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Town Hall, Charing Cross Road, W.C.

7 May 1897

Dear Sir,

As your request — I send
you a copy of my annual
report — for 1896, and

I am

Yours faithfully

John J. Stree

M. G. H.

St. Martin-in-the-Field.

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MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT,
1896.

*Annual Report on the Health of the Parish of St. Martin-in-the-Fields,
for the Year 1896.*

TO THE VESTRY OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of submitting to you my Twenty-seventh Annual Report on the health and sanitary condition of the Parish.

Pursuant to the London (Equalisation of Rates) Act, 1894, a census of London was taken on the night of Sunday, the 29th March, 1896, when the population was estimated at 4,411,271. Our Parish numbered 13,077, a lower number than in the census of 1891. This diminution of the population of the Parish, which has been going on for some time past, is due to the demolition of so many houses, the rebuilding of which is not yet completed, and to the less residential character of the neighbourhood, but on the other hand the day population has enormously increased.

BIRTHS.

The registered Births during the year numbered 221, an increase of 32 over the previous year, 1895.

The following Table gives the number of Births registered in each month of the year:—

			<i>Males.</i>		<i>Females.</i>		<i>Total.</i>
January ..	..	..	10	..	13	..	23
February ..	..	..	9	..	9	..	18
March..	.	..	12	..	2	..	14
April ..	..	..	12	..	9	..	21
May ..	..	..	7	..	8	..	15
June ..	..	..	12	..	5	..	17
July ..	..	..	6	..	14	..	20
August	11	..	10	..	21
September	9	..	10	..	19
October	10	..	7	..	17
November	8	..	3	..	11
December	11	..	7	..	18
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			117		97		214*
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The Birth-rate of the Parish for the year is 16·9 per 1,000, against 13·0 of the previous year.

The birth-rate in London, for the year 1896, was 30·2 per 1,000.

* To these 214 Births occurring in the Parish, must be added 7 belonging to St. Martin's which took place at the Bear Yard Receiving Ward, making a total of 221.



DEATHS.

The total Deaths registered in the Parish during the year 1896 were 340, a number 27 less than in the previous year.

The following Table gives the number of Deaths registered in each month of the year:—

				<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	
January	..	..	..	15	..	12	.. 27
February	..	..	..	24	..	10	.. 34
March ..	..	..	..	19	..	9	.. 28
April ..	..	..	..	19	..	7	.. 26
May ..	..	..	..	15	..	7	.. 22
June ..	..	..	..	17	..	12	.. 29
July ..	..	..	..	24	..	8	.. 32
August	20	..	7	.. 27
September	18	..	12	.. 30
October	21	..	6	.. 27
November	13	..	11	.. 24
December	25	..	9	.. 34
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				230	110	340	
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These 340 Deaths include those non-parishioners who died in the Charing Cross Hospital, and must therefore be omitted in estimating the death-rate, but, on the other hand, the deaths occurring in Public Institutions outside the Parish among persons belonging thereto must be added. On referring to Table 7, it will at once make clear what I have just stated.

In estimating the Death-rate, I do so in two forms, the first in which are excluded 12 deaths of aged parishioners occurring in Edmonton Workhouse, they having been resident there many years prior to their death, and in the second form I have included them.

Death-rate of St. Martin-in-the-Fields for the	} 15·3 per 1,000 of the estimated population.
year 1896, <i>excluding</i> 12 deaths of aged	
parishioners occurring in the Edmonton Work-	
house	

Death-rate of St. Martin-in-the-Fields for the	} 16·2 per 1,000 of the estimated population.
year 1896, <i>including</i> 12 deaths of aged	
parishioners occurring in the Edmonton	
Workhouse	

In London the death-rate for the year 1896 was 18·6 per 1,000.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Of the 212 deaths of parishioners occurring within and out of the Parish, 52 were under 5 years of age, equal to 24·5 per cent. of the total deaths.

The deaths of Infants under 1 year of age numbered 32, equal to 15·1 per cent. of the total deaths, and 144·8 to 1,000 registered births.

In London, for the year 1896, the deaths of Infants under 1 year of age to 1,000 births were 161.

OLD AGE MORTALITY.

The deaths of parishioners over 60 years of age, occurring within and out of the Parish, were 60.

23	were from	60 to	70	years of age.
27	"	"	70	" 80
9	"	"	80	" 90
1	was	"	90	" 100

CAUSES OF DEATH.

ZYMOTIC DISEASES.—The principal Zymotic Diseases are Small-pox, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Typhoid Fever, Typhus Fever, Puerperal Fever, Cholera, and Diarrhoea.

The number of deaths occurring in the Parish from this class of disease was 36. This number includes those non-parishioners who died in the Charing Cross Hospital. After deducting these, and adding those parishioners who died in Public Institutions outside the Parish, the mortality due to St. Martin's would be 31. *Vide* Table 5.

SMALL-POX.—No death was recorded from this complaint, but one case of this disease was notified in accordance with the Public Health (London) Act, 1891, which afterwards proved not to be Small-pox, therefore the Parish was quite free from this complaint during the year.

