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UNDER ARTICLE 73 e OF THE CHARTERCorrigenda to the Summary Record
of the Seventh MeetingPage 5delete line 21 to page 6, line 7, and substitute:

"and that the death rate was only abnormally high in those areas where the natives had not yet learned to trust European medical practice; but in those areas it would be extremely difficult to obtain death certificates. In Africa, child mortality in age groups over 1, even up to age 7, was as important as in the case of infants under 1 year, and this was due to intestinal diseases, particularly those resulting from uncontrolled feeding once a child could crawl.

In reply to the question by the representative of India regarding the training of native medical assistants, Mr. Ryckmans pointed out that after 5 years instruction in a secondary school, medical training comprised 4 years' theoretical study followed by 2 years' practical work, after which medical assistants were assigned either to hospital work or to bush dispensaries where they worked under periodical supervision by European doctors.

He stressed the importance of the campaign against endemic diseases; the eradication of sleeping sickness required 4 or 5 years' effort, including the periodical examination of the whole population for the purpose of neutralising germ carriers. That type of work was not very popular with doctors who, from the professional standpoint, found curative work in properly equipped hospitals much more interesting; but the personal preferences of doctors had to give way before the general interest".

Page 6, last line

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insert, after the words "infant mortality", the phrase
"Before the war a training centre had been established to

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train such agents who afterwards were appointed in the villages, where they worked under the supervision of doctors.

Page 7, first line

for "in two universities in Batavia and one university in Surabaya", substitute "before the war in Batavia (on a university level) and in Surabaya. After the war, the Medical School of the University in Batavia had been re-opened. The Surabaya school will soon follow".

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delete line 22 after the word "fairer" to line 25 up to the word "conclusion", and substitute:

"to examine the position as it stood, and to see whether the revenue they could derive from the country was advantageously employed in the interests of the territory".

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delete line 29 after the word "government" to page 10 line 2 up to the word "miles", and substitute:

"It was absurd to judge a medical organisation by the number of square miles a doctor had to serve. That was an entirely arbitrary criterion. In certain sovereign states there were areas of hundreds of thousands of square miles with only a single doctor".