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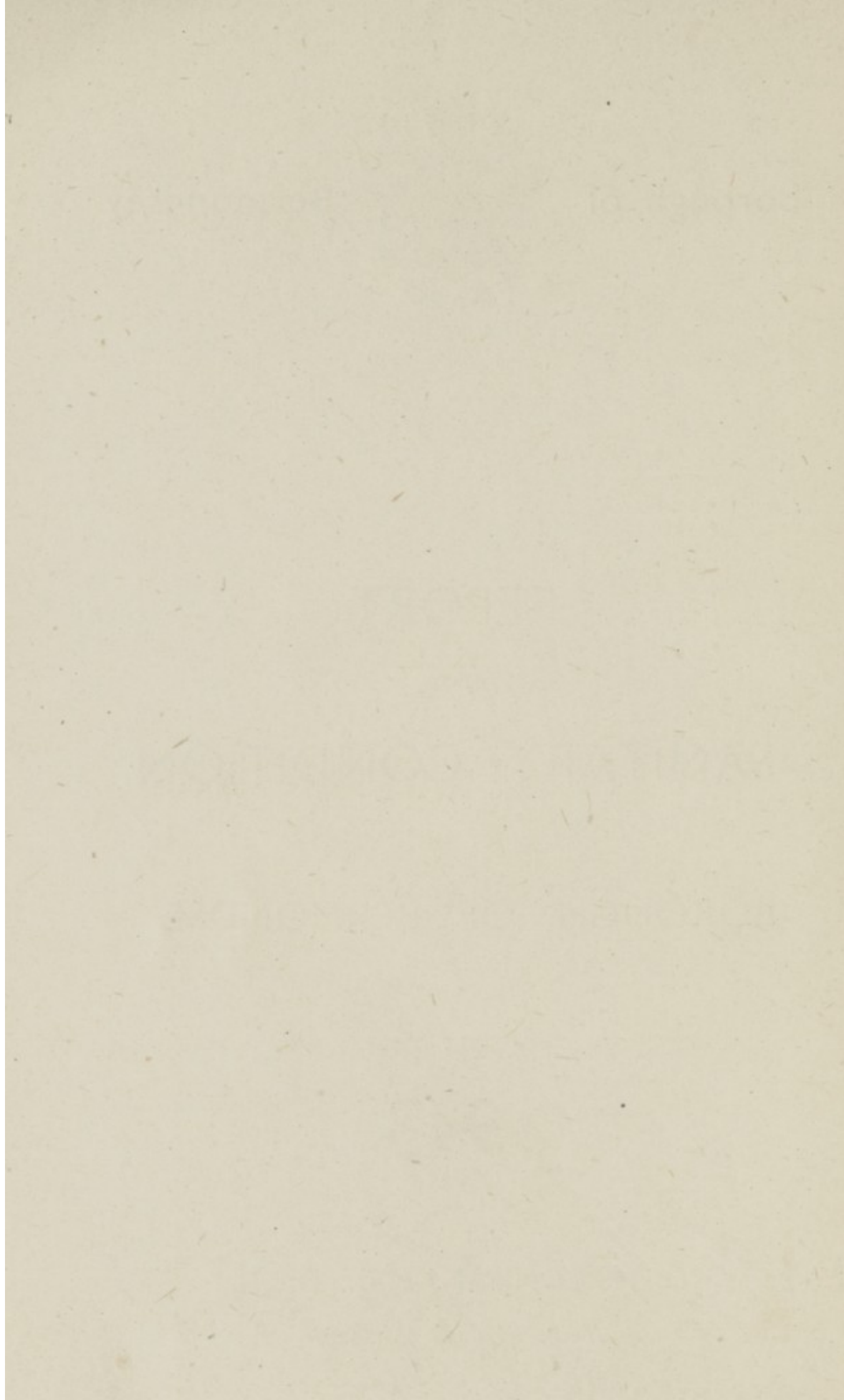
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## PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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### PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE, 1943.

Chairman	.....	Councillor E. J. GIBSON	.....	1942-3, 1943-4
Vice-Chairman		„ S. R. WEIGHTMAN		1942-3, 1943-4
Alderman	Mrs. L. M. Brown.	Councillor Miss	E. L. Johnson.	
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„	A. V. Parker.	„	F. C. Langton.	
„	E. Snowdon.	„	C. J. Lee.	
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„	Mrs. M. Cushing.	„	Mrs. A. E. Martin.	
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*Ex-officio.*

Councillor A. C. STARR, *J.P.*, *L.C.C.*, Mayor of Bermondsey,  
1942-3, 1943-4.

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### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE, 1943.

Chairman	.....	Alderman Mrs. L. JONES, <i>M.B.E.</i> ,	1942-3, 1943-4.
Vice-Chairman		Councillor Mrs. F. A. POWELL,	1942-3, 1943-4.
Alderman	Mrs. L. M. Brown.	Councillor Mrs. A. M. Hatcher.	
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„	Mrs. E. V. Coyle.	„ Mrs. F. J. Melvin.	
„	Mrs. M. Cushing.	„ Mrs. W. L. Miller.	
„	Mrs. D. Downing.	„ Mrs. K. Potter.	
„	E. J. Gibson.	„ Mrs. J. V. Snowdon.	
„	Mrs. L. A. Glasson.		

*Co-opted Members.*

Mrs. L. J. Benwell.	Mrs. K. E. Smith.
Mrs. M. Donoghue.	Mrs. D. Topley.
Mrs. A. P. Henley.	Mrs. F. Whitnall.

*Ex-officio.*

Councillor A. C. STARR, *J.P.*, *L.C.C.*, Mayor of Bermondsey,  
1942-3, 1943-4.

**STAFF:****MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.**

D. M. Connan, M.D., B.S. (Lond.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

**SANITARY INSPECTORS:**

J. G. Frankson, Senior Inspector.  
 G. F. J. Toll, Wharves and Food Inspector.  
 H. E. Butcher, Wharves and Food Inspector.  
 W. C. Tapsfield, Wharves and Food Inspector.  
 F. L. Richardson, Drainage and Markets Inspector.  
 H. J. Bailey, Food and Drugs Inspector.  
 W. A. Campbell, Factories and Shops Inspector.

*District Inspectors.*

F. J. Carpenter.	W. A. Pilson.
*A. W. Hancock.	O. W. R. Smart ( <i>retired Dec., 1943</i> )
L. T. Knott.	W. F. Smith.

Flora Mercer.

**TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.**

Deputy Medical Officer of Health and Clinical Tuberculosis Officer—

C. H. C. Toussaint, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Assistant Medical Officer and Assistant Tuberculosis Officer—

\*H. T. Levi, M.B., Ch.B.

Tuberculosis Nurse—Celia Clapson.

**LADY ALMONER.**

Florence Child.

**LIGHT TREATMENT CENTRE.**

Medical Officer in Charge—Florence L. Telfer, M.D., D.M.R.E.

Nurse in Charge—Mrs. Dorothy Cottier.

Solarium Nurses—Estelle Jagôt, Muriel Coleby, Mrs. Joyce Turner  
and Helen Failles.

Masseuses—Grace Keevil and Zoe Ellis.

**MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.**

Assistant Medical Officers for Maternity and Child Welfare—

Florence L. Telfer, M.D., D.M.R.E.

