent vaccinators for long periods during the year, and to the several changes and transfers among them. Also the men appointed temporarily, being new, could not work so successfully as those well acquainted with the people. With a view to remove the prejudices entertained by the people to the arm-to-arm operation and to make vaccination more popular, animal vaccination was introduced at the suggestion of the Sanitary Commissioner in January 1886 and was conducted in the taluks of Coimbatore, Polláchi and Udamalpet at a total cost of Rs. 100-15-6. One hundred and ninety-six cases were vaccinated with animal lymph. One hundred and fifty-nine proved successful, 32 unknown, and five unsuccessful. The cost of each successful case is Annas 10 and Pies 2. This method was no more popular than the usual method, and as considerable difficulty was found in getting calves and the experiment was very expensive, it was abandoned.

The additional vaccinators sanctioned in Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 5216 R.S., dated 20th October 1884, were not entertained even during the current year, as the revised lists of villages grouped into circles to be assigned to the vaccinators were not complete. The lists are almost complete and orders will shortly be issued for the entertainment of the extra vaccinators.

32. Out of an allotment of Rs. 10,250 under Vaccination, the total outlay was Rs. 6,902 against Rs. 7,350, the actuals of the previous year. The provision was not fully spent owing to the non-entertainment of the additional vaccinators and to savings in the pay, &c., of vaccinators who were away on leave.

33. *General Remarks.*—During the year under report, one 2nd-class vaccinator was dismissed for submission of false reports, one 1st-class vaccinator was reduced for insubordination and one 2nd-class vaccinator, who was reported to have submitted false returns, absconded before sufficient inquiries could be made. The conduct of the vaccinators on the whole is not satisfactory, and I am not favorably impressed with the mode of supervision exercised over them by the deputy inspectors.

34. *Sanitation.*—Out of the provision of Rs. 14,000, Rs. 13,849 were spent. The following are the details:—

Particulars.	Budget provision.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Improvement of water-supply	2,500	2,204
(2) Do. of village-site	500	1,005
(3) Scavenging establishment	8,000	8,033
(4) Arrangements at fairs and festivals }	3,000	634
(5) Other sanitary outlay .. .. }		1,973
Total ..	14,000	13,849

From the above it will be observed that very nearly the whole allotment was expended, leaving only a very small balance of Rs. 151.

35. *Improvement of Water-supply.*—The whole of the budget provision was allotted by the district board, and Rs. 2,204 were spent in sinking ten wells in ten villages in the taluks noted in the margin, and in repairing or otherwise improving fourteen wells in fourteen villages of Erode, Palladam, Coimbatore, Satyamangalam, Dhárápuram and Póllachi.

Erode, Palladam, Coimbatore, Satyamangalam, Dhárápuram, Bhaváni and Karúr.

Rs. 215 were contributed by the people for the improvement of their wells.

36. *Improvement of village-site.*—The expenditure of Rs. 1,005 under this head was double the amount provided in the budget as against Rs. 377, the actuals of the previous year. An itinerating gang of 20 coolies under a maistry was entertained during the latter part of the year for the destruction of noxious vegetation, with reference to the remarks made by Government in paragraph 10 of their order, No. 758 L.F., dated 21st September 1885, reviewing the annual report for 1884-85. This establishment was placed under the supervision of the Temporary Deputy Collector and Vice-President of the board, Mr. P. A. Cole, and was just set to work in the Coimbatore taluk. The cost incurred up to the close of the year under report was Rs. 364. The remainder Rs. 641 was spent in clearing prickly-pear, &c., in fourteen villages in the district.

37. *Scavenging establishments.*—The whole of the allotment was spent in thirty-five villages as in the previous year.

38. *Other sanitation.*—The details of expenditure are:—

	RS.
(1) Sanitary arrangements during fairs and festivals	634
(2) Purchase and repair of conservancy carts	102
(3) Purchase and feed of bullocks	1,500
(4) Travelling allowance of medical subordinates on cholera duty ..	179
(5) Sundry charges	192
	2,607

39. *General Remarks.*—During the year the general health of the public compares favorably with the previous year. Cholera, which broke out in November 1884, continued for some time in the year under report. The disease, however, altogether disappeared from the district in September. The number of deaths amounted to 862 against 5,349 of the previous year.

40. *Item* 4—*Markets.*—The number of leased markets was the same as in the previous year, *i.e.*, 60. The receipts were Rs. 24,224, excluding the opening balance, and the charges amounted to Rs. 20,186. The details are shown in statement VI herewith sent.

41. *Item* 5—*Choultries.*—The number of choultries maintained during the year is 56, the same as in the previous year. To each of these is allowed a sweeper on a monthly salary of Rs. 4, except to the one at Nadukkaval, to which a sweeper on a monthly salary of Rs. 7 is allowed: and a contingent allowance of one rupee is allowed to each of the choultries, except to the one at Terampalaiyam. The total receipts, excluding the opening balance, amounted to Rs. 8,995 and the charges were Rs. 6,391. Nineteen chattrams were repaired during the year and almost all the buildings are in good repair.

42. *Item* 6—*Bungalows.*—The number of bungalows maintained during the year was 14 of the 16 bungalows provided in the budget. The bungalow at Hassanúr has been, as reported in the annual report for 1884-85, transferred to the Forest department, and the mantapam bungalow at Karúr has been ordered to be demolished—*vide* G.O., Mis. No. 341 L.F., dated 20th June 1885. The total receipts were Rs. 873 and the charges amounted to Rs. 440. The allotment under this item was Rs. 780. The decrease of Rs. 340 was due to the non-expenditure of the amounts of contingencies of most of the bungalows.

43. *Item* 7—*Zillah Surgeon's Establishment and Contingencies.*—The allotment under this head was Rs. 640 and the expenditure Rs. 696. The increase of Rs. 56 over the allotment was due to the insufficiency of the budget provision for travelling allowance and contingencies as pointed out in my letter, No. 16 L.F., dated 8th January 1885, embodied in Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 582, dated 21st February 1885.

44. *Item* 8—*Miscellaneous.*—The particulars of allotment and expenditure are detailed below:—

Particulars.	Allotment.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Medical pupils	150	144
(2) Cholera charges	500	43
(3) Contributions to—		
(1) Medical College	1,390	1,331
(2) Sanitary inspection	1,390	1,331
(3) Medical Reserve staff	110	106
(4) Cutler's establishment	50	25
(5) Lunatics	500	343
(6) Municipalities	5,331	5,331
(4) Reward for killing dogs	..	1
Total ..	9,421	8,655

45. *Grant IV.*—Calls for no remark.

46. The year closed with a balance of Rs. 1,35,820, of which Rs. 59,317 belongs to the endowment fund.

47. *Working of the District Board.*—In accordance with the provisions contained in Act V of 1884 (Madras Local Boards Act), which came into force from 1st April 1885, the district board was reorganised and there were at the end of the year seven official and twenty non-official members.

Twelve meetings were held during the year—eleven ordinary and one special; two were postponed for want of a quorum. The average attendance of official members was 3·4 and that of the non-official members 4·3. The attendance of the non-official members was not so satisfactory as could be desired, though their attention was called to the necessity and importance of more frequent attendance.

48. The delay in the submission of this report is due to the non-receipt of statistical information from the Educational department, which has not yet been furnished. The educational portion has been consequently omitted and it will be submitted on receipt of the information referred to above.

ENCLOSURES.

ANNUAL Concise Report on the working of Local Fund Dispensaries in the district of Coimbatore for the year 1885-86.

