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Municipal-Report.

Read the following paper. —

No. 203. From J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector and President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cullindroog, 8th July 1877, No. 241.

I have the honor to submit a report on the working of the Municipality at Bellary for the past official year, the estimates for which period received the sanction of Government in their Order, No. 1166, dated 26th June 1876.

2. The estimates seem to have been accurately prepared, the actual receipts being a little above 6 per cent. and the charges a little above 3 per cent. of the estimates.

3. As the Vice-President has entered at some length on the variations of the actuals from the estimates, I need not say much on this subject except to make a general remark that the famine, which we are now suffering from, fortunately does not appear to have affected the Municipal revenue to any appreciable degree. This is due chiefly to the contract for Tolls having been sold for the twelve months instead of for six months as had hitherto been the case. If this had not been done the famine would probably have had some effect in reducing this source of income.

4. The operation also of G.O. No. 766, dated 2nd May 1876, sanctioning various licenses has had the beneficial effect of increasing the resources of the Municipality.

5. On the other hand the Municipality has not been able to realize its estimate in regard to fines, &c., levied under Section 17 of the Act. The legality of certain Bye-laws having lately been called into question.

6. No new works to any extent were executed by the Commissioners; one new latrine was erected. This and a verandah to the Municipal school, a few drains and urinals comprise all the works under this category, but repairs show an increased expenditure of Rupees 874 under the head of Roads, Miscellaneous repairs.

7. The contribution to Local Funds is a great drain on the resources of the Municipality during the year under report, the Municipality was only able to pay a moiety of the estimated amount of Rupees 6,000 towards this object, but even this crippled the efficiency of the Municipality to an appreciable degree.

8. The Commissioners have established a Town School where instruction, purely of an elementary character, is imparted, the estimated expenditure upon this has been exceeded by Rupees 75-11-10. The total cost of this institution was Rupees 531-11-10, the excess expenditure being chiefly due to the furniture provided for this school having been found to be inadequate. It is well attended. Results grants are paid to eight schools. All these are under Government inspection and the grants are disbursed on certificates of the Inspector of Schools produced by the managers and others interested in them.

9. There has been rather a large increase in the charges under Hospitals and Dispensaries owing to the purchase of medicines and medical comforts, but some portion of the deficit is due to the withdrawal of the Government grant of 25 per cent. towards the salaries of Medical Subordinates. In addition to all these causes must be also noticed the establishment of a private dispensary in the Fort which to an appreciable degree diverts applications to the Municipal aided institutions. The dispensaries still continue under the supervision and management of the Civil Surgeon, whose report is enclosed.

10. In it that officer comments on the unsuitability of the dispensary building for the purpose to which it is put. The need of a special building is fully recognized by the Commissioners, and they would, if funds permitted, erect a suitable building. A site has already been selected.

11. During the existence of cholera in the past year this institution was of much practical benefit to the community. In many instances it afforded relief to the famine-stricken poor also who were brought in suffering from privation and its attendant diseases.

12. The inmates of the dispensary are chiefly natives of the town and the adjacent outlying villages; but it has also admitted patients of other nationalities. Though the number of native out-patients amounted to 20 yet there was a decrease of 352; as compared with that of the previous year the casualties have been greater, being 86 for 1876-77 against 25 for 1875-76. From the Medical Officer's report it will be seen that the first case of cholera in the year occurred in February 1876; cases continued to occur more or less till the end of August. It broke out again at the end of September and continued till the 10th November when it assumed an epidemic form; the influx of houseless and distressed persons from the surrounding villages of the district, driven by the pressure of want no doubt was one cause; it required a little time before suitable arrangements could be organized for removing the people from the town. The total number of deaths amounted to 362 against 648 seizures, or nearly 56 per cent.

13. Under Conservancy the only remarkable feature is the great success which has attended the introduction of private scavenging.

14. Kerosene-oil is burnt for lighting purposes and answers remarkably well.

15. I would invite attention to the concluding remarks of the Vice-President in his report as being a short *resumé* of the operation of the Municipality during the period under report. His remark that rain did not fall in the district for eighteen months is not however quite correct.

ENCLOSURE No. I.

From Major E. H. THOMAS, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, to the Collector and President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, dated 27th June 1877, No. 273.

With the accounts of this Municipality duly audited for the official year 1876-77, I have the honor to submit my report on the working of the Act during that period.

Annual Statement of Accounts per G.O., No. 1347.
Auditor's Report on do.
Civil Surgeon's Report on the Civil and Branch Dispensaries.

2. In accordance with G.O., No. 1347, dated 25th April 1877, the various statements and appendix called for are enclosed, together with the Auditor's report and the Civil and Branch Dispensary reports.

