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REPORT

ON THE

SANITARY CONDITION OF THE LIMEHOUSE DISTRICT

(Comprising the Parishes of Limehouse, Shadwell, and Wapping, and the Hamlet of Ratcliff)

For the Year 1897.

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TO THE

BOARD OF WORKS

FOR THE

LIMEHOUSE DISTRICT.

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting to you my first Annual Report, I may remind you that my appointment dates from the 1st of October, For three months Dr. Stedman acted as substitute for Dr. Rogers. your highly esteemed and respected late Medical Officer of Health.

With the exception therefore of the last three months of the year, the facts on which this Report is based did not come under my personal notice.

The population estimated to the middle of 1897 was 58,508.

BIRTHS.—The births registered during the year numbered 1997, of which:—

1197 were registered in Limehouse.
471 , , Ratcliff.
267 , , Shadwell.
62 , Wapping.

This corresponds to a birth rate of 34'1 per 1,000 for the year, or exactly the same as the average for the last 10 years.

The birth rate is 4'1 per 1,000 more than that of London as a whole.

MARRIAGES.—The marriages during the year numbered 459. This is the highest number recorded in any year since 1883.

The average number for the last 10 years was 404, so that during the year the number of marriages was 12 per cent in excess of the average for 10 years. This increased number is of importance, because the number of marriages that takes place is recognised to correspond to the prosperity of a district. In that case the past year was the most prosperous one for the district for the last 14 years.

The proportion of persons married was 15 per 1,000 of the population. The marriage rate for the whole of London was 18.5 per 1,000—the highest rate recorded since 1878.

DEATHS.—The registered deaths exclusive of those of non-residents which occurred in the Public Institutions situated in the District, but inclusive of those of residents which occurred in outlying Institutions numbered 1462. This corresponds to a death rate of 25'I per 1,000. The death rate for the whole of London was 18'2 per 1,000.

These deaths were distributed over the District as follows:-

These deaths we	ic dioes					
Limehouse						536
						244
Shadwell and W	apping					169
East London Cl	nildren'	s Hosp	ital			342
Drowning Cases						10
						1301
Deaths occurring persons bel	ng outs onging	ide the	Distri	ct amo	ong	446
						1747
Deduct deaths among pers	occurr sons no	ing wi	thin th ging th	ne Dist ereto	rict	285 1462

This number is 77 more than that registered in 1896.

Compared with 1896 the causes of death were as follows :-

	1896	1897	Increase	Decrease
Scarlet Fever	14	12	_	2
Diphtheria	35	26	_	9
Membranous Croup	2	3	I	_
Enteric Fever	2	4	2	_
Puerperal Fever	I	I	_	_
Erysipelas	I	8	7	_
Measles	49	63	14	_
Whooping Cough		37	_	15
Diarrhœa & Dysentry	40	61	21	_
Cholera Infantum	_	I	I	_
Rheumatic Fever	3	4	I	_
Phthisis	-6-	149		18
Bronchitis, Pneumonia				
and Pleurisy		. 260	9	_
Heart Disease	IOI	125	24	_
Influenza	5	5	_	_
Injuries	96	86	_	IO
All other Diseases		617	51	_
	1385	1462	131	54
		-	-	

The excess of births over deaths in 1897 was 535.

In 1896 the excess of births over deaths was 627

1090 011	o orroom or	D11 4110 010		-
1895	,,	"	,,	475
1894	,,	,,	"	515
1893	1)	,,	,,	357

The following is a list of the outlying Institutions and other places where residents of the Limehouse District died during the year:—

3, Alma Cottages, Harrow	v Road	 • • •			1
66, Albany Street, Regent		 	***		1
Brook Fever Hospital	***	 ***			5
Bolingbroke Hospital		 			1
Brompton Hospital		 			2
Banstead Asylum		 	***	***	4
Bethlem Asylum		 	***		1
Cane Hill Asylum	•••	 			4
Claybury Asylum		 	***	***	1