During the year under report there have been nine dispensaries working in the district; of these, six are located in buildings specially built for the purpose, two are in Government buildings not originally designed for dispensary, and one in a rented building. The dispensary at Pollachi was under the charge of an assistant apothecary of warrant grade, seven under civil apothecaries, and one under an hospital assistant. All the dispensaries, except the minor dispensary at Aravakurchi, receive both in and out patients.

2. The accompanying statement will show at a glance all possible informations regarding the working of each dispensary during the year under review as compared with the previous year. A great decline is observed in the mortality of patients treated out-door.

3. The principal diseases and conditions for which advice and treatment were sought were the following:—ophthalmia, malarious fever, skin diseases, rheumatic, respiratory and syphilitic affections. Veneral disease prevails to a lamentable extent, and the patients, as a rule, resort to their own vydians or hakims.

4. Generally speaking there was nothing worthy of notice as regards the temperature. The subjoined statement records the principal meteorological phenomena as observed at Coimbatore during the past five years. The rainfall for the year under report was deficient; there was a slight failure of rainfall due in November. The failure has not had a very prejudicial effect upon the crops, both wet and dry. Food supplies have been abundant, though the rates of some were above those of previous year.

Extreme Meteorological Records.

Years.	Highest reading of sun thermometer maximum.		Shade maximum.		Lowest reading of shade thermometer.		Greatest velocity of wind.		Heaviest fall of rain.		Highest reading of attached thermometer.	
1881 ..	..	..	102·5	27th Apr.	56·3	28th Jan.	264	14th Sept.	3·48	19th Oct.	94·2	28th Apr.
1882 ..	156·4	3rd Apr.	102·1	6th ,,	57·0	14th Dec.	309	4th July.	1·76	23rd Sept.	93·8	4th May.
1883 ..	170·1	10th Dec.	102·0	10th ,,	54·2	29th ,,	231	30th Aug.	2·91	14th Oct.	93·6	13th Apr.
1884 ..	156·0	25th Aug.	99·6	15th ,,	54·1	13th Jan.	279	8th Sept.	2·82	17th ,,	93·2	6th June.
1885 ..	156·0	25th May.	101·5	23rd May.	58·7	27th ,,	288	27th June.	1·29	8th Dec.	94·4	5th May.

5. The general health of the public compares favorably with previous years. The following statement gives full particulars on this point:—

Years.	Cholera.	Small-pox.	Fevers.	Bowel-complaints.	Injuries.	All other causes.	Total.
1881-82	652	1,135	10,676	1,070	653	8,154	22,340
1882-83	2,371	1,960	12,013	1,077	627	9,639	27,687
1883-84	3,247	1,152	12,490	1,524	673	11,581	30,667
1884-85	5,349	516	12,308	1,849	732	12,206	32,960
1885-86	862	483	10,603	1,261	766	11,151	25,126

The official year 1885-86 opened with a widely diffused epidemic of cholera in most of the taluks. This was a continuation of the epidemic which broke out in November 1884. The months of April, May, June, July and August were unhealthy as regards cholera; since September the disease has altogether disappeared from the district. The usual sanitary precautions were taken during the epidemic.

Sporadic cases of small-pox prevailed in most of the taluks from April to December 1885, especially in those places where the people showed religious scruples against vaccination. The disease assumed an epidemic form in January 1886 and caused about 127 deaths in the months of January, February and March. During the year extra vaccinators were temporarily employed to itinerate in the affected localities. The following statement shows the number of cases vaccinated for the past two years:—

Years.	Total No. vaccinated.	Successful.
1884-85	44,925	43,876
1885-86	43,349	41,973

During the year under report I have personally visited all the taluk stations and many villages and found them all in a fairly clean state.

6. Midwives are attached to four Local Fund dispensaries—Polláchi, Udamalpet, Dhárápuram and Kollegál. Separate accommodation for lying-in cases is provided only at Polláchi.

During the past year the admissions as in-patients into the lying-in ward were six, and ninety-two were attended at their own houses by the midwives.

The table below gives the admissions of the year under report and those of two previous years:—

Years.	In-door.	Out-door.	Deaths.
1883-84	18	67	4
1884-85	8	98	2
1885-86	6	92	3

Generally these diplomaed midwives are not called on to attend upon ordinary natural labors; their services are resorted to only when the cases prove tedious or difficult.

COIMBATORE,
31*st May* 1886.

(Signed) J. F. FITZPATRICK, Surgeon-Major,
District Medical and Sanitary Officer.

TABULAR Statement to accompany the Concise Report of the Local Fund Dispensaries in the district of Coimbatore for the official year 1885-86.

Name of dispensary.	Class and grade.	Committee, Local Fund or private.	Number of committee meetings.		Inspection by District Surgeon.		In-door. Treated.		In-door. Died.		Out-door. Treated.		Out-door. Died.		Average daily attendance. In-door.		Average daily attendance. Out-door.		Patients treated.	
			1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.
1	2	3	5	4	7	6	9	8	11	10	13	12	15	14	17	16	19	18	21	20
1. Polláchi	2nd-class	Local Fund Dispensary Committee meetings.	2	1	2	2	363	375	9	19	14,439	14,222	33	33	16·37	17·27	83·96	84·38	15,000	15,000
2. Udamalpet	Do.		2	1	2	2	104	86	4	4	5,164	4,796	11	11	5·16	4·03	47·21	37·24	5,000	5,000
3. Dhárápuram	Do.		4	4	2	2	51	67	5	5	5,295	4,114	4	4	4·42	5·73	64·94	72·54	5,000	5,000
4. Palladam	3rd-class		..	..	2	2	14	27	..	..	1,975	2,391	..	..	·59	1·45	23·33	22·37	2,000	2,000
5. Bhavání	2nd-class		..	..	2	2	8	9	2	2	4,469	4,112	3	3	·34	·39	32·97	49·26	4,000	4,000
6. Satyamangalam ..	Do.		..	..	2	2	45	36	8	8	4,924	4,081	3	3	2·70	2·27	35·01	51·06	4,000	4,000
7. Kollegál	Do.		..	..	1	1	39	38	1	1	4,621	4,621	12	12	4·10	4·30	53·40	40·40	4,000	4,000
8. Mettupálaiyam ..	3rd-class		..	..	2	1	38	39	3	2	5,637	5,808	..	5	1·68	1·16	30·08	32·41	5,000	5,000
9. Aravakurchi ..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,861	5,216	..	23	..	..	45·26	52·23	3,000	3,000
Total ..			10	7	15	15	662	677	61	67	51,478	47,835	122	201	35·66	36·60	420·86	437·19	47,000	47,000

Vaccination.		Surgical operations.						Midwifery.						Total rainfall.	
		Minor.		Major.				1885-86.				1884-85.			
								In-door.		Out-door.		In-door.		Out-door.	
Name of dispensary.	Class and grade.	Local Fund Dispensary Committee meetings. Committee, Local Fund or private.													
		1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Natural.	Difficult.	Death.	Natural.	Difficult.	Death.	Natural.	Difficult.	Death.	Natural.	Difficult.	Death.	1884-85.	1885-86.
		3				24	25	26			27			28			29			40	41
1. Polláchi	2nd-class	35	72	22	23	91	24	100	9	..	26	1	..	5	1	..	1	..	..	34·89	31·17
2. Udamalpet	Do.	10	28	22	23	74	10	130	5	..	56	3	..	1	..	..	29	6	..	34·07	38·24
3. Dhárápuram	Do.	5	4	22	23	60	2	56	3	..	81	8	..	1	..	..	33	..	..	21·86	20·85
4. Palladam	3rd-class	..	1	22	23	38	3	73	8	..	102	1	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	17·92	31·92
5. Bhavání	2nd-class	23	33	22	23	74	3	81	1	..	292	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28·11	30·63
6. Satyamangalam ..	Do.	24	24	22	23	88	..	102	4	..	72	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32·37	35·25
7. Kollegál	Do.	2	4	22	23	62	..	292	6	..	72	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39·57	38·02
8. Mettupálaiyam ..	Do.	1	2	22	23	147	10	72	7	..	121	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27·30	23·40
9. Aravakurchi ..	3rd-class	5	5	22	23	36	39	121	19	..	1,027	62	6	2	1	..	83	15	1	79·12	..
Total ..		105	173	2,061	2,209	670	91	1,027	62	6	2	1	..	83	15	1	4	2	..	315·21	244·48

ORDER—dated 4th October 1886, No. 1260 L.F., Financial.

