

Revenue (1897) Department.

ROUTINE SERIES.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Dept. reviewing the report on the
civil Hospitals and Dispensaries
of the Presy. including the City of
Madras for the year 1896.

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Civil Hospitals and Dispensaries.

Reviewing the report on, and statistics of, the — of this Presidency excluding the City of Madras for the year 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From the Surgeon-General, dated 11th August 1897, No. 291.

ORDER—No. 1385, Public, dated 14th October 1897.

The Surgeon-General submits the report on, and statistics of, the civil hospitals and dispensaries of the Presidency, excluding the city of Madras, for the year 1896. This, with its accompanying statements and appendices, forms a rather bulky volume. The details now contained in Appendix J should, under the instructions of the Government of India communicated to the Surgeon-General in G.O., No. 1212, Public, dated 11th November 1896, be shown in the body of the report. They might, with advantage, be curtailed so as to include no officer below the rank of Assistant Surgeon, while Statement V, Part II, could, by the exclusion of institutions which have no invested capital, and with which therefore the statements does not deal, be condensed into a very few pages. The number of institutions reported on during the past three years is shown below :—

1894.	1895.	1896.
Number at work on the 31st December 1893 453	Number at work on the 31st December 1894 473	Number at work on the 31st December 1895 486
		Newly opened 5
		Newly included in the report 6
		Closed 15
		Omitted from the report 7
		Decrease 11
		Number at work on the 31st December 1896 475
		Number per mille of population .. 014

The omission of the statistics of the Nellore Baptist Mission hospital is to be regretted: the Surgeon-General should make every endeavour to obtain the necessary returns in future.

2. The inspection work done during the year under review was fairly satisfactory. Ten per cent. of the total number of institutions is, however, a considerable proportion to be left unvisited by a superior officer for a whole year.

The attention of the Local and Municipal Department will be drawn to the Surgeon-General's remarks in paragraphs 2 and 3 (b) of the report.

3. The results of the working of the hospitals and dispensaries during 1896 are in the subjoined table compared with those for the two preceding years :—

Year.	Number treated.			Ratio per cent. of women to men.	Mortality among in-patients.	Accommodation.			Surgical operations.	Diets.		Gross expenditure.
	In.	Out.	Total.			Number of beds available.	Average daily sick.	Percentage of beds occupied.		Cost per patient per diem.	Total cost of diets.	
1894 ..	35,902	3,596,005	3,631,907	42.72	6.57	2,947	1,576	53.48	130,327	A. P. 2 2	Rs. 78,119	Rs. 9,31,017
1895 ..	38,422	3,800,932	3,839,354	43.63	5.89	3,060	1,696	55.42	141,765	2 0	77,568	9,77,247
1896 ..	39,020	4,003,513	4,042,533	44.62	6.41	3,168	1,665	52.56	143,770	1 11	73,872	10,07,047

It is satisfactory to note that, notwithstanding the fact that the number of institutions at work during the year was less than in 1895, there was an increase both in the in- and out- patients treated, pointing to increased popularity of these institutions. The progressive advance in the percentage of women to men treated continued.

His Excellency the Governor in Council observes with satisfaction the decrease in the cost of diets from As. 2 in 1895 to As. 1-11 in the year under report. It is not understood why in column 6 of Statement No. V, Part I, on pages 139, 141 and 143, the word "Head" has been substituted for "Diet." The average cost per patient calculated on the total expenditure is shown in Appendix I to have ranged from 2 annas 11 pies in Trichinopoly to 12 annas 2 pies in the Nilgiris, where, however, the circumstances are peculiar.

	1895.	1896.	General in paragraph 7 of his report, the incidence of disease in each district was, with slight variations, very much the same as in 1895. The largest numbers of cases treated during the year were for the diseases enumerated in the margin. There was a decline under "Malarial fevers."
General diseases—			
Malarial fevers ..	394,885	387,777	
Worms ..	243,284	259,793	
Local diseases—			
Diseases of the eye ..	344,331	488,822	
" of the skin ..	450,897	433,761	
Ulcers ..	411,381	412,091	

An epidemic of cholera during the year accounts for the increased rate of mortality, viz., 6.14 per cent. against 5.89 in 1895. The highest death-rates among in-patients were in Coimbatore 10.45, Ganjam 10.15, Chingleput and Malabar 9.84 per cent., while the lowest were in Salem 3.57, Tanjore 4.20 and South Arcot 4.07. Only two cases occurred of septic diseases acquired in hospital, against twenty in the preceding year.

5. The Government notes with pleasure the commendations bestowed by the Surgeon-General on the surgical work performed by the officers named in paragraph 10 of his report.

6. The total expenditure on medicines declined from Rs. 1,91,932 in 1895 to Rs. 1,81,437 in 1896, but the decrease in the outlay on bazaar medicines was in proportion slight, and the Surgeon-General should continue to impress upon his subordinates the necessity for extending the use of indigenous drugs.

7. A special report should be submitted in regard to the local fund dispensary at Mummdivaram referred to in paragraph 16.

(True Extract.)

for Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General.
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 " Local and Municipal Department.
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