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**Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
21st June 1869.**

No. 123. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Tinnevely, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Tinnevely, 17th May 1869, No. 211.

As directed in the Proceedings of Government, No. 172, dated 12th February 1868, Public Department, I have the honour to forward, herewith, copy of a report furnished by the Reverend W. P. Schaffter on the working of the Dispensary opened by him at Suviseshapuram.

Annual Report on the working of the Civil Dispensary at Suviseshapuram for the year 1868-69.

According to the Proceedings of Government, No. 172, dated 12th February 1868, Public Department, the annual supply of medicines reached this place on the 23rd May 1868, and the hospital was opened to the public on the 1st June 1868.

2. The total number of cases admitted during the last ten months, that is, from 1st June 1868 to 31st March 1869, as out-door patients, amounted to 1906.

3. The undermentioned statement will show the number of admissions and deaths for each month during the past year:—

Statement of sick treated for the year 1868-69.

Description of patients.	Out.			
	Admitted in 1868-69.	Discharged.	Died.	Remaining.
1868.				
June.....	191	186	...	...
July.....	237	220	...	...
August.....	216	216	...	...
September.....	180	180	...	...
October.....	153	151	2	...
November.....	185	170	...	...
December.....	200	198	2	...
1869.				
January.....	180	175	...	...
February.....	168	177	...	...
March.....	196	195	1	...
Total...	1,906	1,868	5	33

4. No epidemics have visited this district during the past year.

5. The people of this district have greater faith in English medicines and treatment than in that of their own quack Doctors, and come for it from a distance of ten or fifteen miles from the kusbah, such as Rathapuram, Kudankulam, Thuruvey, Vizayanarayanam, Sathankulam, Parapady, Edayenkudy, and all the smaller villages in the neighbourhood of Suviseshapuram.

6. The people who come for medical aid principally are christians of the Vellalah and Shanar castes.

7. Hitherto but few heathens have come. But even among these (such as Brahmins, Vellalabs, Gentoos, and Malabars,) the number is increasing according as the hospital becomes more and more widely known.

8. The diseases which have been most prevalent amongst the patients who came for treatment have been those of the "Stomach and Bowels," "Fevers of Intermittent type," "Abscesses and ulcers," "Wounds and injuries," "Ophthalmia," "Rheumatic," and "Venereal affections."

9. Out of the total number treated five deaths have occurred which have been mentioned in full in my annual Medical Report of this Civil Dispensary for the year 1868-69, dated 19th April 1869, forwarded to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Southern Division, Trichinopoly.

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10. The native Dresser C. Muttusawmy Pillay, attached to the Dispensary, is very sober and zealous in the performance of his duty.

11. I am leaving India for England, but I hope the hospital will continue to prosper, and I doubt not that my successor will take as much interest in this benevolent establishment as I have done.

SUVISESHAPURAM,
11th May 1869.

(Signed) W. P. SCHAFFTER,
Missionary in charge of the Dispensary.

No. 124. ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1869, No. 845.

The Government are glad to learn, from the foregoing report, that under the superintendence of the Reverend W. P. Schaffter a gratifying measure of success has attended the rural Dispensary at Suviseshapuram, which was opened in June 1868. During the ten months ending March 1869, 1906 persons, principally native christians but including an increasing population of Hindoos of caste, have been treated in the Dispensary.

(True Extract).

Actg. Secy. to Govt.

To the Acting Collector of Tinnevely.

„ Inspector General of the Indian Medical Department.

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ORDERS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the

Acting Collector, Tinnevely.

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Order No. 28 of 1865-

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W. P. Schaffter

Acting Collector of Tinnevely

Superintendent, Indian Medical Dept. 1868