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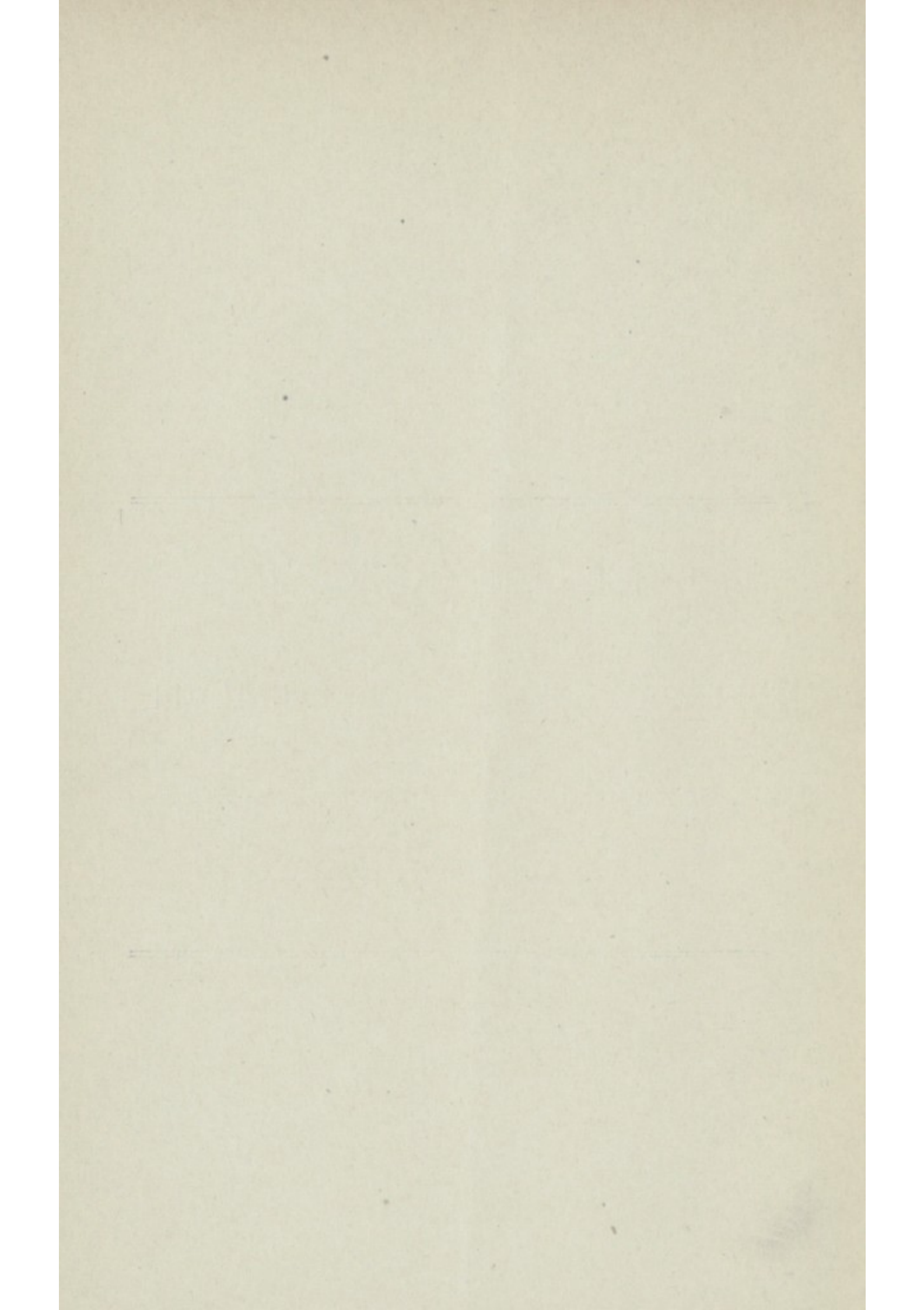
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*To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Metropolitan Borough of Hammersmith.*

GENTLEMEN,—In the absence of Dr. Howell, who is serving in the Army, I beg to submit the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1916, which, in accordance with the suggestion of the Local Government Board, is limited to a record of the most important facts and figures.

