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(2) புதுக்கித் திருப்பிற் நாள்

(3) ஆதாரம் குறிப்பவர் சுருக்கொப்பம்

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3RD JANUARY 1887, No. 1, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From J. KEESS, Esq., M.D., Senior Medical Officer, General Hospital, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Secretary, Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras), dated Madras, 1st January 1887, No. 825.

I have the honor to submit the following report, for the information of the Surgeon-General, of my experience of the catastrophe that occurred on the evening of the 31st December 1886.

2. Being in the neighbourhood of the General Hospital, at the commencement of the "Fire" at the Park, I proceeded, at once, to the Hospital, in anticipation of accidents.

3. It was about half-past 6 P.M. when the first cases of burn were brought in. Mrs. McIntyre, the Matron Superintendent, with all the nurses noted below, at once proceeded to dress the sufferers as quickly as possible:—

Nurses.		
Mrs. Ambrose.	Mrs. Rider.	Mrs. Smith.
Miss Coady.	" Fay.	" Carrol.
" Vint.	" Martia.	" Mack.
" Leonard.	" Hobday.	" Holding.
" Western.		

Hospital Sergeant—W. Ellery.

4. The apothecaries and students named below and Mr. Macpherson, the steward, worked most assiduously throughout the night, and did all that was possible to relieve the intense suffering of the patients:—

Apothecaries.		
C. Trutwein, Senior Apothecary.	Civil Apothecary Kenny.	
C. A. Hellein, Apothecary.	Asst. do. Pope.	
H. H. M. Jidge, do.	Civil do. Harris.	
Asst. Apoth. Gooroosawmy Pillai.		

Medical Students.		
Ramasmi Surma.	Rajagopaul.	J. G. Couran.
M. J. Pereira.	John Pillay.	Jaganadham.
J. M. Pereira.	Ragavandra Row.	Venkoba Row.
Poonan.	Chatterjee.	Vasulava Row.
Agappa.	Pestouji.	Venketsubbiah.
Gopalan.	Harris, a Travancore student.	Tallent.
Ganapathy.	Gonguli.	Wells.
Govindarajulu Naidu.	E. S. Krishnasami.	F. A. Haden.
Jacobs.	Krishnon.	J. Haden.
Hollingsworth.	Nunjapa.	Soobooventkojee.
Daniel.	Gnanaserumini Raj.	Narainsawmy.
Mathen.	Krishna Row, H.	P. Carr.
Mahadavan Pillay.		

Ex-Students.		
Rajagopaul, L.R.C.P.	Martyn.	O'Sullivan.

Lady Medical Student—Mrs. Stephens.

செப்பிடுபவர் பெயர் *செப்பிடுபவர்*
செப்பிடுவதற்காக எடுத்தது 7/9
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சுரிபா *சுரிபா* ஆராய்ச்சி
மு. ப. *மு. ப.* உதவியுடன்
கொள்ளப்பட்ட நாள் 12/11

5. Honorary Surgeon Lawrence was among the first to volunteer help, which I gladly accepted. Soon after, Surgeon Pope and Dr. Nailer joined the workers, and labored hard until the last cases were brought in about half-past 10 P.M. Surgeon-Major Thompson, C.I.E., came in later on, with his subordinate staff, and afforded valuable help. Brigade-Surgeon Sibthorpe followed up and carefully attended to the patients after their admission into the wards. Surgeon-Major Allison assisted Brigade-Surgeon Sibthorpe.

6. I need hardly say that the resources of the hospital were taxed to the utmost. I directed cotton mattresses to be ripped up, and utilised all the cotton they contained. A large number of sheets and clothing of every kind was torn up for dressings. Carron oil was made by the gallon out of every available oil in store. Nourishment, stimulants, and opiates were freely administered to every case, and I am glad to say that Messrs. W. E. Smith and Co., and Mr. W. Bowie of West and Co., responded readily to a requisition for cotton wool and preserved nourishment of various kinds.

7. I directed that all the old patients, who were capable of being moved out of their beds, should be accommodated in the verandahs, their beds being occupied by the sufferers who were brought in.

