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Sanitary.

Read the following paper :—

No. 123. *From Surgeon-Major W. R. CORNISH, F.R.C.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated 18th April 1877, No. 274.*

I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of His Grace in Council, a revised statement of the mortality occurring in the town of Madras for the first three months of the present year. In reporting on the deaths in January and February (Proceedings of Government, No. 174 of 13th February, and No. 302 of 8th March), I ascertained subsequently that the municipal returns were not quite complete, and I have now to submit the amended returns as furnished me by the Municipality.

2. The total deaths for each month have been—

January	...	...	...	...	4,059 deaths
February	...	...	...	...	4,401 "
March	...	...	...	...	4,953 "

3. It will be observed that the deaths in March have been numerically higher than in either of the two preceding months. The mortality from cholera had decreased from 1,140 in February to 612 in March, while small-pox deaths, of which 893 were registered in February, had increased in March to 1,682. The deaths from "bowel-complaints," including the fatal diarrhoea of famine, rose slightly in March, viz., from 965 in February to 994 in March.

4. The mortality registered within the town includes the population of such of the famine relief camps as are within municipal limits, but not of the camps that are beyond.

5. With reference to the unprecedented mortality from small-pox during the month of March, I think there are grounds for hoping that the epidemic has already reached its maximum of intensity, and that it will decline somewhat in April and from thenceforward. Vaccination has been vigorously prosecuted during the month, and in the Monegar Choultry Relief Camp small-pox has been very effectually controlled by vaccination.

6. There is still a large mortality from "bowel-complaints," and at present no indication of its speedy diminution.

7. The ratio of mortality according to the census population of 1871 has been 134.8 per mille per annum for the first quarter of 1877.

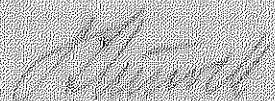
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Communicated to the President of the Madras Municipality and to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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To the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.

- " Board of Revenue.
- " Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
- " Sanitary Commissioner.
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