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PLAGUE VISITATION, BOMBAY,
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P R E F A C E.

THE ensuing pages contain a series of Photographs taken during the prevalence of Plague in Bombay and during the period that the preventive measures for its extinction had been placed by the Bombay Government in the hands of the following Committee :—

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There is little doubt that Plague existed in Bombay, unknown, in the early part of August, but how and whence it came is still an unravelled mystery.

At that time, Bombay contained 850,000 inhabitants at least, and by the end of February the population had been reduced to one-half, by the people flying from the City through fear of the pestilence ; the effect of this was to entirely paralyse trade, and the resultant loss to the City and the Country generally can never be estimated.

On the 2nd of March 1897, when the Bombay Plague Committee was appointed, deaths from Plague in the City had reached the appalling number of 19,849, with a daily average mortality of 152, and there seemed little immediate hope of the death-rate being reduced, as the tide of returning population had set in ; however, the beginning of April showed a satisfactory reduction in the total deaths for that month, being 3,578 as against 5,436 for March.

The month of May showed a still further reduction, the mortality being 2,331, and by the 15th of June, Plague had practically disappeared, this being the more satisfactory as at this time the population of the City had increased to at least 750,000.

The probable number of deaths from Plague in the City of Bombay alone, from August to the end of June, is 27,597.

Some views have been inserted of Plague operations outside Bombay, over which the Committee held control. The Committee are much indebted to Captain C. Moss, Gloster Regiment, who took the majority of the Photographs, and to Mr. M. E. Couchman, Mad. C. S., and to Vety.-Major Mills.

Mr. F. B. Stewart, Photo Artist, Poona, compiled the Album for the Committee, and holds the copy-right.

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Justices of the Peace who gave their Services voluntarily for House-to-House Visitation.



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Government House, Parel, converted into a Plague Hospital.



A Ward in Parel Hospital shewing plague-stricken child.



The Ball Room, Government House, Parel, converted into a Plague Ward—English Nurses.



Women's Ward with Sisters of Mercy (Filles de la Croix).



Children's Ward.



Wari Bunder Hospital (Exterior).



Wari Bunder Hospital (Interior)
Women's Ward.



Wari Bunder Hospital Lady Doctor
and English Nurses.



Arthur Road Hospital (Exterior)
Medical and Nursing Staff.



Arthur Road Hospital Ward (Interior),
Convalescent Girl with English
Nurses.



Arthur Road Hospital, the only Case
of Black Plague which recovered.



Grant Road Hospital (Exterior) Medi-
cal and Nursing Staff.



Grant Road Hospital. English Nurses exercising a Convalescent Plague-stricken Lunatic.



Grant Road Hospital. Arrival of a Patient.



Sisters of Mercy (Jesus and Mary from Claro Road Convent) who worked gratuitously in the Grant Road Hospital pending arrival of English Nurses.



Charni Road Hospital Medical and Nursing Staff.



Charni Road Hospital (Exterior).



Charni Road Hospital Convalescents.



Police Hospital (Foras Road).



Modi Khana Hospital (Exterior).



Modi Khana Hospital (Interior) Breakfast.



Worli Hospital (Exterior).



Worli Hospital (Interior).



Mahim Hospital (Exterior).



Mahim Hospital (Interior).



Jullai (Weavers) Hospital (Exterior).



Jullai (Weavers) Hospital (Interior) with Mahomedan Nurses.



Jullai (Weavers) Hospital, Convalescent and Nurse.



Reay Road Hospital (Exterior) used as a Segregation Camp.



Nariel Wadi Hospital (Exterior) used as a Segregation Camp.



Nariel Wadi Hospital. Natives from an infected District detained under Observation.



Nariel Wadi Hospital. Natives from an infected District detained under Observation.



Nariel Wadi Hospital. Natives from an infected District detained under Observation.



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Jamsetjee Bunder Hospital (Exterior).



Nariel Wadi Hospital. Men at Breakfast.



Nariel Wadi Hospital. Women at Breakfast.



Jamsetjee Bunder Hospital. Mother with Sick Child.



Jamsetjee Bunder Hospital (Interior).



Nariel Wadi Hospital Nurse taking Temperature of the Women.





Plague Committee crossing the Harbour to visit Plague-infected Villages.

Alibag, Kolaba. Deserted Temples.



Alibag, Kolaba. Gateway of Ancient Fort. Villagers camped outside.



Alibag, Kolaba. Left to die, until discovered by the Plague Committee.



Alibag, Kolaba. Treasury Guard.



Sion Hospital. Committee Inspecting Building.



Karanja.



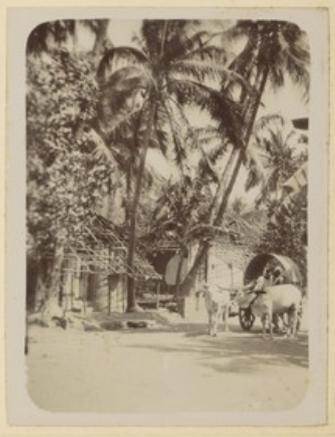
Uran. Arrival of the Bombay Plague Committee. Villagers giving details of cases.



Karanja. Plague-stricken Houses unroofed to let in Sun and Air.



Karanja. Incantations by Women against the Plague.



Karanja Plague-stricken Houses unroofed for ventilation purposes.