8. At midnight a census was taken with the following results:—

	Natives. Europeans.	
In the wards (cases admitted)	83	2
In dead-house	29	0

9. A very serious interruption to our work threatened several times, owing to the excited crowd forcing its way into the hospital. I decided on utilising the services of the following soldiers of the Bedfordshire Regiment, and it is to their timely help that the work of medical relief was able to proceed without interruption:—

Corporal E. Blaynnes,	Private R. Deal,	Private Storey,
Private J. Andrews,	" Jennings,	" Mitchell,
" Farron,	" Petchell,	

and also two soldiers of the guard over the Military Hospital. I beg that the services rendered by these men may be brought to the notice of their commanding officer.

10. As soon as the strain on the workers became less, I sent a large number of medical students under the orders of Apothecary Hellein with dressings, &c., and directed the party to place itself under the orders of the Commissioner of Police at the Park.

11. Most of the admissions were cases of aggravated burn attended with shock. Several of them died while being dressed, and others died later on.

12. The painful scene that the wards of the hospital presented on this sad night may be more easily imagined than described. The pitiful cries of the sufferers were harrowing in the extreme, and notwithstanding the free use of opiates, they continued throughout the night. The one redeeming feature in this painful picture was the earnest and devoted work of all who came to the relief of the sufferers. I have mentioned them all by name in this report, and I trust that the Surgeon-General may be pleased to recognize the valuable services rendered by one and all.

CENSUS OF BURN CASES.

1st January 1887—7 A.M.

	Natives. Europeans.	
Sick admitted last night and under treatment	60	2
Dead in the post-mortem room	62	43
Removed by friends	104	10
Total	114	
Grand Total	114	

1st January 1887—10-30 A.M.

Under treatment	52
Dead	47
Taken home	3
Total	102

Europeans under treatment	2
Grand Total	104

1st January 1887—2-30 P.M.

Remaining under treatment	46
Total deaths since admission	54
Taken home for treatment	14
Total	114

Fresh admissions on 1st January 1887	4
Grand Total	118

2nd January 1887—8 A.M.

Remaining under treatment	33
Total deaths since admission	69
Taken home for treatment	16
Total	118

	2nd January 1887.			3rd Jan. 1887.
	8 A.M.	2 P.M.	5 P.M.	6 A.M.
Remaining under treatment	33	27	27	24
Deaths since admission	49	73	74	76
Taken home	6	18	18	19
Admitted since	1	1	..	..
Total	118	119	119	119

MADRAS,
3rd January 1887.

(Signed) H. A. F. NAILER, M.B.,
Resident Surgeon, General Hospital.

ORDER—dated 3rd January 1887, No. 1, Public.

The foregoing report will be placed on the Editors' Table.

2. The thanks of Government are due to Dr. Keess and to all those who have so strenuously labored to mitigate the sufferings caused by the terrible calamity that has fallen upon the city.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
" Military Department
" Editors' Table.

Exd. A. Raith.

GOVT. OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC.

G.O. 3rd January, 1887, No. 1.

JANUARY.

Fire at the People's Park.

Thanking Dr. Keen and those who labored with him in relieving the sufferings of those who were injured by the —

Hallam apolley.
J. M. Judge. do.
J. M. apolley. J. M. apolley.
Civil apolley. J. M. apolley.
J. M. do. J. M. do.
J. M. do. J. M. do.

Med. Students.
Ramanam Venkata
G. J. Pereira.
J. M. Pereira.
Poonan.
Agappa.
Gopalam.
Ganapathy.
Govindarajulu.
Jacobs.
Hollingsworth.
Dance.
Mathan.
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Rajagopaul.
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Harris, a Navan.
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Gnanas. Narayan.
Krishna Rao.
J. G. Couran.
Jagannathan.
Venkoba Rao.
Paradavarao.
Venkatesubbiah.
Tallent.
Wells.
F. A. Haden.
J. Haden.
Cook. Narayan.
Mar. Narayan.
P. Carr.
Ex. Students.
Rajagopaul S.P.C.P.
M. Narayan.
Sullivan.
J. M. Narayan.

The Senior Medical Officer
General Hospital
The Chief Secretary to Govt.
(The Secretary Surgeon General.
with the Govt of Madras)

I have the honor to submit
the following report for the informa-
tion of the Surgeon General of my
experience of the Catastrophe that
occurred on the evening of the 3rd
December /86.

