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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From L. G. MOORE, Esq., Chairman, Municipal Council, Bezwada, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Collector of Kistna), dated 31st May 1894, No. 322.

- 1 Report on the working of the hospital.
- 1 Book containing statements.
- 1 Copy of resolution, 31st May 1894, No. 21.
- 1 Statement of roads.
- 4 Educational statements.
- 2 Statements showing receipts and expenditure on town improvement schemes.

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I have the honour to submit the annual report on the administration of the Bezwada Municipality for the year 1893-94, the 6th year of its existence, together with the prescribed statements.

2. The Municipal Council's resolution adopting the report is enclosed.

I.—CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL.

3. The number of councillors on the 31st March 1894 was 12.

Mr. W. Jopp, the Executive Engineer, having left the station on furlough, his place has been filled up by C. A. Smith, Esq., Executive Engineer—*vide Fort St. George Gazette*, No. 20, dated 6th June 1893, page 108.

M.R.Ry. G. Lakshmikantarás Pantulu, Tahsildar, has also resigned his membership and his place has been filled up by Mr. T. P. Norton, Police Inspector—*vide Fort St. George Gazette*, No. 30, dated 15th August 1893, page 180.

Mr. F. C. Parsons, the Head Assistant Collector and the *ex-officio* Chairman, was in charge of the office during the whole of the year 1893-94, and I have taken charge of the office only on the 28th March 1894.

I am glad to note that Government has conferred on municipal councillors M.R.Ry. S. Lingayya Pantulu Garu and M.R.Ry. M. Ethirazulu Pillai Garu the titles of Rao Bahadur for the meritorious services rendered by them to the municipality.

4. Twenty-seven meetings were held against 23 of the previous year, the average attendance being 6.48 against 5.30 of the previous year.

5. The attendance of the official members is far from satisfactory this year when compared with the previous year, and it is hoped it will be better next year.

6. The office routine work was carried out by M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur S. Lingayya Garu as in previous years.

II.—RECEIPTS.

7. The year commenced with a balance of Rs. 25,426-8-8. The receipts during the year amount to Rs. 36,627 against Rs. 35,370 of the revised budget, the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 48,922-2-9.

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

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A.—Receipts from Taxation.

8. All taxes, as per revised budget, have been collected except Rs. 285-2-10 as per statement IV-A. Rs. 72-0-10 has since been collected. I hope that the remaining sum will be collected before the end of June 1894, as the item Rs. 115, produce of gardens, is to be collected in instalments before the end of fasli 1303.

9. The taxes were collected on the registers revised during 1893-94.

10. A sum of Rs. 273-8-0 was collected on profession tax over the revised budget estimate, which is due to the tax having been levied on new arrivals during the second half of the year 1893-94.

11. The incidence of the profession tax is Rs. 5-12-7 as compared with Rupees 5-3-8 of the previous year.

12. The house-tax has been fully collected as per revised budget, and the incidence is Rs. 2-4-4 against Rs. 2-3-3 of the previous year.

13. The extent of land assessed during the year was 928 acres and 61 cents, of which acres 859-80 is cultivated land and acres 68-81 is house site.

14. A sum of Rs. 1,396-11-3 was collected for land-tax against Rs. 1,200 of the revised budget; the excess is due to the collection of arrears of Rs. 89-8-0 of 1892-93 and Rs. 100 was omitted by mistake in totalling up the register when the revised budget was submitted.

15. *Tax on Vehicles with springs.*—The short collection of Rs. 26-8-0 on this item is due to the carriages of the East Coast Railway Engineers not having been licensed during the year as most of them have left the station, the Kistna bridge work having been fully completed.

16. *Tax on Animals.*—Rs. 59-4-0 have been collected in excess of the revised estimate, the difference is due to the sum of Rs. 60 collected from "Sankaraswami" on 5 elephants at Rs. 12 each during the second half of the year 1893-94.

17. *Tax on Carts.*—Rs. 903 have been collected against Rs. 1,000 of the revised budget; the decrease is due to the carts employed on Kistna bridge works during the first half of the year not having been registered during the second half of the year as there was no work for the carts during the second half-year.

18. *Tolls.*—Rs. 7,975-12-9 have been collected against Rs. 7,930; the excess is due to the interest collected for late payment of kists.

19. *Ferry Rents.*—Rs. 1,127-4-7 were collected against Rs. 1,120 of the revised budget, but Rs. 571-12-1 have been eliminated from both receipts and expenditure, the item having been twice credited—*vide* Treasury Deputy Collector's Reference C. No. 3230-Account of 25th July 1893.

20. *Fees from Travellers' Bungalow.*—Only Rs. 578-6-0 have been collected against Rs. 650 of the revised budget; the decrease is due to the opening of an English refreshment room at the railway station by Messrs Dorabji and Co. for the use of European travellers.

21. *Produce of Lands, &c.*—Rs. 115-11-9 have been collected in excess of the revised estimate; the increase is due to the omission of Rs. 230 to the figure of Rs. 450 entered in the revised budget. Rs. 115 are still due and will be collected—*vide* statement IV-A.