Aileen A. Nicol, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (*resigned October, 1943*)

Eva G. August, M.B., B.S. Lond. (*commenced October, 1943*)

*Health Visitors.*

Barbara Anderson.	Mrs. Avis Knott.	Edith Riley.
Sarah Bowles.	Elizabeth Lawrence.	Florence Robson.
Lucy Brown.	Olive Oram.	Isabel White.
Mrs. Phyllis Carson.	Kathleen Parry.	
Edith Crundwell.	Gwendolen Riches.	

**FAIRBY GRANGE CONVALESCENT HOME.**

Matron—Anne O'Meara.

Sister—Gladys Coleby.

\* *At present serving in H.M. Forces.*



**POST-NATAL AND SPECIAL CLINICS FOR WOMEN.**

Consultant Gynæcologist—Gladys Dodds, M.D., D.P.H., M.R.C.O.G.,  
F.R.C.S. (Eng.).

**OPHTHALMIC CLINIC.**

Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon—Victoria E. Brander, M.B., Ch.B.,  
D.P.H., D.O.M.S.

**X-RAY SECTION.**

Radiologist—Florence L. Telfer, M.D., D.M.R.E.  
Radiographers—C. F. Lumley and Dora Gibb.

**DENTAL DEPARTMENT.**

Municipal Dental Surgeon—Grantley Smith, L.M.S.S.A., H.D.D.,  
R.C.S. (Edin.), L.D.S., R.C.S. (Eng.).

Assistant Dental Surgeon—W. H. Shapland, L.D.S., R.C.S. (Eng.).

Dental Nurses—Mrs. Daisy Hodgson and Winifred Lander.

Prosthetic Assistants—G. W. Clarke, W. B. Monger and T. H. Baggott.

**FOOT CLINIC.**

Chiropodists—Ethel Cook, Mrs. Florence Rock, Mary Bradley,  
and E. F. Part.

**PUBLIC ANALYST.**

A. Prideaux Davson, A.R.C.Sc., F.I.C., F.C.S.

**PROPAGANDA AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.**

H. W. Bush, F.I.P.A., M.R.I.P.H.H.

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J. F. M. Brooker, General Clerk.	(resigned December, 1943).
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*F. Cornwell, General Clerk.	

**DISINFECTING AND CLEANSING STATION.**

A. Manning, Supervisor.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
MUNICIPAL OFFICES,  
SPA ROAD, S.E.16.

\* At present serving in H.M. Forces.

Borough of Bermondsey.

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**ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE

**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.**

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*To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of  
Bermondsey.*

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Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1943. There is no matter which requires special comment. Staffing difficulties have increased. Thanks are due both to the Staff and to the Council and especially to the Chairmen of the two Committees for unfailing help.

I am, Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

D. M. CONNAN.

# I.—VITAL STATISTICS.

## AREA.

The area of the borough (exclusive of area covered by water) is 1,336 acres.

## POPULATION.

Census		Estimate of Registrar-General	
1921	1931	to 30th June, 1942	to 30th June, 1943
119,452	111,542	44,440	*

\* Not available for publication.

## BIRTHS.

The total number of births belonging to the borough registered during 1943 was 925, consisting of 470 males and 455 females. The number for 1942 was 814.

**DEATHS.**

The total number of deaths belonging to the borough registered during 1943 was 761, consisting of 420 males and 341 females. The number for 1942 was 673.

**MARRIAGES.**

The total number of marriages in the borough in 1943 was 458, being 108 below the number for 1942, and 534 below the average for the last 10 years.

The figures have been supplied by the Superintendent Registrar.

Year	No.	Rate
1933	1,007	18·77
1934	1,050	19·91
1935	1,027	20·00
1936	970	19·32
1937	1,090	22·07
1938	941	19·32
1939	1,258	26·35
1940	1,186	33·13
1941	725	32·79
1942	666	29·97
Average for years 1933—1942.....	992	24·16
1943	458	*

\* Not available for publication.

**INFANTILE MORTALITY.**

Year	Whole Borough		London	
	No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Births	No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Births
1933 .. .. .	92	61	3,377	60
1934 .. .. .	100	64	3,832	67
1935 .. .. .	103	69	3,229	58
1936 .. .. .	92	60	3,691	66
1937 .. .. .	84	59	3,309	60
1938 .. .. .	65	45	3,130	57
1939 .. .. .	45	37	2,409	47
1940 .. .. .	40	35	2,062	48
1941 .. .. .	32	61	1,543	57
1942 .. .. .	38	47	2,035	50
Average for years 1933-1942	69	54	2,862	57
1943 .. .. .	49	53	2,284	51

**TUBERCULOSIS OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.**

In the following Table will be found particulars of deaths from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System since the year 1933.

Sub-District	Bermondsey	Rotherhithe	St. Olave	Whole Borough		London	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
1933.. .. .	68	23	8	99	0·92	3530	0·82
1934.. .. .	64	22	4	90	0·86	3227	0·76
1935.. .. .	70	23	5	98	0·95	2847	0·68
1936.. .. .	51	22	6	79	0·79	2848	0·69
1937.. .. .	63	22	2	87	0·89	2888	0·71
1938.. .. .	42	23	1	66	0·68	2590	0·64
1939.. .. .	38	21	6	65	0·72	2650	0·70
1940.. .. .	43	21	4	68	0·95	2687	0·87
1941.. .. .	34	17	1	52	1·18	2552	1·10
1942.. .. .	34	13	1	48	0·93	2164	0·90
Averages for years 1933-1942 ..	51	21	4	75	0·89	2798	0·79
1943.. .. .	30	15	4	49	*	2204	*

\* Not available for publication.

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT DURING 1943 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Year	Population estimated to Middle of each Year	Births		Total Deaths registered in the District				Total Deaths in Public Institutions in the District	Deaths of Non-Residents registered in Public Institutions, etc., in the District	Deaths of Residents registered in Public Institutions etc. beyond the District	Net Deaths at all Ages belonging to the District			
		No.	Rate	Under 1 Year of Age		At all Ages					No.	Rate	No.	Rate
				No.	Rate per 1,000 Births registered	No.	Rate							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
1933	107,300	1,500	14.0	72	48	1,216	11.3	720	215	339	1,340	12.5		
1934	105,060	1,557	14.8	77	49	1,223	11.6	784	229	310	1,304	12.4		
1935	102,700	1,487	14.5	99	67	1,142	11.1	756	255	314	1,201	11.7		
1936	100,400	1,545	15.4	76	49	1,136	11.3	723	175	328	1,289	12.8		
1937	98,790	1,421	14.4	61	43	1,148	11.6	741	245	309	1,212	12.3		
1938	97,420	1,439	14.8	60	42	1,002	10.3	488	201	271	1,072	11.0		
1939	*95,500	1,275	13.4	40	31	968	10.7	445	201	243	1,010	11.2		
1940	†90,210	1,232	17.2	35	28	1,483	20.7	829	304	373	1,551	21.7		
1941	44,220	756	17.1	23	44	874	19.8	569	259	432	1,047	23.7		
1942	44,440	814	18.3	36	44	673	15.1	520	285	285	673	15.1		
Averages for years 1933-1942	86,742	1,302	15.4	58	44	1,086	13.3	657	237	320	1,170	14.4		
1943	†	925	†	31	34	713	†	517	228	276	761	†		

\* For calculation of Birth Rate.

