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Municipal—Reports.

Read the following paper:—

No. 100. *From H. P. GORDON, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Bellary District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 8th June 1878, No. 259.*

I have the honor, in submitting the annual report on the working of the Adoni Municipality for the official year 1877-78, to forward the statements prescribed in G.O., No. 1347, dated 25th April 1877.

2. The reports of the annual Auditor and that of the Hospital Assistant in charge of the Dispensary are enclosed.

3. The actual receipts and charges of this Municipality amount to Rupees 26,261-5-6 and 18,886-9-3, respectively. The variations between these and the Budget Estimates are fully detailed in the Remark column of the Comparative Statement VI-B which accompanies the report. The only discrepancy which the Auditor points out occurs with regard to a sum of Rupees 90, which was erroneously remitted to the Gooty Local Fund Board in excess of their proper share of tolls. But this amount has since been recovered from the Local Fund Board.

4. PUBLIC WORKS.—Several new works were carried out in the year under report. The erection of a new Dispensary is delayed for want of estimates from the Public Works Department. The expenditure under New Works is therefore much less than the Budget Estimate provided for.

5. The Telugu and Mahomedan Schools maintained by the Municipality are progressing fairly. The average attendance during the year under report was 113 and 52, respectively, against 89 and 50 in the preceding year.

6. The Civil Dispensary attached to this Municipality has worked very satisfactorily during the year. Owing to the prevalence of fever and ague there has been a large increase in the number of in-door and out-door patients as compared with that of the preceding year. The progress of vaccination has been also satisfactory. The number of vaccinations was 1,229, of which 1,048 proved successful.

7. Strict attention has been paid to the conservancy of the town, but the difficulties to be overcome in this respect are great. The allotment provided in the budget for "Lighting" was fully utilized.

8. Cholera and small-pox prevailed for several months during the year under review. The number of deaths from the former was 224 and from the latter thirty. The Vice-President's letter is enclosed for the information of Government.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Adoni, to the President of the Municipal Commissions, Bellary, dated 7th May 1878, No. 25.

I have the honor to submit my report on the working of this Municipality during the year 1877-78, together with the statements prescribed in G.O., No. 1347, of the 25th April 1877.

* Will follow.

2. The report of the annual Auditor and that* of the Hospital Assistant in charge of the Dispensary are herewith forwarded.

3. The Original and the Supplemental Budget Estimates were reviewed by Government in their Orders, Nos. 437 and 215, dated 6th February 1877, and 5th February 1878, respectively.

4. The actual receipts and charges amounted to Rupees 26,261-5-6 and Rupees 18,886-9-3 against Rupees 31,975 and Rupees 29,933, respectively, shown in the Budget Estimates. The variations thereof are fully detailed in the Remark column of the accompanying Comparative Statement VI-B. I hereunder mention the different purposes to which the funds have been applied.

5. GRANT I—Public Works.—The expenditure under New Works is much less than the amount budgeted owing to non-utilization of the allotment provided for the erection of the Dispensary as the estimates of which have not as yet come to hand. The works carried out are mentioned below, viz., (1) the completion of a shed for accommodation of Municipal cattle; (2) the construction of 603 yards of masonry side drains to certain portions of the Gooty and Aakana's Padam roads, which are situated in the centre of the town; (3) a culvert of one vent across the road branching off from the Police station to Kellechpett; (4) pointing with chunam the side drains built in previous years; (5) revetting Chintama's well thoroughly and building parapet walls all round it with covering slabs; and (6) constructing twenty dust-bins in different parts of the town for the convenience of the public.

6. The expenditure under Repairs has exceeded the Budget grant slightly owing to certain unavoidable and unforeseen repairs done to some of the roads, latrines, &c.

7. GRANT II—Education.—The Telugu and Mahomedan Schools progressed fairly well, and the average attendance during the year under report was 113 in the former and 52 in the latter against 89 and 50 respectively in the preceding year. The increase in attendance in the Telugu School is due to the closing of two of the Results Grants Schools consequent on the death of their Managers. The schools were examined by the Inspector of Schools of the second division in November last, and his report on the instruction imparted in them is somewhat unfavorable. This is due to the strength of each class having been larger than what each master could possibly teach. The boys however were fairly re-distributed in December last by the appointment of an extra teacher on Rupees 10.

