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Sanitary.

Read the following paper:—

No. 67. *From L. R. BURROWS, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 6th March 1877, No. 1653.*

I have the honor to forward the report of the Special Health Officer for the week ending 3rd March 1877.

2. I regret very much to state that the deaths from small-pox, cholera, and diarrhoea show no tendency to diminish.

3. With reference to the Health Officer's remarks about the parcherries having no latrines, I can only say that he is under a misapprehension, or else that his Inspectors have yet to visit the principal parcherries in the place.

4. No case of non-attendance of municipal carts has been brought to my notice during the week. Finding that the attendance of the scavengers who are supplied by a contractor was irregular, I have given directions which should prevent the necessity of any complaints, and I will inquire and ascertain what is the cause of the Health Officer's complaint.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. STANBROUGH, Esq., Health Officer, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 6th March 1877.

I have the honor of forwarding, for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council, a brief review from the daily reports of the Health Inspectors for the week ending 3rd March 1877.

Since last report there has been a marked improvement in the sanitation in the town and suburbs of Madras, but still the number of fresh cases of cholera and small-pox keeps up. The cases as noted below have been brought to the notice of the Health Inspectors during the week and treated by them, or sent, when practicable, to the nearest hospital. The natives are very averse to any interference in cases of small-pox, and they can seldom be induced to send them for treatment to the hospitals. They will, however, readily permit their houses to be cleaned and disinfected, and even the clothes of the cholera sick to be burnt.

In not one of the parcherries inspected are there latrines, the consequence is they are in a chronic state of filth. This will soon be rectified and the parcherries put into a better condition by removing some of the huts and thus letting a current of air pass through them; very few of the huts are free from some contagious disease, and will always be so as long as the defective sanitation is permitted to remain.

There are still several complaints about the non-attendance of the municipal carts and scavengers, and in most of the divisions the dust-bins require repair, and are too few in number. A quantity of bad rice is being sold in the suburbs of Madras, which has been reported to the Police, and steps taken for its prevention.

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The Health Inspectors work with zeal, and their services are valuable in house-to-house inspection.

The Officiating President of the Municipal Commission renders me every assistance in his power.

FRESH CASES of Contagious Diseases during the Week ending 3rd March.

Number of District.	Name of Ward.	DISEASES DETECTED.		
		Cholera.	Small-pox.	Other Diseases, as Chicken-pox, Measles, &c.
1st	East	1	7	..
	Centre	6	58	2
	West	1	15	11
2nd	North	11	55	6
	Centre	8	35	..
3rd	South	27	1	11
	North	6	45	22
	Centre and South	7	20	1
5th	North	19	15	21
	Centre	10	17	..
7th	South	20	2	8
	North	5	11	3
7th and 8th..	Centre	14	6	3
6th and 8th..	North and South	6	14	7
8th	North and South	8	4	12
	South	3	32	8
	Total	152	337	115

This shows an increase during the week of 27 cholera cases and 16 small-pox. The Health Inspectors during the week have inspected 10,898 houses and 2,092 huts, and in streets or houses where contagion was discovered the places have been thoroughly cleansed and disinfected.

The Health Inspectors found it necessary to supply 517 relief tickets to destitute poor of the town.

Vaccination takes place daily in all the wards under observance of the Health Inspectors.

No. 68.

ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1877, No. 354.

Communicated to the Revenue (Famine) Department and to the Sanitary Commissioner, the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, and the Commissioner of Police.

(True Extract.)

J. H. Smith
for Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue (Famine) Department.

" Sanitary Commissioner.

" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

" Commissioner of Police.

" President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.

" Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.

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