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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
25th January 1871.*

No. 85. Read the following letter from the Coroner of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 6th January 1871, No. 2:—

I have the honour to report, for the information of His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, that at an inquest held before me, at the Vepery Hospital, Vepery, within the limits of Madras, on the 21st December 1870, and by adjournment at the same place, on the 4th instant, touching the death of Mary Allan Morley, the jury after returning as their verdict, "Deceased died from natural causes; to wit, inflammation of the bowels," made the following presentment:—"The jury beg that the Coroner will submit, for the consideration of Government, that there is no Hospital at the Mount into which European females unconnected with the Artillery can be admitted."

From the Deputy Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, Presidency Division and Northern District, to the Secretary to the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 16th January 1871, No. 256.

In accordance with the instructions from the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, in your letter, No. 177, dated 13th current, I have the honour to state that, on the 19th December last, I was informed by Assistant Surgeon Archdall, in medical charge of the Native Detail Hospital at Saint Thomas' Mount, of the case of Mrs. Mary Allan Morley, the inquest on whose remains at the Women and Childrens' Hospital, Vepery, occasioned the remarks of the Coroner's jury, quoted in letter, No. 2, dated 6th January 1871, from the Coroner of Madras to the Chief Secretary to Government, and that I then approved of the medical officer's treatment of her case, and of his advice to her friends to send her to the Vepery Hospital.

2. The enclosed letters* from the Surgeon of the Native Detail Hospital at the Mount, and

* No. 9, dated 14th January 1871, from Assistant Surgeon Archdall, in medical charge, Native Detail Hospital, Mount.
No. 18, dated 14th January 1871, from Surgeon C. Smith, in medical charge Hospital for Women and Children, Vepery.

from the Surgeon of the Women and Childrens' Hospital, Vepery, show that Mrs. Morley died from the unavoidable rupture of a fallopian tube containing a fetus of four months; and that all the suspicions that her illness was brought on by attempts to procure abortion were entirely without foundation.

3. I saw, on the afternoon of the 14th current, the uterus and ruptured fallopian tube, with the fetus which had escaped into the peritoneal cavity through the laceration, and, I think, that the most remarkable feature of the case is the length of time the unfortunate woman lived after the commencement of such severe inflammation of the peritoneum as that accidental laceration necessarily produced.

4. There is no room or place of any kind in the Native Detail Hospital for a female patient, whether Native or European. The hospital has only one ward, and that is for native details. A European pensioner requiring admission would have to take a bed in the very small apartment next the Native Regiment guard room in the neighbouring place of arms.

5. All that the Native Detail Hospital can do, for the general population, is to supply them with advice and medicines, as out-patients, when they come to the Surgery, and to afford medical attendance, in emergent cases, at people's own quarters.

From Assistant Surgeon H. M. G. ARCHDALL, in medical charge, Native Details, to the Deputy Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, Presidency Division, dated St. Thomas' Mount, 14th January 1871, No. 9.

In accordance with your letter, dated 13th January 1871, No. 92, I have the honour to forward the following information, as far as I know, regarding the illness of the late Mary Allan Morley, who died in Vepery Hospital some short time since. Mrs. Morley was a widow of a Sergeant

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in the Artillery, and, at the time of her illness, was supported by a man in a Battery stationed here (since gone to Burmah). On Sunday, 11th December 1870, about 11 o'clock, she sent to the Detail Hospital for medical aid; the Hospital Assistant on duty, M. Bauboo, No. 874, went at once to see her, and, considering her case a serious one, wrote to me requesting me to visit her. I saw her at 1 o'clock, same day, and found her lying in a small room behind the barracks, about five yards long by three yards broad, without any furniture except the wretched cot she was on. On questioning her, she made the following statement, viz., that some six or seven days previously she had had a fall and become unconscious. On recovering her senses, she was told by a native midwife that she had had a miscarriage. From that time until I saw her, the midwife treated her with native medicines, given both by the mouth and per vaginam. From the above statement, and the fact of her complaining of severe pain and tenderness, localized over the region of the uterus, I considered her suffering from inflammation of that organ, caused, in all probability, by resorting to means for the purpose of inducing abortion. I pointed out to her the gravity of the case and recommended her to go to hospital, which she promised to do; and then, to insure her being properly treated, as far as I could manage, I went on to the hospital and gave my instructions to the Hospital Assistant, and ordered her small and frequent doses of opium with hot fomentations to the seat of pain. This treatment was continued until she went to the Vepery Hospital. The Hospital Assistant above mentioned visited her every day, in all eight times, and reported to me how she was going on. I should mention I asked to see some of the medicine she had been taking, but could not obtain any of it. The Dresser, however, when he first visited her, saw some which he believed to be vegetable.