MEASLES.—In the early part of the year this malady was very prevalent; 9 deaths occurred in the Parish, also 1 of an infant parishioner in the Sick Asylum, and 1 in King's College Hospital, making in all 11.

SCARLET FEVER.—Two deaths from this disease occurred in the Parish, and two in the Hospitals of the Metropolitan Asylums Board.

The number of cases notified during the year was 71, against 42 of the previous year, 1895.

DIPHTHERIA.—Three deaths from this disease were recorded as occurring in the Charing Cross Hospital, but they were all non-parishioners, and one death of a parishioner occurred in the University College Hospital and another in the Hospital of the Asylums Board, making only two deaths to the credit of St. Martin's for the year.

WHOOPING COUGH.—From this malady 6 deaths were registered, one of which was that of a non-parishioner, and occurred in the Charing Cross Hospital.

TYPHOID FEVER.—Eleven deaths were recorded from this disease, 8 of which occurred in the Charing Cross Hospital, and of the latter number 7 were non-parishioners, therefore 4 deaths are to the credit of St. Martin's.

TYPHUS FEVER.—No death was recorded from this malady.

PUERPERAL FEVER.—One death was registered from this disorder.

CHOLERA.—*Nil*.

DIARRHŒA.—Four deaths were registered from Diarrhœa, one of which occurred in the Charing Cross Hospital and was that of a non-parishioner, and an infant belonging to St. Martin's died in St. Giles' Workhouse from this complaint.

The deaths from all causes, with the ages at death of those who died in the Parish, and also of those parishioners who died in public institutions outside the district will be found fully detailed in Tables 2 and 6.

INQUESTS.

During the year 1896 inquests were held in the Parish in reference to the deaths of 47 persons, of whom 11 were residents, and also 2 inquests were held respecting the deaths of parishioners outside the Parish.

The causes which produced death were as follows:—

Natural causes	14
Pistol Shot Wound (suicide)	4
Drowning	4
Hanging (suicide)	1
Poison, cocaine (suicide)	1
Burns	1
Suffocation when in bed with mother (infant) .	1
„ when vomiting	1
Ether, when about to undergo an operation ..	1
Wound in chest with a dagger (accidental) ..	1
Injuries to head, no evidence to show how caused	1
Injuries to neck (infant) (wilful murder) ..	1
„ „ (suicide)	2

INQUESTS—*continued.*

Injuries received from falling down stairs ..	2
" " " " the shaft of a lift	1
Injuries received from fall from window ..	2
" " " being knocked down by a train	1
Injuries received in the street by a truck ..	1
" " from being run over or knocked down by vehicles in the street	1
Injuries received from the overturning of a cab	1
" " when shunting a railway van	1
" " from a fall off a cab	1
" " " falling off a ladder at the Prince of Wales' Theatre	1
Injuries received from being thrown from a van	1
Cause not specified (newly-born infants) ..	3
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NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

During the year the number of cases of infectious disease notified was 120 as against 85 of the previous year, 1895. On referring to Table 9 the diseases will be found specified, and the localities are shown where the cases occurred.

The fees paid to the Medical Practitioners for forwarding the certificates of these 120 cases amounted to £12 14s. *Cd.*, which sum is repaid to your Vestry by the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylums Board.

About the middle of the year a difficulty was again experienced of procuring admission into the Hospitals of the Metropolitan Asylums Board of cases of Scarlet Fever, in consequence of a scarcity of beds, due to the prevalence of this complaint in London.

DISINFECTION AFTER INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

During the year 109 rooms and their contents were disinfected by your Contractor, Mr. W. G. Lacy, at a cost of £118 11s. 6d.

The London County Council on 9th March, 1893, forwarded to your Vestry copies of a report relative to the disinfection and destruction of infected articles, stating they are of opinion in order that the work of disinfection may be under proper supervision, it should be effected on premises belonging to the Vestry, and expressing the hope that the Vestry will provide a steam disinfecter, and dispense with the employment of a contractor.

This recommendation of the London County Council was by the request of the Public Health Committee referred to me to report upon, which I did in a letter addressed to the Committee as follows:—

“To the Public Health Committee of the Vestry of St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

“GENTLEMEN,

“In accordance with your request that I should make a statement in writing in reference to the communication of the London County Council addressed to the Vestry, respecting the necessity of providing premises of our own for the purpose of disinfection after infectious disease, I beg to report as follows:—

“When this subject was first brought under the notice of your Committee, I pointed out the impossibility of securing a site in a parish like ours for such a purpose, and even if such a site were secured, the freeholders and the residents in the vicinity would be up in arms, and would very likely land us into a costly litigation. As an alternative, it was suggested by your Committee, that we might ask the Strand Board of Works to allow us to combine with them in the use of their disinfecting premises, I accordingly communicated with the Surveyor of the Strand Board of Works upon the subject, and the reply I received was not of an encouraging nature.

"For many years past, the disinfections in the parish have been carried out by Mr. G. Lacy, of St. John's Wharf, Town Mead Road, Fulham, where he has extensive premises for the purpose. These premises are of a very superior kind, consisting of several disinfecting chambers, a cremator for destroying articles that are not worth disinfecting, and a laundry is attached to the establishment for washing infected linen, &c.