† Not available for publication.

‡ For calculation of Death Rate.

CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1943.

Causes of Death	Deaths at the subjoined ages of "Residents" whether occurring in or beyond the District.								
	All Ages	Under 1	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
All Causes { Certified .. .. .	761	49	3	4	20	23	68	190	404
{ Uncertified .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever .. ..	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever .. .. .	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough .. .. .	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria .. .. .	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.. ..	49	1	—	—	1	10	16	19	2
Tuberculosis—other forms .. .. .	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
Syphilitic Disease .. .. .	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4
Influenza .. .. .	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
Measles .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Infectious Encephalitis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer of Buccal Cavity and Oesophagus (Males only) .. .. .	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6
Cancer of Uterus .. .. .	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum .. ..	19	—	—	—	—	—	1	9	9
Cancer of Breast .. .. .	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	5
Cancer of all other sites .. .. .	87	—	—	—	—	—	3	37	47
Diabetes .. .. .	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions .. ..	53	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	41

CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1943—continued.

Causes of Death	Deaths at the subjoined ages of "Residents" whether occurring in or beyond the district.								
	All Ages	Under 1	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
Heart Disease .. .. .	170	—	—	—	1	2	14	26	127
Other Diseases of the Circulatory System ..	31	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	24
Bronchitis .. .. .	46	1	1	—	—	—	2	9	33
Pneumonia .. .. .	73	5	2	—	—	1	5	20	40
Other Respiratory Diseases .. .. .	17	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	9
Ulceration of the Stomach or Duodenum ..	9	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	3
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) .. .. .	10	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Appendicitis .. .. .	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Other Digestive Diseases .. .. .	11	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	8
Nephritis .. .. .	17	—	—	—	—	1	1	6	9
Puerperal and Post-abortive Sepsis .. .. .	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Other Maternal Causes .. .. .	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Premature Births .. .. .	11	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Congenital Malformations, Birth Injury, Infantile Diseases .. .. .	19	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Suicide .. .. .	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Road Traffic Accidents .. .. .	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
Other Violent Causes .. .. .	40	—	—	1	4	3	8	9	15
All Other Causes .. .. .	52	—	—	1	7	3	11	14	16
	761	49	3	4	20	23	68	190	404



**INFANTILE MORTALITY.**

**Deaths from Stated Causes at Various Ages under One Year of Age, 1943.**

Cause of Death	Under 1 week	1—2 weeks	2—3 weeks	3—4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1—3 months	3—6 months	6—9 months	9—12 months	Total under 1 year
Measles .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Diphtheria .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Influenza .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculous Meningitis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Forms of Meningitis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Other Tuberculous Diseases .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Syphilis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchitis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia (all forms) .. .. .	1	—	—	—	1	2	1	1	—	5
Other Respiratory Diseases .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diarrhoea and Enteritis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	1	1	10
Congenital Debility and Malformation, Premature Birth .. .. .	15	—	2	1	18	3	1	—	—	22
Injury at Birth .. .. .	5	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	5
Other Causes .. .. .	2	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	3
<b>Totals .. .. .</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>49</b>

## II.—INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following diseases are notifiable :—

Anthrax	Acute Polioencephalitis
Acute Poliomyelitis	Acute Primary Pneumonia
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia	Cholera
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	Continued Fever
Diphtheria	Dysentery
Enteric Fever and Typhoid Fever	Encephalitis Lethargica
Glanders	Erysipelas
Malaria	Hydrophobia in Man
Membranous Croup	Measles
Plague	Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia
Relapsing Fever	Scarlet Fever and Scarlatina
Small-pox	*Scabies
Tuberculosis—all forms	Typhus
	Whooping Cough

\* A notification is not required where, to the knowledge of the medical practitioner, a case of scabies has occurred in the house and has been notified within the four weeks immediately preceding the date on which he first became aware of the disease in the case he is attending.

### DIPHTHERIA PREVENTION.

The appended table shows the attendances at the Schick Clinics during the year.

Clinic	No. of Sessions	No. of New Patients	Total Attendances
Public Health Centre, Grange Road	147	597	2,878
L.C.C. Schools .. .. .	104	953	2,844
Totals ..	251	1,550	5,722

**DISINFECTION.**

The figures showing the work done in the disinfecting station are set out below.

Beds	.....	.....	444	Pillows	.....	.....	1,893
Blankets	.....	.....	3,742	Pillows (cases)	.....	.....	975
Bolsters	.....	.....	346	Quilts	.....	.....	920
„ (cases)	.....	.....	143	Sheets	.....	.....	907
Books	.....	.....	115	Miscellaneous	.....	.....	4,152
Cushions	.....	.....	106	Verminous Clothing	.....	.....	1,094
Mattresses	.....	.....	8	„ Bedding	.....	.....	720
Overlays	.....	.....	1,690	Scabies, Clothing	.....	.....	4,120

7,680 new tabs were used to replace those taken off mattresses, palliasses, and cushions before disinfection.

Number of rooms disinfected	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	801
Number of air raid shelters disinfected	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12

Number of mattresses and other articles destroyed	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	158
Furniture, Floorcloth, etc., destroyed	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 Loads

**CLEANSING STATION.**

Verminous persons cleansed	.....	.....	Adult Females	.....	82
			Adult Males	.....	138
			Children	.....	2,156

Persons treated for Scabies :—	Number treated	Number of baths given
Adult Females	442	1,154
Adult Males	224	765
Children, Females (School Age)	406	2,002
Children, Males ( „ „ )	398	2,240
Children, Females (Under School Age)	100	261
Children, Males ( „ „ „ )	115	334

### BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY.

The work done in the Laboratory during the year is set out in the appended table.

Examined for	Total Examinations		Results of Examination			
			Positive		Negative	
	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943
Diphtheria (specimens taken by Medical Officer of Health ..	355	272	1	4	354	268
Ditto (taken by general practitioners) .. .. .	256	428	8	12	248	416
Diphtheria (total specimens taken)	611	700	9	16	602	684
Phthisis .. .. .	339	367	69	45	270	322
Various .. .. .	13	20	1	—	12	20
Total specimens taken .. .. .	963	1,087	79	61	884	1,026

### FOOD POISONING.

Two cases of Food Poisoning were notified to me during the year under The Public Health (London) Act, 1936, Section 182.

### INSULIN FOR DIABETIC PATIENTS.

Twenty-four patients have been supplied during the year as compared with twenty-two patients in 1942. (The Public Health (London) Act, 1936, Section 227.)

## NURSING.

The St. Olave's District Nursing Association and the Rotherhithe Queen's Nursing Association were amalgamated on the 15th May, 1943.

The following table shows the number of patients nursed under the Council's Scheme.