Population.—The following estimates of population have been adopted by the Registrar General for the calculation of the Death Rate and Birth Rate of the borough for the year 1916.

For the Death Rate	...	...	117,965
For the Birth Rate	...	...	128,348

The former is an estimate of the civilian population; the latter of the total population, based on the assumption that the ratio between the total and the civilian population is the same in the borough as in England and Wales as a whole.

Marriages.—1,192 marriages were registered during the year against 1,503 in 1915, and the marriage rate, *i.e.*, the number of persons married per 1,000 inhabitants, was 18·7.

Births.—Excluding one birth among non-residents, but including 194 children born of Hammersmith mothers in lying-in institutions situated in other boroughs, 2,605 births were registered, representing a birth rate of 20·3 per 1,000 of the estimated total population, which is the lowest rate recorded in Hammersmith, and 3·0 per 1,000 below the average rate of the preceding five years.

Illegitimacy.—The illegitimates numbered 78, or 3 per cent. of the total births.

Deaths.—During 1916, 1,230 deaths of civilians were registered in the borough, but of these 174 were of persons not belonging to the borough, while 612 inhabitants of Hammersmith died outside the borough, chiefly in various public institutions. There were therefore 1,668 deaths of persons having their usual residence in Hammersmith, representing a Death Rate of 14·2 per 1,000 of the estimated civilian population, which is 0·4 per 1,000 below the average rate of the preceding five years.

The Death Rate of the County of London was 14·7 per 1,000, and in the various Metropolitan boroughs the rates ranged from 10·7 in Hampstead to 19·4 in Finsbury.

Excess of Births Over Deaths.—The natural increase of the population by the excess of births over deaths was 937, compared with 1,290, 937, and 787 in the preceding three years.

The following table gives the statistics of the borough during 1916 and the five previous years in the form prescribed by the Local Government Board.

TABLE I.
Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1916 and Previous Years.

YEAR.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	BIRTHS.			TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.		TRANSFERABLE DEATHS.		NETT DEATHS BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.			
		Uncorrected Number.	Nett.		Num-ber.	Rate.	of Non-residents registered in the District.	of Residents not registered in the District.	Under 1 Year of Age.		At all Ages.	
			Num-ber.	Rate.					Number	Rate per 1,000 Nett Births.	Num-ber.	Rate.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1911	121766	2807	2929	24·1	1927	15·8	259	245	434	148	1913	15·7
1912	122750	2755	2883	23·5	1595	13·0	253	251	261	91	1593	13·0
1913	123745	2951	3042	24·6	1704	13·8	227	275	314	103	1752	14·2
1914	124750	2824	2935	23·5	1676	13·4	233	269	276	94	1712	13·7
1915	118559	2588	2708	21·7	1872	15·8	242	291	277	102	1921	16·2
1916	117961	2412	2605	20·3	1230	10·6	174	612	222	85	1668	14·2

Area of District in acres (land and inland water) ...
Total population at all ages ...
Total families or separate occupiers ...

... 2282·5 } At Census of 1911 (cf. Census, Vol. 5).
... 121,521
... 28,462

Causes of and Ages at Deaths.—The following Table gives the causes of and ages at death:—

TABLE II.
Causes of, and Ages at, Death during the Year 1916.