"I have every reason to be highly satisfied with the manner the disinfections are carried out; had we premises in our own district for the purpose, the work could not be performed more satisfactorily and carefully.

"The articles for disinfection are removed from the houses in the parish to the premises at Fulham in a special van.

"I am, GENTLEMEN,

"Your obedient Servant,

"(Signed) JOHN J. SKEGG,

30th June, 1896.

"*Medical Officer of Health.*"

[A copy of this letter was ordered by your Vestry to be forwarded to the London County Council.]

THE HOUSE TO HOUSE INSPECTION.

This undertaking, though as yet not completed, is progressing satisfactorily, and I trust before long we may be able to report the work as finished. I have in previous reports referred to the unforeseen difficulties we have had to contend with, which have required patience and tact on the part of your officers to overcome.

The connections of the drains in the Adelphi area to the new sewers have not yet been carried out; this delay has been due to awaiting the result of the action and appeal of the case of the Vestry of St. Martin-in-the-Fields *v.* Ward. The circumstances connected with the case are already known to the members of the Vestry.

Appended is a list of those premises where notices and plans have been sent in of intention to lay down new drains since the commencement of this inspection down to the end of March, 1897.

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|---|---|
| Adelaide Street, Nos. 1, 5 and 6. | Charing Cross Road, Nos. 5, 11, 13, 16, 36 and 48. |
| Adelphi Terrace, Nos. 1, 2 and 5. | Charles Buildings, Nos. 1, 2, and 3. |
| Adelphi Theatre. | Cockspur Street, Nos. 1, 2, 14, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 32 and 33. |
| Agar Street, Nos. 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 10. | Comedy Theatre. |
| Alhambra Theatre (two plans). | Cranbourn Street, Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 37. |
| Arundel Place, Nos. 11 and 12. | Craven Court, "Craven Arms." |
| Avenue Theatre. | Craven Hotel. |
| Bear Street, No. 11. | Craven Street, Nos. 4, 7, 14, 15, 17, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37 and 42. |
| Bedfordbury, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 22, 23, and Chapel. | Crown Court, Nos. 10 and 24. |
| Bedford Street, Nos. 1, 45, 49 and 50. | Drury Lane, Nos. 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 39, 40, 54, 82 and Burial Ground Lodge. |
| Blue Cross Street, Nos. 2, 4, 7, 8, 11 and 12. | Drury Lane Theatre. |
| Bow Street, No. 8. | Duke Street, Nos. 1, 10, 11, 12 and 13. |
| Broad Court (North side). | Duncannon Street, Nos. 3 and 6, |
| Buckingham Street, Nos. 8, 11, 14, 19 (North side), and 21. | Eagle Court, "Old Fountain" (P.H.). |
| Bull Inn Court, Nos. 14, 15, and Electricity Supply Station. | Endell Street, No. 15. |
| Carlton Gardens, No. 3. | Exeter Hall, Strand. |
| Carlton House Terrace, Nos. 11, 13, 14, 15, 18 and Stables, and 20. | Exeter Street, No. 36. |
| Carlton Mews, Nos. 6, 9 and 10. | Floral Street (late Hart Street), Nos. 48, 49, 50 and 51. |
| Castle Street, Long Acre, Queen's Mansions, Messrs. Morgan & Co. and No. 23. | Garrick Street, Nos. 16, 18, 20 and 23. |
| Cecil Court, South Block. | Garrick Theatre. |
| Chandos Street, Nos. 36, 37, 38, 39, 47 and 48. | |
| Charing Cross, Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 25, 26, 29, 32, 33, 45, 55, 57, 60, 63, 64, 66 and 67. | |

- Goodwin's Court, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.
- Great Scotland Yard, "Rising Sun" (P.H.) and Fire Station.
- Green Street, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 17.
- Hanover Court, No. 14.
- Harvey's Buildings, Nos. 1, 2 and 3.
- Haymarket, No. 23, and Civil Service Co-Operative Stores.
- Haymarket Theatre.
- Hop Gardens, No. 11.
- Hotel Cecil.
- James Street, Covent Garden, Nos. 11 and 12.
- James Street, Haymarket, Nos. 3 and 14.
- John Street, Adelphi, No. 14.
- King William Street, Nos. 3, 6, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23 and 29.
- Langley Court, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4.
- Leicester Square, Hotel Provence.
- Long Acre, Nos. 8, 9, 18, 19, 20, 21, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 41, 54, 55, 57, 58, 59, 65, 81, 82, 87, 91, 96, 111, 112, 116, 120, 121, 122, 125, 128, 129, 137, 140 and 141.
- Long's Court, No. 5.
- Lower John Street, Messrs. Hatch and Mansfield.
- Lowther Arcade, Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24.
- Lumley Court, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
- Lyceum Theatre.
- Martlett's Court, No. 10.
- May's Buildings, Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 12.
- Mercer Street, Nos. 20, 21, 22 and 23.
- Monmouth Court, Nos. 6 and 7.
- New Street, Nos. 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 14, 27, 28 and 29.
- Northumberland Avenue—
Craven House, Hotel Victoria, Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, Grand Hotel.
- Northumberland Street, No. 3.
- Oxendon Street, Nos. 15 and 27.
- Pall Mall East, Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.
- Panton Street, Nos. 6, 17, 25, 27 and 28.
- Russell Court, No. 16.
- Russell Street, Nos. 30, 37 and Board School.
- St. James's Place, No. 22.
- St. Martin's Church Vestry Hall.
- St. Martin's Court, Nos. 7, 8, 9, 20 and 21.
- St. Martin's High School for Girls.
- St. Martin's Lane, Nos. 30, 31, 32, 35, 37, 40, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 48, 50, 51, 54, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 68, 69, 70, 79, 86, 108, 110, 112 and Free Library.