The receipts and charges of the District Board of Coimbatore for 1885-86 are compared below with the estimate of the year and the actuals of 1884-85 :—

RECEIPTS.

	Actuals, 1884-85.	Estimate, 1885-86.	Actuals, 1885-86.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Balance	1,56,032	1,27,300	1,26,956
1. Rates and Taxes—			
Cess on Land	1,85,957	1,96,000	2,07,286
Tolls	37,387	33,680	33,745
2. Education—			
School Fees	2,661	6,550	5,405
Other Items	746	650	549
3. Medical—			
Other Items	213	150	101
4. Interest—			
On Government Securities ..	980	940	980
On Arrears of Revenue ..	76	..	61
5. Miscellaneous—			
Contributions	151	..	215
Choultry Rents	412	386	421
Market Rents	24,520	23,000	24,119
Other Items	10,968	9,800	12,183
6. Public Works Receipts	629	..	227
7. Contribution from Provincial Funds—			
Education	1,245	6,350	1,860
Choultries	4,764	4,764	4,764
8. Contribution from Special Funds—			
Pound Fund	211	100	..
9. Miscellaneous Debt Accounts ..	13	..	..
Grand Total ..	4,26,965	4,09,640	4,18,872

CHARGES.

GRANT I—			
New Works—			
Communications	3,023	16,714	15,571
Buildings	4,881	4,508	4,502
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	28,490	20,000	9,856
Repairs—			
Communications	1,40,684	1,31,038	1,27,577
Buildings	2,366	5,867	4,152
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	1,946	21,250	2,264
Engineering Establishment ..	25,655	27,800	26,855
Tools and Plant	4	1,000	865
Contributions	220	220	220
GRANT II—			
Inspection	4,130	5,000	4,280
Training Schools	4,178	5,577	4,434
Local Fund Schools	10,299	15,450	11,084
Results Grants	9,739	10,500	8,674
Contributions	738	..	375
Miscellaneous	1,010	1,550	1,087
GRANT III—			
Hospitals and Dispensaries ..	12,353	14,200	11,994
Vaccination	7,349	10,250	6,870
Sanitation	13,242	14,000	13,849
Markets	7,073	10,150	6,627
Choultries	3,261	3,600	3,386
Travellers' Bungalows ..	581	780	440
Contributions	10,465	11,171	10,445
Miscellaneous	..	..	1

CHARGES—*continued.*

	Actuals, 1884-85.	Estimate, 1885-86.	Actuals, 1885-86.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT IV—			
Establishment, including Contingencies, Refunds, &c. ..	8,309	7,890	7,920
Miscellaneous Debt Accounts ..	13	..	..
Total Expenditure ..	3,00,009	3,38,515	2,83,328
Balance ..	1,26,956	71,125	1,35,544
Grand Total ..	4,26,965	4,09,640	4,18,872

2. In statements I-A and I-B the unaudited figures given in the report for 1884-85 have been retained in some cases instead of the audited figures subsequently furnished by the Accountant-General, and the opening balances for 1884-85 and 1885-86 include debt heads which should have been excluded. The arrears outstanding under Land-cess date so far back as the year 1877-78, while those under Fishery, Ferry and Market Rents are 11, 13 and 9 years old respectively, and are also heavy. This is not satisfactory. In statement I-A, the sum of Rs. 980, shown as income from endowments under "3, Medical," being the interest on Government promissory notes belonging to the Polláchi dispensary, should have been entered under the head 4 (*a*) Interest on Government Securities. The receipts from choultry and market rents are given as Rs. 421 and Rs. 24,119, whereas, according to statement VI, they amounted to Rs. 314 and Rs. 24,224 respectively. The difference should be explained. The sum of Rs. 88 given under Public Works receipts, being the sale-proceeds of the materials of a market, should have been shown under the head Miscellaneous in statement VI, and the sale-proceeds of avenue clippings included under Avenues and not under Public Works Receipts.

3. From statement III it would appear that the sum of Rs. 1,27,577, shown under Repairs—Communications, in statement I-B, includes Rs. 24, the rent of a toll-shed at Mettupálaiyam. This should have been debited to tolls and ferries under Contingencies. Statement IV does not contain the statistics of village roads, an omission which should now be supplied. In this statement the total number of miles of road repaired during the year is given as $1,179\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}$, whereas there were only $1,176\frac{5}{8}$ miles under the charge of the district board at the commencement of the year, and only a quarter of a mile was newly constructed. In statement VI the total expenditure on markets is given as Rs. 20,276, whereas in paragraph 40 of the report it is stated to have been Rs. 20,186. These discrepancies should be explained.

4. The attention of the Director of Public Instruction will be drawn to paragraph 48 of the report regarding the delay in the transmission of statistical information by the Educational Department.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the President, District Board, Coimbatore.
" Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department.
" Accountant-General.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
" Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.
" Chairmen, Municipal Councils, Coimbatore district, through the Collector.
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From G. D. LEMAN, Esq., President, District Board, Coimbatore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Coimbatore, 10th August 1886, No. 625 L.F.

I have the honor to submit my report on the management of Local Funds of this district, under Act V of 1884, during the year 1885-86, prepared in accordance with the instructions conveyed in G.O., No. 741 L.F., dated 18th September 1885.

2. The audited figures show an opening balance at credit of Rs. 1,27,232, of which Rs. 56,191 belongs to the endowment fund.

3. *Receipts.*—The following table shows the receipts for the year as compared with the budget estimate and the actuals of the previous year. Excluding the opening balance, the actual receipts for the year amounted to Rs. 2,91,916, being an excess of Rs. 9,576 over the estimate and of Rs. 20,996 over the actuals of the previous year:—

—	Estimate.	Actuals.	Increase over the estimate.	Decrease under the estimate.	Actuals, 1884-85.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
I.—Opening balance	1,27,300	1,27,232	..	68	1,56,308
II.—Rates and taxes—					
(*a*) Cess on land	1,96,000	* 2,07,286	11,286	..	1,85,957
(*b*) Tolls.. { Under Act V of 1884	25,590	25,770	180	..	28,860
(*b*) Tolls.. { Contributions from municipalities	8,090	7,975	..	115	8,527
III.—Education—					
(*a*) School-fees	6,550	5,405	..	1,145	2,661
(*b*) Contributions from municipalities ..	150	..	..	150	..
(*c*) Sale-proceeds of books	500	549	49	..	720
IV.—Medical—					
(*a*) Sale of medicines	150	71	..	79	90
(*b*) Income from endowments	910	980	70	..	980
(*c*) Miscellaneous	..	30	30	..	114
V.—Interest on arrears of revenue	..	61	61	..	76
VI.—Miscellaneous—					
(*a*) Contributions from private individuals for purposes other than Education, Medical or Works	..	215	215	..	151
(*b*) Choultry rents	386	421	35	..	412
(*c*) Market rents	23,000	24,119	1,119	..	24,520
(*d*) Bungalow fees	600	873	273	..	543
(*e*) Fees and fines	200	123	..	77	269
(*f*) Ferry rents	7,000	8,971	1,971	..	6,922
(*g*) Fishery rents	700	851	151	..	1,044
(*h*) Avenues	1,300	1,136	..	164	1,328
(*i*) Sale of stores	..	..	..	..	38
(*j*) Sundry receipts	..	229	229	..	857
VII.—Public Works—					
(*a*) Sale of buildings	..	..	..	..	90
(*b*) Sale of tools and plant	..	..	..	..	46
(*c*) Sale of old materials	..	88	88	..	289
(*d*) Contributions from private individuals ..	..	..	..	..	206
(*e*) Miscellaneous	..	139	139	..	..
VIII.—Contributions from Provincial Funds—					
(*a*) Education	6,350	1,860	..	4,490	1,245
(*b*) Choultries	4,764	4,764	..	..	4,764
IX.—Contributions from Special Funds—					
(*a*) Pound Fund..	100	..	..	100	211
Total ..	2,82,340	2,91,916	15,896	6,320	2,70,920
Total, including Balance ..	4,09,640	4,19,148	15,896	6,388	4,27,228