Clapham Maternity						1
Charles Street, Mile End				***		1
Colney Hatch Asylum						9
City of London Chest Hosp	oital					5
Darenth Asylum						9
East India Dock Road						1
German Hospital						•)
Homerton Fever Hospital						8
Hanwell Asylum						2
Hospital for Women, Soho				***		1
Hackney Infirmary				•••		1
Homoepathic Hospital						Î
Ilford Asylum						10
King's College Hospital						1
London Hospital			•••			68
Leavesden Asylum	•••					1
Limehouse Cut		•••		***	***	1
Limehouse Pier				***		1
Limehouse Cut (Bromley)		•••				1
Licensed Victuallers' Asylu	m	•••	***			1
Middlesex Hospital		***	***		**	1
Millwell Doolea						1
Mother's Home, Commercia	I Road				•••	1
Mile End Infirmary	ai noau				• • • •	- 1
	***	• • • •				0
45, Morning Lane, Hackne			***			1
North Eastern Fever Hospi	itai	•••		***		1
Poplar Hospital					•••	4
River Thames (Bermondsey	y)				***	1
River Thames (Poplar)		•••	•••		•••	1
River Thames (Greenwich)		• • • •				1
Regent's Canal	•••	•••				1
Regent's Canal, Mile End	 D 1					1
Regent's Canal, Kingsland	Road				• • • •	1
Royal Chest Hospital				***		1
South Eastern Fever Hospi	tal	• • • •	***		***	7
		***		****		1
Sick Asylum (Bromley)	•••					200
Stepney Workhouse	•••		***			69
St. George's Infirmary						4
St. Bartholomew's Hospital	***					3
Stepney Union						1
Westminster Hospital						1
Whitechapel Infirmary						1

SMALL POX.—No case of Small Pox has been notified during the year, although 101 occurred in London with 16 deaths.

SCARLET FEVER.—The corrected number of deaths was 12; the annual average for the last 10 years being 22.7. 420 cases were reported during the year, of which 289 were removed to Hospital. Two Hundred and Thirty-one occurred in Limehouse, 118 in Ratcliff, 71 in Shadwell and Wapping. This is an increase of 75 over the number reported in 1896, although the number of deaths is less by 2. The death rate was '21 per 1,000 of the population. The death rate for the whole of London from Scarlet Fever, was '17 per 1,000 of the population. The mortality was 2.8 per cent. of the seizures. The average mortality for the last 10 years was 11.6 per cent. of the seizures. This increase in the number of notifications is partly due to the fact that the disease was of a mild type, and in several instances the children were kept at home without Medical attendance, and no attempt made at isolation. In October I received a communication from the Head Mistress, in the Infants' Department of Collingwood Street Board School, informing me that she had sent home one of the pupils because her hands were peeling. When the child had been questioned by the governess it seemed that she denied that she had been ill, but that the peeling was due to a very bad scald she had some time before. She attended school with her hands in this condition for several days. I immediately visited the child's home. The child as well as the father and mother were out, and the shop was in charge of of three other children. When I was in the shop, at least six children came in and were served with ice cream and sweets. I noticed that one of the three children had a discharge from her As a discharge from the ears is a frequent complication of Scarlet Fever, I became suspicious, and examined her hands and feet. I found that she was desquamating. I then examined the other two, and found that they were also suffering from Scarlet I left Mr. Pavitt, the Inspector for the No. 2 district (who was with me at the time) in the shop, to prevent the children selling any more sweets. I then went to look for the mother and father and found her with two of the other children, one of them being the child that had been sent home from School. I examined them and found both suffering from Scarlet There was another child who was out playing. I sent Fever.

a neighbour's child (after making certain that she was not susceptible to Scarlet Fever) to look for him and to bring him home. He was also suffering from Scarlet Fever. I had the six removed to the Fever Hospital as soon as possible. The goods in the shop were destroyed. The parents slept at the shelter for two nights, during which time the house was thoroughly disinfected. The girl that had attended school for some days whilst suffering from Scarlet Fever had acted as monitor; one of her duties was to hand round the books to 40 other children. I had the books removed at once to the disinfecting station, and after receiving the consent of the School Board, they were destroyed. I wrote to the Head Mistress of the school, telling her that she would greatly oblige me by instructing the teachers to examine the children's hands every morning for a few days, and in the event of desquamation being discovered, to send the children home and to notify me immediately of the fact. These instructions were carried out and several other cases of Scarlet Fever were discovered.