8. Results Grants.—Although an ample provision had been made in the Budget for this purpose on the representation of the Deputy Inspector of this circle, yet the demands made on it were a source of disappointment to the Commissioners. There were five schools receiving grants in 1876-77, but in 1877-78 only one was recommended by the Deputy Inspector. Of the remaining four two were closed on the deaths of their Managers, the third was not eligible to the grant because the pupils were found unfit for examination, and the fourth was not continuously opened for the required number of months which would entitle it to examination according to the Results Grants Rules. Besides these there are seven other schools with a number of 120 pupils on the rolls, which remain unaided. They are not of permanent character; they spring up and die so often a year as it suits the convenience of their Managers. No means of improving the elementary education of the town suggest themselves to the Commissioners who therefore leave the subject to the consideration of the Educational authorities.

9. GRANT III—Sanitation and Medical Services—Hospitals and Dispensaries.—The working of the Dispensary was highly satisfactory. It has been freely resorted to by the public who seem to appreciate its value. There is a large increase in the number of patients (both in and out) treated during the year as will be seen from the figures in the margin. This increase is due to the prevalence of ague and fever.

10. Cholera and small-pox prevailed for several months during the year. The number of deaths from the former was 224 out of 357 attacks, and from the latter was thirty. Necessary sanitary precautions were adopted against the spread of these diseases.

11. Vaccination.—The progress of vaccination was very satisfactory; 1,229 cases were operated of which 1,048 proved successful against 730 and 706 respectively in the preceding year. The increase is due to the vaccination of famine coolies collected in the town.

12. Registration of Births and Deaths.—It has been well attended to. There were 381 births and 985 deaths against 695 and 1,653 respectively in the previous year.

13. Conservancy.—The conservancy of the town was strictly attended to, the charges under this head having exceeded the actuals of the previous year by Rupees 800 and odd. This excess is due to the purchase of two pairs of bullocks in lieu of those that died and to the purchase of three fifth carts as the old ones were found worn out and unfit for use. It is also due to the

entertainment of an extra conservancy establishment to clean the places rendered filthy by famine people. The spreading of sand in certain latrines to avoid bad stench also contributed to the increase.

14. Owing to the failure of rain during the year 1876-77 distress for water was greatly felt by the public in the early part of the year under review. The Commissioners spared no pains to alleviate the same by silting out the largewell called "Chintama's Bhavi" which supplies water to nearly two-thirds of the population and also two other springs at the foot of the hill, as well as deepening the former to the extent of eight feet at an outlay of Rupees 419 and odd to ensure better supply of water.

15. GRANT IV—Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes—Lighting.—The allotment under this head was fully utilized. Ten new lamp posts, of which six iron and four stone were added to the existing number of seventy-eight.

16. Avenue.—Almost all the avenue trees planted during 1874-75 and 1875-76 are thriving well. The other items which are classed under this head call for no remark.

17. GRANT V—Supervision and Management—calls for no remarks.

18. The accounts of the year have been audited by one C. S. Vasudava Iyer, the Head-master of the Government Taluq School. His report is very favorable. The only discrepancy he points out is the ninety rupees which was erroneously sent to the Local Fund Board Gooty Circle in excess of their share of tolls. This amount has however been recovered this year.

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DISPENSARY BUILDINGS, PRESENT STATE OF REPAIR, &c., FURNITURE, FITTINGS, &c.—The building used as Civil Dispensary remains in the same state as reported in the previous year. The erection of a new building has already been sanctioned. I believe the Municipality will soon commence the building at least in a month or two. Furniture, &c., are in good repair.

2. DISPENSARY COMMITTEE, FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS.—No meeting has been held during the year under report by the Dispensary Committee.

3. MOST COMMON DISEASES AMONG OUT-DOOR AND IN-DOOR PATIENTS, THEIR PREVALENCE AND FATALITY AS COMPARED WITH OTHER YEARS.—Fever, ulcer, rheumatism, sore-eye, dysentery, diarrhoea, and abscess were the most common diseases during the year. Although the diseases were more than the previous year the fatality was rather low.