St. Martin's Mews, Nos. 7 and 9.	Suffolk Street, Nos. 3, 5, 6, 7 8, 21, 23 and 25.
St. Martin's National Schools.	Taylor's Buildings, Messrs. Benham and Froud.
St. Martin's Northern Schools, Castle Street.	Tivoli Music Hall, Durham Street.
St. Martin's Place, Nos. 6, 7 and 8.	Trafalgar Square, Morley's Hotel.
St. Martin's Street, Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 31, 32 "Duke's Head" (P.H.), and "Horse and Dolphin," (P.H.).	Upper St. Martin's Lane, Nos. 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18 and 19.
Southampton Street, No. 39.	Vaudeville Theatre.
Spring Gardens, Nos. 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 19, 21 and 29.	Villiers Street, Nos. 25, 26, 27, 28, 28a, 29, 35, Bound's, Fishmonger, and Gatti's Music Hall.
Spur Street, Nos. 1 and 2.	Warwick Street, No. 14.
Stafford House, St. James'.	Wellington Street, No. 21.
Strand, Nos. 6, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 32, 45, 51, 55, 71, 72, 75, 76, 80, 81, 367, 377, 378, 379, 388, 390, 391, 392, 393, 395, 396, 399, 400, 401, 402, 407, 408, 421, 422, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 437, 438, 439, 441, 444, 445, 453, 454, 455, 456 and 457.	Whitcomb Street, No. 7, and Messrs. Macmillan and Co.
Strand Buildings, Eagle Court.	Whitcomb Court, No. 2.
Suffolk Place, Nos. 4 and 5.	Whitehall, No. 4.
	Whitehall Court, No. 4.
	Whitehall Place, Nos. 6, 8, 8a and 22.
	Wilson Street, Nos. 3, 4, 6, 8 and 10.
	York Buildings, Nos. 4, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20.
	York Place, Nos. 6 and 11.

BAKE-HOUSES.

The bake-houses have been periodically inspected, and found in a clean and satisfactory condition.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

Your Analyst, Mr. Percy A. E. Richards, has by your instructions had 40 samples submitted to him for examination under the

above Act, also a sample of butter was submitted by a private purchaser. With the exception of 4, these 41 samples were found to be genuine. In one of the adulterated cases, that of milk, a summons was taken out against the vendor, with the result that he was fined 20s. and costs. In the other three cases, also milk, the vendors were simply cautioned by your Clerk, the adulteration not being sufficiently bad to justify a prosecution.

The samples were as follows :—

Milk	..	..	10 samples.	Genuine except 4.
Butter	7	„ Genuine.
Flour	3	„
Ginger	3	„
Mustard..	3	„
Lard	3	„
Bread	3	„
Coffee	3	„
Tinned Meat	3	„
„ Salmon	3	„

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SANITARY NOTICES.

Sanitary notices in reference to 192 premises were served upon the owners or occupiers of same.

In one case a summons had to be resorted to, but the person responsible for carrying out the work on the service of the summons promised to do the necessary works, and on their completion the summons was withdrawn.

HOUSES LET OUT IN LODGINGS.

Your Sanitary Inspector, whom you appointed permanently to inspect these houses, has regularly carried out this duty, and has reported to me all sanitary defects coming under his notice.

I have the honour to be, GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN J. SKEGG,

Medical Officer of Health.

29, CRAVEN STREET,

March, 1897.



TABLE I.
BIRTHS, DEATHS, and INQUESTS for the last Ten Years,
In St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896
Births	302	276	283	267	252	246	223	233	189	221*
Deaths, total	415	399	380	382	420	331	367	341	367	340
„ under 5 years	115	100	127	96	121	89	84	87	99	70
„ from 5 to 60 years	218	225	200	214	222	179	223	202	209	212
„ over 60 years	82	74	53	72	77	63	60	52	59	58
„ from Small-pox.. .. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
„ „ Measles	5	9	6	7	7	8	1	8	4	9
„ „ Scarlet Fever	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	2
„ „ Whooping-Cough.. .. .	5	4	7	5	8	0	2	4	7	6
„ „ Diarrhoea	11	5	5	3	4	3	2	3	3	4
„ „ Fever	3	1	5	4	3	0	4	4	10	12
„ „ Consumption	29	31	26	29	41	29	24	33	31	32
„ in Charing Cross Hospital	175	195	174	173	204	141	184	168	201	182
Inquests	67	62	57	54	58	60	56	58	54	47

* Seven of these births occurred at the Bear Yard Receiving Ward of the Strand Union.



TABLE II.

TABLE OF THE CAUSES OF DEATH at Various Ages

In the Parish of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, during the Year 1896.