Disease	St. Olave's District Nursing Association		Rotherhithe Queen's Nursing Association		Totals whole Borough	
	Cases	Visits	Cases	Visits	Cases	Visits
Pneumonia .. ..	38	675	6	94	44	769
Broncho-pneumonia ..	3	43	—	—	3	43
Bronchitis .. ..	27	318	1	12	28	330
Influenza .. ..	85	1,323	2	24	87	1,347
Measles .. ..	70	849	6	50	76	899
Whooping Cough ..	8	124	3	134	11	258
Tuberculosis :—						
(a) Respiratory System	23	983	4	220	27	1,203
(b) Other Forms ..	1	49	—	—	1	49
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	3	15	2	12	5	27
Puerperal Fever ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pregnancy and Labour ..	63	909	—	—	63	909
Diseases of the Digestive System .. ..	8	44	2	14	10	58
Infantile Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	2	55	—	—	2	55
Discharging Ears ..	2	24	1	7	3	31
Discharging Eyes ..	19	389	—	—	19	389
Post-operative cases :—						
(a) Tonsils & Adenoids	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Other cases ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other diseases .. ..	91	1,191	1	12	92	1,203
Totals .. ..	443	6,991	28	579	471	7,570

**CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1943.**

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED											BERMONDSEY						ROTHERHITHE				ST. OLAVE			Total Cases removed to Hospital			
	At all Ages	At Ages—Year											1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	1	2	3	Total	St. John		St. Olave	St. Thomas	Total
		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																
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)	74	1	22	29	5	6	3	5	2	1	—	—	8	4	8	7	11	6	44	11	6	6	23	4	2	1	7	74
Erysipelas .. .. .	21	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	1	6	5	5	2	1	1	5	5	1	15	1	2	1	4	2	—	—	2	4
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	197	4	71	90	21	6	3	2	—	—	—	—	23	16	20	11	18	11	99	29	37	21	87	4	7	—	11	182
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	7	1	—	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	2	1	4	—	—	—	—	7
Malaria .. .. .	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	7	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	3	1	3	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4
Enteric Fever .. .. .	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	3
Dysentery .. .. .	15	2	3	6	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	2	1	1	1	7	1	6	1	8	—	—	—	—	11
Acute Polio-Myelitis	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Puerperal Fever .. .. .	3	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Puerperal Pyrexia .. .. .	10	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	3	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	1	1	6	2	1	1	4	—	—	—	—	7
Pneumonia (Acute Primary and Acute Influenzal)	112	7	18	21	7	3	4	6	13	13	7	13	20	12	15	9	8	2	66	14	23	8	45	—	1	—	1	7
Whooping Cough .. .. .	208	40	113	54	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	20	23	23	27	43	4	140	28	20	10	58	4	5	1	10	52
Measles .. .. .	345	27	192	106	14	1	1	2	2	—	—	—	34	31	59	49	42	5	220	38	59	18	115	1	9	—	10	73
Scabies .. .. .	283	9	40	52	44	39	17	30	22	15	5	10	35	22	62	17	30	14	180	34	42	14	90	8	3	2	13	—
Tuberculosis—Respiratory System	109	—	8	1	4	18	18	21	12	13	12	2	18	8	20	11	11	6	74	13	13	3	29	4	2	—	6	—
Other forms of Tuberculosis	14	—	1	1	1	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	2	3	—	6	2	3	1	6	1	1	—	2	—
<b>Totals .. .. .</b>	<b>1411</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>428</b>

**CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEARS 1934-1943.**

Notifiable Disease.	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Small Pox .. .. .	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup) .. .. .	372	273	207	167	187	135	56	89	72	74
Erysipelas .. .. .	73	53	39	28	57	35	43	48	39	21
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	597	367	266	167	200	112	243	75	128	197
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis ..	2	2	4	10	3	8	29	18	2	7
Acute Polio-Myelitis and Acute Polio-Encephalitis .. .. .	—	—	—	1	1	7	—	3	—	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .. ..	6	5	6	1	10	5	2	—	1	7
Anthrax .. .. .	1	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	1	—
Enteric Fever .. .. .	2	3	15	5	2	—	2	1	2	3
Puerperal Fever .. .. .	2	3	6	1	1	—	2	1	—	3
Puerperal Pyrexia .. .. .	13	19	9	13	10	9	11	3	—	10
Encephalitis Lethargica .. ..	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery .. .. .	—	3	1	43	26	2	6	11	7	15
Malaria .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1
Malaria (Induced) .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—
Pneumonia (Acute Primary and Acute Influenzal) .. .. .	121	113	125	170	112	121	104	99	55	112
Whooping Cough .. .. .	—	—	103	275	101	383	25	274	93	208
Measles .. .. .	—	—	7	85	889	39	229	381	600	345
Scabies .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	283
Tuberculosis— Respiratory System .. .. .	141	129	142	147	112	94	97	106	100	109
Other forms of Tuberculosis ..	32	34	34	31	18	20	6	9	19	14
<b>Totals .. .. .</b>	<b>1,371</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>1,730</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>1,411</b>

### III.—TUBERCULOSIS.

In Table I are set out particulars of new cases and deaths during the year, and Table II shows the period elapsing between notification and death.

**TABLE I.**  
**TUBERCULOSIS, 1943—NEW CASES AND DEATHS.**

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 .. ..	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
1 .. ..	5	3	—	1	—	—	—	—
5 .. ..	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	2
10 .. ..	1	3	2	1	—	1	—	1
15 .. ..	9	11	3	—	2	3	—	—
20 .. ..	6	18	—	2	2	3	—	—
25 .. ..	14	11	2	2	4	1	—	—
35 .. ..	7	8	1	—	11	—	—	—
45 .. ..	11	3	1	—	10	2	—	—
55 .. ..	12	1	1	—	6	1	—	—
65 and upwards	2	—	1	—	2	—	—	—
	67	61	11	7	37	12	—	3

**TABLE II.**  
**TUBERCULOSIS, 1943—PERIOD BETWEEN NOTIFICATION AND DEATH.**

Period Between Notification and Death	Respiratory System				Other Forms			
	Males	Females	Total	Percentage of Total Deaths	Males	Females	Total	Percentage of Total Deaths
Not notified	2	2	4	8·16	—	1	1	33·33
0-1 month	5	3	8	16·33	—	2	2	66·67
1-3 months	2	—	2	4·08	—	—	—	—
3-6 months	5	2	7	14·29	—	—	—	—
6-12 months	2	3	5	10·20	—	—	—	—
1-2 years ..	6	—	6	12·25	—	—	—	—
2-5 years ..	7	—	7	14·29	—	—	—	—
Over 5 years	8	2	10	20·40	—	—	—	—
Totals ..	37	12	49	100·00	—	3	3	100·00



**NURSING, EXTRA NOURISHMENT AND SHELTERS.**

District Nurses visit many patients suffering from Tuberculosis and being treated at home ; 1,252 visits were paid by the nurses in 1943. A limited provision is made for the supply of extra nourishment to tuberculous persons, and this usually takes the form of eggs and milk ; 123 patients received help in this way during the year. The scheme for the provision of shelters has been continued, and 2 shelters are at present in use.

**TUBERCULOSIS ALLOWANCES  
MADE UNDER MINISTRY OF HEALTH MEMO. 226/T.**

During the period June to December, 1943, 69 applications were considered. Allowances were approved in 44 of these, whilst 25 patients were found to be ineligible. Of this latter number six afterwards became entitled to, and received, allowances, whilst 19 cases originally approved lapsed on various changes of circumstances.

RETURN SHOWING THE WORK OF THE DISPENSARY DURING THE YEAR 1943.

