

C.S.

MEDICAL.

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1920.

No. 715

Colonial Surgeon.

SUBJECT.

1920

13th Sept:

Previous Paper.

Reports insanitary condition of Latrines and Urinals at the Government School.

MINUTES.

H. E.

Submitted.

for C.S.  
20/9/20.

(2)

Schoolmaster  
Col. Engineer

Please confer jointly on this matter and report without delay as to what steps can be taken immediately to remedy the evil.

*[Signature]*  
21.9.20

(3)

C.S.O. |

Seen. After the Col. Engineer has seen this paper we can arrange to meet to discuss the subject.

Subsequent Paper.

A.T.118

(4)

Govt. Schoolmaster  
22 Sept. 1920

The Hon. Col. Sec.

I have seen Mr. Hoare, and we beg to submit report herewith.

*[Signature]*  
C.E.  
27/9/20

H.B.

(5)

Submitted  
G.H. 13.  
for C.S.  
27.9.20.

Hon. Col. Surgeon.

(6)

Minute of, 27.9.20 for your  
information & remarks please.

*[Signature]*  
28.9.20

Hon Col. Sec.

(7)

Notes: I regret that the Colonial  
Engineer, and Gov. Schoolmaster  
oppose my recommendations.  
I trust that His Excellency will  
direct that my suggestions be  
complied with.

Recd 24/10/20

28.9.20.

*[Signature]*  
Col. Surgeon

(8)

H.B.

Submitted  
G.H. 13.  
for C.S.  
24/10/20

C.A.O.

(9)

The alterations to the latrines &  
urinals suggested by the Col. Surgeon  
should be carried out forthwith.

2. The Col. Surgeon will instruct the

- Col. Engineer has to construct the urinal, as the latter appears to be incapable of doing so without advice,
3. Boxes with seat dust & shorts should be provided for the latrines, and the children should be instructed that they must, themselves, cover up the excreta every time a latrine is used.
  4. The poster should be placed in a prominent place in the School and the teachers instructed to call the attention of the pupils to it, and assist in them the lessons to be learned from it, from time to time.
  5. The class rooms should be cleaned & disinfected as suggested by the Col. Surgeon.
  6. It is the duty of the Schoolmaster to see that the hygienic arrangements in connection with the School are scrupulously attended to.
  7. Copies to Col. Surgeon, Col. Engineer, & Schoolmaster.

(10) W.M.  
13. 10. 20  
Colonial Engineer.

Please withdraw copy of  
Lt. Excellence's minute & return  
paper as early as possible

9/11/20  
for CS  
14. 10. 20

The Hon: Col: Sec:

Copy of His Excellency's minute  
withdrawn, paper returned.

12/3/13.  
C.E.

14/10/20.

Govt Schoolmaster.

Please withdraw attached  
submitted in accordance with H.E.'s  
instructions in (9) & return paper  
as soon as possible.

G.P. 13  
for C.S.  
15/10/20

Hon. Col. Sec.

I have withdrawn the Army Poster and  
the copy of H.E. the Administrator's minute  
of 13 ~~Sept~~ Oct. 1920.

A. Pitt.

Govt. Schoolmaster  
18 Oct. 1920

Hon Col Surgeon.

Withdraw copy of  
H.E.'s minute of 13th inst & take  
necessary action in conjunction  
with Colonial Engineer as outlined  
in para 2.

G.P. 13  
for C.S.  
18/10/20.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted. I will see the Col  
Engineer Re "Urinal"

H. D.  
Col. Surg.  
18.10.20.

Stanley

18.9.20

Sir

I have the honour to report that on a recent <sup>visit</sup> to the Government School I found the Latrines and Urinals in an unsatisfactory condition.

I would suggest that the Latrines for the Boys be increased to four, and should be in a separate building from the Urinals.