CAUSES.	Total Deaths at all Ages.	Under 1 Year.	From 1 Year to 5.	From 5 Years to 20.	From 20 Years to 40.	From 40 Years to 60.	From 60 Years to 80.	80 Years and upwards.
Small-pox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	9	1	7	1	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	3	—	2	1	—	—	—	—
Croup	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	6	2	4	—	—	—	—	—
Typhus Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid Fever	11	—	1	3	5	2	—	—
Fevers of a Doubtful Nature	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Pyæmia	4	—	—	—	2	1	1	—
Puerperal Fever	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Carbuncle	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Influenza	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diarrhoea	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cholera (Simple)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cholera (Asiatic)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ague	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rheumatic Fever	3	—	—	1	2	—	—	—
Syphilis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Disease of Male Organs of Generation	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
" Female	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Hydrophobia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Glanders	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Privation	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Want of Breast Milk	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Purpura and Scurvy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Delirium Tremens	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Intemperance	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Gout	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dropsy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer	19	—	—	—	1	9	9	—
Sarcoma	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mortification	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scrofula	7	—	2	2	—	3	—	—
Tabes Mesenterica	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phthisis	32	1	—	3	11	16	1	—
Leucocythemia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lymphadenoma	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Hydrocephalus	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Apoplexy	9	—	—	—	2	4	3	—
Paralysis	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	1
Chorea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Epilepsy	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Convulsions	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Disease of Brain	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebral Meningitis	7	1	4	—	2	—	—	—
Aneurism	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Disease of Heart	37	—	—	6	8	13	8	2
Bronchitis and Asthma	25	3	3	1	1	9	8	—
Disease of Lungs	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Pneumonia	18	—	2	—	7	3	5	1
Pleurisy	4	—	—	—	2	1	1	—
Laryngitis	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Disease of Stomach	5	—	1	—	3	1	—	—
" Intestines	15	6	—	1	—	1	—	—
Peritonitis	7	—	1	2	5	2	2	—
Hernia	3	1	—	—	1	1	—	—
Disease of Liver	6	—	—	—	2	3	1	—
" Spleen and Pancreas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
" Kidney	25	—	—	1	7	12	5	—
" Bladder	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
" Joints and Bones	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
" Spine	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
" Skin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diabetes	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Premature Birth	7	7	—	—	—	2	—	—
Congenital Malformations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Teething	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Childbirth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Old Age	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Atrophy and Debility	5	4	—	—	—	1	—	—
Injuries	16	1	—	—	6	6	2	—
Burns and Scalds	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poison	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Abscess	3	—	1	1	—	—	1	—
Ether	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Suffocation	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Drowning	4	—	—	—	2	1	1	—
Pistol Shot Wound	4	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
Hanging	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Cause not specified	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
	340	41	29	28	85	99	53	5



TABLE III.

DEATHS in the different localities in ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS during the Year 1896.

	Total Deaths.	Deaths from Zymotic Disease.		Total Deaths.	Deaths from Zymotic Disease.
Adelaide Place	1	—	Oxendon Street	2	—
Agar Street	2	—	Panton Street	1	—
Bear Street	1	—	Peabody Buildings, Bedfordbury } ..	7	—
Bedfordbury	5	1	River Thames	4	—
Blue Cross Street	3	—	Russell Court	1	—
Broad Court	1	—	Russell Street	1	—
Buckingham Street	2	—	St. James' Palace	1	—
Burleigh Street	1	—	St. James' Park	1	—
Carlton Stables	2	—	St. Martin's Court	5	1
Castle Street	3	1	St. Martin's Lane	3	—
Chapel Place	1	1	St. Martin's Street	4	—
Charing Cross	1	—	Strand Buildings	3	2
Charing Cross Hospital ..	182	14	Suffolk Place	1	—
Charing Cross Hotel and } Railway Station	3	—	Suffolk Street	3	—
Charing Cross Road	1	—	Trafalgar Square	1	—
Charles Buildings	2	—	Turner's Court	7	1
Cockspur Street	2	1	Upper St. Martin's Lane ..	4	—
Craig's Court	1	—	Villiers Street	1	—
Cranbourn Street	2	1	Whitcomb Street	2	1
Craven Street	2	—	Whitehall Court	1	—
Drury Lane	3	1	Whitehall Place	2	—
Duke's Court	4	—	White Hart Street	6	3
Duke Street, Adelphi	1	—	Wilson Street	2	—
Endell Street	3	—	York Buildings	2	—
Exeter Street	2	—	In the street, accidentally } killed or suddenly dying } from natural causes	8	—
George Court	2	—			
Hanover Court	1	—			
Hotel Cecil	2	—			
John Street, Adelphi	2	—			
Langley Court	3	1			
Long Acre	3	1			
Long's Court	1	—			
Martlett's Court	1	—			
May's Buildings	1	—			
Mercer Chambers, Neal } Street	2	2			
Mercer Street	6	2			
Monmouth Court	1	1			
National Liberal Club	1	—			
New Street	1	—			
Northumberland Avenue ..	9	1		340	36

TABLE IV.

