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Vaccine

Extract from the Inspection Notes of
the Dy. Inspector of Vaccination and
Dy. Sanitary Commissioner for the month of November

Salem Municipality

On the 16th November I left Madras for Salem. 1st Class Dy. Inspector M. Narraiah had been working very badly; it was proposed to reduce him to a 2nd Class Dy. and post him to the Gungam Hill Tracts. I therefore thought it well to inspect him personally before recommending him for Gungam.

I saw 1st Class Dy. Inspector M. Narraiah on the 16th November 1880: he was entertained as a Vaccinator on 1st October 1866 and promoted to Dy. Inspector on the 12th October 1871. Served as Dy. Inspector in the Gungam Hill Tracts, but was transferred from there to Salem to be under the more immediate superintendence of the Inspector.

His registers and books all appear written
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up to date and neatly kept. He has got a "Map of the District" in Tamil, on which he could not point out "Taleu". His excuse being that he did not know Tamil. His diaries show that he is unfit for the work of a 1st Class Dy. Inspector, and to me he appears utterly unfit physically as well as mentally for Inspection work in Ganjam where an active zealous man is necessary to try and push on Vaccination. Since this inspection this Deputy's work has not improved in the least, and his answers in the late examination show that he has not tried to improve himself in Hygiene and Vaccination; he has consequently been reduced to a Vaccinator and posted to a vacancy in the Jypore Hill Tracts.

Law 1st Class Vaccinator Yanamooloo; service 26½ years; cannot write or talk any English; book from January, written up to 12th instant in Tamil, it is fairly neat; vaccinated 70 cases during past month.

Although this Vaccinator is working around Taleu there is no initial of the Dy. Inspector nor date of inspection. The Dy. says he has inspected his work but "forgot" to initial the book. Columns

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"nature of lymph" "no. of cases from which &c" "initials of Vaccinator" "date of inspection" "initials of Dy. Insp^r", are not filled in from the 1st January up to date, with the exceptions of Nos 2 & 3 which are filled in for this month. In the months of Sept^r and October one column was left completely out but no notice of the omission has been taken by the Dy. Inspector.

Needles are clean, has got a Short's Vaccinator 'at home', an empty lymph bottle, and nine charged tubes, but many of them are not well filled.

Law Municipal Vaccinator P. Armoogan Pillay, appointed 1st October 1880; can talk and write English; no service book; register fairly kept in English, but the form is wrong, and initials of Vaccinator have not been entered. Dy. Inspector ordered to give him correct form. Needles clean but uneven. No preserved lymph.

Law female Municipal Vaccinator Ankumak, service 9 years, register written in Tamil by a writer, same form as above. Says that her Service book is in Hospital, that the Native Surgeon

Surgem inspected "ten or eight" of her cases last month, but his initials and date of inspection are not entered. Needles not clean, too long, and not close enough together. A little lymph on glass, none in tubes, no lymph bottle.

Arrived in Tanjore on the afternoon of the 17th November 1880. Tanjore

1st Class Dy. Inspector B. Ramasamy had been doing no work, sending in no returns, and reporting that owing to the "new system" it was impossible for him to do any work.

Was met by 1st Class Dy. Inspector B. Ramasamy Maider, service 2 1/2 years, from entertainment as Vaccinator, he was appointed Dy. Inspector in April 1877.

Inspected his letter book: - the book is neatly kept and the writing is good. There is only one letter dated 25th July 1880 forwarding a petition from a Vaccinator, between the dates of 18th July 1880 and 1st August 1880.

On the 17th July 1880 he received an order from the President L. F. Board to let the Vaccinators work under the direct orders of their
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respective Tahsildars. On the 17th August⁵¹³ he issued a circular to the Vaccinators directing them to work under the Tahsildars. He says the delay was occasioned by waiting to select and appoint 12 temporary Vaccinators. On the 15th August reported the order to the Inspector of Vaccination Madras. Gives same excuse as above for delay. On the 30th July received an order dated 22nd July to supply a lancet for Vaccinating purposes. Did not answer it till the 23rd August. Says delay was his mistake. On the 23rd August answered an endorsement of the 29th July regarding the character of a Vaccinator. Says he wanted to refer to his character.

On the 23rd August answered a letter from Dy. Inspector Dindigul dated 24th June.

On 1st September wrote to the President L. F. Board to the effect that he thought the "System" would not work well.

On 30th September reported the names of the 12 Temporary Vaccinators entertained 17th August.

On 1st October submitted bill of Temporary Vaccinators for August. Says delay was caused by finding out the day they joined.

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On 12th September received a memo from the Inspector of Vaccination calling for information as to the way in which Vaccinators enter results. Answered it on the 17th October. Says delay was caused in receiving explanation from Vaccinators.

On 21st October received memo. asking why diaries &c were not sent in. Answered it on 26th October.

On 5th November received memo. calling for further information as to how results are verified. Answered it on 11th November.

This is the last letter in his book.

All this delay in correspondence and carrying out orders seems to me to be the result of carelessness and idleness on the part of this Dy. Inspector.

When he received the important order on the 17th July from the President L. F. Board, he should at once have communicated it to the Inspector of Vaccination and asked for his advice and assistance, but he did not even report it till the 15th August, nearly a month after receipt. He should also have assisted to the utmost of his power in the carrying out of the President's

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President's plans, and in superintending and inspecting the Vaccinator's work, instead of criticising the system as he does in his letter of the 1st September. In that letter he speaks of the "system" as rather "theoretical than practical". The President states that since 1st April last the numbers operated on in the District exceed 100,000 which shows the system must have been thoroughly practical.

After the 14th August he sent in no diaries, until twice called for, he then, on the 7th November, sent in diaries for weeks ending 21st August to 30th October.