CAUSES OF DEATH.				NETT DEATHS AT THE SUBJOINED AGES OF "RESIDENTS" WHETHER OCCURRING WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE DISTRICT.									Total Deaths whether of "Residents" or "Non- residents" in Institutions in the District.
				All ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 2.	2 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 45.	45 and under 65.	65 and upwards.	
I				2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
All causes	{ Certified	...	...	1668	222	59	46	57	85	194	416	589	288
	{ Uncertified	...	...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever	...	...	...	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Small-pox	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Measles	...	...	...	27	7	12	7	1	0	0	0	0	1
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	10	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria and Croup	...	...	...	15	0	0	7	8	0	0	0	0	0
Influenza	...	...	...	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	9	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	...	...	...	177	0	3	0	7	45	66	43	13	13
Tuberculous Meningitis	...	...	...	18	2	5	3	5	3	0	0	0	7
Other Tuberculous Diseases	...	...	...	15	3	1	0	0	5	4	2	0	3
Cancer, malignant disease	...	...	...	142	0	0	0	0	1	19	70	51	35
Rheumatic Fever	...	...	...	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0
Meningitis	...	...	...	17	4	2	4	3	2	1	1	0	6
Organic Heart Disease	...	...	...	175	0	0	1	4	5	16	61	88	16
Bronchitis	...	...	...	187	11	3	2	1	0	8	48	114	13
Pneumonia (all forms)	...	...	...	138	23	18	7	3	3	13	31	40	18
Other Diseases of Respiratory Organs	...	...	...	24	0	0	0	2	1	4	8	9	1
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	...	...	...	47	31	3	2	2	0	1	4	4	14
Appendicitis and Typhlitis	...	...	...	9	0	0	0	1	3	3	1	1	3
Cirrhosis of Liver	...	...	...	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	4	0
Alcoholism	...	...	...	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Nephritis and Bright's Disease	...	...	...	49	0	0	0	2	0	6	24	17	9
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1
Other accidents and diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition	...	...	...	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0
Congenital Debility and Malformation, including Premature Birth	...	...	...	98	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Violent Deaths, excluding Suicide	...	...	...	47	3	1	2	6	4	10	10	11	36
Suicide	...	...	...	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	2
Other defined Diseases	...	...	...	411	33	7	7	9	11	36	85	223	106
Diseases ill-defined or unknown	...	...	...	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Total	...	...	...	1668	222	59	46	57	85	194	416	589	288
Sub- Entries included in above figures.	Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	...	...	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Poliomyelitis	...	...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Infantile Mortality.—Of the 1,668 deaths, 222, or 13·2 per cent., were of infants under one year of age, and the rate of infant mortality measured by the

The infantile mortality rate of the County of London was 89 per 1,000, and in the Metropolitan boroughs the rates ranged from 61 in Stoke Newington to 123 in Shoreditch and Finsbury.

Deaths of Illegitimate Infants.—Of the 222 infants who died before attaining the age of one year, 42, or 19 per cent. were illegitimate, the mortality among them being in the proportion of $\frac{222}{538}$ deaths per 1,000 illegitimate births against $\frac{694}{1,000}$ per 1,000 among children born in wedlock.

The following table gives the causes of the deaths at various periods under one year of age:—

Infant Mortality during the year 1916. Nett Deaths from stated Causes at various Ages under 1 Year of Age.