3. *Receipts*.—The receipts during the year amounted to Rupees 66,528-3-9, and there was an opening balance of Rupees 408-0-7, making a total of Rupees 66,936-4-4; of which Rupees 6,000 is the Local Fund's share of Toll receipts, leaving the Municipal net income for the year of Rupees 60,528-3-9. The estimated receipts, exclusive of an estimated opening balance of Rupees 400, were Rupees 63,710 only, showing a realization of Rupees 2,418-3-9 beyond our anticipations. Compared with the actuals of 1875-76 there is a net increase in the current receipts of the Municipality of Rupees 6,184-11-5.

4. *Opening Balance*.—The opening balance of 1876-77 was Rupees 408-0-7, this being in excess of the estimate by Rupees 8-0-7.

5. 1. *Rates and Taxes*.—The total of receipts under this head was Rupees 44,771-3-8, being in excess of estimate by Rupees 1,351-3-8. Comparing the actual details with those of the estimate it will be found that the increase under "Rates on Houses, Tolls and Licenses" more than counterbalances the decrease under "Taxes on Vehicles and Animals" and "Registration of Carts." The large increase under (h) Licenses is due to the operation of G.O., No. 776, dated 2nd May 1876.

6. (a), *Rates on Houses* (Section 40).—The amount of House-tax collected in the year 1876-77 was Rupees 20,156-3-3 clear current collections, there being no arrears of the previous year; the collections for the year 1875-76 being Rupees 19,919-5-10, showing an increase in the

year under review of Rupees 236-13-5; the demand for the year 1876-77 being Rupees 20,374-4-9 leaving an outstanding balance of Rupees 218-1-6 due on the 1st of April 1877, and which is mainly attributable to the existing distress, by which people have been unable to meet this call on their means, and of which, for the same reason, probably one-half will remain unpaid.

7. 1 (d), *Taxes on Vehicles and Animals* (Section 63).—The receipts under this head were Rupees 7,140-12-0, the estimate being Rupees 7,850, thus creating a deficit of Rupees 709-4-0. This also is attributable to the exceptional cause above alluded to, which doubtless led to considerable reduction in the numbers of cattle kept by residents within the Municipal limits.

8. 1 (f), *Registration of Carts* (Section 73).—The same remarks apply to this item. Receipts, Rupees 994-12-0, falling short of the estimate by Rupees 155-4-0.

9. 1 (g), *Tolls* (Section 77).—The Toll contract realized Rupees 19,400; the estimate, Rupees 19,330, was fixed at the mean of the receipts of two previous years. The contract has always been sold half-yearly, but in the year under review it was sold for the twelve months right off which was fortunate for the Municipality as, had it been otherwise, the famine intervening would doubtless have exercised a pernicious influence upon one of the chief sources of Municipal revenue.

10. 1 (h), *Licenses* (Sections 123, 129, 130, 134, and 136).—The receipts under this head amounted to Rupees 1,529-8-5 against Rupees 1,090 of the estimate, making a surplus of Rupees 439-8-5 which is due, as stated under *Rates and Taxes* to the operation of G.O., No. 766, of 2nd May 1876, which sanctions the proposal to levy fees under the sections of the Act which relate to offensive and dangerous trades.

11. 2, *Contributions from Provincial*, and 3, *Contributions from Special Funds*.—The grant for the maintenance of Cantonment roads of Rupees 4,660 is the same as usual, and there is an increase in (a) "Surplus Pound Fund" and (c) "Fishery Rents." From the former of these two last we realized in 1875-76 Rupees 26-14-0 against Rupees 187-10-10; and under the latter nil against Rupees 13 in the year under review.

12. 4, *Contributions from Local Funds*.—The amount under this head, of Rupees 1,200 for Hospitals, is the same as usual.

13. 5, *Fines and Fees*, Section 17, *Bye-laws and Schedule A*.—Under this head there is a considerable falling off. The actuals of the year under review being Rupees 1,304-11-9 against Rupees 2,771-9-8 of the previous year. The cause of this is, of course, the cancelling, or more properly speaking the abeyance, of the Municipal Bye-laws formerly enforced, has very largely reduced the fines levied by the Magistrate, while the fines imposed for breaches of sections of the Act are of so low sums as to be almost nominal.

14. 6, *Fees in Schools and Training Institution*.—The receipts amount to Rupees 772-2-0 against Rupees 152-6-0 of the previous year. The increase is to be accounted for by the establishment of a New Town School which came into operation during this year, but compared with the estimate, there is a falling short by Rupees 27-14-0. The school opened upon the following scale of fees: 4, 8, and 12 Annas, which figures the Commissioners found it necessary to raise to 8 Annas, 12 Annas and 1 Rupee. This new scale came into force in January last, after the new school had been in existence nine months. The third-class of this institution has been quite recently abolished, in conformity with a recommendation to that effect by the Director of Public Instruction, and it is a question whether the existing rate of fees can, under these altered conditions, continue to be maintained.