DIAGNOSIS	PULMONARY				NON-PULMONARY				TOTAL				GRAND TOTAL	
	Adults		Children		Adults		Children		Adults		Children			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
<b>A.—NEW CASES</b> examined during the year (excluding contacts):—														
(a) Definitely tuberculous .. .. .	38	29	1	3	3	2	2	1	41	31	3	4	79	
(b) Diagnosis not completed .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	10	—	—	30	
(c) Non-tuberculous .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	241	160	22	20	443	
<b>B.—CONTACTS</b> examined during the year:—														
(a) Definitely tuberculous .. .. .	2	9	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	9	—	1	12	
(b) Diagnosis not completed .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	2	7	
(c) Non-tuberculous .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100	205	70	67	442	
<b>C.—CASES</b> written off the Dispensary Register as:—														
(a) Recovered .. .. .	26	27	5	7	5	7	13	7	31	34	18	14	97	
(b) Non-tuberculous (including any such cases previously diagnosed and entered on the Dispensary Register as tuberculous) .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	341	365	92	87	885	
<b>D.—NUMBER OF CASES</b> on Dispensary Register on December 31st:—														
(a) Definitely tuberculous .. .. .	215	197	24	18	23	16	13	16	238	213	37	34	522	
(b) Diagnosis not completed .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	13	—	2	37	

1. Number of cases on Dispensary Register on January 1st ..	628
2. Number of cases transferred from other areas and cases returned after discharge under Head 3 in previous years ..	10
3. Number of cases transferred to other areas, cases not desiring further assistance under the scheme, and cases "lost sight of" .. .. .	89
4. Cases written off during the year as Dead (all causes) ..	38
5. Number of attendances at the Dispensary (including Contacts) .. .. .	3,142
6. Number of consultations with medical practitioners:—	
(a) Personal .. .. .	85
(b) Other .. .. .	—

7. Number of visits by Tuberculosis Officers to homes (including personal consultations) .. .. .	523
8. Number of visits by Nurses or Health Visitors to homes for Dispensary purposes .. .. .	1,010
9. Number of:—	
(a) Specimens of sputum, etc., examined .. .. .	282
(b) X-ray examinations made in connection with Dispensary work .. .. .	1,609
10. Number of "Recovered" cases restored to Dispensary Register, and included in A (a) and A (b) above ..	—
11. Number of "T.B. plus" cases on Dispensary Register on December 31st .. .. .	165
12. Number of Artificial Pneumothorax Refills .. .. .	537

**PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1930.**

Summary of Notifications during the period from the 1st January, 1943, to the 31st December, 1943.

Age Periods .. ..	Formal Notifications												Total Notifications
	Number of Primary Notifications of New Cases of Tuberculosis											Total (all ages)	
	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 and upwards		
Pulmonary, Males .. ..	—	5	—	1	8	4	10	7	11	11	2	59	70
„ Females .. ..	—	3	1	3	10	14	11	5	2	1	—	50	63
Non-Pulmonary Males .. ..	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	1	1	1	1	7	9
„ Females .. ..	—	1	1	1	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	7	9

New cases of Tuberculosis coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health during the above-mentioned period, otherwise than by formal notification :—

Age Periods .. .. .	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 and upwards	Total
Pulmonary Males .. .. .	—	—	—	—	1	2	4	—	—	1	—	8
„ Females .. .. .	1	—	1	—	1	4	—	3	1	—	—	11
Non-Pulmonary Males .. .. .	—	—	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	4
„ Females .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

**Returns rendered under the PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS)  
REGULATIONS, 1930.**

**1st QUARTER, 1943.**

	Respiratory System		Other Forms	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Number of Cases on Register at commencement of Quarter .. .. .	335	263	73	76
Number of Cases notified during Quarter ..	18	9	1	1
Inward Transfers, Un-notified Deaths, etc.	3	2	1	—
Number of Cases removed from the Register	20	14	9	3
Number of Cases remaining on the Register at end of Quarter .. .. .	336	260	66	74

**2nd QUARTER, 1943.**

	Respiratory System		Other Forms	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Number of Cases on Register at commencement of Quarter .. .. .	336	260	66	74
Number of Cases notified during Quarter ..	16	12	2	2
Inward Transfers, Un-notified Deaths, etc.	—	3	1	—
Number of Cases removed from the Register	25	25	5	5
Number of Cases remaining on the Register at end of Quarter .. .. .	327	250	64	71

**3rd QUARTER, 1943.**

	Respiratory System		Other Forms	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Number of Cases on Register at commencement of Quarter .. .. .	327	250	64	71
Number of Cases notified during Quarter ..	15	13	1	1
Inward Transfers, Un-notified Deaths, etc.	3	3	1	—
Number of Cases removed from the Register	17	12	—	1
Number of Cases remaining on the Register at end of Quarter .. .. .	328	254	66	71

**4th QUARTER, 1943.**

	Respiratory System		Other Forms	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Number of Cases on Register at commencement of Quarter .. .. .	328	254	66	71
Number of Cases notified during Quarter ..	10	15	3	3
Inward Transfers, Un-notified Deaths, etc.	2	3	1	—
Number of Cases removed from the Register	30	26	8	12
Number of Cases remaining on the Register at end of Quarter .. .. .	310	246	62	62

## IV.—LIGHT TREATMENT, ELECTRO-THERAPY AND MASSAGE.

The following table shows the work done in the Solarium during 1943.

Total Number of Attendances	16,388
Number of Treatments	26,515
Massage	5,274
Physical Exercises	1,012
Medical Electricity	2,254
Diathermy	2,995
Q-Ray Pad	447
Peat Baths	27
Insufflations	44
Local Treatments—	
Radiant Heat	6,723
Ultra Violet Light	2,123
General Ultra Violet Light	5,616
Number of Medical Examinations	1,624
Number of New Cases	578
Number of Discharges	496

## V.—MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

### FAIRBY GRANGE CONVALESCENT HOME.

The total number of patients received into the home during the year, including mothers, babies and toddlers, was 381, a substantial increase on the figures for 1942.

Number of women admitted .....	181
Number of babies admitted .....	82
Number of toddlers admitted .....	118

### CHILD LIFE PROTECTION.

There were no foster-mothers in the borough during the year.

### HOME HELPS.

The number of cases in which home-helps were provided during the year was 25.

ventible diseases in Bermondsey, taking the mortality from typhus fever, in the Metropolitan districts, so that a correct conclusion may be arrived at

### 1st.—OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

In Bermondsey the deaths from typhus were, in the year 1857,	
of the population	1 in 1,925
Christchurch and St Saviour's	1 „ 1,116
St. George's	1 „ 1,323
Newington	1 „ 1,580
Lambeth, including Brixton and Norwood	1 „ 1,514
Clapham, with Battersea, Wandsworth, Putney, and Streatham	1 „ 1,637
Rotherhithe	1 „ 1,780
Greenwich, Deptford, and Woolwich; the Hospital and Convict Prisons in some degree account for this high rate of mortality	1 „ 801
Plumstead, Eltham, Lea, Lewisham, and Sydenham	1 „ 1,201

Thus then, as regards the southern districts, we stand the first on the list, that is, we have had fewer deaths from typhus fever during 1857, than the suburban districts of Kennington, Norwood, Wandsworth, Putney, and Streatham; or our neighbouring parishes, St. George's, Newington, Lambeth, or Rotherhithe.

