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Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 106. Endorsement of the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, dated Fort St. George, 23rd August 1877, No. 530.

Read the following letter from Surgeon L. BEECH, Officiating Civil Surgeon, Bellary, to Deputy Surgeon-General P. G. FITZGERALD, Indian Medical Department, Mysore Division and Ceded Districts, dated 16th August 1877, No. 275 :—

I HAVE the honor to inform you that the number of people in Avana Tope Camp had varied during the past fortnight from 2,900 to 3,100, being a slight decrease on the preceding fortnight. The number of children have decreased from 1,528 on the July 15th to 1,245 at the present time. The number of children in the camp varies considerably. On the 9th of August there were only 991 in camp. About one-tenth of the children are described as orphans, and these are far more healthy and in better condition than the rest. I could not find one in indifferent health; but of the others numbers were in indifferent health, and some were very bad. Out of a row of 60 individuals of all ages, 30 were in indifferent health and 4 in bad health; in another row of 57, 17 were in indifferent health; of the rest some were tolerably fat. The children were noticed to be in the worst condition. Since the 4th August the diet has been reduced to 10 oz. raw rice, 1 oz. dholl, tamarind, salt, twice a-day for an adult, and children in proportion. This I do not consider to be enough, and I would propose that the old diet introduced on May 27th be reverted to. The adults with two or three children will not suffer. But their children will, for the parents will help themselves to part of the dole of rice given their children. This, to my mind, is amply proved by the good condition of some mothers with children, and besides I noticed them giving only a few drops of the dholl-water to their children, retaining the larger portion for themselves, and those children who had no mothers to look after them were, without exception, in very good condition. Numbers of children are migratory—few days in camp and a few days out; these, of course, suffer. I think all mothers with children ought to be retained as long as possible in camp; if they are not, there is a great liability to death from privation and its sequences.

Since the rains chest affections have increased in camp. There have been 114 deaths as against 157 in the previous fortnight.

Famine Branch Dispensary is still the receptacle of the dying and half-starved people. There have been 29 deaths during the past two weeks, showing an increase of one on the previous two weeks.

No. 193.

SUBMITTED for the information of the Surgeon-General.

(Signed) P. G. FITZGERALD,
Deputy Surgeon-General, I.M.D.,
Mysore Division and Ceded Districts.

BANGALORE,
20th August 1877.

FORWARDED to the Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, for the information of Government.

(Signed) G. SMITH, C.S.,
Surgeon-General, I.M.D.,

No. 107. ORDER THEREON, 6th September 1877, No. 2,662.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Sanitary Commissioner.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Sanitary Commissioner.
,, the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Collector of Bellary.

Exd. W. H. French.

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No 275 Municipal Department
Ballarat 16th August 1877

From,
The Officiating Civil Surgeon
Ballarat

To,
The Deputy Surgeon General &c &c
Melbourne Dist Hospitals

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the number of people in Soldiers Hope Camp have varied during the past fortnight from 2900 to 3100, being an slight decrease on the preceding fortnight. The number of Children have decreased during 1628 on the 16th to 1200 at the present time, the number of Children in the Camp varies considerably. On the 9th of August there were only 991 in Camp, about one fifth of the Children are described as Orphans, and these are far more healthy and in better condition than the rest. I could not find any in such different health, but of the other numbers were in such different health and some were very bad. Out of a row of 60 individuals of all ages, 50 were in different health and 4 in bad health in another row of 67 17 were in such different health as the rest some were tolerably fat. The Children were ordered to be in the wash and disinfecting House the 4th August the diet has been reduced to 10 oz raw rice
1 oz Oatmeal
Salt
twice a day for an adult and Children

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Since the same check affection have increased in Camp. There have been 114 deaths, as against 157 in the previous fortnight.

Famine Branch Depot. every is also the receptacle of the dying and half-starved people. There have been 29 deaths during the past two weeks showing an increase of one on the previous two weeks.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt. Servt.
Lionel Reed
Offg. Civil Surgeon.

No 193

Submitted for the information of the Surgeon General

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No 2645 1877

From Deputy Surgeon Genl Medl

Inspector of Hospitals

Dated 16th August 77

Received 22nd August 77

No 275

Subject

Report on the Medical Charge at Arcanum Topo-accounts and Pauperism Bengal Dispensary Bullary according to GO No 1648 of 5th May 1877.

No 2662 Dated 30th August 77

Deputy Surgeon Genl Medl

No 530

Forwarded to the Additional Secretary to Government Revenue Department for the information of Govt

Deputy Surgeon General Medl

Fort St George

23 August 1877

Secretary Govt Surgeon Genl Medl Surgeon Genl Medl Fort St George