CAUSES OF DEATH.				Under 1 Week.	1-2 Weeks.	2-3 Weeks.	3-4 Weeks.	Total under 4 Weeks.	4 Weeks and under 3 Months.	3 Months and under 6 Months.	6 Months and under 9 Months.	9 Months and under 12 Months.	Total Deaths under 1 year.
ALL CAUSES.	Certified	...	...	60	20	10	2	92	38	49	20	23	222
	Uncertified	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
{	Small-pox	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
{	Chicken-pox	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
{	Measles	...	...	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	4	7	
{	Scarlet Fever	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
{	Whooping Cough	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	5	
{	Diphtheria and Croup	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
{	Erysipelas	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
{	Tuberculous Meningitis	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	
{	Abdominal Tuberculosis	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	
{	Other Tuberculous Diseases	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	
{	Meningitis (not Tuberculous)	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	4	
{	Convulsions	...	...	—	1	—	—	1	1	3	—	1	6
{	Laryngitis	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
{	Bronchitis	...	...	—	1	—	1	2	3	4	2	—	11
{	Pneumonia (all forms)	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	5	7	5	6	23
{	Diarrhoea	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	2	7
{	Enteritis	...	...	—	2	1	—	3	5	12	3	1	24
{	Gastritis	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
{	Syphilis	...	...	1	1	—	—	2	2	1	—	—	5
{	Rickets	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
{	Suffocation, overlying	...	...	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
{	Injury at Birth	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
{	Atelectasis	...	...	4	1	—	—	5	1	—	—	—	6
{	Congenital Malformations	...	...	1	2	2	—	5	4	1	1	1	10
{	Premature Birth	...	...	39	3	3	—	45	2	—	—	—	47
{	Atrophy, Debility, and Marasmus	...	...	7	4	4	1	16	13	9	2	1	41
{	Other causes	...	...	8	3	—	—	11	—	3	2	2	18
				60	20	10	2	92	38	49	20	23	222

NETT BIRTHS IN THE YEAR: Legitimate, ²⁴2,622; Illegitimate, 78. 189

NETT DEATHS IN THE YEAR OF: Legitimate Infants, 180; Illegitimate Infants, 42.

Prevention of Infant Mortality.—*Notification of Births.*—2,305 notifications of living, and 58 of stillborn children were received under the Notification of Births Act, 88·7 per cent. of the births registered being notified. The notifications were received from—

<i>Midwives.</i>	<i>Doctors.</i>	<i>Lying-in Hospitals.</i>	<i>Poor-Law Institutions.</i>	<i>Parents.</i>
1,222	789	132	15	150

The appointment of two additional Health Visitors, Miss Henry and Miss Wilcox, in May, 1916, enabled the home visitation of infants to be more actively undertaken, and 2,440 first visits, and 7,177 subsequent visits were paid by your Health Visitors against a total of 2,550 visits in 1915. The feeding of the infants was found to be as follows :—

Breast fed	...	...	...	...	2,020
Hand and breast fed	...	...	...	...	207
Hand only	...	...	...	...	213

In addition to the visits paid by the Health Visitors, a large amount of infant welfare work is done in the borough by Voluntary Associations, who co-operate closely with the Public Health Department.

To the consultations held at the various welfare centres 746 babies were brought, and their total attendance numbered 7,878, while 3,739 home visits were paid by the salaried and voluntary visitors of the Associations.

Clinics for expectant mothers were held at the Welfare Centres of the Hammersmith School for Mothers, at Shaftesbury Road, and the Women's League of Service, 161, Sulgrave Road, at which 119 women attended, and at the latter Centre dinners are provided at a small charge for nursing and expectant mothers.

Deaths from Epidemic Diseases.—To the seven principal epidemic diseases 104 deaths were ascribed, or 84 below the average numbers in the preceding five

years, and the death rate from them was 0·88 per 1,000 of the estimated civilian population.

Sickness from Notifiable Infectious Diseases.—The following table gives the number of cases of infectious diseases notified in the borough, together with the number removed to hospital :—

TABLE IV.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year 1916.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED.									Total cases notified in each Locality (e.g. Parish or Ward) of the District.			TOTAL CASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL.
	At all Ages.	At Ages—Years.							North	Centre	South		
		Under 1	1 & under 5 Years.	5 & under 15 Years.	15 & under 25 Years.	25 & under 45 Years.	45 & under 65 Years.	65 and upwards.					
Small-pox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cholera (C) Plague (P) ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)	209	3	63	117	14	11	1	0	97	73	39	200	
Erysipelas	47	1	4	6	6	7	16	7	22	11	14	13	
Scarlet Fever	209	2	45	112	43	7	0	0	108	81	20	196	
Typhus Fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Enteric Fever	6	0	0	1	1	3	1	0	3	2	1	5	
Relapsing Fever (R)													
Continued Fever (C) ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Puerperal Fever	8	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	2	5	1	5	
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	
Polio-myelitis	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum...	40	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	15	6	0	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis...	283	0	6	20	63	123	60	11	151	88	44	87	
Other forms of Tuberculosis	57	4	9	26	12	5	1	0	29	17	11	24	
Measles	1418	51	483	681	122	73	7	1	732	487	199	36	
Totals	2282	103	612	964	262	236	86	19	1167	780	335	569	

Small-pox.—No case of small-pox has occurred in Hammersmith since 1903.