### 2nd.—IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

The proportion of deaths from typhus fever, were as follows:—

Shoreditch	1 in 1,157
Hackney	1 „ 869
* Whitechapel	1 „ 666
St. George's-in-the-East	1 „ 1,099
Bow and Poplar	1 „ 813

The favourable position we occupy in relation to the Eastern Districts, is too marked to require any comment.

### 3rd.—IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT.

In St. Giles's and St. George's, Bloomsbury	1 in 1,505
St. Anne's Soho	1 „ 1,425
Holborn	1 „ 2,119
Clerkenwell	1 „ 1,378
St. Luke's	1 „ 1,601
East London	1 „ 1,387
West London (two Prisons, Hospital, and Workhouse)	1 „ 350
City of London (Proper)	1 „ 3,101

In this division it will be seen that Holborn, and the City of London, stand each in rather a better position than Bermondsey. As regards the former, it may be remarked, that the calculation is made from the census of 1851, since then we have increased in population, probably to the extent of about 10,000, while in Holborn, the population has in all likelihood diminished from the destruction of many habitations for the various local improvements. Of the latter, the "City" proper, there are so few people who now sleep in it at all, that any approach to the real resident population is out of the question.

\* Two Hospitals influence the proportion here.

**ATTENDANCES AT MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.**

The following table shows attendances at Maternity and Child Welfare Centres during 1943 :—

Name of Centre	Children's Consultations						Ante-natal Clinic				Sewing Class		Gynæcological Clinic		
	No. of Sessions	New Cases		Total Attendances		No. seen by Doctor	No. of Sessions	New Cases	Post-Natal Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Sessions	No. of Attendances	No. of Sessions	New Cases	Total Attendances
		Under 1 year	1-5 years	Under 1 year	1-5 years										
Public Health Centre, Grange Road	152	283	29	5,127	2,054	3,143	78	243	3	1,574	—	—	46	162	514
Community Centre	52	33	12	638	617	708	—	—	—	—	46	272	—	—	—
Bermondsey Gospel Mission ..	45	77	8	1,212	544	1,027	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rotherhithe Town Hall ..	103	211	24	3,652	1,297	2,597	97	207	61	1,448	—	—	—	—	—
Central Hall ..	103	100	12	2,052	1,025	1,886	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salomon's Centre ..	98	68	12	1,049	490	663	202	294	—	1,893	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ..	553	772	97	13,730	6,027	10,024	377	744	64	4,915	46	272	46	162	514



## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS, 1943.

## Births.

Registered—				Total	Males	Females
Live Births	{	Legitimate .. ..	..	884	470	455
		Illegitimate .. ..	..	41	23	18
				Total	Males	Females
Stillbirths .. .. .	..	..	..	25	9	16
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births				..	..	.. 26

Notified within 36 hours of birth—

(1) Live Births, 612. (2) Stillbirths, 16. (3) Total, 628.

				Total	Males	Females
Deaths .. .. .	..	..	..	761	420	341

## Maternal Deaths.

Deaths from puerperal causes :—				Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births
Puerperal Sepsis .. .. .	..	..	..	1	1·05
Other puerperal causes .. .. .	..	..	..	2	2·11
Total .. .. .	..	..	..	3	3·16

## Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age.

All Infants per 1,000 live births .. .. .	..	..	..	..	53
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births .. .. .	..	..	..	..	52
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births .. .. .	..	..	..	..	73

## Health Visitors. Visits paid by Health Visitors during the year :—

To Expectant Mothers	(1) First Visits, 624.	(2) Total Visits, 2,402
To Infants under 1	(1) First Visits, 855.	(2) Total Visits, 7,544
To Children, 1—5 .. .. .	..	Total Visits, 9,788

## Convalescent Homes for Children under 5.

Number of Beds, 16.	Number of Children under 5 received during the year .. .. .	200
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## Day Nurseries.

Number of day nurseries .. .. .	8.
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Deaths from Cancer (all ages) .. .. .	124
Deaths from Measles (all ages) .. .. .	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) .. .. .	2
Deaths from Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age) .. .. .	10

## VI.—DENTAL TREATMENT.

The attached tables summarise the work which has been done at the two dental centres during the year.

### TREATMENT OF CHILDREN DURING 1943.

CENTRE	Age Group	Number Examined	Number Treated	Number of Extractions	Anaesthetics		Number of Fillings	Number of Scalings	Number of Attendances for Orthodontics	Total Number of Attendances
					Local	General				
PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, GRANGE ROAD.	Under 5 years	162	114	397	—	91	—	—	—	199
	Over 5 years	370	323	868	116	235	93	3	—	710
	Totals ..	532	437	1265	116	326	93	3	—	909
98, ROTHER- HITHE NEW ROAD.	Under 5 years	85	68	251	—	75	12	—	—	172
	Over 5 years	245	359	680	43	194	118	9	—	570
	Totals ..	330	427	931	43	269	130	9	—	742
Totals both Centres		862	864	2196	159	595	223	12	—	1651

## DENTAL TREATMENT CARRIED OUT DURING 1943.

CENTRE	Type of Case	Number of Patients Examined	Number of Patients Treated	Number of Extractions	Anæsthetics		Number of Fillings	Number of Scalings	Number of Dentures Fitted	Number of Repairs to Dentures	Number of Attendances
					Local	General					
PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, GRANGE ROAD	Maternity Cases	757	656	2213	366	315	184	65	255	71	2260
	Women ..	730	625	1593	408	213	223	38	240	72	2081
	Men ..	1024	902	1760	743	112	224	53	185	73	2075
	Tuberculosis Cases	14	9	39	13	2	6	—	4	—	50
	Children (Table I.)	532	437	1265	116	326	93	3	—	4	909
	Totals ..	3057	2629	6870	1646	968	730	159	684	220	7375
98, ROTHER- HITHE NEW ROAD	Maternity Cases	306	391	1364	117	217	50	42	140	16	1196
	Women ..	258	429	896	210	133	127	50	127	39	1165
	Men ..	163	407	917	281	78	58	38	121	19	963
	Children (Table I.)	330	427	931	43	269	130	9	—	—	742
		Totals ..	1057	1654	4108	651	697	365	139	388	74
Totals both Centres ..		4114	4283	10978	2297	1665	1095	298	1072	294	11441



**POST-NATAL AND SPECIAL CLINICS FOR WOMEN.**

The total number of attendances during the year was 514. The number of new patients was 162, the majority of whom were suffering from menopausal or menstruation disorders. Suitable cases were treated at the Clinic, others being referred to their own doctors or to hospitals. Four patients were found to be suffering from carcinoma.

**HEART CLINIC.**

The total number of new patients sent up for investigation during the year was 104, of which number 50 were found to be suffering from cardiac disease. These patients come by appointment and are sent by their own doctors; 47 sessions were held during the year.

**OPHTHALMIC CLINIC.**

Fifty-six sessions were held during the year, the number of new patients being 375 and the total attendances 577.

**FOOT CLINIC.**

Attendances during the year are shown in the following table:—

Clinic	Men	Women	Total
Bermondsey .. ..	1,628	4,660	6,288
Rotherhithe .. ..	1,299	3,289	4,588
Totals .. ..	2,927	7,949	10,876

## VIII.—PROPAGANDA.

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The following is a list of lectures, demonstrations and cinema film shows given during the year :—

Youth Organisations .....	94	attended by	5,415
Schools .....	66	„	8,495
Civil Defence Personnel .....	61	„	2,950
First Aid Groups, W.V.S., etc.	14	„	684
Other Adult Organisations .....	47	„	3,280
General Public for Salvage Drives, National Savings, etc. ....	18	„	4,607
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	300		25,431
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## IX.—SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

### HOUSING.

During the year 1943, no areas were represented or declared by the Council.