2. In connexion with the subject of this letter, I may add that about fifteen European and East Indian sick persons come daily to the hospital for medicine, and the Hospital Assistants visit, at their houses, such sick persons as cannot come for advice, and I always attend at a sick person's house when my services are required.

From COLVIN SMITH, Esq., M.D., Surgeon, 2nd District, to the Deputy Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, Presidency Division, dated Madras, 14th January 1871, No. 18.

I have the honour in reply to your letter, No. 94, dated 13th January 1871, to state that Mary Allan Morley, a widow, was admitted into hospital on the night of the 17th December 1870, brought by her mother in a carriage, suffering from peritonitis. Surgeon-Major Brett treated the case in my absence.

2. On admission, she stated that three weeks ago she had a fall, and being four months' pregnant, the fall was followed immediately by a discharge from the vagina, and she ultimately aborted: so the midwife said. She was afterwards attended at her own house as an out-patient of the Detail Hospital, Mount. Becoming worse, she was brought to this hospital, but appears first to have been taken to the Fort. She gradually sunk, and died at 9 P. M. of the 20th December.

3. The mother having expressed a suspicion that the disease from which she died was the result of malpraxis on the part of the native midwife, an inquiry was applied for.

4. On opening the abdomen, about two or three pints of dark grumous fluid escaped, the whole of the contents of the abdomen were adherent to the walls. A small fetus, about three months' old, escaped. On examining the uterus and its appendages, a dark mass, about the size of an egg, was discovered adherent to the left fallopian tube, which appeared to have been ruptured. The uterus was of normal size, of healthy firm structure, was empty and entire in substance, and bore no trace of recent impregnation. The right fallopian tube and ovary were healthy.

5. The case was one of extra uterine gestation causing peritonitis.

* No. 86.

ORDER THEREON, 25th January 1871, No. 96.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,

Chief Secretary.

Encl. J. Wright.

No 18

Madras 14th January 1871
Hospital for Women & Children

From Colin Smith Esquire M.D.
Surgeon & District

To The Dy. Surg. General. I. M. S.
Residency, Madras

Sir

I have the honor in reply to your letter No 94 dated 13th January 1871 to state, that Mary Anne Morley, a widow, was admitted into Hospital on the night of the 17th December 1870, brought by her mother in a carriage, suffering from Peritonitis. Surgeon Major Brett treated the case in my absence. On admission, she stated that three weeks ago she had a fall, and being four months pregnant, the fall was followed immediately by a discharge from the vagina, & she ultimately aborted. So the midwife said - She was afterwards attended at her own house, as an out-patient, of the District Hospital, becoming worse, she was brought to this Hospital, but appears first to have been taken to the Fort. She gradually sank and died at 9 P.M. of the 20th December.

The mother, having expressed a suspicion, that the disease from which she died, was the result of mal-praxis on the part of the Native midwife, an enquiry was applied for.

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G. O. 25th January 1871, No. 36.

JANUARY,
Nos. 35-36.

Receiving letter from the Governor of Madras forwarding the procurement of a jury, regarding the Hospital accommodation for European females at St. Thomas Mount.

Salloperian tube, which appeared to have been ruptured.
 The uterus was of normal size, of healthy firm
 structure, was empty, tense, in substance, & had
 no trace of recent impregnation. The right Fallopian
 tube & ovary ^{very} healthy.
 The case was one of Extra Uterine Gestation caus-
 ing Peritonitis.

