

Schools and Hospitals. FOR PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

In the Abadan district there are five schools that have been built by the Company for the education of children, and in the Masjid-i-Suleiman district the Company has erected seven schools which will accommodate 2,800 children.

A very large hospital in Abadan with over 350 beds is the only hospital in the place at the moment, and the Company is planning to build another one of 450 beds and to recover the cost of the latter hospital from the Government over a period of years. During 1946 the hospitals of the Company treated 10,500 patients in beds, 150,000 in their own homes and nearly 1,000,000 patients in clinics and dispensaries. Over the whole oilfields the Company has 70 doctors in its employment. The Company informed us that since 1932 they have spent over £400,000 in the provision of schools, hospitals, drainage systems, water supplies, etc., and only £40,000 sterling has been recovered from the local municipality.