* Includes Rs. 747 collected in advance for 1886-87.

4. *Item I.*—The opening balance calls for no remarks, as the actual balance was adopted in the revised budget sanctioned in G.O., No. 632 L.F., dated 20th August 1885. The small decrease of Rs. 68 is due to subsequent adjustments advised by the Accountant-General.

5. *Item II—Rates and Taxes*—(*a*) *Land-cess.*—The actual balance on the 1st April 1885 was Rs. 42,089, nearly Rs. 12,400 above the estimate of Rs. 29,400. The current demand of the year was Rs. 1,83,378, the estimate Rs. 1,97,000. Adding Rs. 1,83,378 to 42,089 we have a demand of Rs. 2,25,467. Of this, Rs. 2,06,539 (arrears Rs. 32,662 + current Rs. 1,73,877) were collected, which is nearly 92 per cent. of the demand. The actual collections exceeded the estimate, Rs. 1,96,000, by Rs. 10,500. It should be noticed that Rs. 2,07,286, shown as receipts in the table above, include Rs. 747 collected in the year under report on account of the current year. This sum has been left out of account for the sake of comparison.

(*b*) *Tolls.*—The following are the particulars of collection :—

Name of toll-gates.	Estimate (amount of lease).	Collections including arrears.	Difference.	Actuals of 1884-85.	Remarks.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
1. Bhaváni bridge at Bhaváni	1,975	2,226	+ 251*	2,226	* Arrears.
2. Do. do. at Satyamangalam ..	2,625	2,625	..	3,218	
3. Do. do. at Mettupálaiyam	8,000	8,000	..	9,593	
4. Tek Dhimbum on the Hassanúr Ghát road .	1,040	969†	— 71	1,401	† Includes an arrear of Rs. 17 collected.
5. Three gates on the Madura-Malabar roads at Polláchi	9,025	9,025	..	9,025	
6. Nóyil bridge at Tirupúr	2,925	2,925	..	3,397	
Total ..	25,590	25,770	180	28,860	
Net increase ..	Rs. 180.		..	..	

The excess collected above estimate is due to the collection in this year of Rs. 251, an arrear of 1883-84. This was due by the Bhaváni bridge lessee, which is diminished by 71 rupees short collection from the Dhimbum contractor. This is the second year of a triennial lease.

Municipal Toll collections.—Particulars are given below :—

	Estimate.	Amount paid being ½ toll collection.
	RS.	RS.
Coimbatore	5,350	5,330
Karúr	2,000	1,666
Erode	740	979
	8,090	7,975

The small decrease of Rs. 115 is due to the lowness of the accepted bid for the privilege of collecting the Karúr municipal tolls.

6. *Item No. III*—(*a*) *School-fees.*—Rs. 5,405 were collected in the following schools :—

	Estimate.	Collections.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Coimbatore Normal school	100	93
(2) Karúr Normal „	40	17
(3) Udamalpet High „	3,720	3,067
(4) Polláchi Middle „	1,220	1,186
(5) Dhárápuram Middle „	1,350	1,042
(6) Kollegál „ „	120	Not stated.
Total ..	6,550	5,405

The estimate was clearly too high. The actuals reached only Rs. 5,405, notwithstanding the raising of the status of the Udamalpet High school and the Dhárápuram Middle school.

(*b*) *Municipal Contributions.*—Rs. 150 was the estimated aggregate of results grants to be earned by the practising branches attached to the Coimbatore and the Karúr Normal schools. The Municipal Councils, however, have refused result grant.

7. *Item* 4—(*c*) *Miscellaneous, Rs.* 30.—Is the sale-proceeds of dealwood boxes, &c.

8. *Item* 6—(*a*) *Contributions, Rs.* 215.—This is the amount contributed by the villagers for sinking and improving drinking-water wells.

(*j*) *Sundry Receipts, Rs.* 229.—This is the amount realized by the sale of (1) bamboo mats, &c., materials purchased for sanitary purposes during the car festivals, and (2) of town sweepings and old carts, &c.

9. *Item* 7—(*c*) *Miscellaneous, Rs.* 139.—Includes the proceeds of avenue clippings sold and the rent of buildings let out by the Local Fund Engineering department.

10. *Expenditure.*—The following table shows the expenditure for the year :—

Heads.	Sanctioned allotment.	Actual expenditure.	Increase.	Decrease.	Actuals, 1884-85.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Grant I	2,28,397	1,91,862	..	36,535	2,07,269
Do. II	38,077	29,934	..	8,143	30,094
Do. III	64,151	53,612	..	10,539	54,324
Do. IV	7,890	7,920	30	..	8,309
Total ..	3,38,515	2,83,328	30	55,217	2,99,996

11. *Grant I.*—The particulars are as follows :—

Particulars.	Sanctioned allotment.	Expenditure. By P.W.D.	Expenditure. By Local Fund P.W.D.	Expenditure. By other agency.	Expenditure. Total.	Difference between columns 2 and 6. Increase.	Difference between columns 2 and 6. Decrease.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
New Works.							
1. Communications	16,714	..	15,359	212	15,571	..	1,143
2. Civil buildings	4,508	..	4,343	159	4,502	..	6
3. Miscellaneous public improvements	20,000	..	9,786	70	9,856	..	10,144
Total ..	41,222	..	29,488	441	29,929	..	11,293
Repairs.							
4. Communications	1,31,038	..	1,27,577	..	1,27,577	..	3,461
5. Civil buildings	5,867	..	4,009	143	4,152	..	1,715
6. Miscellaneous public improvements	21,250	..	1,547	717	2,264	..	18,986
Total ..	1,58,155	..	1,33,133	860	1,33,993	..	24,162
Establishment.							
7. Public Works Department supervision	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Cost of Local Fund Engineering establishment ..	27,300	..	26,356	..	26,356	..	944
9. Charges in connection with tolls and ferries	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10. Tools and plant	1,000	..	865	..	865	..	135
11. Contingencies	500	..	499	..	499	..	1
12. Contribution to the Nílgiri District Board on account of the Kótagiri Ghat road	220	..	..	220	220	..	..
Total ..	29,020	..	27,720	220	27,940	..	1,080
Grand Total ..	2,28,397	..	1,90,341	1,521	1,91,862	..	36,535

It will be observed from the above that out of an allotment of Rs. 2,28,397, Rs. 1,91,862 were spent, being a little over 84 per cent., as against 81 per cent. of the previous year.