No new flats or cottages have been erected during the year.

### HOUSING ACT, 1936—OVERCROWDING.

There are no reliable statistics available with regard to overcrowding, owing to the many changes in the occupation of houses which are still taking place. Out of a total of just over 600 applications for housing accommodation in the Borough, about 40 families were living in overcrowded circumstances, and about 165 families had no separate accommodation.

### ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

The following table shows the fumigations carried out during 1943 :—

	Infested	Disinfested
Council houses or flats .....	183	183
Other houses or flats .....	174	174

### INSPECTIONS, PROCEEDINGS, ETC.

Hereunder will be found particulars of Inspections, Proceedings, etc., for the year 1943 :—

#### INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR :—

- |   |        |
|---|--------|
| (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ..... | 4,075  |
| (b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose .....  | 23,371 |

(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 .....	820
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose .....	835
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .....	1
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding subhead) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation .....	Nil

REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES :—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers .....	1,043
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ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR :—

(A) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .....	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners .....	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners .....	Nil

(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .....	1,567
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners .....	524
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners .....	Nil

(C) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .....	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .....	Nil



## (D) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ..... Nil
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit..... Nil

**REGISTERED PREMISES—**

Premises	Number on Register at end of 1943	Number of Inspections	Number of Prosecutions
Common Lodging Houses ..	3	62	—
Seamen's Lodging Houses ..	3	10	—
Milkshops.. ..	135	256	—
Houses let in lodgings .. ..	410	1,015	—
Ice Cream Premises .. ..	97	—	—
Offensive Trades (including Poultry Slaughter-houses) .. ..	13	49	—

**SMOKE NUISANCES—**

Number of observations .....	16
Number of notices .....	Nil
Number of complaints .....	Nil
Number of summonses .....	Nil

**WATER SUPPLY TO TENEMENT HOUSES—**

Premises supplied .....	Nil
Prosecutions .....	Nil

**SALE OF FOOD—**

Number of premises used other than ice-cream premises, milk-shops and cowsheds .....	358
Number of inspections .....	1,141

**RAG FLOCK ACT, 1911, and PUBLIC HEALTH (LONDON) ACT, 1936 :—**

There are three premises in the District where rag flock is used and three inspections were made during the year.

**WORK OF DISTRICT INSPECTORS, 1943.**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	House-to-House	Special Inspections	Complaints	Infectious Diseases	Rat Survey	Offensive Trades	Outworkers' Bi-Annual Inspection	Underground Conveniences	Drains Tested	Other Calls and Visits	Chimney Watched	Bakehouses	Common and Seamen's Lodging Houses	Butchers	Fishmongers, Friers and Curers	Food Stores	Fruiters and Green-grocers	Ice Cream	Markets	Restaurants and Eating Houses	Destruction of Food	Various	TOTALS	
																							Visits	Ints.
District No. 1	34	893	167	65	125	—	—	2	27	1506	—	10	13	33	26	48	19	—	—	41	26	—	3035	82
„ No. 2	137	921	595	126	60	—	3	1	20	3909	—	22	1	53	9	123	31	—	—	36	11	—	6058	446
„ No. 3	3	885	236	176	4	—	2	—	28	835	—	23	2	34	18	199	9	—	—	38	37	—	2529	78
„ No. 4	285	1171	370	75	137	—	—	8	52	1656	—	13	—	11	3	41	4	—	—	26	12	—	3864	276
„ No. 5	5	703	626	106	73	—	22	—	71	1513	—	8	1	14	5	40	3	—	2	18	36	—	3246	222
„ No. 6	188	792	182	90	83	—	1	—	30	1153	—	15	20	21	10	138	10	—	3	36	38	—	2810	197
„ No. 7	168	1375	292	149	128	—	2	—	26	1984	—	41	35	30	6	67	4	—	15	32	59	—	4413	246
Total ..	820	6740	2468	787	610	—	30	11	254	12556	—	132	72	196	77	656	80	—	20	227	219	—	25955	1567

FACTORIES AND OTHER PREMISES.

HOMEWORK.

NATURE OF WORK  (1)	Outworkers' Lists, Section 110									Outwork in Unwholesome Premises, Section 111		
	Lists received from Employers				Outworkers resident in Bermondsey received from other Districts	Notices served on Occupiers as to keeping or sending lists	Prosecutions		Instances	Notices served	Prosecutions	
	Lists	Outworkers		Resident in other Districts			Failing to keep lists	Failing to send lists				
		Resident in Bermondsey	Workmen		Contractors	Workmen						
(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	
Wearing Apparel—												
(1) Making, etc. ..	3	—	3	25	1	10	—	—	—	—	—	—
(2) Cleansing and washing ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fur pulling ..	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Umbrellas, etc. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sacks ..	2	—	11	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paper, etc., Boxes,												
Paper Bags ..	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brush making ..	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Combs, etc. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Upholsterers ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cycle Engineers ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Coathangers ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carding of buttons, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Onion Peeling ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Games and Toys ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fancy Goods ..	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total ..	5	—	14	30	1	26	—	—	—	—	—	—

## FACTORIES AND OTHER PREMISES.

### INSPECTION.

Premises	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories with mechanical power ..	3,756	36	—
Factories without mechanical power	1,518	25	—
Other Premises under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers' premises) ..	337	16	—
Total .. ..	5,611	77	—

### DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars	Number of Defects			Number of defects in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.) ..	51	51	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2.) ..	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	1	1	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.) ..	1	1	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6.) ..	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)—				
Insufficient ..	5	5	—	—
Unsuitable or Defective ..	31	31	—	—
Not separate for Sexes ..	—	—	—	—
Other Offences ..	17	17	—	—
(Not including offences relating to Home Work or offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921, and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act, 1937.)				
Total .. ..	106	106	—	—

**BAKEHOUSES.**

In Use		Not in Use	
Underground	Above ground	Above ground	Underground
4	25	10	6

25 of these are Factory Bakehouses

**HOUSE, TRADE AND MARKET REFUSE.**

The following table shows the amount of house, trade and market refuse disposed of during 1943 :—

Disposal	Loads	tons	cwts.	qrs.
House Refuse to Barge ..	5,829	9,127	10	2
Trade Refuse to Barge .. ..	1,943	1,433	5	3
Street Markets Refuse to Barge	345	316	13	2
Totals ..	8,117	10,877	9	3

**OFFENSIVE TRADES.**

The offensive trades on the Register are as follows :—

Fellmongers .....	3	Fatmelters .....	1
Glue and size makers .....	3	Dresser of Fur Skins .....	6

**MORTUARY.**

The Public Health (London) Act, 1936, Section 234, requires the Borough Council to provide a proper place for the reception of dead bodies before interment. The London County Council acts as agent for the Borough Council in this matter and receives into the mortuary at St. Olave's Hospital those bodies for which it is the duty of the Borough Council to provide. A fee of one guinea per body is paid by the Borough Council for this service.