Being in the neighbourhood
of the General Hospital, at the
commencement of the Fire at the Park.
I proceeded, at once, to the Hospital
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5. Honorary Surgeon Lawrence, ^{Hosp. Surgeon}
among the first to volunteer help, ^{H. E. M. D.}
which I gladly accepted. Soon after,
Surgeon Pope and Doctor ~~Smith~~ joined
the workers and labored hard until
the last cases were brought in about
1/2 past 10 pm. Surgeon Major ~~Thompson~~
C.I.E. came in, later on, with his
subordinate staff and afforded
valuable help. Brigade Surgeon
Libthorp followed up and ~~attended~~
fully attended to the patients
after their admission into the
wards. Surgeon Major Allen upon
Brigade Surgeon Libthorp.

6. I need hardly say that the resources of the hospital were taxed to the utmost. I directed

Cotton mattresses, to be ripped up
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was made by the gallon out of every
available oil in store. Quinine, castor
oil, and opiate, were freely
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am glad to say that Messrs. W.
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7. I directed that all the old patients, who were capable of being moved out of their beds should be accommodated in the Verandahs, their beds being occupied by the ~~patients~~ who were brought in.

8. At midnight a census was taken with the following results.

In the wards (cases admitted).	88	2
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Corporal. C. Blaymes.
Privates. J. Andrews.
 Larson
 R. Dyer
 Jennings
 Patchell
 Storey
 Mitchell

and also two soldiers of the Guards, members of the Military Hospital. I beg to thank the Services rendered by these men may be brought to the notice of their Commanding Officer.

As soon as the strain on the workers became less, I sent a large number of medical students under the orders of the Apothecary Haller with dressings &c. and directed the party to place itself under the orders of the Commanding Officer of Police at the Park.

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12. The painful scenes that the wards of the Hospital presented on this sad night may be more easily imagined than described. The painful cries of the sufferers were harrowing in the extreme and notwithstanding the free use of opiates, they continued throughout the night. The one redeeming feature in this painful picture was the earnest and devoted work of all who came to the relief of the sufferers. I have mentioned them all by name in this report and I trust that the Surgeon-General may be pleased to recognize the valuable services rendered by one and all.

13. Census taken at 7 A.M. 14th Aug.

admitted last night
 under treatment } 60
 = 62

Dead in the Post mortem room : 42

Total : 104

Removed by friends : 10

Grand Total : 114

I have the honor to be
 Sir
 your most obedient servant
 J. H. Keefe
 Brigade Surgeon
 Senior Medical Officer

At 10.30 am
 Under treatment 52
 Dead 47
 Taken home 3
 102
 Europeans under treatment 2
 104

[Signature]

No. 827

General Hospital
 Valparaiso, 2nd January 87

From The Senior Medical Officer
 To The General Hospital
 Chief Secretary to Govt.

I have the honor to forward
 the following figures for the infor-
 mation of Government, in continuance
 of my letter No. 825 of 1st January 87.
 1st January 87. 2.30 pm.

Remaining under treatment - 46
 Total deaths since admission - 54
 Taken home for treatment - 14
 Fresh admissions on 1st Jan 87. 4
 Total - 114

2nd January 87. 8 am.
 Remaining under treatment - 33
 Total deaths since admission - 69
 Taken home for treatment - 16
 Total - 118

[Signature]
 Brigade Surgeon
 Senior Medical Officer

[Illegible handwritten notes]

File at the Madras People's Store
Reporting the no. of cases taken
in the General Hospital on the
1st June 1917

3rd Jan. 1897

	a.m. 8	P.M. 2	P.M. 5	A.M. 6 (3-10)
Remaining under treatment	33	27	27	24
Deaths since admission	69	73	74	76
Taken home	16	18	18	19
Admitted since	"	1	"	"
Total	118	119	119	119

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Resident Surgeon
Genl. Hospital

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The foregoing report ~~will~~
will be placed on the Editor's
Table.

The thanks of Government
are due to Dr. Keese and
all those who have so
generously labored to miti-
gate the sufferings caused
by the terrible calamity that
has ^{fallen upon} ~~visited~~ the city. N.Y.
The G. in C. requests that
he may be informed of the
ultimate result of the cases
under treatment in the
Hospital.

N.Y.

3/1/87

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37 Jan'y
The Surgeon Genl with the for
"Military Dept.
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Fire at the Serapi Dock

Thanking & praising those
who laboured with him in rescue
the suffering of those who
were injured by the—