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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

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Sanitary.

Read the following paper :—

No. 74. From L. R. BURROWS, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated 16th May 1877, G. No. 199.

I have the honor to forward, herewith, the Special Health Officer's report for the week ending 12th instant. The following table shows the mortality for the last five weeks :—

Week ending	Small-pox.	Measles.	Fever.	Dysentery.	Diarrhoea.	Cholera.	Other Diseases.	Total.
April 13 ..	388	2	122		76	100	208	1,019
" 20 ..	367	1	104		85	92	196	947
" 27 ..	294	3	115		82	94	218	935
May 4 ..	221	..	110		90	201	205	945
" 11 ..	208	..	122		82	224	186	915

2. Measures have been taken to abate overcrowding in several instances brought to notice by Dr. Stanbrough. It is at night only that the houses are overcrowded, and if the inmates are turned out they will have, in the majority of cases, to lie in the open air. The owners of buildings in which overcrowding takes place are not as a rule directly blameable. They are generally very willing to get rid of their tenants.

3. It appears that, from the 19th February to the 28th April, the Health Inspectors inspected 80,565 houses, and cleaned and disinfected 10,738.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Dr. H. STANBROUGH, Special Health Officer, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 15th May 1877.

I have the honor of forwarding, for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council, a report of the working of the Special Health Establishment for the week ending 12th May 1877.

2. The health of Madras shows but very slight improvement over the last week's report. The death-rate for the week ending 12th May was 0.15 equivalent to 119.6 0/00 of population. There were 306 deaths from cholera and diarrhoea, and 208 from small-pox; 206 births were registered, equal to 26.9 0/00.

3. Cholera, I regret to say, is still very prevalent, especially in Pursewalkum, Kosapettah, Triplicane, and Black Town. By far the majority of fatal cases have occurred in the neighborhood of relief-houses. The causes of the prevalence may be therefore traced to the insufficiency of food among the destitute poor who have flocked from the districts, and have found shelter in the relief-houses as well as in private dwellings, which are just now crowded to an extent dangerous to health. The regulation provided in the Municipal Act against overcrowding should at this time be stringently enforced, for several cases have been occasioned from this cause. The other sources of the disease are exposure, a great many poor people lying out in the open air in parcheries, and the water that these people drink of a kind that must be exceedingly deleterious and productive of many undesirable consequences.

Until we are favored with a good downpour of rain we must expect the present distress and the large death-rate that now exist.

7. All that is practicable is being done by the Municipality to lessen disease. The cleanliness of the streets is better attended to, and action is being taken for the improvement of the pancherries. Attention is also being paid to the drains, but they are so bad and ill-contrived that they must be remodelled or rebuilt.

8. House-to-house visitation by the Health Inspectors continues to work well. I should be as pleased if more men were paid to the filling up of the tanks and cesspools about Madras, and so getting rid of the stagnant water which I am certain would in a great measure mitigate, or not arrest, this outbreak of cholera and sickness. Latrines are being put in order and temporary ones erected. But the care and management of the several famine relief-camps are a great drain upon the Municipality's time and resources. Wells are being cleaned and put into repair, and preparations being made for the thorough emptying and cleansing of the main drains.

9. The following is a summary of work done by Health Inspectors during the week under review:

Number of District.	Name of Ward.	NUMBER OF HUTS AND HOUSES.		Cholera.	Small-pox.	Other Diseases.	Number of Patients sent to Hospital.	Number of Food Tickets issued.	Number of Persons Vaccinated.
		Visited.	Inspected and Disinfect.						
1st	East	551	66	5	3	4	5	2	92
"	Centre	704	18	2	11	7	3	2	99
"	West	510	16	2	30	2	3	81	70
2nd	North	249	19	10	20	3	7	9	55
"	Centre	676	10	5	13	11	3	6	60
"	South	367	5	5	2	3	3	...	91
3rd	North	221	42	1	10	4	1	3	94
"	Centre and South	326	19	1	5	2	3	32	105
5th	North	560	129	96	28	2	23	122	202
"	Centre	260	40	25	...	...	4	12	98
"	South	385	46	6	6	2	2	8	68
7th	North	516	63	3	5	6	7	69	110
"	Centre	214	46	29	2	5	1	1	95
7th and 8th	North and South	189	12	19	15	...	1	5	86
6th and 7th	"	439	11	9	8	5	...	6	78
8th	South	352	7	7	...	1	1	89	80
Total		6,534	427	...	463	57	67	447	1,583

No. 75. ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1877, No. 709.

Communicated to the Revenue (Famine) Department, to the Board of Revenue, and to the Sanitary Commissioner.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue (Famine) Department,
" Board of Revenue,
" Sanitary Commissioner.

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