22. *Fees from Educational Institutions.*—Rs. 321 have been collected against Rs. 250 of the revised budget; the increase is due to the omission of a sum of Rs. 100 to the revised budget when it was submitted.

23. *Sale-proceeds of Medicines.*—Rs. 24-12-2 have been collected against Rs. 50; the decrease is due to the scarcity of applicants for English medicines from hospital.

24. The slight increase on income from markets, slaughter-house and cart-stands is due to the interest collected for late payment of kists.

25. *Distraint Fees.*—Rs. 3-4-0 have been collected against Rs. 10, as almost all the taxes have been collected without distraining the property and on the mere presentation of the distress warrant by the bill collector. As the preparation of

warrants involves unnecessary work for the office, it is advisable to fix and levy a nominal charge of As. 4 for each warrant prepared and not served. The warrant is virtually a second notice for the tax.

26. *License Fee.*—Rs. 612-13-6 have been collected against Rs. 550 of the revised budget; the increase is due to the opening of certain new brick kilns and for fees collected on new houses constructed during the year 1893-94.

27. *Other Fees.*—Re. 1 has been collected for 2 extracts of deaths and births supplied under section 249 (4) of Municipal Act IV of 1884.

28. *Fines under Municipal and Police Acts.*—Rs. 1,571-8-0 have been collected against Rs. 1,200 of the revised budget; the increase is due to the better working of the sanitary clauses of the Municipal Act by the police and municipal servants.

29. *Municipal Schools.*—Rs. 156-12-3 have been received for the following:—

Rupees 150, being the half contribution for furniture supplied to Municipal schooes.

Rupees 6-12-3, being the contribution due for girls trained in the new Malas' school.

An application for grant due for gymnastic instruction has been sent in, but no grant has been as yet received.

30. Rs. 2,250 have been received from the Bezvada Taluk Board, being the half contribution for the upkeep of the municipal hospital for 1893-94.

31. Rs. 2,300 have been received as per revised budget; of this, Rs. 2,000 appertain to the Arundel chattram and Rs. 300 for the maintenance of Haiderabad road within municipal limits.

32. *Private scavenging.*—Rs. 725-3-0 have been received against Rs. 400 of the revised budget; the excess is due to the number of latrines having been increased during the last quarter of the year and as fees have been collected in advance. The number of private latrines on 31st April 1894 was 511 against 18 of the previous year.

33. The total expenditure on private scavenging during the year is Rs. 922-0-4 against Rs. 725-3-0 received, and attempts will be made to extend the system of private latrines during the ensuing year 1894-95.

34. *Clearing Cesspools.*—Rs. 256-8-0 against Rs. 200 of the revised budget have been received and Rs. 671-5-1 have been spent towards the upkeep of the establishment; but the system is not working well as the rate charged on each cesspool for a month is only Re. 1.

35. There are 5 carts and 4 scavengers for clearing cesspools in the town; the total charge for all these put together amounts to Rs. 60-8-0 as noted in the margin and the number of cesspools cleaned are only 27. The charge for each cesspool for each month comes to Rs. 2-4-0 against Re. 1, what is being charged at present. Some time ago, the council proposed to raise the rate for each cesspool to

Rs. 1-8-0 a month, but as the majority did not approve of the proposal, the subject was dropped. It is quite plain that the system will never work without loss unless the rate is raised. I recommend that Government may be pleased to sanction the rate to be raised from Re. 1 to Rs. 1-8-0 a month for each cesspool cleaned with effect from 1st July 1894.

36. *Refunds of Expenditure of previous year.*—Rs. 26 have been realised against Rs. 50 of the revised budget; the difference is due to non-collection of a moiety of stamp and registration fees for sale certificates from those who are non-residents.

37. *Other Items*.—Rs. 12-14-0 have been received against Rs. 30 budgeted; the difference is due to the non-receipt of sundry sales anticipated in the revised budget.

38. *Advances*.—Rs. 1,412-2-6 have been collected against Rs. 900 as shown in the revised budget; the difference is due to the collection of arrears advanced during the year 1892-93.

39. *Incidence of taxation*.—The incidence of taxation, including tolls per head of population as per census of 1891 (20,741), is Rs. 1-0-8 against Rs. 1-1-4 of the previous year. Excluding tolls, it is As. 10-7 against As. 9-9 of the previous year.

III.—EXPENDITURE.

40. *Grant I—New Works—Communications*.—Rs. 7,797-5-0 were spent against Rs. 7,755 of the revised estimate and Rs. 9,533-6-9 of the previous year. The principal roads constructed during the year are shown in the statement attached.

41. *Buildings*.—Rs. 7,220-4-7 were spent against Rs. 7,644 of the revised estimate and Rs. 17,271-15-0 of the previous year. The Arundel choultry at a cost of Rs. 21,000, including compound wall, has been completed and handed over to the municipality by the chattram committee. It is proved a great boon to Bezwada, as there is no choultry in that part of the suburbs for the use of travellers.

42. The other works carried out during the year under report are shown in statement II-A. The saving on this item is due to part of the expenditure incurred on the construction of Arundel chattram not having been paid for before March 1894.