4. EPIDEMICS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN THE STATION OR ITS VICINITY.—Cholera, small-pox, and measles were the most prevailing diseases (epidemics) during the year. The relief authorities has opened contagious wards for the purpose of treating the cases referred above. Almost all those cases were treated there.

5. INSPECTION BY CIVIL SURGEON AND DEPUTY SURGEON-GENERAL.—The Deputy Surgeon-General visited the Dispensary on the 17th January 1878. The subjoined is the copy of his remark in the Visitors' Book:—

"I made my annual inspection of the Dispensary today and have been pleased by the condition of the Hospital and its general working during the year. I am glad to hear that a new Hospital more worthy of the town than the present building is about to be erected in a better site.

"(Signed) V. G. FITZGERALD, Deputy Surgeon-General."

6. ATTENDANCE OF PATIENTS AS CONTRASTED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEARS DISTINGUISHING IN DOOR FROM OUT DOOR:—

	In-patients.	Out-patients.
Total number of patients treated in the twelve months of the previous year	82	6,574
Total number of patients treated in the twelve months of the year under report	92	9,710

7. GENERAL REMARKS.—Adoni is a most irregularly built town with full of narrow lanes. It is solely managed by the Municipality. Population 23,000 and odd. It contains an establishment of conservancy. There are about twenty-two sweepers, four peons, and one Inspector to attend the conservancy of the town. There are about ten public latrines, five for males and five for females, and sixty dust-bins. Three Municipal carts are engaged to carry the sweepings, &c., outside the town; besides which there are several private latrines.

ADONI,
22nd May 1878.

(Signed) V. BARATHALWAR,
First-class Hospital Assistant, Civil Dispensary.

No. 101.

ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1878, No. 1257.

The actual receipts and charges of the Adoni Municipality for the year 1877-78 are compared with the estimate and actuals of the preceding year in the following statements:—

RECEIPTS.		Actuals, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.	Actuals, 1877-78.
		RS.	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward ..		9,327	10,222	10,222
Rates on Houses and Lands ..		6,442	7,353	7,254
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals ..		1,458	1,300	1,067
Registration of Carts ..		670	600	599
Tolls ..		3,113	4,305	3,945
Licenses ..		187	200	222
Assignments by Government ..		24	20	29
Contribution from Local Funds ..		715	800	570
Fines and Fees ..		622	400	286
Endowments ..		355	4,580	176
Miscellaneous ..		2,149	2,196	1,943
Advances Recoverable ..		21	59	8
Total ..		25,033	31,975	26,261

CHARGES.		Actuals, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.	Actuals, 1877-78.
		RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.				
New Works—				
Communications ..		154	..	105
Buildings ..		731	11,105	3,556
Sanitary and Miscellaneous ..		674	3,140	..
Repairs—				
Communications ..		550	544	551
Buildings ..		138	280	259
Sanitary and Miscellaneous ..		..	50	80
Establishment ..		90	120	96
Tools and Plant ..		30	50	31
GRANT II.				
Municipal Schools ..		1,055	1,210	1,132
Results Grants ..		161	200	19
Inspection (Contribution) ..		24	20	20
GRANT III.				
Hospitals and Dispensaries ..		1,643	2,451	2,274
Vaccination ..		126	235	189
Conservancy ..		5,908	6,674	6,678
GRANT IV.				
Lighting ..		966	1,016	1,015
Avenues and Watering Roads ..		431	400	349
Miscellaneous ..		182	326	339
GRANT V.				
Supervision and Management ..		1,948	2,112	2,106
Advances Recoverable ..		..	..	87
Balances ..		10,222	2,042	7,375
Total ..		25,033	31,975	26,261

2. The year opened with a balance of Rupees 10,222 and closed with one of Rupees 7,375, showing an excess of expenditure over receipts of Rupees 2,847. The actual receipts however were Rupees 5,714 below the receipts estimated for the year. The difference was almost wholly due to the non-appropriation of Rupees 4,400

from the Endowment Fund towards the building of the new Dispensary, which work has been delayed in consequence of the non-receipt of the plans from the Department of Public Works.