DIPHTHERIA.—The corrected number of deaths from Diphtheria was 26, the annual average number for the last 10 years being 32.2. One hundred and eighty cases were notified, and 118 were removed to Hospital. This is a decrease of 79 in the number of notifications. The decrease occurred chiefly in Limehouse. Eighty-four occurred in Limehouse, 52 in Ratcliff, and 50 in Shadwell and Wapping. The mortality was 13.4 per cent. of those attacked.

The average mortality for the last 10 years was 30.8 per cent. of those attacked. This decrease is no doubt due to the use of Antidiphtheritic serum which has been used very extensively during the last 2 or 3 years. The deaths were equal to a rate of '44 per 1,000, that for the whole of London being '50 per 1,000 of the population.

MEMBRANOUS CROUP.—Three cases were notified during the year, and the three proved fatal. One occurred in Limehouse, I in Ratcliff, and I in Shadwell.

TYPHUS FEVER.-No case was reported during the year.

ERYSIPELAS.—The corrected number of deaths was 8. Ninety cases were notified during the year, and 21 were removed to different Infirmaries and Hospitals. Forty-nine occurred in Limehouse, 29 in Ratcliff, and 12 in Shadwell and Wapping.

PUERPERAL FEVER.—There were 4 cases reported during the year, and one proved fatal. Three occurred in Limehouse and I in Ratcliff.

ENTERIC FEVER.—The corrected number of deaths was 4. The average annual number for the last 10 years was 8.3.

Fifty-one cases were notified, and 41 were removed to Hospital. Twenty occurred in Limehouse, 19 in Ratcliff, and 12 in Shadwell and Wapping. The mortality was 7.8 per cent. of those attacked. The annual average for the last 10 years was 17.7 per cent. of the seizures. The death rate was 0.7 per 1,000, that for the whole of London being 13 per 1,000 of the population.

In one instance I was able to trace the disease to Maidstone. A girl, who had spent the greater part of August and September at that place, was taken ill soon after she came home, about the last week in September. She was removed to the Hospital.

WHOOPING COUGH.—The corrected number of deaths was 37. The average number for the last 10 years was 50.5 a year. The death rate was 63 per 1,000 of the population. The death rate for London as a whole, was 41 per 1,000.

DIARRHŒA.—The corrected number of deaths was 61. The annual average number for the last 10 years was 43.

The epidemic followed the hot weather in July and August. This form of Diarrhæa differs from the ordinary form, which occurs at all seasons, and is due to various causes. The epidemic summer Diarrhæa, is associated with high temperatures. It is considered to be due to a form of micro-organism, which resides in the superficial layers of the earth that contains food suitable for it, that is, soil polluted with decomposing organic matter. The micro-organism has the power of leaving the soil to be carried by the air; by this means it gains access to food, and is introduced into the human body. According to Dr. Ballard's report to the Local Government Board, from "food the micro-organism can manufacture a substance which is a virulent chemical poison, and

this chemical substance is in the human body the material cause of the epidemic summer Diarrhœa." The development and multiplication of the micro-organism depends on a high temperature not in the air itself, but in the superficial layers of the soil.

The rise in the Diarrhœa death rate does not begin till the average weekly temperature of the thermometer(suspended in an iron tube 4 feet deep in the earth) has reached 56° F. This takes place about a week later than that in the air. Taking this into consideration and that death occurs only after a longer or shorter period of disease, the following table giving the number of deaths from Diarrhœa in the district, side by side with the average temperature of the air for the same week, shows the relationship existing between high temperatures of the soil, and epidemic summer Diarrhœa.

Week ending.		No. of Cases.	Mean Temperature of the Air.	Week ending.	No. of Cases.	Mean Tem- perature of the Air.
January	9	_	39.6	July 17	3	65.5
	16	11 1	37.8	24	4	66.9
	23	_	31.1	31	10	64.6
	30	_	33.1	August 7	4	68.1
February	6		37.8	14	9	63.6
	13	_	41.4	21	8	62.0
	20	_	43.6	28	9	59.6
	27	1	48.1	September 4	3	56.8
March	6	_	40.6	11	3	54.2
	13	-	41.0	18		54.6
	20	_	46.5	25	-	55.4
	27	-	51.9	October 2	. 1	56.5
April	3	-	42.2	9		48.4
	10	1	42.4	16	1	51.9
	17	_	47.4	23		53.7
	24		46.4	30	_	49.8
May	1		51.2	November 6	1	45.7
	8	-	49.7	13	2	48.0
	15	-	47.3	20	-	47.5
	22	_	57.3	27	-	48.4
The training	29	-	53.5	December 4	_	39.0
June	- 5	-	59.8	11	-	41.7
	12	-	58.6	18	_	46.0
	19	-	59.8	25	_	35.8
	26	_	64.0	1898		
July	3		64.4	January 1	11-11-	45.1
	10	1	61.5			