43. *Water-supply*.—Rs. 1,741-0-3 were spent against Rs. 2,200 of the revised estimate and Rs. 2,877-12-7 of the previous year. The saving is due to the non-completion of new wells started during the year owing to the presence of large springs of water in the wells. Four new wells were sunk during the year, two of them have been completed and two left unfinished; hence the saving on the item. These two wells will be taken in hand during 1894-95 and completed. The other unfinished wells of 1892-93 have been completed during the year under report.

44. Mr. Jones, the Sanitary Engineer to Government, has promised that he would take up the water scheme in hand in supersession of G.O., No. 2035 M., dated 12th December 1892, and it is presumed that the estimates and plans are under preparation. It is hoped that the work will be put in hand at the earliest possible opportunity.

45. *Communications—Repairs*.—Rs. 2,429-4-11 were spent against Rs. 2,530 of the revised budget and Rs. 8,125-5-5 of the previous year. The statement attached will show the extent of roads repaired during the year. The roads on the whole are in good condition.

46. *Buildings*.—Rs. 305-11-6 were spent against Rs. 400 of the revised estimate and Rs. 271-4-9 of the previous year. The saving is due to the non-execution of repairs proposed to be carried out to the municipal office at a cost of Rs. 100 before 31st March 1894.

47. *Drainage*.—Rs. 33-5-1 were spent against Rs. 50 of the revised estimate and Rs. 113-11-0 of the previous year. The only drain which runs into Ellore canal is cleared where it is found necessary, but the town wants a proper drainage scheme and I think the Sanitary Engineer to Government will take up this work after the water project is completed.

48. *Contributions to Provincial Funds*.—Rs. 100 is paid to the Public Works Department for scrutiny of estimate for constructing bathing ghât at the Kistna anicut as per G.O., No. 137 M., dated 8th February 1894.

49. *Grant II—Education*.—There were no schools on salary system during the year under report, the one which was in existence was converted into a salary result system school by the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

50. There were 4 salary result system schools during the year 1893-94. The average attendance and cost per pupil of different schools are shown in statement V-A.

The average rate is somewhat high as compared with that of previous year. This is due to the addition of charge connected to the common gymnasium to all of these schools.—

	1892-93.			1893-94.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
(a) Municipal town school	8	4	5	7	11	9
(b) Vidyadharapuram school	5	3	3	5	14	8
(c) New parchery school	2	14	1	5	9	8
(d) Muhammadan school	8	14	11	8	1	4

51. *Salary Grant*.—The actual grants earned during the year for the Lower Secondary department of the C.M.S. High school have been paid; the saving being small requires no explanation.

52. *Results Grant*.—Rs. 52-1-5 have been paid in excess of the revised budget and Rs. 377-7-8 of the previous year. The increase is due to the payment of arrears for 1891-92 for a Muhammadan school, as the certifying memorandum has not been received during the year.

There were five schools on the 1st April 1893, and only one school has been opened during the year under report. The grants earned during the year show that the results show great improvement on those of the previous year.

53. *Inspection*.—The usual contribution of Rs. 36 for a Muhammadan Inspecting schoolmaster has been paid during the year to the District Board, but the supervision on the school is still backward as reported in paragraph 49 of my letter, No. 340, dated 27th May 1893, printed with G.O., No. 1028 M., dated 9th August 1893, and I hope that the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, will be moved to make better arrangement for the supervision of the school in question.

54. *Municipal Inspector*.—The Inspecting schoolmaster was entertained in June 1893, but the man having resigned his appointment after the lapse of three months, the post was not filled up for want of a competent man for about three months, and it was then filled up by a Middle School candidate, who was reported to have done good work when he was a schoolmaster in the Local Fund department.

55. *Miscellaneous—Common Gymnasium*.—The expenditure of Rs. 402-8-4 on this item is mixed up proportionately on the four salary-result system schools, and favorable reports of the work of the Inspector have not been received. The required apparatus has been purchased and fixed up for use of all Municipal school boys in the town.

56. The total expenditure on education is Rs. 2,766-4-5 against Rs. 2,970 of the revised estimate and Rs. 2,393-11-7 of the previous year. The percentage of expenditure on total receipts is about 7.50 per cent. and is, I think, satisfactory.

57. The results grants were paid at the maximum rates as recommended by the educational authorities.

58. *Grant III, Hospital and Dispensaries*.—The total expenditure on this institution is Rs. 4,316-2-7 against Rs. 4,660 of the revised estimate and Rs. 4,307-15-3 of the previous year. The Apothecary's report on the working of the hospital is enclosed. A separate statement showing the attendance of in and out door patients of the current and previous year is also submitted.

59. The Apothecary, Mr. Hessing, who was in charge of the hospital, was irregular in his attendance and was reported by me to the District Surgeon, who transferred him to Jaggayyapéta. Mr. J. Connor is now in charge of the hospital, and I am glad to say that, ever since he has joined his duty in December 1893, it is reported that the number of patients are increasing and the towns-people have fully appreciated his services.

60. The labour cases attended by the midwife were 100 against 62 of the previous year, and this is due to the reduction of her pay from Rs. 12 to Rs. 9-8-0 a month and paying her by results at As. 8 per each case attended during the month.

