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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

G.O., Nos. 746, 747, Public, dated 7th September 1895.

Read—the following paper:—

From the Surgeon-General, dated 16th July 1895, No. 365.

Order—No. 746, Public, dated 7th September 1895.

The Surgeon-General submits the annual statistics of the civil hospitals and dispensaries for the year 1894, together with a report which has been carefully prepared.

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12. The subscriptions and donations received amounted to Rs. 25,808, or Rs. 6,109 more than in 1893. Of this amount, Rs. 5,634 represent contributions to the Madras Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital, leaving Rs. 20,174 for all other institutions, which appears to be a very small sum. The Government trusts that the action taken by the Surgeon-General as reported in paragraph 3 (c) will have a good effect in stimulating generosity. The recoveries from paying patients increased to Rs. 1,698 from Rs. 820 in the preceding year. The receipts are still miserably small, and point to much misplaced gratuitous medical aid. It appears to Government that, as a rule, medical officers in charge of hospitals and dispensaries should be able to distinguish those persons seeking treatment who can pay for their food from those who cannot, and that a careful exercise of the discretion vested in them to require payment should result in largely-increased receipts under this head.

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15. The particulars given in paragraph 13 in regard to the work of inspection carried out during the year is a new feature. Surgeon-General Sibthorpe, His Excellency in Council observes with satisfaction, was able to inspect a considerable number of institutions during the year. His remarks will be dealt with in the Local and Municipal Department, in which it will be ascertained what action has been or is to be taken by the local bodies or authorities concerned on the Surgeon-General's recommendations.

In the note on one district it is mentioned that the District Medical and Sanitary Officer was not, as he should have been, consulted when the district board budget was prepared. Presidents of local boards will be careful to see that the District Medical and Sanitary Officer has an opportunity of expressing his views before the budget allotments that concern his department are finally settled.

16. In paragraph 15 particulars are given of the progress made in gosha hospitals and female dispensaries during the year. The subject of the provision of educated female medical practitioners is important, and the Government regrets to find that nothing has yet been done in regard to it in the districts of Anantapur, South Arcot, Chingleput, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Nilgiris and Trichinopoly. The work carried out in the Coimbatore, South Canara, Ganjam, Gódvári, Kistna, Salem, Madura, Tinnevely and Vizagapatam districts, where female apothecaries are in charge of separate institutions, is very satisfactory and encouraging. In other districts also

female practitioners were doing good work; but where provision is not made for treatment in a separate building their usefulness will continue to be greatly circumscribed. The statement at page 7 gives the marginally-noted totals of women treated in all institutions during the year. This advance is viewed with especial gratification by His Excellency the Governor in Council. The subject of paragraph 15 of the report will be further dealt with in the Local and Municipal Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General.
 „ Sanitary Commissioner.
 „ Local and Municipal Department.
 „ Revenue Department.
 „ Financial Department.
 „ Accountant-General.
 „ Inspector-General of Police.
 „ Examiner of Medical Accounts.
 „ Honorary Secretary, the Countess of Dufferin's Fund.
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2. The particular attention of all local bodies will be drawn to paragraph 12 of the order read above, and they will be requested to endeavour to follow the course indicated at its close as far as possible.

3. Presidents of Local Boards and Chairmen of Municipal Councils will be requested to note in their annual administration reports the action that has been taken on the recommendations of the Surgeon-General at the inspections of medical institutions referred to in paragraph 15.

4. The attention of the President, District Board, Tinnevely, will be drawn to the penultimate sentence of the same paragraph.

5. The subject of hospitals for women and children has been noticed in the reviews of the administration reports of the various local boards.

(True Extract.)

W. D. Phillips

for Chief Secretary.

To all Presidents of District Boards.
 „ all Chairmen of Municipal Councils.
 „ all Collectors.
 „ the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
 „ the Public Department.
 „ the Surgeon-General.

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