Scarlet Fever.—209 cases were notified against 905 in 1914 and 405 in 1915, and there were four deaths.

Diphtheria.—209 cases were reported compared with 163 in the previous year, and the deaths numbered 15, giving a case fatality of 7·4 per cent.

Enteric Fever.—Only six cases of enteric fever with one death were notified, the lowest number recorded in the borough. Of these, two were subsequently found to be not suffering from the disease.

Puerperal Fever.—Eight cases of puerperal septicæmia were notified, and there were three deaths or 0·8 per 1,000 births.

Erysipelas.—Forty-seven cases with one death were reported against 90 with three deaths in 1915.

Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.—There were three cases of cerebro-spinal fever with two deaths against 18 with 13 deaths in 1915.

Acute Polio-myelitis.—Two children were reported as suffering from infantile paralysis, the number of cases in 1915 being eight.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.—Forty infants were certified as suffering from ophthalmia, of whom 20 were treated in hospitals or infirmaries.

Measles.—The Public Health (Measles and German Measles) Regulations, 1915, requiring the notification of cases of measles and German measles came into force on January 1st, 1916, and during the year 1,086 cases of measles and 332 of German measles were notified, of which 1,236 were notified by medical practitioners and 182 by parents or guardians.

Fatality.—Twenty-five deaths were registered from measles, or 1·7 per cent. of the cases notified.

Tuberculosis.—The notifications of new cases received during the year numbered 340, 283 being of pulmonary and 57 of other forms of tuberculosis.

The following table gives the sex and ages of the persons notified :—

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1912.

Summary of Notifications during the period from 3rd January, 1916, to the end of the week ending on the 30th December, 1916.

Age Periods.	Number of Notifications on Form "A."												Number of Notifications on Form "B."				Number of Notifications on Form "C."			
	Primary Notifications.											Total Notifications (i.e., including cases previously notified by other doctors).	Primary Notifications		Total Notifications (i.e., including cases previously notified by other doctors).	Poor Law Institutions.	Sanatoria.			
	0 to 1.	1 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 15.	15 to 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 35.	35 to 45.	45 to 55.	55 to 65.	65 & upwards.		Total.	Under 5.				5 to 10.	10 to 15.	Total.
Pulmonary, Males	—	2	3	2	9	17	33	24	9	14	5	118	150	—	1	—	1	1	61	61
Pulmonary, Females	—	2	4	9	13	19	25	18	16	6	5	117	148	—	—	1	1	1	25	39
Non-pulmonary, Males	3	4	9	4	2	3	2	1	1	—	—	29	38	—	1	1	2	4	2	—
Non-pulmonary, Females	1	4	4	3	4	2	1	1	—	—	—	20	23	—	—	1	2	2	5	—
													359		8					

Mortality from Tuberculosis.—177 deaths were registered from pulmonary tuberculosis representing a death rate of 1·5 per 1,000, the corresponding rate of the County of London being 1·5. To other forms of tuberculous diseases 33 deaths were ascribed, nearly 13 per cent. of the deaths from all causes being due to some form of tuberculosis.

It is much to be regretted that no scheme for the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis has been adopted by the Borough Council. The question of the establishment of a tuberculosis dispensary in the borough was referred by the Council to a Sub-Committee, who reported, that having regard to war conditions affecting particularly questions of staff and public economy, they considered it inadvisable to proceed either with the scheme which had been approved by the Council or with the temporary measure suggested by the Local Government Board. The report was adopted by the Council, who instructed the Town Clerk to inform the Local Government Board of the decision of the Council.