I have the honor to be
 Sir
 Your most old-servant
 John Smith M.D.
 Surgeon in Detail

Ms. A. 9. 2. 5 Jan'y 1871 A. 9.
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Particulars of Mary Allen
 Morley's Case, called for
 after 12 1/4 from the by. by. by.
 General - Presidency

Letter 12/18
 dated 14th Jan'y 1871
 Recd 5 1/2 PM. 14th Jan'y 71

From the Surgeon 23 Dec 1870
 to the by. by. General
 & in detail
 Presidency

In 197. 1871. MS.

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From

Assistant Surgeon H. C. Archdall
 In Medical Charge
 Native Detail

To

The Deputy Inspector General
 Indian Medical Department
 Presidency Division

Sir

In accordance with your letter dated 18 January
 1871, 1892. I have the honor to forward the following
 information, as far as I know, regarding the illness of the
 late Mary Allen Morley, who died in the hospital some
 short time since - Mrs. Morley was a widow of a Serpent
 in the Artillery, and at the time of her illness, was supported
 by a man in a Battery stationed here, (since gone to Burma).
 On Sunday 11th December 1870 about 11 o'clock she sent to
 the Detail Hospital for Medical Aid, the Hospital Offi-
 cer on duty, Mr. Bamboos M.D., went at once to see
 her, and considering her case a serious one, wrote to me
 requesting me to visit her, I saw her at 1 o'clock same day
 and found her lying in a small room behind the bandage
 about 5 yards long by 3 yds broad, without any furniture
 except the wretched cot she was on, - On questioning
 her, she made the following statement, viz, that some bor-
 y day, previously she had had fall and became unconscious,
 on recovering her senses, she was told by a Native mid-wife
 that she had had a miscarriage, from that time until I
 saw her, the mid-wife treated her with native medicines,
 given both by the mouth and per Vaginum, from the above
 statement, and the fact of her complaining of severe pain
 and tenderness, localized over the region of the uterus, I
 considered her suffering from inflammation of that organ,
 caused, in all probability, by resorting to means for the
 purpose of inducing abortion, I pointed out to her the
 gravity of the case and recommended her to go to hospital,
 which she promised to do, and then, to ensure her being
 properly treated, as far as I could manage, I went on to

Assistant, and ordered her small and frequent doses
of opium with hot fomentations to the seat of pain—
This treatment was continued until she went to the
Depey Hospital— The Hospital Assistant above men-
-tioned visited her every day in all 8 times and report-
-ed to me, how she was going on— I should mention
I asked to see some of the medicine she had been taking,
but could not obtain any of it— The Doctor however when
he first visited her saw some which he believed to be
vegetable.

In connection with the subject of this letter, I may add
that about fifteen Europeans and East Indian sick
persons come daily to the hospital for medicine, and the
Hospital Assistant visit at their houses, such sick persons,
as cannot come for advice, and I always attend at a
sick person's house when my services are required—

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed^t Servant

Saint Thomas Mount
14 January 1873

H. G. Anstall.
Assistant Surgeon
In Medical Charge
Native Detach^t

No. 256

OFFICE OF DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL,
INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,
PRESIDENCY DIVN. & NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Madras, 16th January 1871

From

The Deputy Inspector General, Indian Medical Department,
Presidency Division and Northern District.

To

The Secretary to the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

In accordance with the instructions from the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, in your letter No 177 dated 13th February, I have the honor to state that, on 18th December last, I was informed by Assistant Surgeon Archdale, in Medical charge of the Native Detail Hospital at Saint Thomas' Mount, of the case of Mrs. Mary Ellen Wesley, the subject in whose remains at the Human and Children's Hospital, Ceylon, occasioned the remarks of the Governor's party quoted in letter No 2 dated 6th January 1871 from the Governor of Madras to the Chief Secretary to Government, and that I then approved of the Medical Officer's treatment of the case, and of his advice to her friends to send her to the Ceylon Hospital.

2. The enclosed letters from the Surgeon of the Native Detail Hospital at the Mount and from the Surgeon of the Human and Children's Hospital, Ceylon, show that Mrs. Wesley died from the unavoidable rupture of a Fallopian tube containing a foetus of four months, and that all the suspicions that her illness was brought on by attempts to procure abortion were entirely without foundation.