15. 8, *Payments for Municipal Services to private parties*. (a), *Private Scavenging*.—This scheme originated by Mr. Ross, is now completed, and the establishment for the purpose fully organized; there is still some difficulty in enforcing payments for the services rendered to residents by the Municipality. On the 1st of April there was an outstanding due to the latter of nearly Rupees 2,964.

The actual amount realized during the year was Rupees 4,018-1-1 against an expenditure of Rupees 4,719-13-5, from which figures it will be perceived that the Municipality has as yet not succeeded in making good its expenditure under this head.

16. 9, *Endowments, Private Contributions and Donations, and Miscellaneous Receipts*. (a), *Hospitals*.—Under this head there is a falling off, owing to the establishment of a private dispensary in the fort, which has in a manner affected the number of subscribers and consequently the income from this source. The amount collected comes to Rupees 428-0-11 against Rupees 680-9-2 of the previous year, and Rupees 121-15-1 below the estimate.

17. 10, *Miscellaneous*. (a), *Sale of Sweepings*.—The sum realized under this head was Rupees 821-0-10, compared with Rupees 1,047-10-8 of the previous year; it shows a deficit of Rupees 226-9-10 and is Rupees 178-15-2 short of the estimate. This may be accounted for by the diminution of traffic (other than by rail) during this period, which has involved a corresponding decrease of the Municipal bandy-stands.

18. (b), *Acenues*.—The sum raised by the sale of dead trunks, decayed branches, &c., was Rupees 147-14-6, against Rupees 205-13-10 of the previous year, and Rupees 52-1-6 short of the estimate. The smallness of the sum thus realized reflects credit upon the manner in which, notwithstanding the drought, the trees have been attended to.

19. (c), *Quarries*.—Under this head a sum of Rupees 341 has been received. The receipts of the previous year being Rupees 80, which sum was adopted in framing the estimate. This increase of Rupees 261 over the estimate and last year's actuals was due to the complete drying up of several tanks which allowed of quarrying operations being carried on to an exceptional extent.

20. (d), *Travellers' Bungalow*.—The amount received under this head was Rupees 326-4-0 being Rupees 106-4-0 in excess of the estimate, and Rupees 84-12-0 in excess of the previous year's receipts, which is to be accounted for by the bungalow having been largely used by numerous Famine Relief Officers during the latter portion of the year.

21. (e), *Sale of Ground*.—Receipts were Rupees 244-0-3 against Rupees 422-2-4 of the previous year, and Rupees 195-15-9 below the estimate. Possibly the badness of the season is the cause of this deficit.

22. (f), *Fines by Commissioners*.—Under the head Fines Rupees 209-5-11 were realized against Rupees 365-12-7 of the previous year, and Rupees 105-9-11 in excess of the estimate.

23. (g), *Sale of Books*.—The amount received on account of books sold was Rupees 21-12-8 against Rupees 40-10-6 of previous year, and Rupees 178-3-4 below estimate. This appears to be due to the non-fulfilment of the Commissioners' expectations when preparing their Budget. At that time it was thought that the establishment of the New Town School would lead to an increased demand for books, but this anticipation has not been realized.

24. (h), *Grain Licenses*.—The income to be derived from this item was over-estimated by Rupees 636, as only Rupees 564 were realized under the operations of G.O., No. 559, dated 23rd March 1876.

25. (i), *Temporary Pandals*.—The sum of Rupees 132 was received for fees paid for the privilege of erecting temporary pandals in the public streets. As this item was not sanctioned in this Municipality until after the submission of the Budget for 1876-77, there is neither estimate nor previous actual for purposes of comparison.

26. (j), *Sale of Materials, Tools and Misc.*—This is an uncertain source of income at any time. In the year under review, the sum of Rupees 300-7-2, which is Rupees 87-2 in excess of the estimate.

27. *Expenditure*.—The total charges Rupees 66,285-13-2 and the closing balance was Rupees 659-7-2 against Rupees 62,626-10-3, with a closing balance of Rs. 498-0-7 of the previous year. The estimate for the year under review was Rs. 64,040, from which it appears that the expenditure is in excess of the estimate by Rupees 2,245-13-2.

The charges are divided as follows:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
I.—Public Works	14,673	15	9
II.—Education	3,391	12	6
III.—Sanitary and Medical	37,606	6	11
IV.—Miscellaneous	4,900	15	6
V.—Supervision	5,641	2	2

28. GRANT I—1, *New Works*.—The figure under this head is in excess of the estimate by Rupees 553-2-8; this is accounted for by the cost of erection of a verandah to the New Town School, during which operations the Municipal Overseer absconded without leaving behind him any accounts whatever. Further, a new latrine has been built in Bruce Pettah, near the Taluq Cutcherry, at a cost of Rupees 1,593-8-7. This had long been required, and was indeed absolutely indispensable to the well-being of that quarter of the town. The construction of new drains and urinals in Bruce Pettah and the improvement of existing slaughter-sheds in Cowl Bazaar were carried out during the year at a cost of Rupees 1,272-8-0.