There are several factors associated with the high Diarrhæa mortalities that are not under the direct influence of the Sanitary Authority, such as poverty, improper feeding (it is always higher among children artificially fed than those that are breast-fed), density of population, and want of cleanliness, but organic pollution of the soil by leakage from drains or otherwise, is a most potent factor, which may be remedied.

MEASLES.—The corrected number of deaths was 63. The annual average number for the last 10 years was 55. These deaths were equal to a rate of 1.08 per 1,000 of the population, the rate for London as a whole was '43 per 1,000 of the population.

The deaths from Zymotic Diseases numbered 206, and correspond to a death rate of 3.54 per 1,000. The Zymotic death rate for the whole of London was 2.56 per 1,000 of the population. Such deaths include Small Pox, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Membranous Croup, Whooping Cough, Puerperal, Enteric and Simple Continued Fevers, and Diarrhœa.

The deaths from Pulmonary Diseases numbered 260, and correspond to a death rate of 4.5 per 1,000 of the population.

Fifty deaths were due to Senile Decay. This number corresponds to a death rate of '85 per 1,000 of the population.

The number of deaths of infants under I year of age was 386. This number corresponds to an infantile mortality of 194 for every 1,000 births. The infantile mortality for London as a whole, was 158 per 1,000 births.

During the year 754 notifications were received, of which 420 referred to Scarlet Fever, 186 to Diphtheria, 3 to Membranous Croup, 90 to Erysipelas, 4 to Puerperal Fever, and 51 to Enteric Fever; of these, 289 cases of Scarlet Fever, 118 cases of Diphtheria, 21 cases of Erysipelas, and 41 cases of Enteric Fever were removed to Hospital.

For detailed information as regards ages, localities affected etc., I beg to refer you to the tables at the end of the report.

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES ACT.

KING JOHN'S COURT.—The Board has had under consideration for several years what is called the King John's Court Scheme. The area was surveyed several times by the Sanitary Committee.

In July 1894, the Board passed a resolution that the closeness, narrowness and bad condition of the buildings and the want of light, air, proper conveniences and other sanitary defects in the buildings, rendered the area dangerous to the health of the inhabitants. That the demolition and re-arrangement of the buildings were necessary to remedy the evils, and that the site was too small to be dealt with as an unhealthy area under Part I.

The Board directed a scheme to be carried out under Part II of the Act.

The Local Government Board was petitioned for an order sanctioning the scheme, and after the legal formalities had been observed and the necessary notices served, an inquiry was held by a Local Government Board Inspector in October, but the decision has not yet been announced.

Chusan Place Area.—After inspecting this area with the Chairmen of the different Committees, I made an official representation to the Board that I, 2, 3 and 4, Chusan Place, I to 8, Marchants Row and 2, 4, and I3, St. Anne's Row were in a state so dangerous to health as to be unfit for human habitation. An order was obtained from the magistrate to have them closed. The houses in Marchants Row have been demolished; I to 4, Chusan Place are also to be demolished, but I beleive that 2, 4 and I3, St. Anne's Row are being repaired with a view of making them fit for human habitation.

DISINFECTION.

The disinfector used is one of Washington Lyon's improved high pressure steam disinfectors. The temperature of the steam applied to the infected articles is 260° F. in the interior, and 275° F. in the jacket. The goods are retained in the apparatus for 30

to 45 minutes, they are then taken out on the non-infected side of the building. Six men are employed in the disinfecting station. Two men draw the truck containing the infected articles; two men are employed to return the goods in a non-infected truck; one man is employed to strip the paper from rooms that have been fumigated; one man—the foreman disinfector—attends to the apparatus. The foreman (who is a fitter by trade) is able to take the apparatus to pieces when necessary, and refit it. He did this when the Inspector from the Insurance Company was sent down to inspect it. When the number of premises to be disinfected is below the average, the Inspectors find occupation for the men in testing drains, etc. They thus assist the Inspectors to make more progress with their house-to-house inspection.