The chief cause for the non-expenditure of Rs. 36,535 was the suspension of works under Miscellaneous Public Improvements (New Works and Repairs) in accordance with G.O., No. 213 L.F., dated 26th May 1885, forbidding expenditure. There have also been some small savings on works.

12. *New Works—Item* 1.—The following are the details of allotment and expenditure :—

Name of work.	Allotment.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Constructing an iron girder bridge over the Nóyil river at Coimbatore	14,780	13,680
(2) Making a village road to connect Kaliyapuram and Ramana Moodelly Pudur villages, Polláchi taluk ..	214	213
(3) Making two timber bridges across the Palayam channel on the road from Kollegál to Hanur	340	339
(4) Rebuilding a culvert across the irrigation channel near Chinna Dhárápuram	680	680
(5) Compensation for the land taken up for the road from Mathampatti to Thondamuthur	40	..
(6) Constructing parapet walls along the dangerous curves in portions of the Chennimalai Ghât road from Kángyam to Perundurai	240	240
(7) Diverting a portion of the road from Kavundapadi to Bhaváni	420	419
Total ..	16,714	15,571

All the above works were completed. The compensation to be paid (item 5) has not yet been paid to the parties concerned, and the balance is chiefly owing to savings under No. 1.

13. *Item* 2—*New Works—Civil Buildings.*—The particulars of the allotment are :—

Name of work.	Allotment.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Constructing a Normal school-house at Coimbatore ..	3,137	3,131
(2) Constructing a pandal in front of the Local Fund bungalow at Polláchi	40	40
(3) Constructing a pandal in front of the dispensary at Dhárápuram	50	50
(4) Constructing a pandal in front of the travellers' bungalow at Kárúr	9	9
(5) Building out-houses to the travellers' chattram bungalow at Dhimbum	420	420
(6) Compensation for the plot of land taken up for the Mettupálaiyam dispensary	60	60
(7) Making improvements to the dispensary at Mettupálaiyam	510	510
(8) Constructing a stable to the Kángyam bungalow ..	242	242
(9) Do. a pandal in front of the hospital at Mettupálaiyam	40	40
Total ..	4,508	4,502

All the above works were completed.

14. *Item* 3—*Miscellaneous Public Improvements—New Works.*—Out of the budget provision of Rs. 20,000 under this head only Rs. 10,483 were appropriated and the remainder was not appropriated for reasons stated in paragraph 11 above.

The amount appropriated was for the list of works sanctioned by the Revenue Board in their Proceedings, No. 2468, of the 19th July 1884. These were left incomplete in the previous year, and completed in the year under report.

15. *Item* 4—*Communications—Repairs.*—The allotment of Rs. 1,31,038 is arrived at as follows :—

	RS.
As per budget	1,23,370
Subsequent additions	7,668
	1,31,038

The following are the particulars of allotment and expenditure :—

	Allotment.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Ordinary maintenance allowance	1,09,170	1,07,746
(2) Special repairs	20,373	18,404
(3) Repairs to town roads	1,295	1,294
(4) Tolls and ferries	200	133
	1,31,038	1,27,577

16. (2) *Special Repairs.*—The following are the more important of the works under this head :—

(1) Repairing the road from Annoor to Mettupálaiyam.
(2) Do. do. from Polláchi to Palladam.
(3) Do. do. from Coimbatore to Bolampatti.
(4) Do. do. from Anaimalai to Komaralingam.
(5) Do. do. from Kángyam to Kodumudi *viâ* Muthur.
(6) Do. do. from Bhaváni to Nerinjipet.
(7) Do. do. from Cheyur to Puliempatti.
(8) Do. do. from Anaimalai to Settumadai.

Almost all these were incomplete works of the previous year and completed during the year under report. The first two roads were thoroughly re-metalled and put into good order. The others were repaired at a less expense, but they are good cart roads and can be driven over. During the year, 1,083 miles of road were maintained and 96 miles were specially repaired, being in all 1,179.

17. *Town roads.*—No provision was made in the budget, but the allotment of Rs. 1,295 was subsequently sanctioned for the repair of the roads in the four towns, viz., Kollegál, Udamalpet, Polláchi and Bhaváni, which has been well spent.

18. *Tolls and Ferries.*—Out of the budget provision of Rs. 200 for repairs of sheds, &c., Rs. 151 were appropriated and only Rs. 133 were spent.

19. *Item* 5—*Civil Buildings—Repairs.*—The allotment under this head includes Rs. 4,000, provided in the budget for the repair of the chattrams, *plus* Rs. 1,867 subsequently sanctioned for buildings other than chattrams; but out of Rs. 4,000 only Rs. 3,200 were appropriated by the board.

There were in all forty works in hand, of which the following four were left incomplete at the end of the year :—

(1) Repairing chattram at Nadukkaval.
(2) Do. bungalow at Kottamangalam.
(3) Do. chattram at Gúdalúr.
(4) Do. chattram at Annoor.

The repairs of the first two of these works are in progress, for they could not be completed owing to the unhealthiness of the places and the difficulty of procuring materials. The repairs of No. 3, which were reported to have been finished, were found by the Local Fund Engineer on inspection not to be satisfactory and the work has therefore been ordered to be done over again. No. 4 was sanctioned late in the year and could not therefore be finished in the year.

20. *Item No.* 6—*Miscellaneous Public Improvements—Repairs.*—Of the provision of Rs. 21,250, Rs. 20,000 were for markets and Rs. 1,250 for avenues. It should, however, be noted here that only Rs. 3,132 were appropriated for markets for reasons stated in paragraph 11 above; and only Rs. 915 for avenues. Of this, Rs. 1,741 and Rs. 523 were spent on markets and avenues respectively, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,391

under the former head which could not be utilized as the sanction for several of the works was given late in the year.

21. *Item 7—Local Fund Engineering Establishment.*—The savings under this item were due to the absence, on leave without pay, of certain overseers and supervisors. The total cost of the establishment including contingencies is 16·4 per cent. nearly of the total expenditure on works under Grant I.

22. *General Remarks.*—No change has been made in the number or ranges of the supervisors or overseers in the year. The system of getting work done by mile-coolies and petty contractors was, as usual, followed with the result that the roads are well-maintained everywhere and that the local fund works are well and cheaply executed. The roads that are maintained are, generally speaking, in very good order, except a few roads in the Satyamangalam and the Kollegál taluks. Mr. B. Stephens, the Local Fund Engineer, is doing good work and the expenditure is very creditable and shows with what care he attends to the duty entrusted to him. The girder bridge over the Nóyil river and the Normal school building, completed during the year, are both of them works of which the board may be proud. The first of these two works was finished with great expedition and in a highly satisfactory manner.

23. The statement of road avenues called for in G.O., No. 154 L.F., dated 5th February 1886, is forwarded.

24. *Grant III.*—The following table shows the expenditure for the year:—

No.	Particulars.	Sanctioned allotment.	Expenditure.	Increase.	Decrease.
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1	Hospitals and dispensaries	15,310	13,057	..	2,253
2	Vaccination	10,250	6,902	..	3,348
3	Sanitation	14,000	13,849	..	151
4	Markets	10,150	6,627	..	3,522
5	Choultries	3,600	3,386	..	214
6	Bungalows	780	440	..	340
7	Zillah Surgeon's establishment and contingencies, &c.	640	696	56	..
8	Miscellaneous	9,421	8,655	..	766
	Total ..	64,151	53,612	56	10,595
			Net decrease ..		10,539

25. There were nine dispensaries in the district as in the previous year. Of these, eight are major dispensaries in charge of apothecaries, and one is a minor dispensary in charge of a 2nd-class hospital assistant. In-patients' wards, a cook room and a latrine were added to the Mettupálaiyam hospital in the year under report.