29. 2, *Repairs*.—Here again the expenditure is in excess of the estimate, and by Rupees 574-15-2. Repairs of roads and indispensable improvements require an increased outlay.

3. *Establishment*.—Under this head there is a surplus of Rupees 765. This is accounted for by the abolition of the department subsequent to the disappearance of the Overseer above referred to.

30. 4, *Tools, Plant and Contingencies*.—The estimate has herein been unavoidably exceeded by Rupees 30-13-2.

31. 5, *Contribution to Local Funds*.—For the year under review the Municipality has been called upon to contribute Rupees 6,000 towards the Local Fund, of which sum it has been unable to pay more than one-half, viz., Rupees 3,000, probably owing to the exceptionally trying

season, which has, as before explained, seriously affected its income; moreover, this proportion was strongly protested against by the Commissioners upon its introduction. Since the expiration of the official year, however, Rupees 1,500, or half of this outstanding balance, has been paid off.

32. GRANT II—Education.—2, *Municipal Schools*. (a), *Establishment*.—Compared with the previous year the expenditure under this head is heavier by a sum of Rupees 954-4-8. This is due to the opening of the New Town School.

Municipal Schools.—(b), *Contingencies*.—This shows an expenditure of Rupees 531-11-10, which exceeds the estimate by Rupees 75-11-10. This excess is due to the following cause. The furniture, &c., of the New Town School had been provided for during the previous year upon a scale which, after the school had been opened, was found quite inadequate.

33. 3, *Salary Grants*.—The amount budgeted for under this head was Rupees 600, of which only Rupees 501 have been expended, leaving a surplus of Rs. 99. This is explained by the discontinuance during the year under review of the grant made to the Church Mission School.

34. 4, *Results Grants*.—Here again the expenditure is within the Budget by Rupees 334-8-0. During the year under review, eighteen schools have, upon the certificate of the Inspector of Schools, drawn Rupees 665-8-0. This shows a falling off generally in the results as compared with the previous year, where twenty-one schools obtained Rupees 935. Nevertheless, taking the number of schools of the present and past year into consideration, the proportion of amount paid appears tolerably satisfactory.

35. 6, *Inspection*.—The amount paid under this head is the same as usual and calls for no remark.

36. 7, *Miscellaneous*.—Under this head there is a surplus of Rupees 10, the sum of Rupees 40 having been considered sufficient for the examination of two Municipal Mahomedan Schools, was accordingly awarded.

37. GRANT III—1, *Hospitals and Dispensaries*.—The gross charges under this head amount to Rupees 5,727-15-6 against Rupees 5,434-14-1 of the previous year, and are Rupees 727-15-6 in excess of the estimate. This deficit is mainly owing to the amounts expended upon (b) "Medicines and Supplies" and (d) "Sundries and Contingencies," as well as to the withdrawal by Government of the grant of 25 per cent. towards the salary of the Medical Subordinates.

There has been no difference in management or establishment introduced since last year's report. The Civil and Branch Dispensaries continue in the charge of the Civil Surgeon, whose report is herewith forwarded.

38. 2, *Vaccination*.—The total expenditure upon Vaccination is Rupees 562-14-0 against Rupees 539-6-0 of previous years, and Rupees 93-2-0 less than the estimate. The Vaccination establishment continues the same, with this exception, that the staff of three Vaccinators have been transferred from the control of the Civil Surgeon to that of the Assistant Superintendent of Vaccination.

39. 3, *Registration of Births and Deaths*.—No change in the establishment has been made since last report; the system continues the same. Charges under this head for the year under review amount to Rupees 500-3-6 as against Rupees 505-8-0 of the previous year.

40. 4, *Conservancy*.—The total charges under this head come to Rupees 30,815-5-11, being in excess of the estimate by Rupees 3,245-5-11. This excess of expenditure is attributable to the cost of establishment, &c., required by the system of private scavenging, which was estimated at Rupees 1,300, under the intention of only a partial introduction thereof during the year under review. Upon the very encouraging reception with which the innovation was met however, its extension throughout the town was thought advisable by the Commissioners. For further particulars upon this subject vide paragraph headed "Payment for Municipal services to Private parties" Section (a). During the year under review, six box-carts and six urinal barrel carts have been specially constructed, at a cost of Rupees 759, to meet these increased conservancy requirements. Further, the presence of cholera has tended to raise expenditure under the head of (d) "Contingencies," necessitating as it has done the services of Cholera Inspectors, the purchase of disinfectants, &c.

41. GRANT IV.—The total expenditure under this head is Rupees 4,900-15-6, being Rupees 1,439-0-6 below the estimate. The chief saving having been effected under the head of *Lighting*, the kerosene-oil obtained from Bombay during the previous year upon very favorable terms having lasted for nearly six months of the year under review. This was a piece of good fortune as prices during that interval rose to more than double. The remaining items of saving were effected under minor heads.