Number of infectious bodies removed .....	Nil
Total number of bodies removed .....	12

**STREET MARKETS.**

The market scheme continues to work smoothly and satisfactorily.

Number of Licences in operation .....	160
Income .....	£722 14s. 0d.

There were no prosecutions during the year.

**DRAINAGE WORK.**

Hereunder will be found particulars of drainage work, etc., carried out by the Drainage Inspector during 1943 :—

Drains Tested .....	203
Visits to Shelters .....	567
Other Visits .....	1,016

**WORK OF THE FACTORIES AND SHOPS INSPECTOR.****Shops.**

Visits .....	25
Notices served under Shops Act, 1934 .....	Nil
Notices served under Public Health (London) Act, 1936 .....	1

**Factories (with mechanical power).**

Visits .....	177
Notices under Factory Act, 1937 .....	32
Notices under Public Health (London) Act, 1936 .....	1

**Factories (without mechanical power).**

Visits .....	108
Notices under Factory Act, 1937 .....	18
Notices under Public Health (London) Act, 1936 .....	7

**Workplaces.**

Visits .....	137
Notices served .....	16
Visits to Offensive Trade premises .....	49
Chimneys watched .....	16
Visits to Underground Conveniences .....	277
Other calls and visits .....	400

## X.—FOOD CONTROL.

### PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED FOOD) REGULATIONS, 1937. FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

Twenty-four samples were taken during the year by the Senior Inspector and Wharves Inspectors.

#### UN SOUND FOOD.

The general inspection of food in shops and on stalls forms part of the duty of the District Sanitary Inspectors. Food, in the quantities stated, came under the notice of the Inspectors during the year, and being found unfit for human consumption was destroyed or disposed of for animal feeding purposes.

Description of Food	Weight			
	tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Fish .. .. .	—	1	3	25
Dairy Produce .. .. .	—	—	1	12
Meat .. .. .	—	1	—	—
Various .. .. .	—	4	3	10
Total .. .. .	—	8	—	19

**MILK PREMISES.****MILK AND DAIRIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1922.****FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.**

Two milk sellers were registered under the above Acts during 1943, and two were removed from the Register, making a total of 135 milk sellers on the Register at the end of the year under report.

**MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936.**

During the year under report the following licences were granted :—

**Dealers' Licences.**

To sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
To sell Pasteurised Milk	.....	.....	.....	.....	27

**Supplementary Licences.**

To sell Pasteurised Milk	.....	.....	.....	.....	11
To sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	.....	.....	.....	.....	6

All premises used for the sale of milk are regularly inspected to ensure that the standard of cleanliness laid down is maintained.

**MILK SAMPLING.**

Samples of milk, both for bacteriological and chemical examination, are taken from milksellers, and special arrangements are made for the sampling of the milk supplied to all schools in the borough. The total number of samples submitted for analysis during 1943 was 400, of which number 29 were taken from schools.

**For Chemical (i.e., Fat and non-Fatty Solids) Examination.**

Liquid Milk, undesignated	.....	.....	.....	.....	242
Sterilized Milk	.....	.....	.....	.....	92
Pasteurised Milk (informal)	.....	.....	.....	.....	30
Condensed Milk (informal)	.....	.....	.....	.....	9
					<u>373</u>

**For Bacteriological Examination.**

Pasteurised Milk (from schools)	.....	.....	.....	.....	29
Pasteurised Milk (other than from schools)	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
For tubercle bacilli	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
For brucella abortus	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
					<u>36</u>

**PHARMACY AND POISONS ACT, 1933.**

Thirty-one premises were entered on the Council's list for the year under report.

As a result of samples being purchased, it was found that eight contraventions of the Act occurred, poisons being sold wrongly by unlisted vendors. Warnings were given in all cases.



**FOOD AND DRUGS.**

During the year, 1,210 samples were submitted by the Food & Drugs Inspector, of which number 14 were found to be either adulterated or not complying with the requirements of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Boracic Lint	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Epsom Salts	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Gelatin	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Grape Fruit Flavoured Beverage	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Milk	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Spice, Mixed	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Vinegar	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Winter Warmer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
								<hr/> 14 <hr/>

**PROSECUTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH SAMPLES TAKEN  
DURING 1943.**

No.	Sample	Adulteration or Infringement	Remarks
242	Vinegar ..	56.2 % deficient in Acetic Acid	Fine £2. Costs £3 3s.
849	Vinegar ..	20.5 % deficient in Acetic Acid	Fine £1. Costs refused.
884	Malt Vinegar	17.7 % deficient in Acetic Acid	Dismissed under P. of O. Act. Costs £1 1s.

**SUMMARY.**

Fines	..	..	..	..	..	£	s.	d.
Costs	..	..	..	..	..	3	0	0
						4	4	0
						<hr/> £7	4	0 <hr/>

## PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED FOOD) REGULATIONS, 1937.

Articles	Quantity Unsound											
	Disposed of for purposes other than human food				Destroyed				Released for disposal under other Sanitary Authorities			
	Weight				Weight				Weight			
	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Cereals ..	364	7	2	10	—	—	—	—	10	0	0	0
Dairy Produce	55	15	0	19	28	5	1	22	174	10	2	20
Fish ..	8	14	1	8	0	1	2	13	0	1	1	2
Fruit ..	9	2	0	0	2	14	1	0	80	5	0	23
Meat ..	15	0	1	12	0	1	1	2	2	8	0	11
Tea ..	12	0	3	15	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	5
Various ..	50	10	3	6	1	17	1	20	16	0	3	26
Vegetables ..	153	14	2	9	19	7	1	9	0	5	2	13
Total ..	669	5	2	23	52	7	1	10	285	13	0	16

WORK OF THE WHARF AND FOOD INSPECTORS, 1943.

Visits	1			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11					
	Food Factories			Food Stores	Food Wharves and Depots	Milkcellars	Pharmacy and Poisons	Condemnation of Food	Nuisances Found	Intimations Served	Food Control	Various	Number of Samples taken					
	Jam	Butter and Margarine	Other										Food and Drugs	Imported Food Regulations	Milk (Special Designation) Order	Samples of Milk for presence of Tubercle Bacilli	Milk for Bacillus Abortus	Pharmacy and Poison
Mr. Toll .. ..	—	105	433	393	1332	—	—	205	—	—	—	271	—	12	—	—	—	—
Mr. Butcher .. ..	19	64	122	793	1220	—	—	293	—	—	—	362	—	13	—	—	—	—
Mr. Tapsfield .. ..	42	12	433	472	1317	—	—	208	3	3	—	110	10	—	—	—	—	—
Mr. Bailey .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	256	27	20	—	—	487	59	1214	—	33	2	1	1
Totals .. ..	61	181	988	1658	3869	256	27	726	3	3	487	802	1224	25	33	2	1	1

## XI.—HEALTH SERVICES.

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The detailed list of health services shown in previous Annual Reports has not been published this year, owing to the frequent changes in the services necessitated by war conditions.

All services are being maintained as fully as possible, and up-to-date information regarding the time-tables of all Centres and Clinics, the Ambulance Facilities afforded by the London Ambulance Service of the London County Council, Obstetric and Puerperal Fever Consultants and other services will be supplied on application to the Medical Officer of Health, Telephone No. BERmondsey 2109.

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