Showing the localities wherein the 36 deaths occurred from the seven principal Zymotic Diseases during the year 1896 in St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

	Small-pox.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria	Whooping Cough.	Fever.	Diarrhoea.	TOTAL.
Bedfordbury	1	..	..	1
Castle Street	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Chapel Place, Long Acre	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Charing Cross Hospital..	*3	†2	‡8	§1	14
Cockspur Street..	1	..	1
Cranbourn Street	1	..	1
Drury Lane	1	..	..	1
Langley Court	1	..	..	..	..	1
Long Acre	1	1
Mercer Chambers, Neal Street	1	1	..	2
Mercer Street	1	..	..	..	..	1	2
Monmouth Court	1	1
Northumberland Avenue	1	..	1
St. Martin's Court	1	..	..	..	..	1
Strand Buildings	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Turner's Court	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Whitcomb Street	1	..	..	1
White Hart Street	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
..	..	9	2	3	6	12	4	36

* These three deaths from Diphtheria, occurring in the Charing Cross Hospital, were those of non-parishioners.

† One of these deaths from Whooping Cough, occurring in the Charing Cross Hospital, was that of a non-parishioner.

‡ Seven of these deaths from Fever, occurring in the Charing Cross Hospital, were those of non-parishioners.

§ This death from Diarrhoea, occurring in the Charing Cross Hospital was that of a non-parishioner.

TABLE V.

Showing the number of deaths occurring in the Parish from the seven principal Zymotic Diseases, excluding those non-residents who died in the Charing Cross Hospital, and including those parishioners who died in public institutions outside the Parish during the years 1886-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95, also the number in 1896.

DISEASE.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	Annual Average of 10 Years. 1886 to 1895.	1896.
Small-Pox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	'2	—
Measles.. ..	6	5	10	6	8	6	9	1	9	2	6'2	11
Scarlet Fever	—	3	9	3	1	1	6	1	1	2	2'7	4
Diphtheria	1	3	3	2	1	5	11	6	5	7	4'4	2
Whooping Cough	13	4	4	8	6	8	1	2	5	6	5'7	5
*Fever	3	1	3	1	4	2	—	1	3	1	1'9	5
Diarrhoea	14	8	4	4	3	2	2	2	3	3	4'5	4
TOTAL	37	24	33	24	23	24	29	14	26	22	25'6	31

* Under the head Fever, is included Typhus, Typhoid. Continued, Relapsing and Puerperal.

TABLE VI.

TABLE OF THE CAUSES OF DEATH at Various Ages,
*Of Parishioners of St. Martin-in-the-Fields occurring in Public Institutions
 outside the Parish during the Year 1896.*

CAUSES.	Total Deaths at all ages.	Under 1 year.	From 1 year to 5.	From 5 years to 20.	From 20 years to 40.	From 40 years to 60.	From 60 years to 80.	80 years and upwards.
Measles	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	2	..	1	1	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	2	..	1	1	—	—	—	—
Influenza.. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	—
Diarrhœa	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Disease of Female Organs of Generation	1	..	..	..	..	1	—	—
Delirium Tremens	1	..	..	..	1	—	—	—
Intemperance	2	..	..	..	1	1	—	—
Cancer	5	..	..	..	..	3	2	—
Phthisis	7	..	..	..	5	..	2	—
Apoplexy	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	—
Paralysis.. .. .	4	..	..	..	1	..	2	1
Disease of Brain.. .. .	1	..	..	..	1	—	—	—
Disease of Heart	4	..	..	..	1	1	2	—
Bronchitis	13	1	..	1	1	1	8	1
Pneumonia	1	..	..	..	1	—	—	—
Pleurisy	1	..	..	..	1	—	—	—
Hernia	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	—
Disease of Liver.. .. .	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	—
Disease of Kidney	3	..	..	..	..	2	1	—
Old Age	6	..	..	..	..	..	3	3
Teething	1	..	1	—	—	—	—	—
Injuries	2	..	..	..	2	—	—	—
	64	3	4	3	15	9	25	5



TABLE VII.

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Board.

TABLE OF DEATHS during the Year 1896,

In the Sanitary District of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, classified according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities.

LOCALITIES.	MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES, AT SUGGESTED AGES.								MORTALITY FROM SURVEINED CAUSES DISTINGUISHING DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE.																							
	At all Ages.	Under 1 Year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.		Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Dysentery.	Membranous Comp.	FEVER.							Cholera.	Erysipelas.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Diphtheria and Diphtheria.	Erysipelas.	Infantile.	Phthisis.	Respiratory, Pleurisy, and Pneumonia.	Heart Disease.	Injuries.	All other Diseases.	Total.
													Typhus.	Typhoid.	Continued.	Relapsing.	Purpura.															
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	(w)	(x)	(y)	(z)	(aa)	(ab)	(ac)	(ad)	(ae)	(af)	(ag)
St. Martin-in-the-Fields	158	30	15	5	7	71	30	Under 5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	4	3	..	..	1	3	..	1	24	45
								5 upwards	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	18	25	18	6	35	113	
Charing Cross Hospital	182	11	14	8	22	110	17	Under 5	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	14	25
								5 upwards	..	..	1	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	13	13	19	14	87	157
Totals	340	41	29	13	29	181	47	Under 5	..	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	6	4	..	..	1	8	..	1	38	70
								5 upwards	..	1	1	1	..	10	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	3	1	31	39	37	20	122	270	

The subjoined numbers have also to be taken into account in judging of the above records of mortality.