42. GRANT V.—The charges under this head were Rupees 5,641-2-2, being Rupees 1,521-2-2 in excess of the estimate. This is chiefly owing to the grant of compassionate allowance of Rupees 600 made to a late Head Clerk Mr. Shrieves, horse allowance to the Vice-President, contribution towards the salary of President's clerk, and entertainment of an extra clerk as

Accountant; this latter item having been found to be positively necessary after the reorganization of the establishment; all of which expenses were not contemplated at the time of framing the Budget.

General Remarks.—Owing to the famine in the Bellary and surrounding country, a considerable influx of persons in different stages of distress has taken place from the adjoining villages and towns of this and other districts. As these people cannot find house-room for their accommodation, they crowd the chuttrams and cluster wherever shelter of any description can be found encamp under trees, and commit nuisances in all directions; as might be expected therefore this Municipality has had a good deal of difficulty to contend against in its endeavours to keep the town free from dirt and disease. The Commissioners are, however, conscious that notwithstanding their most strenuous efforts in this direction, and various additional expenses incurred where practicable, they have but indifferently succeeded: cholera continues to gain ground and the cleanliness of the town still leaves much to be desired.

The roads, in both cantonment and town, are in anything but a flourishing condition. Owing to the materials of which they are composed, total absence of rain for so considerable a length of time, causes them as much damage as would the heaviest continuous traffic with an occasional shower. Owing, however, to want of funds the Commissioners are, with the best of intentions, unable to do anything towards rectifying this undesirable state of affairs.

The Commissioners, however, are happy to think that in co-operation with the Military authorities they have succeeded in conserving the water necessary to the population for drinking purposes, and are convinced that but for the precautions adopted much inconvenience would have been experienced. Rain had not fallen in the district for eighteen months, or even longer, and had not the water-supply project from Alipore been an accomplished fact, the people of the town would have suffered fearfully. At no time did the supply of water in the fort ditch entirely fail, although brought to a very low ebb. A few of the public wells kept up their supply pretty well, but the greater number of them failed.

There were twenty-nine Meetings held during the year. The largest attendance at any one Meeting being of eleven members, the smallest of three members, including the President or Vice-President; the average attendance per meeting being of six members. Of those members who were on the Commission throughout the year, two did not attend a single meeting, viz., M. Coomaraswamy Chetty Garu and T. Moothoosa Garu. This is the second year that the two latter have not attended at any meeting. The names of the members who were absent were Mr. Firth, and Mr. M. Abraham as Chairmen of the three executive divisions into which the Municipality is divided.

Upon the departure of the late Vice-President Mr. Ross, the Cantonment Chairman, Major Swanston, succeeded him in office without prejudice to his duties as Chairman to the Cantonment Sub-Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT of the MUNICIPAL DISPENSARY, BELLARY, for the Year 1876-77.

Climate.—This station is a very healthy one, notwithstanding that it is very hot for two or three months in the year. There was great variations in the temperature during the past year.

The maximum temperature was 109°·1 and the minimum 55°·5, the average temperature being about 84°.

The average rain-fall for the past years has been from 16 to 18 inches, but this year only 7 inches and 20 cents of rain were registered.

There was a complete failure of the north-east monsoon. Rain fell on thirty-four days, the greatest fall, viz., 1·6 inch, being on the 15th March 1876.

Dispensary, &c.—The building at present used as a Dispensary was occupied in 1848. It is not at all suited for a Dispensary, and it is time a new one was built.

As many in-patients are now treated it is very desirable that proper accommodation be erected. There are no rooms for treating poor Europeans or East Indians. This year one European, who was employed on famine duty, was attacked with cholera and brought here for treatment and it was found very inconvenient.

Dr. Stewart in his report for 1874-75 states that a site has been chosen and approved of by the Government, and it only remains to collect sufficient funds to commence the building.

The building has however never been begun. There is no Lying-in Hospital in the station, but one is much needed.

PRACTICE.—Admissions to Dispensary.—Of European in-patients there were five admissions. One man who was a diver at the Huggry was admitted for ague. He was only in hospital three days and was discharged cured.

Two men who had no employment were admitted, one for diarrhoea and the other on account of a large ulcer. These two men went out cured. The fourth case was that of an Overseer who was sent for treatment on account of rheumatism. He also did well and was discharged cured.

The last case was one of cholera in a young man who was employed on famine work at Paramathavanallee. Cholera at that time was raging there. He was brought here in a very low state, but he recovered and was sent to Madras on one month's leave.

Of East Indian in-patients there were six males and three females. Four of these were cases of diarrhoea in people who had no employment; they all did well. One case was admitted for enteritis, another for febricula, and another for bronchitis. One East Indian boy aged eleven years was admitted in August for cholera contracted, it is supposed, on the Bangalore road.