61. The new hospital building proposed to be constructed in Arundelpet will, I hear, be commenced in the next year 1894-95, and until the new building is completed, it is impossible to accommodate all caste men, as the present building is insufficient and insanitary in its present condition.

62. A new dead-house of a temporary nature has been erected at the request of the District Surgeon, apart from the hospital on the Masulipatam canal bank, and I think it will answer the purpose for the present, though it is little far off from the hospital.

63. I am glad to say that Government has been pleased to sanction the removal of Ryves' canal spoil banks in its G.O., No. 926 M., dated 17th July 1893, and I hope the work will be put in hand as soon as possible.

64. The deaths on account of cholera during the year under report were 128 against 203 in 1892-93 and 191 in 1891-92. I am sure that cholera will almost disappear if the spoil banks on all sides of the town are removed and if pure air and ventilation are secured for the town.

65. *Contributions to Provincial Funds.*—The amounts intimated by the Accountant-General have been paid for during 1893-94.

66. *Other Contributions.*—Rs. 45 have been paid to the District Board for the moiety of contribution towards the salary of a clerk employed in the District Surgeon's office at Rs. 3 a month, including Rs. 9, being the arrears of 1892-93.

67. *Vaccination.*—The average cost of vaccination is As. 6-10 against As. 3-7 of the previous year, which is too high. The Municipal vaccinator vaccinated 1,748 cases against 1,642 in 1892-93; the Apothecary vaccinated 74 cases against 52 of the previous year. The results are satisfactory.

68. The rate is nearly doubled, because the District Board has not given any contribution this year, as the Local Fund department has established a vaccine depot of its own. Last year the municipality has supplied lymph to Local Fund vaccinators and the District Board paid Rs. 300, being nearly half the cost. The entertainment of an additional peon is also a cause for the enhancement of rate.

69. *Registration of Births and Deaths.*—The number of births and deaths were 706 and 652 during the year under report, as compared with 648 and 811 of the previous year; this is not entirely satisfactory. The number of prosecutions instituted for failure to register death and births are 57 against 90 of the previous year. This is due to most of the town-people being acquainted with the Municipal rules.

70. *Conservancy, Road-cleaning and Road-watering, &c., Establishments.*—Rupees 4,321-12-8 were spent against Rs. 4,590 of the revised estimate; the saving is due to the non-employment of establishment sanctioned in G.O., No. 772 M., Mis., dated 12th June 1893.

71. The expenditure on sanitation is Rs. 10,436-9-6 against Rs. 8,044-11-10 of the previous year, and I am glad to note that the town is kept in a better and cleaner state on the whole than in previous years.

72. *Private Scavenging.*—This has already been explained in paragraph 33 *supra* and requires no remarks, except that sanction may be accorded to raise the rate of fee for each house from annas 4 for each latrine, to anna 1 for each head in each house.

73. *Cholera Charges.*—Rs. 468-9-10 were spent against Rs. 588 of the revised estimate. The payments due for 1893-94 have not been paid for fully during the year; hence the saving.

74. *Clearing Cess-pools.*—This has also been explained (*vide* paragraph 36) and so requires no remarks.

75. *Grant IV, Lighting and Miscellaneous Purposes—Lighting Establishment.*—Rs. 577-9-2 were spent against Rs. 652 of the revised estimate; the saving is due to the additional allotment applied for in No. 648, dated 20th July 1893, and sanctioned in G.O., No. 1034 M., dated 9th August 1893, not having been utilised during the year.

76. *Contingencies.*—Rs. 952-15-9 were spent against Rs. 1,100 of the revised estimate. The unspent balance is the value of materials purchased during the year, for which payment was not made before 31st March 1894.

77. *Choultries.*—Rs. 58-8-0 were spent against Rs. 60 of the revised budget under establishment. The gumastah in charge of the chattram was entertained in November 1893 and is reported to be doing his work satisfactorily.

78. *Travellers' Bungalow—Contingencies.*—Rs. 143-3-10 were spent against Rs. 120 of the revised budget; the increase is due to the construction of a latrine in the compound for the use of native travellers who come to the bungalow occasionally.

79. *Avenues.*—There are 8 watchers employed on avenues both in Buckinghampett and in the old town. The trees are in good condition, and 100 new trees have been planted during the year along the railway approach road.

80. *Water-pandal Establishment.*—Rs. 95-2-8 were spent against Rs. 132; the saving is due to the non-employment of the water-cart sanctioned in G.O., No. 419 M., dated 2nd April 1894, before March 1894.

81. *Survey of Land.*—Rs. 429-7-1 were spent against Rs. 400 of the revised budget. The whole town is being surveyed by the Revenue Survey establishment, the work is estimated to cost about Rs. 1,000 and the balance is to be allotted during 1894-95.

82. *Printing.*—Rs. 245-1-8 were spent against Rs. 300, as per revised estimate; the saving is due to the non-receipt of bills from the Manager, Dove Press, Masulipatam, for printing proceedings of the municipality during the year 1893-94.

83. *Compensation.*—Rs. 4,237-11-4 were paid against Rs. 4,008 provided in the revised budget; the increase is due to the amount having been disbursed, as per judgment of the Sessions Court, as the cases for settlement of compensation have been referred to the Civil Court, the parties having refused to accept the rate awarded by the Head Assistant Collector, Kistna.