Sulphur has been in use to fumigate rooms for several years. Towards the latter part of the year I recommended the Board to use Formalin in some cases. There are two conditions in which Formalin seems to have an advantage over sulphur.

- (1). In rooms containing brass bedsteads, gilded panels and sewing machines, as these articles are tarnished by the sulphur.
- (2). In rare cases, where it is found impossible to spread out the clothing in such a manner that all its surface is exposed to the action of the gas, Formalin is more penetrating and under such circumstances, will probably be found more effectual than sulphur. With these exceptions sulphur is still used.

The following articles were burnt in the Incinerator during the year: 15 beds, 45 mattresses, 10 pillows, 394 sundries, 250 sacks of paper stripped from walls of infected rooms, 347 cases of eggs, 6-lbs of bacon.

LIST OF ARTICLES DISINFECTED IN THE APPARATUS.

AR	TICLES	١.		January.	February.	March,	April.	May.	June.	July.	August,	September.	October,	November.	December.	TOTAL.
Beds				36	37	28	32	36	41	56	51	57	81	75	51	581
Sheets			***	98	37	43	40	87	32	46	39	41	78	66	50	602
Blankets				129	56	50	62	73	66	82	60	59	90	86	70	883
Bolsters				19	24	20	18	22	30	24	31	34	50	44	31	347
Pillows				106	50	56	62	88	70	86	72	84	96	88	74	932
Quilts				50	49	34	42	52	60	65	67	74	88	79	61	721
Mattresses	s			56	32	30	28	24	30	28	34	40	56	44	41	443
Sundries				629	300	116	246	142	186	297	264	220	286	210	196	3092
3	Cotal			1123	585	877	530	474	515	684	618	609	820	692	574	7601

THE SHELTER.—Sixteen families were received in the shelter during the year, whilst their homes were disinfected. These families consisted of 39 children and 29 adults.

MORTUARY.

The number of bodies deposited in the Mortuary during the year was 179; 122 were removed to the Mortuary by the Coroner's orders, 17 by the Medical Officer of Health's orders, 6 by the Relieving Officer's orders, 33 by the Police, and 1 was taken by a friend for the sake of convenience.

Nine bodies were deposited in that part of the Mortuary set apart for infectious cases, 6 of the deaths were due to Diphtheria, 1 to Scarlet Fever, 1 to Typhoid Fever and 1 to Membranous Croup.

In 148 of the cases inquests were held, and in 33 cases postmorten examinations were made. Instruments are provided free of charge for the use of Medical men to conduct these operations.

The deaths of the above were due to the following causes :-

Zymotic Diseases			 9
Violence, accident, &c.			 29
Suicide			 7
Drowning			 23
Diseases of the heart			 31
Respiratory Diseases			 16
Nervous Diseases			 II
Convulsions and improper	feeding	g	 22
Constitutional Diseases			 14
Other causes			 15
Still-born			 I

One child was found in the Thames but whether he had a separate existence or not there was not sufficient evidence.

THE SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS' ACT.

The total number of articles analysed during the year was 135; of which 129 were submitted by the Inspectors, and 9 by residents and others. This number consisted of 57 milks, 24 butters, 7 coffees, 1 mixed pickles, 7 mustards, 6 whiskies, 2 gins, 2 rums, 1 limewater, 7 peppers, 9 flours, 9 breads, 3 oatmeals. Of these 43 milks, 6 coffees, the mixed pickles, 19 butters, 7 mustards, 6 whiskies, 2 gins, 7 peppers, 9 flours, 9 breads, 3 oatmeals and 1 rum were genuine.