Of European out-patients there were eighteen admissions. The principal diseases they were treated for were diarrhoea (three), ulcers (two), fever (two), hepatitis (one), dysentery (one), orchitis (one), jaundice (one), burn (one), constipation (one), general debility (one), hysteria (one), gonorrhoea (one), dyspepsia (one), inflammation of brain (one). There were no deaths among these cases and they all did well.

Of East Indian out-patients there were 132 admissions, viz., 99 males and 33 females.

The principal diseases they were treated for were diarrhoea (eighteen), febricula (seventeen), ulcer (nine), chronic rheumatism (six), constipation (thirteen).

There was only one death among them, viz., in a young man, aged nineteen, who contracted cholera at the Huggry. He was brought in a collapsed state on the 15th August 1876 into Bellary and died the same day.

(On comparing this year's return with that for 1875-76 it will be seen there has been an increase in the number of both in and out European patients, viz.:—

European in-patients for..	1875-76	..	..	..	3
	1876-77	..	..	..	5
Do. out-patients for..	1875-76	..	..	..	13
	1876-77	..	..	..	18

Among the East Indian in-patients there has been a decrease in the number, viz., 132 in 1875-76 and 103 in 1876-77.

East Indian in-patients for	1875-76	..	..	..	22
	1876-77	..	..	..	9
Do. out-patients for	1875-76	..	..	..	103
	1876-77	..	..	..	132

The number of Native in-patients admitted for the past year has been 500, viz., 363 males and 137 females. The principal diseases they were admitted for were cholera 186, injuries 83, diarrhoea 40, general debility 9, and scalp wounds 11.

On comparing Native in-patients for 1876-77 with last year there will be found an increase of 290 in the number of admissions, viz., 210 admissions for 1875-76 and 500 for 1876-77.

The great increase in the number of admissions were among Hindus and took place during the last five months when there was the distress, &c., caused by the famine.

Of Native out-patients there were 6,526 admissions for 1876-77, and the principal diseases they were treated for were fevers 957, cholera 202, rheumatic affections 345, ulcers 762, inflammation of meatus externus 315, conjunctivitis 406, venereal diseases 214, bronchitis 260, scabies 248, ascariis lumbricoides 297, constipation 895, dyspepsia 166, dysentery 122, colic 102, and abscess 129.

This year there has been a decrease of 352 in the number of Native out-patients, viz., for 1875-76, 6,878 and for 1876-77, 6,526.

The decrease has been among the Mohammedans, and during June, July, and August. Although there have been fewer admissions among the out-patients this year, there have been more deaths, viz., 25 for 1875-76, and 86 for 1876-77.

The greatest number of deaths occurred in the months of November and December and were mostly due to cholera which broke out in November.

CHOLERA.—Diseases.—During the year 395 cases have been admitted, viz., 188 as in-patients and 207 as out-patients.

The first case appeared in February 1876, and cases continued to occur more or less steadily till the end of August. About the end of September it again appeared; cases occasionally occurring till the 10th November when it became very prevalent. A great many people had flocked into Bellary from the district on account of the distress, and it broke out among them on

the 10th November 1876; there having been a slight shower on the evening of the 9th November 1876, when 5 cents of rain were registered.

On the 27th October 1876 three cases were admitted, no case then occurred till the morning of the 10th November 1876, when twelve were admitted. Immediately it appeared the coolies were moved out of Bellary, men were employed to find out cholera patients and bring them to hospital. Drains were disinfected and cleaned, houses fumigated, &c. It continued, however, to be very prevalent till about the 20th December, and since then cases have occurred occasionally.

The number of deaths, &c., reported from cholera from 1st April 1876 to 31st March 1877, are—

Admissions	398	918
Deaths	224	138
Remaining	5	4

Bruce Pettah suffered more than Cowl Bazaar from this dire complaint.

The sulphur, as recommended by Dr. Parker, was tried but the results were not more favorable than with other modes of treatment.

Deaths.—During the year there were 255 deaths—168 among the in-patients and 87 among the out-patients. Of the 168 deaths among the in-patients they all occurred in natives, viz:—

109 from cholera.	1 from abscess of liver.
1 " febricula.	1 " ascites.
1 " puerperal fever.	1 " rupture from urethra.
1 " secondary syphilis.	1 " gangrene of arm.
1 " anaemia.	1 " parturition.
2 " inflammation of brain.	1 " sloughing ulcer.
1 " tetanus.	1 " fracture of femur.
1 " hemiplegia.	2 " debility.
1 " bronchitis.	3 " old age.
2 " pneumonia.	27 " privation.
1 " phthisis pulmonalis.	1 " large lacerated wound of foot.
7 " diarrhoea.	

Of the 87 deaths among the out-patients—

1 from abscess.	2 from tetanus.
79 " cholera.	1 " carbuncle.
6 " diarrhoea.	1 " asthma.

