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17th November 1871.

No. 50. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Mangalore, 25th July 1871, No. 1048:—

I have the honour to forward, for the information of Government, a copy of the Zillah Surgeon's report on the working of the Mangalore Dispensary during the year 1870.

2. The following table shows the number of admissions into the Dispensary during the year under report, as compared with previous year :—

Year.	IN-PATIENTS.			OUT-PATIENTS.		
	Number admitted.	Number treated successfully.	Died.	Number admitted.	Number treated successfully.	Died.
1869... ..	158	134	23	3,327	3,317	10
1870... ..	160	117	*39	2,534	2,548	7
Increase ...	2	...	16	...	...	...
Decrease ...	...	17	...	793	769	3

3. It will be perceived that there is a considerable decrease for which the Zillah Surgeon is unable to account, unless it be partly caused by the number of subscribers to the institution having decreased, and to the advantages of the Dispensary not having been forcibly brought to the notice of the poor by those who subscribe. The amount of subscriptions has certainly decreased in the year under

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Subscription collected in 1869 from residents at the station.	438 0 0	
Donations from Taluqs	562 8 0	
Collected in 1870 from residents at the station only	440 3 0	1,050 8 0
Decrease	610 5 0	

report by Rupees 610-5-0, as shown in the margin, but the subscriptions in the previous year included a sum of Rupees 562-8-0 collected as donations in the other taluqs of the district. When making the donations the donors distinctly

refused to make any further payments to the Dispensary Funds. The increased Income-tax and the probability of increased local and municipal taxation is, without doubt, the cause of the subscriptions falling off, and I do not think it can be wondered at, when one of the objects for which taxation was stated to be required was the support of the Dispensary. I do not quite understand Dr. Dempster's views as to how subscriptions should be increased, but they are probably, as stated in the last paragraph of his report, that the chief Civil authority in the station (the Collector is apparently alluded to) should make the wealthy natives see the necessity of giving every support to the charity. By this I presume that the Zillah Surgeon considers that the official authority of the Collector should be brought to bear on the people of his district to make them subscribe—a course which, I am sure, Government would not wish to be pursued, and one which I should be most unwilling to follow.

* Eleven deaths from small-pox.

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4. The account of the receipts and disbursements of the Dispensary is given below :—

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Disbursements.</i>		
	RS.	A. P.		RS.	A. P.
Cash balance in hand on 1st January 1870	1,778	2 8	Allowance to Zillah Surgeon, salary of medical subordinate, and other establishment	2,207	1 6
Received from Government for payment of allowance to Zillah Surgeon and salary of establishment	2,000	0 3	Travelling allowance to Hospital Assistant and contingencies...	142	6 10
Subscription collected	440	3 0	Diet of patients and perishable articles	660	11 9
Sale of medicines	235	6 11	Bedding to do.	88	2 2
Collections from charity box	132	7 0	Construction and repair	31	13 11
Interest from capital invested	40	0 0	House-rent to Hospital Assistant...	16	0 0
Contribution from Municipal Fund	150	0 0	Country medicines	13	4 0
Miscellaneous receipts	19	2 10	Small-pox Hospital charges	83	5 9
				3,242	13 11
			Cash balance on 31st December 1870, capital invested	1,533	12 8
			In cash	18	12 1
				1,552	8 9
Total	4,795	6 8	Total	4,795	6 8

5. As regards the general management of the institution, Dr. Dempster gives a very unfavourable account. I am afraid, however, that he has not been thoroughly informed on some particulars, and has certainly forgotten having attended a meeting regarding the Dispensary on the 6th May 1870, and cannot have been informed of another meeting that took place on 22nd November 1870 during the incumbency of Dr. Ross, at which remarks as to the unsatisfactory condition of the institution and the neglect to keep a visitors' book were passed.

6. Want of funds is the principal cause of the defects in the interior economy of the institution, and without money it is hopeless to attempt to improve its condition. The bedding is old and scanty, but there are no funds to purchase new articles, and many other improvements might be effected if money were forthcoming. The transfer of the Dispensary to the Municipal Commissioners will be attended with good results, ~~because more money will probably be available for~~ expenditure, and, as we have at last succeeded in getting a good Dresser, I hope that matters will soon begin to mend.

7. The Small-pox Hospital has been repaired, and will, in future, be amalgamated with the Dispensary, and placed under the Municipal Commissioners.

Report on the Mangalore Dispensary for the year 1870.

I regret being obliged to give a very unfavourable report on the charity for the past year. The European subscriptions show a slight decrease, but there is a considerable falling off of the Native subscriptions which amount to only Rupees 89 against Rupees 700 the previous year.

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little or no interest is taken in the welfare of the institution; the Committee never meet and no one ever visits the building; the medical officer collects subscriptions, conducts repairs, and has to get on as best he can. The charity labours under the great disadvantage of being unendowed; some months ago, in the hope of increasing the subscriptions, I adopted the plan of inserting the names of all the Europeans and all the most wealthy Natives in the subscription book; this was regularly circulated, but, as far as the Natives were concerned, with very little success. The increase of imperial and municipal taxation, I think, has operated against the support of the charity. I think also it has suffered from the fact that the Towns' Improvement Act being about to come into operation the institution would then be compelled to be supported by the municipal body; people in the meantime are unwilling to subscribe thinking probably such money would be a needless outlay.