DEATHS FROM NON-NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Whooping Cough.—Ten deaths were attributed to whooping cough, or 17 less than the quinquennial average; 195 children were reported by school teachers as having whooping cough, whose homes were visited by your inspectors and their parents advised as to the precautions that should be taken.

Diarrhœa.—Forty-seven deaths were registered from diarrhœa against a quinquennial average of 90. Of these 31 were of children under one year of age.

Influenza.—Fourteen deaths were attributed to influenza against 26 in 1915.

DEATHS OCCURRING OUTSIDE THE BOROUGH AMONG PERSONS BELONGING THERETO.

The deaths of Hammersmith residents in public institutions and elsewhere outside the borough numbered 612, and occurred in the following institutions :—

Fever Hospitals	...	...	...	...	25
General and Special Hospitals	...	...	...	...	197
Asylums	...	...	...	...	82
Poor Law Institutions	...	...	...	...	261
In Private Homes and elsewhere	...	...	...	...	47
Total	...	...	...	...	<u>612</u>

GENERAL SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

Disinfection.—The following table shows the amount of disinfection carried out by your Council during the year. All bedding and articles of clothing, &c., being removed to the Council's Disinfecting Station for the purpose of disinfection.

Beds	...	...	...	...	975
Mattresses	...	...	...	...	1,910
Pillows	...	...	...	...	4,524
Bolsters	...	...	...	...	982

Blankets	...	...	...	...	3,661
Sheets	...	...	...	...	1,489
Rugs, &c.	...	...	...	...	1,083
Articles of Clothing	...	...	...	...	3,191
Rooms	...	...	...	...	1,654
Sundries	...	...	...	...	1,049
Curtains	...	...	...	...	5
Carpets	...	...	...	...	9
					<hr/> 20,532 <hr/>

Of the above number, 3,187 articles of clothing were disinfected at the request of the Naval and Military Authorities.

Bacteriological Examinations.—The following bacteriological examinations were made on behalf of the Council at the Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine.

Material from cases of suspected Diphtheria.

	Number of Specimens.
True Diphtheria bacillus isolated ...	20
Negative result	24
	— 44

Blood from cases of suspected Enteric Fever.

Widal or Typhoid reaction obtained	1
Widal or Typhoid reaction not obtained	1
	— 2

Sputa from cases of suspected Tuberculosis.

Tubercle bacillus found	20
„ „ not found	38
	— 58
	<hr/> 104 <hr/>

Public Mortuary.—During last year 212 bodies were removed to the mortuary at Fulham Palace Road. There were 199 bodies brought to the mortuary by order of the Coroner or the Police; 48 bodies were taken from the West London Hospital, 57 bodies were received for accommodation, and 6 bodies were received for isolation.

Food Supply.—The dairies and milkshops, the ice-cream shops, and the kitchens of restaurants, &c., were kept under systematic observation by your inspectors.

Proceedings were taken in respect of a shop which was used as a dairy without notice having been given to the Council, and a penalty of £2 was imposed.

The licences of seven slaughter-houses in the borough were renewed by the London County Council in October, no objections being raised by the Borough Council.

The following table gives a summary of the work relating to the above named premises.

PREMISES.	NUMBER OF PLACES.				Number of inspections, 1916.	Number of notices, 1916.	Number of prosecutions, 1916.
	On register at end of 1915.	Added in 1916.	Removed in 1916.	On register at end of 1916.			
Milk premises ...	306	17	17	306	305	13	1

PREMISES.	NUMBER OF PLACES.				Number of inspections, 1916.	Number of notices, 1916.	Number of prosecutions, 1916.
	On register at end of 1915.	Added in 1916.	Removed in 1916.	On register at end of 1916.			
Slaughter-houses ...	7	nil.	nil.	7	224	2	nil.
Ice Cream premises	228	4	nil.	232	30	2	nil.