3. I saw the specimen of the 14th August the uterus and ruptured Fallopian tube, with the foetus which had escaped into the peritoneal cavity through the laceration, and I think that the most remarkable feature of the case is the length of time the unfortunate woman lived after the commencement of such severe inflammation of the peritoneum as that accidental laceration necessarily produced.

4. There is no room or place of any kind in the Native Detail Hospital for a female patient, whether Native or European. The Hospital has only one ward and that is for Native Details. A European physician requiring admission would have to take a bed in the very small apartment next the Native Dispensary ground floor in the neighbouring place of houses.

* with enclosures herewith returned.

No 9 dated 14th January 1871 from Asst. Surgeon Archdale in Medical charge Native Detail Hospital, Mount.

No 12 dated 14th January 1871 from Surgeon & Smith in Medical charge Hospital Human & Children's, Ceylon.

No 177 1871

Asst. Surg. Archdale
in Med. Charge
Native Detail
Hospital, Mount.

To

Asst. Surg. Archdale
in Med. Charge
Native Detail
Hospital, Mount.

Surgeon

Dated 14th Jan 1871

Asst. Surg. Archdale

No 177 1871

Asst. Surg.

Enclosed a brief statement
of the circumstances of the case.
In my own hands.

Memo for orders

The women sends the present-
ment of a jury. to the effect
"that there is no hospital
at the Mount with which
European females unconnected
with the Artillery can be admitted"

The case which elicited this
presentment was a not one
which makes out any ^{urgent} necessity
for further hospital accommodation

The woman was attended at
her own quarters by the Mount
Med: Officer. till her case assumed
symptoms of gravity when she
was sent to the women's hospital
at Vepery.

Dr Mackenzie has promised
to commit the Inpt. Genl. Em
Med. Dept

[Signature]

Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant,

[Signature]
CORONER.

[Signature]

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From

The Deputy Inspector General,
Indian Medical Department,
Presidency Divn. & Northern Di

To

The Secy. to the Insp. Genl.,
Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George.

Dated 16 January
Despatched 16 " " 1871
Received 18 " " " }

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Enclosures—3

Subj. Subject.

As to 27 25 January 1871
The 177 of 19 March the presentment
of the case of the late Mrs. A. is
forwarded in accordance with the
order.

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of the case of the late Mrs. A. is
forwarded in accordance with the
order.

[Signature]
Deputy Inspector General
Indian Medical Department
Presidency Division

5. The fact the Native Medical Officer can do for the patient
perhaps to be supplied them with advice and medicines as out-
proportioned as they come to the Vepery and it is not prudent
to place in hospital cases of people in quarters
where the fever is so
often most abundant

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to ascertain if European
and East Indian women
could be received in urgent
cases in the Female
Mellon Hospital at
the Mount, on their expenses
being paid from the
Civil Dept.

The Coroners presentment
may it is suggested
be recorded. RM

NA

It is out of the question
to build a separate hospital
for stray patients at
the Mount. The cases
which would require
immediate treatment
in hospital are very rare.

N^o 2.

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From

John Urquhart Esquire
Coroner of Madras

To

The Honorable R. S. Ellis Esq. P.
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to report, for the information of His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that at an Inquest held before me, at the Vepery Hospital, Vepery within the limits of Madras, on the 21st December 1870, and by adjournment at the same place, on the 14th Instants, touching the death of Mary Anne Morley, the Jury after returning as their Verdict, "Deceased died from Natural Causes to wit inflammation of the bowels" made the following Presentment, "The Jury beg that the Coroner will submit for the consideration of Government that there is no hospital at the Mount into which European females unconnected with the Artillery Corps be admitted."

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

[Signature]
Coroner.

Madras

Coroner's Office

6th January 1871

In 19th 1891. ~~1891~~ ~~1892~~
Charles D. Spurgeon

From

The Governor of Bermuda.

The Chief Secretary to Government
dated 15th Dec 1891.

20th Dec 1891
For the purpose of the
F. & D. in the case
of Mary Ann & Son
regarding the hospital
in the case of the
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25 January 1892

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G. O. 25 July. 1870, No. 96

Nos. 85. 86.

Recording letter from the Governor
of Madras, forwarding the
presentment of a Jury, regard-
ing the Hospital accommodation
for European females at
St. Thomas Mount.