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[Despatch Abstract.]

*Ordering that the
further report on the
Vaginal treatment of
cholera be forwarded
to the Govt of India.*

No. 93

Office of the Surgeon General³⁹²
with the Govt. of Madras
Madras 4 February 92

From.

The Surgeon General
with Govt. of Madras,

To.

Nungambakum.

The Chief Secy. to Government
Public Department,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to para 2 of this Office
letter no: 396 dated the 18th June last, I have
the honor to forward for the informa-
-tion of Government a resume of the
Reports since received in this Office on
the various treatment of Cholera.

2. The results recorded in the Cuddalore
District cannot, I fear, be accepted.
Of the 94 cases experimented on only 5
were treated at the Head Quarter
Dispensary, of which 3 died and 2 re-
-covered, the rate of recoveries being
40 percent

40 percent. The other 89 cases with 71 recoveries or 80 percent were treated by Medical Subordinates and the percentage of success is so high and so different from the experience of others that they cannot be accepted. Very exaggerated reports accompany some of these cases. For instance the Hospital Assistant at Parannamilla reports 30 recoveries out of 31 attacks!! The Hospital Assistant at Prodatu reports "4 cases in the last stages" all recovered!! It is clear from these reports that either the Subordinates have not been very accurate in recording their results or that the treatment was not tried in bad cases. Again in almost all cases other means stimulant &c. were simultaneously adopted so it is impossible to say how far any favorable result obtained was due to the blistering.

3. At the General Hospital Madras the Vagus treatment under the direct supervision of vigilant and most able Medical

Medical Officers is always used as an adjunct to the other measures; the Medical Officer reports "the treatment (Vagus) exercises no appreciable effect."

4. Some of the Medical officers and subordinates who were entrusted with the duty of trying this treatment report strong opposition from the masses to accept it under the belief that the application of the blistering fluid would result in tetanus or Convulsions.

5. Even if we accept the percentage of success shown the results on the whole are not any better than those obtained from time to time where ordinary or no treatment is adopted. Excluding North Arc of the total figures of which are not given. There ^{were} 172 cases treated with a recovery rate of 61 percent. It must not be forgotten that many of these cases were those occurring towards the close of epidemic.

epidemic.

6. The conclusions I have arrived at so far are that the Vagus treatment possibly has some effect through the pneumogastric nerve (Vagus) in controlling the vomiting that accompanies cholera, but is useless so far as the ultimate results are concerned.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

J. J. De Laker
Surgeon General
with Govt. of Madras.

W. J.

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Sir,

I am directed to for-
ward some further
reports on the vague
treatment in cases of
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