Unsound Food.—Proceedings were taken against Messrs. Merritts, 236, Uxbridge Road, in respect of a cooked leg of pork, which was seized by the Sanitary Inspector as being unsound and unfit for food, and of which a portion had been previously sold to a customer, and a fine of £25 with £2 2s. od. costs was imposed.

Bakehouses.—The 62 bakehouses in the borough have been regularly inspected. Fifty-three defects were discovered upon the premises during the year, and notices served upon the bakers calling upon them to comply with the regulations of your Council, were promptly complied with.

RAG FLOCK ACT, 1911.

The Rag Flock Regulations, 1912.

Two samples of Rag Flock were taken by your Inspector during the year and were found not to conform to the standard of cleanliness required by the Act.

The amount of Chlorine found was as follows :—

No. 1 Sample. 1,100 parts of Chlorine per 100,000 parts of Flock.

No. 2 Sample. 300 parts of Chlorine per 100,000 parts of Flock.

The limit under the Act is 30 parts of Chlorine per 100,000 parts of Flock.

Summonses were issued in each case and penalties inflicted of £6 11s. 6d.

Factory and Workshops Act.—The following tables prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Home Office give a summary of the work carried out in the borough in connection with the administration of the Factory and Workshops Act, 1901.

1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Premises.	Number of		
	Inspec- tions.	Written Notices.	Prosecu- tions.
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	561	45	—
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries)	458	41	—
Workplaces (other than out-workers premises included in Part 3 of this report)	1,015	109	—
Total	2,034	195	—

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Particulars.	Number of Defects.			Number of Prosecutions.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:—</i>				
Want of Cleanliness	32	32	...	...
Want of Ventilation	13	13	...	...
Overcrowding ... ..	...	...	...	...
Want of Drainage of Floors	6	6	...	...
Other Nuisances	56	51	...	...
Sanitary { insufficient	16	9	...	...
Accommo- { unsuitable or defective	35	34	...	...
dation. { not separate for sexes	4	4	...	...
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Act:—</i>				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (S. 101) ... ..	...	...	...	...
Breach of special Sanitary require- ments, for bakehouses (SS. 97 to 100)	22	22	...	...
Other Offences (excluding offences relating to out- work, which are included in Part 3 of this report.)	5	5	...	...
Total	189	176	...	...

3.—HOME WORK.

Nature of Work.	Outworkers' List, Section 107.									Outwork in Un-wholesome premises, Sec. 108.			Outwork in Infected Premises, Secs. 109, 110.		
	Lists received from Employers.						Notices served on Occupiers as to keeping or sending lists.	Prosecutions.		Instances.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.	Instances.	Orders made (Sec. 110).	Prosecutions (Secs. 109, 110).
	Twice in the year.			Once in the year.				Failing to keep or permit inspection of Lists.	Failing to send Lists.						
	Lists.	Outworkers.		Lists.	Outworkers.										
		Con-tractors.	Work-men.		Con-tractors.	Work-men.									
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)
Wearing apparel—															
(1) making, etc....	14	14	1	17	5	37	...	...	...	14	14	...	...	...	...
(2) cleaning and washing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furniture and upholstery	...	...	...	1	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	14	14	1	18	5	43	...	...	...	14	14	...	...	...	...

4.—REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.

Workshops on the Register (S. 131) at the end of the year.			Number.
Important classes of workshops such as workshop bake-houses may be enumerated here	bakehouses	...	48
	dressmakers	...	168
	laundries	...	108
	others	...	317
Total number of workshops on Register			641

5.—OTHER MATTERS.