26. The district medical and sanitary officer inspected all the dispensaries, except the one at Aravakurchi. Of those visited, Kollegál received only one visit, the rest two each. All the dispensaries, except the Aravakurchi, were under the management of sub-committees. Those of the four places noted in the margin alone met. The necessity of more frequent meetings is great, but the matter is in abeyance until the formation of taluk boards is complete. There were ten sub-committee meetings against seven of the previous year.

	No. of meetings.
Polláchi	2
Udamalpet	2
Dhárápuram	2
Palladam	4
	10

27. The decrease in the actuals of Rs. 2,253 is due to the less expenditure under "Salaries of Medical subordinates," "Diet of patients" and "Surgical instruments," and also to less expenditure under "Medicines and contingencies" owing to a large use of country medicines, as observed in the last year's report. The saving under Salaries of Medical subordinates is due to the absence on leave of some of the apothecaries, to whom no charge allowance was paid during the period of their absence, and

to the salaries of their *locum tenens* having been debited to Provincial Funds. Also there was no apothecary in charge of the Polláchi dispensary for nearly four months, as no one was appointed in the place of Mr. Prince who was called away on other duty.

28. *Midwives.*—Four midwives were working in the marginally-noted dispensaries during the year, against three of the previous year. The midwife at Kollegál was appointed late in the year in January. No lying-in wards are attached to any of the dispensaries except to the one at Polláchi. The number and other particulars of cases treated by these women are given in the district medical and sanitary officer's report submitted herewith.

Polláchi, Udamalpet, Dhárápuram, and Kollegál.

29. *General Remarks.*—The number of in-patients and out-patients treated during the year were 662 and 51,478 as against 677 and 47,835 respectively of the previous year, showing a slight fall in the number of the former and a perceptible increase in the number of the latter. The increase in the number of out-patients shows that European treatment is getting more and more popular. The working of the several dispensaries, as remarked by the district medical and sanitary officer in his inspection reports, is satisfactory.

30. *Item 2—Vaccination.*—There was no change in the vaccine staff, the number of deputy inspectors and vaccinators being the same as in the previous year; but the Deputy Inspector of Vaccination, North Coimbatore, Tiruvengadam Pillai, was transferred late in the year to another district. There were, however, eight probationary vaccinators on Rs. 7 each per mensem, temporarily employed to work in the taluks of Erode, Coimbatore, Bhaváni and Satyamangalam for over two months of the year on account of the prevalence of small-pox in those taluks.

31. The total number of operations reported is 43,349 and the number of successful cases 41,973 against 44,925 and 43,876 respectively of the previous year. The infants (under a year) vaccinated are 14,586. The cost of each successful case therefore is 2 annas and 7 pies against 2 annas and 8 pies of the previous year. There is a falling off of 1,903 in the number of successful cases compared with the figures of the previous year.

The deputy inspectors attribute the decrease to the absence on leave, &c., of several of the permanent vaccinators for long periods during the year, and to the several changes and transfers among them. Also the men appointed temporarily, being new, could not work so successfully as those well acquainted with the people. With a view to remove the prejudices entertained by the people to the arm-to-arm operation and to make vaccination more popular, animal vaccination was introduced at the suggestion of the Sanitary Commissioner in January 1886 and was conducted in the taluks of Coimbatore, Polláchi and Udamalpet at a total cost of Rs. 100-15-6. One hundred and ninety-six cases were vaccinated with animal lymph. One hundred and fifty-nine proved successful, 32 unknown, and five unsuccessful. The cost of each successful case is Annas 10 and Pies 2. This method was no more popular than the usual method, and as considerable difficulty was found in getting calves and the experiment was very expensive, it was abandoned.

The additional vaccinators sanctioned in Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 5216 R.S., dated 20th October 1884, were not entertained even during the current year, as the revised lists of villages grouped into circles to be assigned to the vaccinators were not complete. The lists are almost complete and orders will shortly be issued for the entertainment of the extra vaccinators.

32. Out of an allotment of Rs. 10,250 under Vaccination, the total outlay was Rs. 6,902 against Rs. 7,350, the actuals of the previous year. The provision was not fully spent owing to the non-entertainment of the additional vaccinators and to savings in the pay, &c., of vaccinators who were away on leave.

33. *General Remarks.*—During the year under report, one 2nd-class vaccinator was dismissed for submission of false reports, one 1st-class vaccinator was reduced for insubordination and one 2nd-class vaccinator, who was reported to have submitted false returns, absconded before sufficient inquiries could be made. The conduct of the vaccinators on the whole is not satisfactory, and I am not favorably impressed with the mode of supervision exercised over them by the deputy inspectors.

34. *Sanitation.*—Out of the provision of Rs. 14,000, Rs. 13,849 were spent. The following are the details:—

Particulars.	Budget provision.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Improvement of water-supply	2,500	2,204
(2) Do. of village-site	500	1,005
(3) Scavenging establishment	8,000	8,033
(4) Arrangements at fairs and festivals	3,000	634
(5) Other sanitary outlay		1,973
Total ..	14,000	13,849

From the above it will be observed that very nearly the whole allotment was expended, leaving only a very small balance of Rs. 151.

35. *Improvement of Water-supply.*—The whole of the budget provision was allotted by the district board, and Rs. 2,204 were spent in sinking ten wells in ten villages in the taluks noted in the margin, and in repairing or otherwise improving fourteen wells in fourteen villages of Erode, Palladam, Coimbatore, Satyamangalam, Dhárápuram and Póllachi.

Erode, Palladam, Coimbatore, Satyamangalam, Dhárápuram, Bhaváni and Karúr.

Rs. 215 were contributed by the people for the improvement of their wells.

36. *Improvement of village-site.*—The expenditure of Rs. 1,005 under this head was double the amount provided in the budget as against Rs. 377, the actuals of the previous year. An itinerating gang of 20 coolies under a maistry was entertained during the latter part of the year for the destruction of noxious vegetation, with reference to the remarks made by Government in paragraph 10 of their order, No. 758 L.F., dated 21st September 1885, reviewing the annual report for 1884-85. This establishment was placed under the supervision of the Temporary Deputy Collector and Vice-President of the board, Mr. P. A. Cole, and was just set to work in the Coimbatore taluk. The cost incurred up to the close of the year under report was Rs. 364. The remainder Rs. 641 was spent in clearing prickly-pear, &c., in fourteen villages in the district.

37. *Scavenging establishments.*—The whole of the allotment was spent in thirty-five villages as in the previous year.

38. *Other sanitation.*—The details of expenditure are:—

	RS.
(1) Sanitary arrangements during fairs and festivals	634
(2) Purchase and repair of conservancy carts	102
(3) Purchase and feed of bullocks	1,500
(4) Travelling allowance of medical subordinates on cholera duty ..	179
(5) Sundry charges dispensaries	192
2nd-class	
	2,607

39. *General Remarks.*—During the year the general health of the public compares favourably with the previous year. Cholera, which broke out in November 1884, continued for some time in the year under report. The disease, however, altogether disappeared from the district in September. The number of deaths amounted to 862 against 5,349 of the previous year.

40. *Item* 4—*Markets.*—The number of leased markets was the same as in the previous year, *i.e.*, 60. The receipts were Rs. 24,224, excluding the opening balance, and the charges amounted to Rs. 20,186. The details are shown in statement VI herewith sent.

41. *Item* 5—*Choultries.*—The number of choultries maintained during the year is 56, the same as in the previous year. To each of these is allowed a sweeper on a monthly salary of Rs. 4, except to the one at Nadukkaval, to which a sweeper on a monthly salary of Rs. 7 is allowed: and a contingent allowance of one rupee is allowed to each of the choultries, except to the one at Terampalaiyam. The total receipts, excluding the opening balance, amounted to Rs. 8,995 and the charges were Rs. 6,391. Nineteen chattrams were repaired during the year and almost all the buildings are in good repair.