84. *Other Items.*—Rs. 299-0-8 were paid against Rs. 625 of the revised estimate; the saving is due to the non-payment of ferry boats, *i.e.*, rent due for boats hired, Rs. 425, sanctioned in G.O., No. 419 M., Mis., dated 2nd April 1894, to Sahib Jan Sahib, late ferry contractor, Bezwada.

85. *Grant V, Establishment and Contingencies.*—Rs. 3,037-8-10 were spent against Rs. 3,035 of the revised estimate; the increase being insignificant calls for no remarks.

86. *Advances—Permanent.*—Rs. 50 have been advanced to the civil apothecary to raise his imprest to Rs. 100 in order to meet the charges for diets, &c., without being recouped twice a month; Rs. 15 have been advanced to the Manager, Municipal office, in addition to Rs. 25 already advanced, as the sum is found inadequate to meet the monthly contingent charges.

Others.—Rs. 70 have been advanced as follows:—

Rs. 20 for making a table for the use of the office;

Rs. 50 to Mr. Claridge for town survey operations, as payment to coolies are required to be made daily.

87. Rs. 3-15-3 have been refunded to the Executive Engineer, Kistna Eastern Division, being the value of quarry rubbish received from him during 1892-93, as the material in question was used for Government works.

88. *Statements A and B*—showing the receipts and expenditure on municipal proper and town improvement schemes are enclosed. As the town improvement schemes have been completely finished, and as their fund in connection with that scheme is very small, I request that orders may be issued to discontinue the system of keeping separate accounts for the same. The services of the clerk who was entertained to look after this duty were also dispensed with from 1st April 1894—*vide* paragraph 69 of my letter, No. 1458, dated 29th December 1893, printed with G.O., No. 229 M., dated 26th February 1894.

89. *IV, Closing Balance.*—The total expenditure during the year was Rupees 52,517-2-1 and the closing balance is Rs. 9,636-6-7, of which Rs. 1,025-3-0 appertain to the town improvement schemes.

ENCLOSURE.

ANNUAL Report on the Municipal Hospital, Bezwada, for the year 1893-94.

Hospital Buildings.—These consist of two separate blocks—one for in-patients and the other for out-patients. The former contains two wards separated by a walled partition—one for males and the other for females—and holding 8 and 4 beds, respectively. A detached shed is set apart for the treatment of infectious diseases and contains 4 beds; there is a separate ward for labour cases.

The buildings are in a good state of repair, but the room set apart for the police requires new flooring, the present one being very much broken up. The doors and windows of the institution were painted during the year and the buildings whitewashed.

The hospital has no pukka built latrine; the present one constructed on a most insanitary principle, being merely a tatty enclosure, partitioned for men and women. It has no flooring and no seats.

There is no bath-room either for males or females; no separate ward for caste patients.

Cholera cases are treated in a shed situated near the outskirts of the town towards the north, and about half a mile from the hospital.

The hospital is not centrally situated, being located at the western extremity of the town, at the foot of the Bezwada hill.

The spot is most inconvenient, and on two sides of it there are dwelling houses.

A new dead-house has been erected on the spoil bank between the Masulipatam canal and the river.

The furniture and fittings are sufficient, and the equipment of surgical instruments and appliances enough. Towards the end of December the supply of medicines ran short, which necessitated a supplemental indent being made.

Attendance of In-patients and Out-patients.—From the returns it appears that, during the year under review, 306 in-door and 6,698 out-door patients were treated, as compared with 293 in-door and 6,620 out-door treated in the previous year; this slight increase calls for no special remark.

The daily average sick for 1893-94 was 12.09 in-door, and 52.82 out-door against 12.87 and 53.01, respectively, for 1892-93: this slight decrease being due to the fact that the patients remained a lesser number of days under treatment. The total number of deaths among in-patients was 27 or 8.82 per cent. of the total treated. Eleven of the deaths were due to cholera, while diarrhoea and dysentery accounted for 7; fifteen cases of cholera were treated as in-patients, of which 11 died, or a percentage of 73.33. Most of these patients were brought to hospital in a hopeless, moribund condition, and several of them died within a couple of hours after admission. Omitting the deaths from cholera, the death-rate per cent. for the other diseases among in-patients would be 5.50.

The most common diseases treated during the year were, as usual, malarial fevers, worms, diarrhoea, dysentery, diseases of the respiratory apparatus, skin affections and diseases of the digestive system.

The Cholera.—During the months of January, February and March of the year just closed, cholera of a virulent type prevailed throughout the village of Bezwada, chiefly the old town. It did not assume any large dimensions: 260 persons were attacked with 128 deaths, or a mortality of 49.23 per cent.

The invasion of the disease was characterized by a sudden attack on the 8th January 1894 on four persons, residents of Buckinghampett—three of them dying in a few hours of true Asiatic cholera. The mode of importation cannot be ascertained; these cases occurred without any warning.

