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Sir,-

During the past few days Dr. Kendrick and I have been over the Madras situation and we believe that the time has come for Government to take over the hookworm work. Our main objectives have been achieved.

(1) The hookworm problem has been definitely defined by egg-counts and the degrees of infection in the various districts have been plotted on a map, so that control measures can be systematically undertaken.

(2) A plan for controlling hookworm on plantations has been developed and is in operation.

(3) A type of latrine made with a boring machine has been devised and is proving acceptable to residents in rural areas.

(4) The health centre in Madura is in operation with good prospects of its being emulated in other centres.

(5) Public health education with a portable cinema, by pamphlets, lectures etc., has been standardized. There is general agreement among officials that the hookworm problem is understood throughout the Madras Presidency.

(6) The research at the Madras Penitentiary to determine the length of life of both necators and ancylostomes is well under-way and arrangements

for its continuance can probably be made with the King Institute.

(7) The Surgeon-General promises to push the treatment of hookworm in all hospitals and dispensaries.

*Notes
H.V.* [As Dr. Kendrick wishes to go on leave in March, we suggested to the Director of Public Health that if he believed in the work that he take it over from January 1, 1928.] He points out that as Government has already passed the budget for 1928, that he is unable to finance the undertaking. To meet this difficulty we promised to recommend to the Rockefeller Foundation that if he arranges to continue the work, that the funds in our 1928 Madras budget be reallocated to make them available for his hookworm reorganization. Dr. Kendrick and the Director of Public Health are now at work in drafting a definite plan. I also promised that if Dr. Kendrick is engaged on other work in India in this vicinity that if his services are desired, he could come here from time to time for consultation and advice.

In view of very attractive proposals that have been made by the Directors of Public Health for Burmah and for the Punjab, I propose that Dr. Kendrick before he goes to the United States makes a brief reconnaissance of these provinces and submits a report to us for consideration. I also expect to have Dr. Kendrick accompany me to Travancore during the closing days of this month to make a brief reconnaissance in response to the invitation of the Travancore Government.

During the next ten days I expect to visit Mysore province and go over the plans proposed by Dr. Sweet, ~~as~~ Malaria control is one of the important items, I am asking Dr. Hackett to meet me in Mysore.

Respectfully

VGH: KS:

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