Deaths occurring outside the Parish among persons belonging thereto	64	3	4	2	5	25	25	Under 5	..	1	1	2	..	1	1	1	7
								5 upwards	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	14	4	2	27	53
Deaths occurring within the Parish among persons not belonging thereto	192	12	13	8	21	116	22	Under 5	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	5	..	1	14	25
								5 upwards	..	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	11	14	24	16	91	167

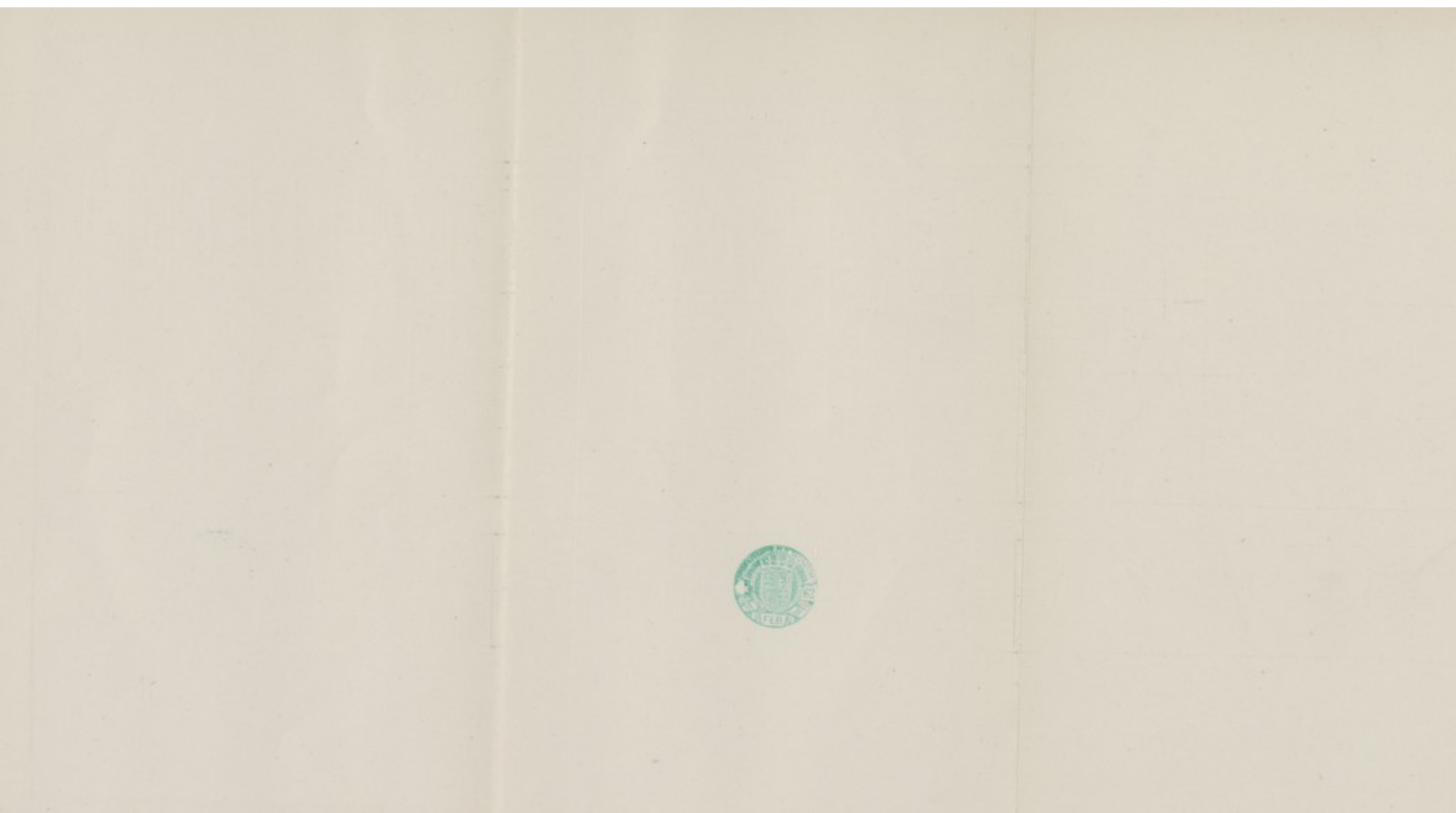


TABLE VIII.

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Board.

TABLE OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, AND OF NEW CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS

Coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1896, in the Sanitary District of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, classified according to Diseases, Ages and Localities.