Whatever may be the true cause of the outbreak, whether the disease was imported by boat from Ellore or Rajahmundry, where the disease was prevailing at the time, or by railway, or by pilgrims passing through, I will refrain from saying, but there can be no doubt that the use of canal water contributed materially to the spread of the disease. The reprehensible practice prevalent among some of the boatmen navigating the canals, of concealing cases of cholera on board their boats, calls for some notice. They should be compelled under penalty to notify any case on their boats. The G.O., dated 19th March 1892, No. 291-I, Public Works, is clear on the subject. I myself seized a boat about $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile below Bezwada on the Masulipatam canal, which a few hours before came in from Ellore with a cholera-stricken person on board, took on passengers and cargo at Bezwada and started off for Masulipatam. I found the man dead of cholera in one of the cabins.

Every effort was made to stamp out the disease. A temporary cholera staff, under the Superintendence of the Medical officer, was appointed to distribute medicines and to attend to cholera cases in the town, including two scavengers, who removed the vomited and purged matters

from the cholera infected houses and buried them in a pit outside the town; a special staff was also engaged for cholera in-patients. When the epidemic reached its acme, the Chairman secured a special hospital assistant, whose services however were dispensed with when the disease began to subside.

The usual sprinklings of carbolized powder and water, &c., and the disinfection of the town by means of coal tar and sulphur, were carried out. The last case occurred on the 30th March; no other epidemic occurred in Bezwada or its vicinity.

Vaccination.—During the year under review, the Municipal vaccinator vaccinated 1,748 cases, as compared with 1,642 of the previous year; of these, 1,662 were successful, 43 unsuccessful and 43 unknown; and of those cases vaccinated by him, 553 were under one year of age; of which 546 were successful, 6 unsuccessful and 1 unknown. The Medical officer vaccinated 74 cases compared with 52 done in the previous year; of these, 67 were successful, 3 unsuccessful and 4 unknown; of the number vaccinated by the latter officer, 5 were under one year of age with the whole successful.

Midwife.—The midwife attended 100 cases as compared with 62 in the previous year; she died of cholera on the 5th February, and up to the end of March her successor had not joined.

The Water-supply.—The people draw their water for drinking and household purposes from the river Kistna, wells and the canals, chiefly the last, which, however, are dry during the hot season. The practice of washing their clothes and persons in the canal a little below the head sluices should be discontinued, as the water a little lower down is drawn for drinking purposes. The organic matter that is carried down from this washing place is not oxydised till it reaches that part of the canal much lower down Bezwada, and for this same reason the boat-stand should be removed lower down, as the boatmen use this part of the canal as a latrine. Of late, people have commenced to use the water from the reservoir near the level crossing gate on the railway line. This water is pumped up from a well in one of the piers of the Kistna bridge.

The people should be advised to draw their drinking water from the Kistna river. A sample of it has been sent for chemical analysis and report. I intend sending very shortly a sample of the water taken from the reservoir to Chemical Examiner for his opinion. That portion of the river between north of the groyne and the head sluices, and above the scouring sluices, should be set apart for drinking purposes only; no particular wells are set apart for drinking.

General Remarks and Sanitation.—The general health of the town has been fairly good. During the cholera epidemic the people became panic-stricken and many left the village.

The sanitary establishment appears to be inadequate to meet the demands made upon it, as the town is growing in population; but, nevertheless, it is kept as clean as can be expected under the circumstances. A Sanitary inspector supervises the cleansing of the town; several new latrines and urinals were erected during the year.

There is no system of drains. A few houses have cess-pools for the reception of the house-water, while in others this water either flows into the streets or into the compounds of the houses. The cess-pools are emptied by the municipality for a fixed monthly fee.

The town being built at the foot of a hill, the general slope is towards the river and the canals, into which the storm water finds its way.

BEZWADA,
14th April 1894.

(Signed) JAMES CONNOR,
Apothecary.

No. 453.

Forwarded to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Bezwada.

28th April 1894.

(Signed) R. LAKSHMANAPERUMAL,
Asst. Surgeon,
for District Surgeon.

Submitted.

31st May 1894.

(Signed) L. G. MOORE,
Chairman, Municipal Council, Bezwada.

N. Dis. No. 1988.

Submitted to the Collector of Kistna. The roads are reported to be in fair condition.

7th June 1894.

(Signed) L. G. MOORE,
Acting Head Assistant Collector.

N. Dis. No. '663-Eng.

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department.

MASULIPATAM,
11th June 1894.(Signed) E. C. RAWSON,
Acting Collector.

ORDER—dated 27th July 1894, No. 993 M., Local and Municipal.