Work done during that time reported as follows:— 16th, 17th & 18th August "Specially engaged in selecting 12 Temporary Vaccinators". 20th and 21st August inspected 68 cases in two villages distant 14 and 15 miles respectively from Tanjore. On 23rd August "went to Tiruvady" about 7 miles from Tanjore "to see how the Vaccinators operate in a batch system and requested Dy. Tahsildar to assist vaccinators. This was written from "recollection" on the 7th November as he took no notes at the time.

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On 1st September went again to Privady
 "to see how the Vaccinators are working". Has no notes
 of this visit. On 3rd September "went to Kalyan-
 puram" about 7 miles from Tanjore "to see how
 the Vaccinators are working" no notes. On 6th Sept
 "Went to Kodavali"; about 12 miles from Tanjore
 "to see the Vaccinators working" No notes. On 12th
 Oct: "Visited the President" on the 25th, 26th & 27th
 Oct: "went to Bombaconum to visit the Tahsildar
 and ask for nominal list of cases vaccinated".
 For remainder of the time he was attending to
 "Office duties", that is doing nothing - so that on his
 own showing out of 47 days, he has only worked,
 if work it can be called, on 13 days the remainder
 being spent in "Office duty".

On examining his diaries from the 1st January
 to 14th August, I find that, out of 29 working
 weeks, he has spent:—

21 weeks inspecting in Tanjore Taluk

2 1/2 " " Bombaconum.

5 1/2 " " Mannargoody.

and that he has not visited Puthucottah Taluk
 at all.

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 On the 19th November I drove out to
 Vallam to speak to Mr Webster, the Collector, who
 arrived from the District the night before.

Mr Webster says no "new system" was in-
 troduced. Lists were ordered to be made out by
 village Gurnams giving the names of all under
 fourteen years of age and showing who were vaccinated,
 who had Small-pox, and who were unprotected. When
 these were finished lymph was established in a
 village and notice given by tom tom that on the
 8th day the Vaccinators would return and vaccinate
 all who were unprotected. In this way immense
 numbers have been vaccinated, over 38,000 in one
 Taluk alone. As Mr Webster says that after this
 year it will only be necessary to vaccinate according
 to the Birth Register in order to keep Tanjore
 District thoroughly protected.

Daily lists of those vaccinated were
 given to the Vaccinators by the Gurnams and the
 "results" seem to have been entered by them also.
 The Vaccinators ought certainly to have inspected
 and entered the results of their own operations;
 and would have done so had the Dy. pointed
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out the necessity for it. But 1st Class Dep. Inspector B. Ramasamy Aidoor, while these immense numbers were being operated upon, instead of being out with the vaccinators, assisting, inspecting, and reporting remained in Tanjore at "Office work," as he calls it, although he was sending in neither weekly diaries nor monthly returns. His most sensible excuse is that he lost his head owing to the great numbers that were being operated upon; this seems to me quite possible.

Taking this into consideration as well as the good character for work he has previously had I have not recommended him to be reduced to a vaccinator. He is however, on my recommendation, to be removed to the Buddapak Circle, where the cases are not likely to be too numerous for his inspection, and where I can keep a strict watch over his work.

In Tanjore town there are two Municipal vaccinators working under the supervision of

of the Civil Surgeon.

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1st Class vaccinator Pokala Guntiah

Aidoor is an old man who does not understand English; service under Government 25 years, in Municipality 14 years. Register is neatly kept in English by his son, but is not in proper form and cases are not initiated by the Vaccinator; it is written up to the end of October; he keeps daily lists of people vaccinated and his son writes up the book at the end of every week. Four or five times every month he brings cases up for the inspection of the Civil Surgeon but that officer's initials are not in the register for this year. A separate little book in Tamil contains initials. This vaccinator does from 150 to 250 cases every month. Cases brought for the inspection of Surgeon, Apothecary, or Jail Dresser receive one anna for allowing lymph to be removed. Has no needles only a lancet; no preserved lymph as he does all his cases from arm to arm.

2^d Class Municipal Vaccinator Anna-
malai Pillay: a young man who knows no
English; service 1 year; register fairly kept in
English by a "writer," but is wrongly ruled
and cases are not initialed by the Vaccinator.
The Dy. Inspector was ordered to show these
men how to rule their registers. Register is
written up to the 26th October, it is entered
November in the register; says he vaccinated no
cases in October after the 26th on account of a
festival. Says he has a rough register of the
cases done during November which will be written
up at the end of the month. Says he brings
up eight or ten cases every month for the Civil
Surgeon's inspection, but the initials of this officer
are not in the register. Does from 100 to 150
cases every month. No needles, lancet is at "home";
no preserved lymph as he does all his cases from
arm to arm.

Reached Madras on the 21st November. Madras.

On the 25th November went out with the Dy.
Inspector Madras to inspect work of 2^d Class
Vaccinator

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Vaccinator E. Gummimath in ~~Changanassery~~ ^{Changanassery} village. Her register is very neatly written up
in English by "her son", but Column "no of cases
from which lymph taken" has not been filled
in regularly; she herself keeps a note book in
Tamil from which the register is written. Her
service is "about three years" and she is reported
by the Dy. to be a good worker. She does
from 4 to 5 cases daily and never seems to
exceed six. Her needles are clean and in
good order, she has no preserved lymph
as she always works from arm to arm.

The lanes of the village seemed to
me very dirty: carts go round to clean
out the dust bins but no effort seems
to be made to remove the black mud
and filth from about the doors or to keep
the surface drains in working order. There
is either a want of latrines or the people
are not made to use them, the
children seem to prefer the middle
of

of the lanes to the fields and gardens.

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