An attendant should <sup>be</sup> detailed to see that the excreta is kept covered with peat dust and sanitary measures in general carried out. The enclosed Army Pester should be placed in a prominent part of these out offices, to try and impress upon the Children the danger of flies. The Boys urinal is not the correct kind, it allows the Boy to make a mess of the place.

The class rooms should be dry cleaned daily, and the interior <sup>of</sup> sprayed with a disinfectant, the floors should be scrubbed every Saturday.

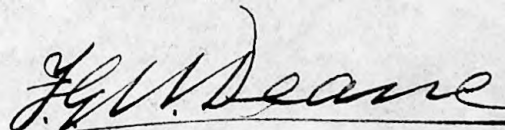
I think it advisable that these measures be adopted as the present epidemic <sup>of</sup> Respiratory Catarrh is to some extent spread by the School Children.

I have the honour to be

Sir

The Hon The Colonial Secretary

Your obedient servant



Colonial Surgeon

The Hon: Colonial Secretary.

With reference to the Hon: Colonial Surgeon's letter of the 18th September 1920 we, the undersigned, beg to submit the following report.

2. It is suggested that the Latrines for the Boys be increased to four. This can be done with a little constructional alteration, i.e., the removal of the present urinal: building of one partition: alteration to door: and the supplying of one new door.
3. We would strongly support the recommendation that the urinal be a separate building, and would suggest that this be placed about three feet to the north of the boy's privies; the size to be about 10'-3" X 6'-3", with 6' walls surmounted in the front with two feet, the back with one foot of louvre work, also on the ends as pitch of roof will allow. The necessary blind entrance to be placed on the east side.
4. We should be glad to have the Col: Surgeon's suggestions as to the form of construction for the interior which will make it impossible for the boy to make a mess of the place.
4. With reference to the suggestion that an attendant ~~xx~~ should be detailed to see that the excreta is kept covered with peat dust, we would point out that if the excreta is to be covered immediately after it is dropped, two attendants would be required, one for the girls and one for the boys. We do not think it advisable to display the enclosed Army Poster as its hygienic import would be swamped by its temptation to the children to obscene embellishment.
5. With reference to the suggestion that the classrooms should be dry cleaned daily and the interior sprayed with a disinfectant, the class rooms have always been swept and dusted daily. As for spraying we beg to inquire whether the floor only is meant, or also the desks and walls, and we should be glad to know which disinfectant is ~~re~~

recommended

recommended. We would point out that most disinfectants have an unpleasant smell. We do not think it is necessary to have the floors scrubbed every Saturday. All the floors are scrubbed once in four weeks and this is three or four times as often as is the custom in English primary Schools.

A. B. Moore

Government Schoolmaster.

P. B. Basley.

Colonial Engineer.

27th September 1920.

18<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1920

Stanley

Sir

Your letter of instructions of 10 days date. to hand. and in reply to same. I may state I see no mention of any remuneration. but if this ~~is~~ is carried out it means 21 hrs extra work per week for scrubbing alone. not counting the extra time for spraying etc and if this is paid for at the rate of only one shilling per hour. it means £54 12.0 per year extra for the scrubbing alone. I may also state I have cleaned the Government school for a period of over 6 years and never had any complaints as to the cleanliness of the school and I say it is impossible to do the work on the Saturday ~~for~~ so you will kindly relieve me from the duties as early as possible.

I am yours obedient

S. H. Hooley

Mr A. R. Hoare.  
Government Schoolmaster  
Stanley



MINUTE PAPER.

Departmental Number.

From Govt. Schoolmaster

X Education

Date 19 Oct. 1920

To Hon. Col. Sec.

SUBJECT.

Reference Numbers.

} MP 715/20

1. I have the honour to forward the attached letter from Mr. S. Hooley, School Cleaner, Govt. School.

2. I have had no conversation with Hooley on the subject. I sent the instructions to him yesterday in a sealed envelope and found his letter on my office table this morning.

A. Pitvare

Govt. Schoolmaster