There have been 23 operations during the year and most of them were successful.

Dr. Dobie states that the advertisements for six Local Fund Students from the district who were to serve two years and to receive Rupees 5 per mensem have failed to bring any.

There were two Municipal Students, but one, viz., Siddappa, absconded in November, as he was offered a place on the famine works with much higher pay.

Medical Subordinates.—Dr. Dobie speaks of 1st-Class Hospital Assistant N. Santhojee Row as a thorough good practical man; he has been of great assistance during and in the after treatment of operations. He has, moreover, shown great skill in instrumental obstetric cases; he has shown zeal in furthering the practice at the hospital; during the cholera time he worked in a most praiseworthy manner.

Municipal Medical Subordinate C. E. Runganadum Mudaliar is a very intelligent man and will turn out well. He takes great interest in his profession and is eager for instruction. During the cholera time he worked very hard and deserves credit for his work.

Of Moses, Municipal Medical Pupil, he states that he has now been studying for a year and that he has been of great assistance at the hospital, especially when cholera was in the town.

There has been an increase of 106 in the number of vaccinations as compared with last year, viz., 1,304 from 1876-77 and 1,410 for 1877-78.

I quite agree with Dr. Dobie in his remarks about 1st-Class Hospital Assistant N. Santhojee Row, and Municipal Medical Subordinate C. E. Runganadum Mudaliar.

They have worked remarkably well and willingly since I have been here.

1st-Class Hospital Assistant N. Santhojee Row has now been fourteen years and his services are appreciated by the people outside.

Municipal Medical Pupil Moses works well, but for the last four months he has not had much time to study as there has been a great deal of extra work to be done.

BELLARY,
1st May 1877.

(Signed) J. A. LAING, Surgeon,
Officiating Civil Surgeon.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

EXTRACT from the ANNUAL MEDICAL REPORT of the MUNICIPAL BRANCH DISPENSARY, BELLARY, for the Official Year 1876-77.

The Dispensary was opened on 1st April 1875, principally for the benefit of out-patients who live in Cowl Bazaar; the Civil Dispensary, which is on the outskirts of Brucepettah, being a long way off. Its working for the past year has been very satisfactory, many people having come from villages outside for treatment, thus showing that it is appreciated.

Remained on 31st March 1876	28
Admitted during the year 1876-77	4,546
Discharged	4,591
Died	53
Average daily sick for the year	41.8
Remaining on 31st March 1877	30

There has been an increase in the number of admissions of all classes. During the year there were 4,674 patients treated; of these, 318 were Europeans and East Indians, and 4,328 natives. On 31st March 1876 there were 28 remaining, all being natives.

Among Europeans and East Indians there has been an increase of 65 in the number of admissions as compared with last year, viz., 318 for 1876-77, and 353 for 1875-76.

Among the natives there has been an increase of 1,246, viz., 4,328 for 1876-77, and 3,082 for 1875-76; the daily average attendance for the year was 41.8.

In October, November, and December there was a diminution in the number of admissions due to the famine, many having to begin work for the first time, and so could not find time to bring their children, &c., to the Dispensary.

The principal diseases treated amongst patients have been chiefly fevers, rheumatic affections, lung diseases, venereal diseases, diarrhoea and dysentery and cholera. Towards the end of the year there were a good many cases of whooping cough met with among the children in the bazaar.

During the year there were 104 cases of cholera treated; the first case treated was in April 1876; till the end of October cases occasionally occurred, but in November cholera became prevalent.

There were 53 deaths during the year, viz., one was from cancer of the mouth in a child of six years who was brought to the Dispensary in a dying state; the other 52 occurred from cholera.

The annual abstract return of European and Native sick are herewith appended.

BELLARY,
1st April 1877.

(Signed) J. A. LAING, Surgeon,
Offg. Civil Surgeon.

No. 204.

ORDER THEREON, 25th SEPTEMBER 1877, No. 2383.

An abstract of the receipts and charges of the Bellary Municipality for 1876-77 compared with the estimates for that year and with the actuals of 1875-76 is given below:—

RECEIPTS.	Actuals, 1875-76.	Estimate, 1876-77.	Actuals, 1876-77.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Rates on Houses and Lands	19,889	20,000	20,156
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	7,847	7,850	7,140
Registration of Carts	1,150	1,150	995
Tolls	10,000	10,000	17,950
Licenses	4,687	4,690	2,226
Assignments by Government	1,200	1,200	4,860
Contribution from Local Funds	2,856	2,090	1,200
Fines and Fees	681	550	1,305
Endowments	3,697	6,850	428
Miscellaneous	2,093	400	7,268
Balance brought forward			408
Total	62,400	64,110	63,936