42. *Item* 6—*Bungalows.*—The number of bungalows maintained during the year was 14 of the 16 bungalows provided in the budget. The bungalow at Hassanúr has been, as reported in the annual report for 1884-85, transferred to the Forest department, and the mantapam bungalow at Karúr has been ordered to be demolished—*vide* G.O., Mis. No. 341 L.F., dated 20th June 1885. The total receipts were Rs. 873 and the charges amounted to Rs. 440. The allotment under this item was Rs. 780. The decrease of Rs. 340 was due to the non-expenditure of the amounts of contingencies of most of the bungalows.

43. *Item* 7—*Zillah Surgeon's Establishment and Contingencies.*—The allotment under this head was Rs. 640 and the expenditure Rs. 696. The increase of Rs. 56 over the allotment was due to the insufficiency of the budget provision for travelling allowance and contingencies as pointed out in my letter, No. 16 L.F., dated 8th January 1885, embodied in Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 582, dated 21st February 1885.

44. *Item* 8—*Miscellaneous.*—The particulars of allotment and expenditure are detailed below:—

Particulars.	Allotment.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
(1) Medical pupils	150	144
(2) Cholera charges	500	43
(3) Contributions to—		
(1) Medical College	1,390	1,331
(2) Sanitary inspection	1,390	1,331
(3) Medical Reserve staff	110	106
(4) Cutler's establishment	50	25
(5) Lunatics	500	343
(6) Municipalities	5,331	5,331
(4) Reward for killing dogs	..	1
Total ..	9,421	8,655

45. *Grant IV.*—Calls for no remark.

46. The year closed with a balance of Rs. 1,35,820, of which Rs. 59,317 belongs to the endowment fund.

47. *Working of the District Board.*—In accordance with the provisions contained in Act V of 1884 (Madras Local Boards Act), which came into force from 1st April 1885, the district board was reorganised and there were at the end of the year seven official and twenty non-official members.

Twelve meetings were held during the year—eleven ordinary and one special; two were postponed for want of a quorum. The average attendance of official members was 3·4 and that of the non-official members 4·3. The attendance of the non-official members was not so satisfactory as could be desired, though their attention was called to the necessity and importance of more frequent attendance.

48. The delay in the submission of this report is due to the non-receipt of statistical information from the Educational department, which has not yet been furnished. The educational portion has been consequently omitted and it will be submitted on receipt of the information referred to above.

ENCLOSURES.

ANNUAL Concise Report on the working of Local Fund Dispensaries in the district of Coimbatore for the year 1885-86.

During the year under report there have been nine dispensaries working in the district; of these, six are located in buildings specially built for the purpose, two are in Government buildings not originally designed for dispensary, and one in a rented building. The dispensary at Pollachi was under the charge of an assistant apothecary of warrant grade, seven under civil apothecaries, and one under an hospital assistant. All the dispensaries, except the minor dispensary at Aravakurchi, receive both in and out patients.

2. The accompanying statement will show at a glance all possible informations regarding the working of each dispensary during the year under review as compared with the previous year. A great decline is observed in the mortality of patients treated out-door.

3. The principal diseases and conditions for which advice and treatment were sought were the following:—ophthalmia, malarious fever, skin diseases, rheumatic, respiratory and syphilitic affections. Veneral disease prevails to a lamentable extent, and the patients, as a rule, resort to their own vydians or hakims.

4. Generally speaking there was nothing worthy of notice as regards the temperature. The subjoined statement records the principal meteorological phenomena as observed at Coimbatore during the past five years. The rainfall for the year under report was deficient; there was a slight failure of rainfall due in November. The failure has not had a very prejudicial effect upon the crops, both wet and dry. Food supplies have been abundant, though the rates of some were above those of previous year.

Extreme Meteorological Records.

Years.	Highest reading of sun thermometer maximum.		Shade maximum.		Lowest reading of shade thermometer.		Greatest velocity of wind.		Heaviest fall of rain.		Highest reading of attached thermometer.	
1881 ..	..	..	102·5	27th Apr.	56·3	28th Jan.	264	14th Sept.	3·48	19th Oct.	94·2	28th Apr.
1882 ..	156·4	3rd Apr.	102·1	6th ,,	57·0	14th Dec.	309	4th July.	1·76	23rd Sept.	93·8	4th May.
1883 ..	170·1	10th Dec.	102·0	10th ,,	54·2	29th ,,	231	30th Aug.	2·91	14th Oct.	93·6	13th Apr.
1884 ..	156·0	25th Aug.	99·6	15th ,,	54·1	13th Jan.	279	8th Sept.	2·82	17th ,,	93·2	6th June.
1885 ..	156·0	25th May.	101·5	23rd May.	58·7	27th ,,	288	27th June.	1·29	8th Dec.	94·4	5th May.

5. The general health of the public compares favorably with previous years. The following statement gives full particulars on this point:—

Years.	Cholera.	Small-pox.	Fevers.	Bowel-complaints.	Injuries.	All other causes.	Total.
1881-82	652	1,135	10,676	1,070	653	8,154	22,340
1882-83	2,371	1,960	12,013	1,077	627	9,539	27,587
1883-84	3,247	1,152	12,490	1,524	673	11,581	30,667
1884-85	5,349	516	12,308	1,849	732	12,206	32,960
1885-86	862	483	10,603	1,261	766	11,151	25,126

The official year 1885-86 opened with a widely diffused epidemic of cholera in most of the taluks. This was a continuation of the epidemic which broke out in November 1884. The months of April, May, June, July and August were unhealthy as regards cholera; since September the disease has altogether disappeared from the district. The usual sanitary precautions were taken during the epidemic.

Sporadic cases of small-pox prevailed in most of the taluks from April to December 1885, especially in those places where the people showed religious scruples against vaccination. The disease assumed an epidemic form in January 1886 and caused about 127 deaths in the months of January, February and March. During the year extra vaccinators were temporarily employed to itinerate in the affected localities. The following statement shows the number of cases vaccinated for the past two years:—

Years.	Total No. vaccinated.	Successful.
1884-85	44,925	43,876
1885-86	43,349	41,973

During the year under report I have personally visited all the taluk stations and many villages and found them all in a fairly clean state.

6. Midwives are attached to four Local Fund dispensaries—Polláchi, Udamalpet, Dhárápuram and Kollegál. Separate accommodation for lying-in cases is provided only at Polláchi.

During the past year the admissions as in-patients into the lying-in ward were six, and ninety-two were attended at their own houses by the midwives.

The table below gives the admissions of the year under report and those of two previous years:—

Years.	In-door.	Out-door.	Deaths.
1883-84	18	67	4
1884-85	8	98	2
1885-86	6	92	3

Generally these diplomaed midwives are not called on to attend upon ordinary natural labors; their services are resorted to only when the cases prove tedious or difficult.

COIMBATORE, *31st May* 1886.

(Signed) J. F. FITZPATRICK, Surgeon-Major,
District Medical and Sanitary Officer.

TABULAR Statement to accompany the Concise Report of the Local Fund Dispensaries in the district of Coimbatore for the official year 1885-86.