LOCALITIES.	POPULATION AT ALL AGES.		Registered Births.	Aged under 5 or over 5.	NEW CASES OF SICKNESS IN EACH LOCALITY COMING TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH											NUMBER OF SUCH CASES REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES IN THE SEVERAL LOCALITIES FOR TREATMENT IN ISOLATION HOSPITAL.										
	Census 1891.																									
					FEVERS.											FEVERS.										
					Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Measles or Whooping Cough.	Typhus.	Etiotic or Typhoid.	Continued.	Relapsing.	Purpural.	Cholera.	Erysipelas.	Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Measles or Whooping Cough.	Typhus.	Etiotic or Typhoid.	Continued.	Relapsing.	Purpural.	Cholera.	Erysipelas.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	
St. Martin-in-the-Fields	13,077	221	Under 5	..	21	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	19	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			5 upwards	1	48	11	1	..	18	2	..	1	..	10	1	39	10	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	1
Charing Cross Hospital .. .. .	..	..	Under 5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			5 upwards	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals .. .. .	..	..	Under 5	..	21	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	19	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			5 upwards	1	50	11	1	..	18	2	..	1	..	10	1	41	10	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	1



TABLE IX.

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

This Table shows the different localities wherein the specified cases of disease occurred during the year 1896, and which were notified to the Medical Officer of Health, in accordance with the Public Health (London) Act, 1891.

	Small-pox.	Cholera.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	Erysipelas.	Scarlet Fever.	Typhus Fever.	Typhoid Fever.	Relapsing & Continued Fever.	Puerperal Fever.	TOTAL.
Agar Street	1	..	..	1
Blue Cross Street	2	..	..	..	..	2
Castle Street	1	1	..	..	..	..	2
Chapel Pl., Long Acre	2	..	..	..	..	2
Charing Cross..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Charing Cross Hospital	2	..	..	..	..	2
Charing Cross Hotel..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Charing Cross Road	1	..	..	1
Cockspur Street	1	..	1	..	..	2
Cranbourn Street	1	1
Craven Street..	2	..	..	2
Drury Lane	1	..	..	..	..	1
Duke's Court	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Eagle Court	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Endell Street..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2
Exeter Street	1	..	..	..	..	1
George Court..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Haymarket	2	..	..	..	..	2
Hop Gardens..	2	..	..	..	..	2
Hotel Cecil	1	..	..	1
James St., Haymarket	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
King William Street..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Langley Court	1	..	..	..	..	1
Long Acre	2	..	..	6	..	2	..	..	10
Long's Court	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Martlett's Court	1	..	..	..	..	1
May's Buildings	*1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
MercerChmbrs.NealSt.	2	6	..	1	..	..	9
Mercer Street..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	3
National Liberal Club	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Neal Street	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Northumberland Av.	4	1	..	5
Oxendon Street	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Pall Mall	1	..	1
Peabody Buildings	3	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	9
Russell Street	1	3	..	..	..	..	4
St. Martin's Court	1	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	6
St. Martin's Street	1	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	5
Scotland Yard	1	..	..	1
Spur Street	1	..	..	..	..	1
Strand	2	..	1	..	..	3
Strand Buildings	14	..	..	..	..	14
Suffolk Place..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Suffolk Street..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Villiers Street	1	..	..	..	..	1
Whitcomb Street	1	..	..	..	..	1
White Hart Street	1	..	..	..	..	1
Wilson Street..	1	..	..	..	..	1
York Buildings	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
York Place	1	..	..	..	..	1
	1	..	15	1	11	71	..	18	2	1	120
Number of Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the previous year, 1895	3	..	18	..	8	42	..	14	..	..	85

* This case, notified as small-pox, proved afterwards not to be such; therefore the parish was quite free from this disease during the year.

TABLE X.

Copied from the Registrar-General's Annual Summary of Births, Deaths, and Causes of Death in London for the year 1896.

DIMINUTION OR EXCESS OF DEATHS in 1896,
Compared with the Average Annual Deaths in 1886-95.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Diminution in 1896.	Excess in 1896.
Small-pox.. .. .	39	—
Measles	—	938
Scarlet Fever	146	—
Typhus	6	—
Influenza.. .. .	543	—
Whooping-cough	—	256
Diphtheria	—	797
Simple Fever	23	—
Enteric Fever	50	—
Diarrhœal Diseases	—	107
Cancer	—	483
Phthisis and other Tubercular Diseases	1,301	—
Premature Birth	—	151
Diseases of Nervous System	1,348	—
Diseases of Circulatory System	307	—
Diseases of Respiratory System	5,030	—
Diseases of Urinary System	37	—
Childbirth and Puerperal Fever	26	—
Accident	—	108
Homicide.. .. .	5	—
Suicide	24	—
All other Causes.. .. .	809	—
	9,694	2,840
Balance of Diminution or Excess	6,854	—

This Table shows in a summary form, the number of lives saved and the number lost in the year 1896, as compared with the preceding decennium, under each of the more important headings in the list of causes.

The net gain in life saved during 1896 was represented by 6,854 lives. In other words, had the average death-rate in 1886-95 continued throughout the year under present notice, 6,854 lives would have been sacrificed in addition to those which have been actually lost by death. In the year 1896 there was, as compared with the decennial average, an excess of 938 deaths from measles, 797 from diphtheria, 256 from whooping cough, 107 from diarrhœal disease, 483 from cancer, 151 from premature birth, and 108 from accident. Under each of the other headings in the table the mortality in 1896 was below the average. This was notably the case in regard to diseases of the respiratory system, the deaths referred to which were 5,030 below the annual average.