The receipts and charges of the Bezwada Municipality for 1893-94 are compared below with the budget and revised estimates for the year and the actuals of 1892-93:—

	Actuals, 1892-93.	Budget estimate, 1893-94.	Revised estimate, 1893-94.	Actuals, 1893-94.
Receipts.				
Balance brought forward	43,824	23,490	25,430	25,427
Tax on Arts	3,804	3,800	4,000	4,274
Buildings and Lands	7,080	7,200	7,500	7,841
Vehicles and Animals	799	870	870	903
Carts	955	1,000	1,000	903
Tolls	9,911	9,600	7,930	7,986
Realizations under Special Acts	3,196	1,820	1,120	555
Rent of Lands, Buildings, &c., and Sale-proceeds of Lands, &c.	3,660	3,470	1,880	1,964
Conservancy Receipts	6	50	10	11
Fees and Revenue from Educational Institutions	284	250	250	321
from Medical Institutions	73	100	70	44
Income from Markets and Slaughter-houses	2,094	2,200	2,100	2,111
License Fees	474	300	550	613
Other Fees	720	790	560	563
Fines under Municipal and other Acts	659	600	1,200	1,571
Grants and Contributions from Government	13	230	160	157
from Local Boards	10,550	3,580	4,550	4,550
from other bodies	4,050	..	..	..
Recoveries for Services to Private Individuals	278	500	600	982
Miscellaneous	283	340	120	76
Advances Recovered	33	30	900	1,412
Total ..	92,746	60,220	60,800	62,064
Charges.				
GRANT I—				
New Works—				
Communications	9,533	7,900	7,730	7,797
Buildings	17,272	8,820	7,050	7,220
Drainage	92	..	30	26
Water-supply	2,878	3,460	2,200	1,741
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	12	100	..	..
Repairs—				
Communications	8,125	2,430	2,370	2,429
Buildings	271	600	300	306
Drainage	114	200	50	33
Water-supply	169	200	..	..
Establishment	666	670	670	657
Tools and Plant and other Stores	45	50	50	39
Contributions for Public Works	..	2,600	..	100
Total ..	39,177	27,030	20,450	20,348
GRANT II—				
Training Schools				
Municipal Schools—	34	120	..	..
On the Salary system	774	..	..	..
Salary-results system	650	1,520	1,520	1,385
Salary Grants	371	400	400	378
Results Grants	378	530	400	452
Inspection	96	240	220	149
Miscellaneous	91	360	430	402
Total ..	2,394	3,170	2,970	2,766
GRANT III—				
Hospitals and Dispensaries				
Contributions	4,308	4,560	4,660	4,318
Vaccination	597	270	280	329
Registration of Births and Deaths	660	600	670	715
Conservancy, Road-cleaning and Road-watering	148	130	160	150
Total ..	9,374	12,470	12,130	12,499
Total ..	15,037	18,030	17,900	18,009

	Actuals, 1892-93.	Revised estimate, 1893-94.	Budget estimate, 1893-94.	Actuals, 1893-94.
Charges—cont.				
GRANT IV—				
Lighting	1,572	1,700	1,750	1,531
Markets and Slaughter-houses	143	80	80	73
Choultries	200	300	180	167
Travellers' Bungalows	373	350	350	370
Avenues	494	630	630	620
Public garden, Survey of Land, Fire and other charges	2,091	6,320	4,050	5,356
Total ..	4,873	9,380	7,040	8,117
GRANT V—				
Supervision and Management	2,713	2,940	2,960	3,038
Advances Recoverable	1,466	400	500	135
Refunds	1,609	90	80	4
Balance	25,427	— 820	3,950	9,647
Total ..	92,746	60,220	60,800	62,064

2. The number of meetings held by the municipal council was 27 against 23 in 1892-93. The average attendance of the non-official members improved and was satisfactory, while that of the officials, though slightly better than in the previous year, was still poor.

3. *Receipts.*—(1) There was an increase of Rs. 452 in the net current demand of the tax on arts. The demand of the taxes on buildings and lands also rose from Rs. 5,999 and Rs. 1,201 to Rs. 6,316 and Rs. 1,315, respectively. The collections under these heads continued to be satisfactory. With reference to paragraph 25 of the Chairman's report, his attention will be drawn to section 60 of the Bill to amend Act IV of 1884, communicated with G.O., dated 24th February 1893, No. 256 M.

(2) There was a marked decline in the income from tolls and ferry rents, which has not been explained, but that from the tax on animals and license fees showed an advance. It is discouraging to notice that the receipts from the sale of sweepings were again very insignificant. No information has been furnished as to whether any action was taken by the municipal council to dispose of them in a more lucrative manner. This should now be supplied. The Government is disposed to believe that some advance might be made if the council utilized some of the town-rubbish and night-soil for the cultivation of a piece of waste land adjoining the town and thus demonstrated to the agricultural population the value of this manure. In this connection the council's attention will be drawn to the suggestions of the Sanitary Commissioner contained in paragraph 4 of his inspection notes recorded in G.O., dated 23rd April 1894, No. 521 M.

(3) There was a very large increase in the amount realized from fines, due to greater activity on the part of the police and the municipal executive in enforcing the provisions of the law.

(4) The number of houses served by the private scavenging agency and the income from this source rose from 18 and Rs. 53 to 511 and Rs. 725, respectively, but the service was worked at a loss of Rs. 197 to the municipal council against Rs. 35 in 1892-93. The increase in the number of houses is highly satisfactory, and now that the system has been so much extended there should be no difficulty in making it a financial success. The sanction of Government is not necessary for the proposed enhancement of fees referred to in paragraph 72 of the report; if this alteration in the rates does not render the service self-supporting, they should be again revised. Similarly, the municipal council is itself competent to raise the rate of fees levied for the cleaning of cesspools; the proposed enhancement is altogether insufficient, and immediate steps should be taken to raise the fees sufficiently to pay for the cost of the scavengers and carts employed in cleansing cesspools. There is no reason why the municipality should perform this service for private individuals at a loss to itself.