Name of dispensary.	Class and Grade.	Number of committee meetings.		Inspection by District Surgeon.		Patients treated.						Average daily attendance.				Surgical operations.						Vaccination.				Midwifery.				Total rainfall.	
						Out-door.				In-door.				Out-door.		Minor.				Major.											
		Local Fund Dispensary Committee meetings.	Committee, Local Fund or private.	1884-85.	1885-86.	Treated.		Died.		Treated.		Died.		In-door.		1884-85.		1885-86.		1884-85.		1885-86.		1884-85.		1885-86.		1884-85.		1885-86.	
						1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1884-85.	1885-86.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Natural.	Difficult.	Natural.	Difficult.	Natural.	Difficult.	Natural.	Difficult.	Natural.	Difficult.	Natural.	Difficult.		
1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41
1. Polláchi	2nd-class	2	2	2	2	375	363	9	33	14,222	14,439	9	2	17·27	16·37	400	72	712	353	91	24	100	9	5	1	29	6	..	..	..	..	37	2	..	..	34·89	31·17
2. Udamalpet	Do.	2	2	2	2	86	104	57	11	4,796	4,796	57	9	4·03	5·16	441	28	353	323	74	10	130	5	1	..	33	..	..	..	..	..	12	2	..	..	34·07	33·24
3. Dhárápuram ..	Do.	2	2	2	2	67	51	49	11	4,114	5,295	49	11	5·73	4·42	393	4	323	14	60	2	56	3	..	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	30	1	..	2	21·86	20·85
4. Palladam	3rd-class	2	2	2	4	27	14	4	..	2,391	1,975	4	..	1·45	·59	67	1	14	1	38	3	73	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17·92	21·92
5. Bhavání	2nd-class	2	2	2	2	9	8	8	..	4,112	4,469	16	8	2·27	·34	174	1	133	..	74	3	81	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28·11	30·63
6. Satyamangalam	Do.	1	2	1	1	36	45	32	3	4,924	4,081	41	3	2·70	2·65	288	23	145	33	88	4	102	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	32·37	36·25
7. Kollegál	Do.	2	2	1	2	38	39	34	1	4,621	4,188	34	3	4·10	3·40	162	24	95	24	62	6	292	4	2	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	39·57	38·02
8. Mettupálaiyam ..	Do.	1	2	1	1	39	38	12	12	5,637	5,808	12	1	1·68	1·08	70	4	126	24	147	10	72	7	2	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27·30	23·40
9. Aravakurchi ..	3rd-class	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,861	5,216	23	5	..	..	..	5	160	174	36	39	121	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	79·12	..
Total ..		7	10	15	16	677	670	201	91	47,835	51,478	201	122	36·60	35·36	2,061	209	2,061	1,027	670	91	1,027	62	27	26	105	6	2	1	83	15	1	4	2	..	85	7	3	315·21	244·48
Name of dispensary.	Class and Grade.	Local Fund Dispensary Committee meetings.	Committee, Local Fund or private.	Local Fund Dispensary Committee meetings.	Total.																																		

Order—dated 4th October 1886, No. 1260 L.F., Financial.

The receipts and charges of the District Board of Coimbatore for 1885-86 are compared below with the estimate of the year and the actuals of 1884-85 :—

Receipts.

	Actuals, 1884-85.	Estimate, 1885-86.	Actuals, 1885-86.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Balance	1,56,032	1,27,300	1,26,956
1. Rates and Taxes—			
Cess on Land	1,85,957	1,96,000	2,07,286
Tolls	37,387	33,680	33,745
2. Education—			
School Fees	2,661	6,550	5,405
Other Items	746	650	549
3. Medical—			
Other Items	213	150	101
4. Interest—			
On Government Securities ..	980	910	980
On Arrears of Revenue ..	76	..	61
5. Miscellaneous—			
Contributions	151	..	215
Choultry Rents	412	386	421
Market Rents	24,520	23,000	24,119
Other Items	10,968	9,800	12,183
6. Public Works Receipts	629	..	227
7. Contribution from Provincial Funds—			
Education	1,245	6,350	1,860
Choultries	4,764	4,764	4,764
8. Contribution from Special Funds—			
Pound Fund	211	100	..
9. Miscellaneous Debt Accounts ..	13	..	..
Grand Total ..	4,26,965	4,09,640	4,18,872

Charges.

Grant I—			
New Works—			
Communications	3,023	16,714	15,571
Buildings	4,881	4,508	4,502
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	28,490	20,000	9,856
Repairs—			
Communications	1,40,684	1,31,038	1,27,577
Buildings	2,366	5,867	4,152
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	1,946	21,250	2,264
Engineering Establishment ..	25,655	27,800	26,855
Tools and Plant	4	1,000	865
Contributions	220	220	220
Grant II—			
Inspection	4,130	5,000	4,280
Training Schools	4,178	5,577	4,434
Local Fund Schools	10,299	15,450	11,084
Results Grants	9,739	10,500	8,674
Contributions	738	..	375
Miscellaneous	1,010	1,550	1,087
Grant III—			
Hospitals and Dispensaries ..	12,353	14,200	11,994
Vaccination	7,349	10,250	6,870
Sanitation	13,242	14,000	13,849
Markets	7,073	10,150	6,627
Choultries	3,261	3,600	3,386
Travellers' Bungalows ..	581	780	440
Contributions	10,465	11,171	10,445
Miscellaneous	..	..	1

Charges—*continued.*

	Actuals, 1884-85.	Estimate, 1885-86.	Actuals, 1885-86.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Grant IV—			
Establishment, including Contingencies, Refunds, &c. ..	8,309	7,890	7,920
Miscellaneous Debt Accounts ..	13	..	..
	3,00,009	3,38,515	2,83,328
Total Expenditure ..	1,26,956	71,125	1,35,544
Balance ..			
Grand Total ..	4,26,965	4,09,640	4,18,872

2. In statements I-A and I-B the unaudited figures given in the report for 1884-85 have been retained in some cases instead of the audited figures subsequently furnished by the Accountant-General, and the opening balances for 1884-85 and 1885-86 include debt heads which should have been excluded. The arrears outstanding under Land-cess date so far back as the year 1877-78, while those under Fishery, Ferry and Market Rents are 11, 13 and 9 years old respectively, and are also heavy. This is not satisfactory. In statement I-A, the sum of Rs. 980, shown as income from endowments under "3, Medical," being the interest on Government promissory notes belonging to the Polláchi dispensary, should have been entered under the head 4 (*a*) Interest on Government Securities. The receipts from choultry and market rents are given as Rs. 421 and Rs. 24,119, whereas, according to statement VI, they amounted to Rs. 314 and Rs. 24,224 respectively. The difference should be explained. The sum of Rs. 88 given under Public Works receipts, being the sale-proceeds of the materials of a market, should have been shown under the head Miscellaneous in statement VI, and the sale-proceeds of avenue clippings included under Avenues and not under Public Works Receipts.

3. From statement III it would appear that the sum of Rs. 1,27,577, shown under Repairs—Communications, in statement I-B, includes Rs. 24, the rent of a toll-shed at Mettupálaiyam. This should have been debited to tolls and ferries under Contingencies. Statement IV does not contain the statistics of village roads, an omission which should now be supplied. In this statement the total number of miles of road repaired during the year is given as $1,179\frac{1}{2}$, whereas there were only $1,176\frac{5}{8}$ miles under the charge of the district board at the commencement of the year, and only a quarter of a mile was newly constructed. In statement VI the total expenditure on markets is given as Rs. 20,276, whereas in paragraph 40 of the report it is stated to have been Rs. 20,186. These discrepancies should be explained.

4. The attention of the Director of Public Instruction will be drawn to paragraph 48 of the report regarding the delay in the transmission of statistical information by the Educational Department.

(True Extract.)

for *Chief Secretary.*

To the President, District Board, Coimbatore.
" Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department.
" Accountant-General.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
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" Chairmen, Municipal Councils, Coimbatore district, through the Collector.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.