CHARGES.		Actuals, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1876-77.	Actuals, 1876-77.
		RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.				
New Works—				
Communications		113		
Buildings		4,549	1,500	2,187
Sanitary and Miscellaneous		2,658	3,000	2,866
Repairs—				
Communications		7,174	5,000	5,638
Sanitary and Miscellaneous		611	300	667
Establishment		3,088	972	87
Tools and Plant		230	208	239
Contributions to Local Funds			6,000	
GRANT II.				
Municipal Schools		1,204	1,920	1,985
Salary Grants		581	600	501
Results Grants		935	1,000	666
Inspection (Contribution)		200	200	200
Miscellaneous			50	40
GRANT III.				
Hospitals and Dispensaries		5,435	5,000	5,728
Vaccination		539	656	563
Registration of Births and Deaths		506	504	500
Conservancy		22,306	27,570	30,580
GRANT IV.				
Lighting		2,839	2,900	2,016
Markets		162	100	148
Choultryes		36	40	36
Travellers' Bungalow		147	150	131
Ayennas and Watering Roads		2,451	1,800	1,804
Miscellaneous		460	460	1,001
GRANT V.				
Supervision and Management		5,678	4,120	5,641
Refunds				72
Balances		408	70	650
Total ..		62,400	64,110	63,936

2. Owing to the exclusion of the paid-up Local Fund share of the Tolls from both sides of the accounts, the actual income for the year appears to be less than the estimate; but there was really an increase of Rupees 2,818, due to an arrear collection of Tolls amounting to Rupees 1,550 and to the realization of a larger revenue from License Fees. With reference to this item, it is to be remarked that the amount of pandal and grain licenses should be shown under "Rates and Taxes" and not under "Miscellaneous."

3. Only a moiety of the Local Fund share of the Tolls was paid within the year, as it was thought that the payment of the whole in a trying season like that under review would have seriously impaired the efficiency of the Municipality. The Government accept the explanation, but desire the Commissioners to bear in mind that the share is the property of the Local Fund which the Municipality have no right to withhold, they having received the *quid pro quo* in the abstention of the Local Fund Board from establishing Tolls in the near vicinity of the Municipal limits. The arrears should be paid up as soon as possible.

4. There is some confusion in the accounts regarding this item. Not only has the transaction not been confined to Statement I as required by paragraph 6 of G.O., dated 27th November 1876, No. 2126, but the amount has also been differently entered in Statements I and II, the former showing the estimated share, and the latter the amount actually paid.

5. It is a satisfactory proof of the efficiency of the Municipal administration that notwithstanding the unfavorable nature of the season nearly the whole of the assessed demand for House-tax has been collected.

6. The total expenditure amounted to Rupees 63,286 against an estimate of Rupees 64,040. Of this, the amount spent on Public Works was Rupees 11,348 including the charge for road coolies, which has been debited to Establishment instead of Works. Despite, however, the large outlay on Communications, Repairs, the state of the roads in the town is reported to have been indifferent owing to the long absence of rain with the exceptionally heavy grain traffic.

7. The cost of Tools and Plant need not have been included in Statement II-A, which is intended to show only the works undertaken or executed.

8. The expenditure on Education rose from Rupees 2,920 in 1875-76 to Rupees 3,392, and is only slightly less than the estimate on account of the discontinuance of the grant made to the Church Mission School and of the decrease in the number and in the earnings of schools examined for results grants. The Government remark that the special return shows that while the attendance of boys at the aided schools fell off from 674 to 507 that of girls rose from 95 to 136. No information, however, is given therein as to schools not maintained or aided from Municipal funds, of which there must be doubtless many in a large town like Bellary.

9. The withdrawal of the Government grant on account of the salaries of Medical Subordinates, and the prevailing distress, necessitated a larger outlay on Medical Service than was estimated. The Civil and Branch Dispensaries made good progress and are evidently much appreciated by the people. The number of in and out-patients treated was respectively 514 and 11,322 against 235 and 10,429 in the preceding year. The Government notice with pleasure the testimony borne by the present and late Civil Surgeons to the good service rendered by 1st-Class Hospital Assistant Sunthojee Row and Medical Subordinate Runganada Mudally.

10. The results of vaccination operations cannot, in spite of the slight numerical progress, be pronounced satisfactory as the cost per head, viz., Annas 6½, is still unduly high. Every effort should be made to reduce the rate.

11. There was a large increase in the conservancy charges owing to the extension of the system of private scavenging, and to the presence of cholera throughout the year. The change in the system, however, seems to promise well, but the Commissioners should be most careful to prevent the accumulation of arrears for private conservancy service. The outstandings should be realized without delay, and the people taught to feel that the liability incurred on this account will be effectively enforced.

12. The Government are glad to see that strenuous and to a great extent successful efforts were made to conserve the drinking water of the town.

13. Referring to certain items of account, the charge for killing dogs should be shown under Grant IV and not debited to Conservancy. Nor is it clear why the Prosecuting Inspector is shown under the Collection instead of General Establishment. The other heads of expenditure call for no particular remark.

(True Extract.)

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