Alibag, Kolaba. Plague Committee embarking for Bombay.



Uran. Mr. Hormusji, a Parsee gentleman who built 1,000 huts at his own expense for Parsee fugitives from Bombay.



Danda Village. Types of Native Fishermen who resisted Segregation.



Uran. View of the Salt Creek.



Santa Cruz (Suburb of Bombay). Villagers Camping Out.



Danda Village. Segregation Camp established by the Natives.



Old Style of Removing Patients.



New Style of Removing Patients.



A Parsee Funeral Party.



Hindu Funeral Party *en route* to Burning Ground.



Grant Road Mahomedan Burying Ground, closed by order of Government.



Queen's Road. Mahomedan Burial Ground.



Haines' Road Hindu Burial Ground.
Digging a Grave.



Haines' Road Burial Ground for Low-
caste Hindus.



Sonapore. Corpse Ready for Crema-
tion.



Sonapore. Interior of Burning
Ground with Corpse on Pyre.



Sonapore. General View of Hindu
Burning Ground.



Sonapore. Corpse Burning.



Bgde.-Surg.-Lieut.-Col. Weir, Health Officer, Bombay.



Foreign Scientists. Professors Koch and Pfeiffer.



Plague Rings on an infected House showing Number of Deaths.



Plague Rings on an Infected House in the Girgaum Road showing Number of Deaths.



The Chairman, Plague Committee, interviewing Justices of the Peace in the Bazaar Gate Garden.



Search Parties at Work.



Plague Committee. Starting House-to-House Visitation.



House-to-House Visitation. Surg-Major Dimmock's Search Party.



House-to-House Visitation. General Gatacre's Search Party.



House-to-House Visitation. Discovery and Removal of Plague Case to Hospital.



House-to-House Visitation. Discovery and Removal of Plague Case to Hospital.



House-to-House Visitation. Plague Case carried out Dead.



R. H. Vincent, Esq., C.I.E., Commissioner of Police, Bombay.



Mahim Village. Goanese Church Wardens interviewing the Chairman, Plague Committee.



Lime-washers at Work on a Badly Infected House.



Watering the Streets.



House-to-House Visitation. Burning Infected Bedding.



Tramcar during Exodus.



Mosques in the Mahomedan Quarter.
Mahomedans watching the Search
Party.



Alibag, Kolaba. A Deserted Temple.



Search Parties at Work.



Search Parties at Work.



Royal Dublin Fusiliers on Duty in the
Streets during the House-to-House
Visitation in the Mahomedan
Quarter.



Mosques in the Mahomedan Quarter.
Mahomedans on the alert for the
Search Party, preparing to move
their Sick into the Mosque.



Royal Dublin Fusiliers at Breakfast.



8th Bombay Infantry on Duty in the Streets.



22nd Bombay Infantry on Duty in the Streets.



Medical Inspection, Arrival of Steamer from an Infected Port.



Passengers awaiting Orders to Disembark.



Inspection of Passengers (Women) by Lady Doctors.



Sonapore. Interior of Burning Ground, with Corpse on Pyre.



Flushing Engine cleansing infected Houses.



Medical Officers, Justices of the Peace, Search parties and Disinfesting Staff, ready to start on their work.



Lime-washers at Work on a Badly Infected House.



A Justice of the Peace with Search Party.



Mahim Causeway Medical Inspection.



Inspection of Passengers (Men) by Medical Officers.



Mahim Causeway Medical Inspection.



Men undergoing further Inspection. Temperatures being tested by Thermometer in Mouth.



Sion Causeway Medical Inspection of Men.



Sion Causeway Medical Inspection of Women.



Sion Railway Station Arrival of a Train.



Sion Railway Station Medical Inspection.



Sion Railway Station Medical Inspection.



Sion Railway Station Medical Inspection.



Bandora Railway Station Medical Inspection. Arrival of Train.



Bandora Railway Station Medical Inspection. Arrival of Train.



Watering the Streets.



Hindu Funeral Party *en route* to Burning Ground.



Professor Koch, of Berlin, about to make an Experiment on an Animal suffering from Foot-and-mouth Disease.



Observation Camp, Wari Bunder. General View of the Camp. Military Ward Orderlies in back ground and persons under observation.



Observation Camp, Wari Bunder. Cooking for Caste-men (Hindus from Cutch Mandvi).



A Group of Widows and Orphans of Hindu Coolies who died of Plague at the Bombay Municipal Slaughter House.



The Door of the Bombay Municipal Slaughter House Temporary Plague Hospital at Bandora. The Child and Old Woman have recovered from the Plague.



Huts at Bandora. The one on the left had no less than nine deaths in it. All the inmates died.



"The Deserted Village," a part of Bandora where the Plague was so severe that the people left *en masse*.



Bandora Convent Sisters (*Filles de la Croix*) who nursed at Parel and Mahim. The four standing from left to right are Sisters Cleophas, Edith Francis Xavier, and Clara; the three sitting from left to right are Sisters Ursula, Juliana, and Hilda



Group taken after a House-to-House Search Visitation in Mahim under Surgeon-Captain Jennings, I.M.S. On the right, Professor O. V. Muller, Dr. Dadiburjor, Vety.-Lient. Baldrey, and Dr. DeMonte.



The Death of Little Jacky from Plague. A Negro Boy. His Parents on the left.









