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Read the following letter* from the Inspector General, Medical Department :—
(Here enter 20th May 1867, No. 197).

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1867, No. 1371.

The above report of the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, and the extracts from the various reports of the Medical Officers in charge, give an account of the working of Civil Hospitals and Dispensaries in the Presidency during the year 1866.

2. The health of the Civil population during the year under review was generally and seriously affected by scarcity of food, and in some Districts by actual famine, consequent on unfavorable seasons: cholera prevailed in an epidemic form, especially during the months of July, August, and September, in every station except three, in which returns are kept.

3. The prevalence of high prices, and the pressure of actual want, operated unfavorably in other ways also: subscriptions fell off, and especially the contributions from Natives, which amounted to Rupees 49,140 only against Rupees 1,04,246 during the previous years, and the means of feeding and clothing the sick were limited by deficiency of funds for current expenses. The extent to which these causes operated is strikingly shown by the fact that in the Presidency Town, where the whole cost of maintenance has been defrayed by Government, the number of patients increased from 6938 in 1865 to 9373 in 1866, while in Provincial Dispensaries, which are dependant on local charity, the numbers fell from 8429 to 7909.

4. It is, however, satisfactory to find that the total capital, inclusive of uninvested cash balances, increased from Rupees 3,62,121 in 1865 to Rupees 3,92,998, and the funded capital from Rupees 3,00,306 to Rupees 3,42,203.

In 1865, Government contributed Rupees 70,465 to Provincial Dispensaries, in 1866-67 the total cost to Government was Rupees 69,030.

5. The total number of sick treated was 2,74,524, of whom 17,282 were in-patients, or nearly 2000 in excess of those treated in 1865; the number of out-patients treated was less than in the previous year, but this decrease was, in the opinion of the Inspector General, due in part to the returns being more carefully prepared so as to exclude patients treated a second or third time from figuring more than once in the Register, and in part to the fear which restrains the people from resorting to Civil Dispensaries in places and at times in which cholera prevails.

6. With the exception of a small establishment at Anantapur, in the Bellary District, no new Dispensaries were established, but the Zemindarni and Manager of the Shevagunga estate have liberally undertaken to establish at Ramnad a Dispensary entirely at their own expense, the Government defraying the cost of medicines and medical attendance.

7. There is little in the reports of the Medical Officers in charge which calls for special remark, or orders from Government. The spread of cholera at Coonoor after its introduction by travellers from the low country, and the outbreak of the same disease at Kurnool, where it was especially fatal to Europeans, are deserving of notice.

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8. Adverting to the Hospitals and Dispensaries at the Presidency, the returns show that there was a considerable increase in the number of European Civil patients, and of Native Civil and Military patients admitted to the Eye-Infirmiry. The number of European Military patients, and of non-combatant patients of all classes, was small. It appears that upwards of 2000 cases of disease of the eye are treated annually in the Infirmiry.

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(True Extract).

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General, Medical Department.

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