Class.	Number.
Matters notified to H. M. Inspector of Factories—	
Failure to affix Abstract of the Factory and Workshop Act 1901 (S. 133)	—
Action taken in matters referred by H. M. Inspector as remediable under the Public Health Acts, but not under the Factory and Workshop Act 1901 (S. 5) {	Notified by H. M. Inspector ... 8
	Reports (of action taken) sent to H. M. Inspector 8
Other	22
Underground bakehouses (S. 101)—	
Certificates granted during the year	—
In use at the end of the year	26

Customs and Inland Revenue Acts.—Twelve applications were received for certificates under the Revenue Acts for exemption from or abatement of inhabited house duty, of which one was granted, three were given after certain specified sanitary requirements had been complied with, and eight were refused.

The following is a list of the premises certified by the Medical Officer of Health :—

Name and situation of premises.	No. of houses and blocks for which applications were received.	No. of tenements therein.	No. of tenements for which certificate was granted.	No. of tenements for which certificate was deferred.
59, Addison Gardens	1	3	3	—
110, Sinclair Road	1	2	—	2
112, " "	1	2	—	2
114, " "	1	2	—	2
Totals	4	9	3	6

Smoke Abatement.—During last year observations were kept in reference to the amount of black smoke emitted from the various factories, laundries, bakehouses, &c., situate in and adjoining the borough. Seven preliminary notices and 2 statutory notices were served. No summons was taken out.

Reports were submitted to the Public Health Committee in reference to the observations made on the chimneys belonging to :—

Eton Laundry, Hadyn Park Road.
Glen Laundry, Landor Road, Shepherd's Bush.

Houses Let in Lodgings.—During the last year the Public Health Committee gave directions for the registration of 128 "houses let in lodgings or occupied by the members of more than one family." Upon the registration a copy of the By-laws of your Council, under which such houses are registered, was forwarded to the landlord (within the meaning of the By-laws) for his guidance. From various causes 160 houses have been removed from the list, leaving a total number now on the Register of 2,707. During the year 107 notices were served and 104 were complied with.

Notices.—The following is a list of Preliminary Notices served and complied with during the year :—

	No. of Inspections.	No. of Notices served.	No. of Notices complied with.
Bakehouses	327	53	53
Customs and Inland Revenue ...	21	21	13
Houses let in Lodgings	709	107	104
House to House	470	197	193
Housing and Town Planning Act	19	19	19
Factories and Workshops, etc. ...	1,735	153	133
Smoke	62	7	7
Ice Cream Vendors	30	2	2
Milk Vendors	305	13	11
Miscellaneous	18,446	1,520	1,444
	<u>22,124</u>	<u>2,092</u>	<u>1,979</u>

322 Statutory Notices were served and 285 complied with.

Legal Proceedings.—Proceedings under the Public Health (London) Act were instituted in the following cases :—

SITUATION OF PREMISES, &C.	NATURE OF OFFENCE.	RESULT OF PROCEEDINGS.
29, Richmond Road ...	Failing to comply with statutory notice.	(1) Order made (1 month). (2) Adjourned for 14 days. (Withdrawn.)
17-24, Askew Mansions...	Do.	(1) Order made (14 days). (2) Summons withdrawn, work completed.
44, Gayford Road ...	Do.	(1) Order made for work to be done by 6/6/16 (one month). (2) Summons withdrawn, work completed.
Merritts, 236, Uxbridge Road	Seizure of unsound food (Pork)	Fined £25 and 2 guineas costs.
46, Gayford Road ...	Failing to comply with statutory notice.	(1) Order made (14 days). (2) Summons withdrawn, work completed.

Staff of Public Health Department.—Two of your Sanitary Inspectors, Messrs. W. Brown and A. Hayes, have been absent during the year, being still attached to the Anti-Aircraft Corps of the Royal Naval Air Service.

Two additional Health Visitors, Miss Henry and Miss Willcox, commenced duty on the 15th and 23rd May respectively.

In the clerical staff, Messrs. F. Haworth and C. H. Padgett, Junior Clerks, joined H.M. Forces in May, and Miss Wade and Miss Burnett were appointed to do their work temporarily.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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Public Health Department.