I regret, also, to state that there has been a considerable decrease of admissions, 2,694 against 3,485 the preceding year. I am unable to account for this falling off unless partly from the general failing support of the institution; the more interest being taken would ensure more applicants, the advantages of the charity being more forcibly brought to the notice of the poor community by donors. Another reason may be the frequent changes of medical officers during the past year, also to the fact that the late subordinate having for sometime previous to leaving been in a bad state of health, consequently not able to perform his duties efficiently, and he unfortunately was succeeded by a subordinate not at all fitted for the post; this has been reported on and another one appointed.

The building is kept clean and regular attendance given by the medical officer, and, by careful attention to the cases of applicants, everything is done to induce attendance. Thirty-five deaths have taken place, one from ague, one remittent fever, one syphilis, one phthisis, two anæmia, four general dropsy, one paralysis, six dysentery, one diarrhoea, two abscess, one lepra, five general debility, one from poison, one wounds, one the result of amputation of lower third leg, one acute rheumatism, one epilepsy, one tetanus, two from burn, and one hepatitis. It must be remembered that many of the above were brought to the Dispensary in the last stage of disease and privation.

The greater number of in-patients were of the very poorer class with constitution in many cases broken down by syphilis, requiring more food than medicine. Connected with the Dispensary is the Small-pox Hospital, a building situated about a mile-and-a-half away near to the jail and Police Hospitals, this is sadly out of repair, and badly ventilated, and quite unsuited for its requirements. I am now trying to improve it and endeavouring to collect subscriptions to put it in thorough repair. There is no cook-room attached, and no permanent establishment at present; a ward cooly is provided out of the Dispensary funds, and a sweeper from the jail. It is used jointly by Dispensary Jail and Police being so far away from the Dispensary the medical subordinate's duties are conducted by the Police Hospital Assistant; it is necessary that such definite arrangements should be made in this matter.

The total admissions from small-pox since August have been twenty-four and eleven deaths. In conclusion, I would desire to bring to the notice of the Inspector-General the very unsatisfactory state of the Dispensary, with the earnest hope that he will take such steps he may think fit to place it on a better footing. The wealthy Natives should be brought to see the necessity of their giving their utmost support of such an important charity.

I am of opinion that this could be successfully done by the chief Civil authority at this station.

MANGALORE,
1st January 1871.

(Signed) R. DEMPSTER,
Actg. Zillah Surgeon.

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 17th November 1871, No. 1707.

The Government have perused with regret the foregoing unsatisfactory report on the Mangalore Civil Dispensary for the year 1870.

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2. Orders have now been issued for the transfer of the institution to the Municipal Commissioners, and the Government do not doubt that under their care, and with adequate appropriations from Local and Municipal Funds, it will be improved in efficiency.

Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of South Canara.
Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.

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To THE ACTING COLLECTOR OF
SOUTH CANARA
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Dated Mangalore, 17th.
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G. O. 17th November 1871, No. 1707

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NO. 5051.

Extracting report of the Inspectory report
on the Mangalore Dispensary for 1870.

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Mangalore }
January 1871 }
R. Dempster
Civil Surgeon.

/ True Copy /

M. W. Pearce
Ag. Collector.

Confidential

1871 Dep't

Inclusion

In a letter from the *Chief Secy*
of South Canara, to the *Ap.*
Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department, Public
Fort George, dated 25th
July 1871.

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Copy of Zillah Surgeon's
Report on the working of
the Mangalore Dispensary
for the year 1870.

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Collector's Office,
Mangalore, 28 July 1871.

From

A. M. C. Webster Esq^r
Ap. Collector of South Canara.

To

W. Huddleston Esq^r
Chief Secretary to Government,
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Sale of Medicines —	235.6.11	Dist. of Outcure & Druggable articles —	660.11.9
Collections from Charity by 132.7.		Revolving to — ditto —	88.2.2
Interest from Capital in vestment —	40.1.1	Construction & Repair —	31.13.11
Contribution from Municipal Fund —	150.1.1	Rent to Hospital Assistant —	16.1.1
Miscellaneous Receipts —	19.2.10	Country Medicines —	13.4.4
		Small poor Hospital Charges —	83.5.9
		Cash balance on 31 st Dec 1870	3242.13.11
		Capital invested 1538.12.8	
		In cash —	13.12.1
			1552.8.9

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I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

Wm. J. H. H. H.
Ag. Collector.

W. J. H. H.

19 Sept 11 - 68-64-51
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10th Sept

From The Collector
 of South Canara.
 To The Secretary to Govt.
 Public Department
 Fort St George

Dated 20th July 1891
 No 1637

Enclosure One

No 1637

Submits his remarks with
 reference to the Acting Engineer's
 Report on the
 working of the Civil Dis-
 pensary at Mangalore during
 the year 1890.

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With an Order

17th Nov 1891
 The Govt. have been with respect to
 bringing in a Bill for the purpose of
 amending the provisions of the
 2. Order have been issued for the purpose
 of the institution of the Municipal Commission
 of the Govt. do not doubt that the Commission
 will be able to give effect to the provisions of the
 Bill and it will be a great benefit to the
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To The Acting Collector
South Canara -
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Dated 17th Nov 1871

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G. O. 17th Nov 1871, No. 1704

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Expressing Regret
at the unsatis-
factory report on
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~~for 1870~~ the Manja.
and Civil Dispensary
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