4. *Expenditure.*—(1) *Public Works.*—The Arundel chattram, which was under construction in 1892-93, was completed at a total cost of Rs. 20,565. A sum of

Rs. 2,130 out of an estimate of Rs. 3,130 was also spent on building certain market sheds, and five new latrines were put up. The total outlay on communications amounted to Rs. 10,226, and exceeded the net municipal income from tolls by more than 31 per cent. The greater portion of this sum, however, was spent in the construction of roads in the new portion of the town for which there were special receipts. The Divisional officer's statement that the roads are *reported* to have been in fair condition is of little value; he should have given Government the result of his personal inspection instead of merely passing on the opinion of some one else. The attention of the Sanitary Engineer will be drawn to the Chairman's remarks in paragraphs 44 and 47 of his report.

(2) *Education*.—The net expenditure on education was Rs. 2,288, or 10·5 per cent. of the income from taxation. All but Rs. 378 of this sum was spent on primary education. The municipal council maintained 4 primary schools on the salary-result system and aided one secondary school with salary grants and 6 primary schools with result grants, against 1 and 5, respectively, in 1892-93. There was a marked falling off in the attendance at the Paraiya school, but this was more than counterbalanced by the increase in the Musalman and Vidyadharapuram schools. The strength of the aided institutions, on the other hand, showed a slight decline and it is to be regretted that nearly 15 per cent. of the allotment for result grants was allowed to lapse. No information has been furnished regarding the working of the salary-grant school, but the results schools and the municipal institutions appear to have done fairly well at the grant and departmental examinations. The number of boys under instruction in the schools maintained and aided out of municipal funds was only 504, or 36 per cent. of the male population of school-going age, against a general average of 51·2 for all municipalities in 1892-93. The attention of the Director of Public Instruction will be drawn to the Chairman's remarks in paragraphs 29 and 53 of his report.

(3) *Medical Relief*.—There was a slight increase in the number of patients treated at the municipal hospital. It is satisfactory to note that the midwife attached to this institution attended 100 cases of labour against 62 in 1892-93—an improvement which is, no doubt, due to the adoption of the system of paying her partly by results. Pending the construction of the new hospital building, the flooring of the room set apart for the police should be renewed.

(4) *Vaccination and Vital Statistics*.—The municipal vaccinator performed 128 operations more than in 1892-93, and the total number of successful cases rose from 1,636 to 1,729. The quality of the work done was also satisfactory, although it was not so good as in the previous year. The cost of each successful operation was nearly double what it was in 1892-93, but the cause of this increase is explained in paragraph 68 of the Chairman's report. Infantile vaccination continued to receive a fair share of attention.

The registration of births improved slightly, but was still evidently incomplete. The penal provisions of the law should be rigidly enforced against all those who fail to report such occurrences.

(5) *Sanitation*.—The allotment under this head was exceeded and the expenditure amounted to 34·1 per cent. of the total receipts. From the inspection notes of the Sanitary Commissioner, printed in G.O., dated 23rd April 1894, No. 521 M., it would appear that the sanitation of the town is not in a satisfactory condition, and this is doubtless one reason for the high mortality from cholera, which appears to have raged in the town for three months in the year. The council should give early effect to the recommendations of the Sanitary Commissioner and the suggestions which the apothecary makes in his report.

5. *Town Improvement*.—The receipts under this head amounted to Rs. 1,114, against Rs. 2,526 in 1892-93. The expenditure incurred in effecting improvements such as the construction of new roads and wells in the new portion of the town was Rs. 16,653 and there was a cash balance of Rs. 1,025 on hand on the 31st March 1894. In the circumstances now stated, the proposed amalgamation of this fund with the municipal fund proper is approved.

6. *General Remarks*.—The year closed with a balance of Rs. 9,647, or 26·3 per cent. of the receipts.

The report compares very unfavorably with that of the previous year, in reviewing which the Government had occasion to remark that it was "in many respects meagre, insufficient and carelessly prepared." The statements now received are teeming with inaccuracies and discrepancies, and the report itself, besides being most deficient in matter, is disfigured by faults in style and grammar which indicate distinctly enough its author and which the most cursory perusal by any one even moderately acquainted with the English language would have rendered impossible. Mr. Moore's gross carelessness is most discreditable to him; he must distinctly understand that it is the duty of a Government servant to devote care and attention to the preparation of an official report and that it is not sufficient for him merely to affix his signature to any careless draft which his subordinates may lay before him. The Government is surprised that Mr. Rawson should have forwarded such a report without comment. The administration of the municipality during the year under review continued to be, on the whole, satisfactory; but the sanitation of the town demands increased attention.

(True Extract.)

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Capt R.E.

Under Secy., P.W.D.,
for Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Bezvada.

- „ Collector of Kistna.
- „ President, District Board, Kistna.
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- „ Director of Public Instruction.
- „ Surgeon-General.
- „ Sanitary Commissioner.
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