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12th March 1867.*

Read the following letter* from the Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

(Here enter 23rd May 1866, No. 180.)

No. 72.

ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1867, No. 263.

The above Report and the Extracts appended contain an account of the working of the Civil Hospitals and Dispensaries throughout the Madras Presidency, during the year 1865.

2. The season was generally unfavorable to the public health; the rainfall was deficient; prices were high and food scarce; while Cholera, in an epidemic form, prevailed over wide tracts of country.

3. Notwithstanding this, the financial position of the Dispensaries throughout the Mofussil is not unsatisfactory: almost all of these Institution are now self-supporting, receiving from Government only medical aid and medicines.

4. The total amount at credit of the Dispensaries in the Mofussil has risen, from Rupees 2,94,482 in 1864, to Rupees 3,62,121 in 1865. Of this sum 3,00,306 has been invested, and is now bearing interest. The total charge to Government on these Provincial Charities was 70,465 Rupees, or rather over 1000 Rupees less than in the previous year.

5. The total number of sick treated in the year now under review was 2,80,811, being 9624 less than in 1864. In the number of in-patients treated, there is also a slight decrease.

6. The Government notice with pleasure the testimony borne to the efforts of many gentlemen, both European and Native, official and non-official, in forwarding the cause of these Charities: at Negapatam, a Civil Hospital has been opened at the expense of the residents, and a small Dispensary established at Goodaloor in the Wynaad.

7. Such of the local Institutions as appear to call for special remark will now be noticed.

8. The Government are glad to observe that the inhabitants of Calicut have, though somewhat tardily, acted upon the suggestion made by Government, and have contributed donations, to the amount of 20,000 or 30,000 Rupees towards the endowment of the Dispensary.

9. The Collector of the Godavery District will, in connection with the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Northern Division, give his earnest attention to providing against the recurrence of the overcrowding of emigrant coolies in the filthy locality in which, during the year under review, a severe outbreak of Cholera occurred.

10. The Government regard with satisfaction the interest taken by the Committee in the working of the Cochin Dispensary. The usefulness of the Small Pox Hospital in this station has already been apparent.

11. Orders have already been passed by Government on the state of the Civil Hospital at Coimbatore, which was found to be in an unsatisfactory condition, when lately visited by the Right Honorable the Governor.

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12. The Governor in Council is not prepared to sanction the building of a Dead-house at Conjeveram. The Principal Inspector General will report whether a suitable building cannot be rented for the purpose.

13. The Government are still of opinion that Kotagherry is not a station where it is necessary to locate a Dispensary, or where a Dispensary would be permanently supported. They fully appreciate, however, the proposal of the residents to contribute towards erecting the required building.

14. The experiment of establishing a midwifery class at Cuddalore, initiated by Dr. Bilderbeck, appears to have answered well, and is deserving of imitation.

15. The Government are pleased to find that the prospect of the Dispensary at Cuddapah being permanently endowed has been to a great extent realized.

16. They are not prepared to undertake the construction of a Civil Dispensary at Cumbum; both here and in Rajahmundry and Mangalore, large and opulent towns, there is a want of interest shown by the Native community, in the support of a most useful Charity.

17. Much has been done to ameliorate the condition of the lepers in the Pallipott Lazaretto.

18. Subscriptions towards the Pollachy Dispensary have raised the capital from 7000 to 17,700 Rupees.

19. The Dispensary at Ranipett, which was re-opened by order of Government, on the 1st December 1865, was ordered to be closed by Order of Government, dated 20th July 1866, No. 729, so soon as Dr. Scudder was prepared to open the Dispensary at Arcot, one-half of the annual amount before devoted to the maintenance of the Ranipett Dispensary being entrusted to Dr. Sudder for purposes connected with the Charity.

20. The financial position of the Salem Dispensary is not good, a state of things which reflects little credit on the wealthy and populous town in which this is the only charitable Institution.

21. A further report on the measures which are in progress for increasing the usefulness of the Vellore Dispensary, from the allotment sanctioned by Government in 1865, is expected.

22. It is very desirable that the suggestion of the Principal Inspector General, whereby the two Dispensaries in Trichinopoly should be amalgamated, and located in a new Hospital, to be built in a central part of the Town, should be carried out. The Lock Hospital might remain in one or other of the buildings now used as Dispensaries.

23. The Lunatic Asylums at Trichinopoly and Vizagapatam have been efficiently maintained.

24. The Government now proceed to remark upon the expenditure and working of the Civil Hospitals at the Presidency.

25. The total expenditure during the year was 1,91,289 Rupees, as compared with 1,84,285 Rupees in 1864; but deducting the expenses connected with the Lunatic Asylum, and the Male and Female Orphan Asylums, which are not purely Presidency Hospitals, and crediting Government with the full amount of Hospital stoppages, the actual cost was 1,67,909 Rupees, or a little more than 500 Rupees in excess of expenditure during 1864.

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26. The changes sanctioned by Government in September 1865, having only come into operation on the 1st November following, had hardly had a full trial; but their effects in checking expenditure was already perceptible, as appears from the reports now under review. Several modifications of the above changes have, however, been found necessary; these will appear in the remarks made on the following Institutions.

27. The abolition of daily batta, at 2 Annas a day, to Native women, and the substitution of a donation of 2 Rupees on leaving the Hospital, and the necessity of producing a Medical Certificate in the case of soldiers' wives, was undoubtedly the main cause of the decrease in the number of patients in the Lying-in-Hospital, and the Government, in their Order of the 22nd June last, decided, in consequence, on reverting to the old system of giving daily batta, and of dispensing with the Certificate. There is little doubt that this will have the effect of rendering this Charity available to the poorer classes by whom it is most needed, while it maintains the only school available for obstetrical study, and for the training of private midwives.

28. It was also found necessary, at the same time, to modify the rule, founded on the recommendation contained in the report of the Committee in 1865, requiring civil patients, not paupers, in the General Hospital, to provide their own clothing, and pay for the washing of their clothes while in Hospital. Many objections were found to exist to these requirements, and it was decided that those patients only whose salaries were over 150 Rupees per mensem should provide their own clothing, or pay for the use of Hospital clothing, bearing the expense of washing in either case.

29. The suggestions made by the Superintendent of the Eye Infirmary, at page 63 of the printed report, will be considered in the Military Department.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.
" Military Department.
" Collector of

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter
from the Offg. Secy. General Medical
Department (transmitted separately)
Here enter 23 May 1866 No. 102.

Order thereon 12 March 1867 No. 203.

MP.

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4. The total amount at credit of the dispensaries in the Mofussil has risen from Rupees 294,402 in 1864 to Rupees 362,121 in 1865: of this sum 300,306 has been invested and is now bearing interest.

The total charge to Govt. on these Provincial Charities was 704,65 Rs or rather over 1000 Rs less than in the previous year.

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(collectors of all Districts)

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