3. RECEIPTS.—It is satisfactory to observe that the actual receipts from direct taxation amounted to Rupees 13,027 against Rupees 11,820 the actuals of 1876-77. Considering the distress which prevailed during the year, it is a matter of surprise that the "House-tax" exhibits no falling off, and the fact speaks well for the administration of this Municipality. The falling off in revenue under "Animals and Vehicles" was due to the famine. The reduction in other sources of revenue is satisfactorily explained. The Commissioners however should seek to realise the outstanding arrears under "Miscellaneous."

4. EXPENDITURE.—The actual expenditure of the Municipality was Rupees 18,886 against Rupees 14,811, the actuals of 1876-77, and Rupees 29,933, the estimate for the year. The difference between the actuals and the estimates is due to the delay in beginning the building of the new Dispensary, already adverted to. Compared with the actuals of 1876-77, the increase appears mainly under Grant I, "Sanitary and Miscellaneous," and Grant III, "Hospitals" and "Conservancy." In both cases the result is due to the prevalence of distress and disease, which necessarily entailed larger expenditure on Sanitary works, and Sanitation generally, as well as Medical Service. The expenditure appears generally to have been judiciously made, and effectively supervised.

5. The Government regret to notice that the expenditure upon Education is less than in 1876-77. The explanation given is admitted, but they trust that the Commissioners will take early steps in communication with the Inspector of Schools to develop a system of elementary education. The increase in the Municipal Telugu School is more than counterbalanced by the decrease under Results Schools. No expenditure is incurred for female education. This is not creditable to the Commissioners of a town, with a population of 22,722 souls, among whom there should be 1,668 girls of a school-going age. It is noted that the entries of children of a school-age in Statement V are incorrect. They should be 1,740 boys and 1,668 girls: also that no entries should be made of pupils in Results Schools under 1877-78, which were not examined, or did not receive grants in the year.

6. Form V however does not at present provide for returns of schools, which have heretofore received and are still working for, but which have not obtained, a results grant in the year. To remedy this defect the Government resolve to add another subsidiary head after 4, Result Grant Schools, and before 5, Schools on the Combined System, to effect 4-a, Schools which have received results grants, but which have not obtained a grant in the year.

7. The management of the Dispensary appears to have been satisfactory, there having been a large increase in both "in" and "out" patients, the figures being—

	In.	Out.
For 1876-77 ..	82	6,574
" 1877-78 ..	92	9,710

The prevalent diseases appear to have been due to want and hunger. The Government trust no further delay will occur in regard to the proposed new Dispensary, for which funds have been provided and are now lying idle. The failure of the Dispensary Committee to meet during the year is regretted. The President should remind these gentlemen of their duty.

8. There was a considerable increase in the vaccine operations. The cause was exceptional, viz., the congregation of famine coolies in the town. The decrease in births and deaths is curious, the former being apparently due to low condition of the women in consequence of the famine, and the latter to the gradual amelioration of the distress through relief measures.

	Births.	Deaths.
1876-77 ..	695	1,653
1877-78 ..	381	985

9. The exertions of the Commissioners to provide water for the people during the drought are commended by Government. It is satisfactory to observe that the avenues did not suffer during so adverse a season.

10. The accounts appear to have been carefully audited by C. S. Vasudaviya. His remarks regarding the illegibility of some of the figures should receive attention. Generally however the accounts appear to have been correctly kept. It is noted that the statement (note to Statement II.) showing the financial position of the Municipality has not been accurately prepared. Under "Balance securities" should appear the balance under "Endowments." No entries are made under "Value of premises" and "Advances recoverable," though as regards the latter there is an item of Rs. 87 in the accounts, and as regards the former it is presumed the Commissioners possess premises. Nor are the existing liabilities, presuming that there are such, entered.

(True Extract.)

A. B. Sui
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions, Bellary District.
 " Public Works Department.
 " Revenue Department.
 " Board of Revenue.
 " Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
 " Sanitary Commissioner.
 " Director of Public Instruction.
 " Accountant-General.
 " President of the Local Fund Boards, Bellary.

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