ARTICLES.	EXTENT OF ADULTERATION.	RESULT.
Milk	Adulterated with 17 per	
	cent. of water	Fined 30s., and 23s. costs.
Milk		T' 100 100
Cl-CC-	cent. of water	Fined 30s., and 23s. costs.
Coffee	Total Control of the	Fined 20s and 22s seets
Limewater	cent. of Chicory Deficient in lime to the	Fined 30s., and 23s. costs.
Limewater	extent of 24.4 per cent	Cautioned.
Milk	Adulterated with 5 per	Cuttioned
	cent. of water	Cautioned by the Magistrate.
Milk	Adulterated with 5 per	Cautioned by Magistrate, but
	cent. of water	had to pay cost of summons.
Butter	Contained 82 per cent. of	Proceedings not taken on account
35:11	foreign fat	of death of Public Analyst.
Milk	, ,	Ditto.
Milk	Adulterated with 11 per	D1000.
MIIIK	cent. of water	Fined 30s.
Milk	1 7 7	111000 0000
	cent. of water	Fined 20s.
Milk	Adulterated with 13 per	
	cent. of water	Fined 10s.
Milk	Adulterated with 9 per	Summons dismissed, sold under
Doubbass	cent. of water	a warranty.
Butter		Fined 20s and 22s costs
Butter	foreign fat Contained 80 per cent. of	Fined 20s., and 23s. costs.
Dunct	foreign fat	Fined 20s., and 23s. costs.

ARTICLES.		EXTENT OF ADULTERATION.	RESULT.			
Butter		Contained 80 per cent. of foreign fat	Fined 40s., and 23s. costs.			
Milk		Adulterated with 4.7 per cent. of water	Cautioned.			
Milk		Adulterated with 4 per cent. of water	Cautioned.			
Rum		29·4° under proof	Informality of purchase.			
Milk		Adulterated with 4 per cent. of water	Cautioned.			
Milk		Adulterated with 4 per cent. of water	Cautioned.			
	AR	TICLES SUBMITTED BY RAT	TEPAYERS AND OTHERS.			
Milk		Adulterated with 6 per cent. of water	Informality of purchase.			
Butter		Contained 60 per cent. of	Fined £12, and £2 costs.			

The Inspectors have performed their duties to my satisfaction, and I have to express my thanks to them for the manner in which they have assisted me in carrying out the duties of my office.

I have the honour to remain,

GENTLEMEN,

Your most obedient Servant,

D. L. THOMAS,

Medical Officer of Health and
Public Analyst.

BOARD'S OFFICES :-

WHITE HORSE STREET.

May 4th, 1898.

TABLE I.

Table shewing the Population, Inhabited Houses, Marriages, Births, and Deaths for the Year 1897, and 10 years preceding.

ear.	ted sion.	ges.	Births.	Corr	o. of	in in itutions.	
The Year.	Estimated Population	Marria	Marriages. Registered Bir		Under One Year,	Under Five Years,	Deaths in Public Institutions
1897	58,508	459	1997	1462	386	715	342
1896	58,300	419	2012	1385	368	663	262
1895	57,600	378	2050	1575	456	736	255
1894		382	1911	1396	327	616	
1893		402	1954	1597	394	640	***
1892		417	1940	1468	366	674	
1891		387	1998	1500	349	564	
1890		411	1851	1609	387	785	
1889		411	2109	1363	336	582	
1888		420	2084	1441	431	712	
1887		420	2064	1450	363	626	
Avrge. of 10 yrs 1887-96.		404	1997	1478	377	659	

TABLE II.

Table shewing the Annual Birth and Death Rates, Death Rates of Children in a Thousand Deaths for the Year 1897, and 10 Years preceding.

In the Year.	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the Population.	Corrected Death Rate per 1,000 of the Population.	Deaths of Children under I year; per 1,000 of Registered Births.	Deaths of Children under I year; per 1,000 of Total Deaths.	Deaths of Children under 5 years; per 1,000 of Total Deaths.
1897	34.1	25.1	193	264	420.5
1896	34.6	23.7	182	265	478
1895	35.3	27.3	222	289	466
1894	33.1	24.2	161	234	441
1893	33.9	27.7	201	247	400
1892	33.6	25.5	188	249	459
1891	34.6	26.0	174	232	376
1890	30.8	26.8	209	240	445
1889	35.0	22.7	159	246	427
1888	35.5	24.6	207	299	494
1887	35.0	24.7	176	250	431
Average of 10 years, 1887-96.	34.1	25.3	187	255	441

TABLE III.

Shewing the Number of Deaths at all ages in 1897, from certain groups of Diseases, and proportions to 1000 of Population, and to 1000 Deaths from all causes; also the Number of Deaths of Infants under one year of age from other groups of Diseases, and proportions to 1000 Births and to 1000 Deaths from all causes under one year.

DIVISION I. (ADULTS).	Total Deaths.	Deaths per 1000 of population at all ages.	Deaths per 1000 of total deaths at all ages.
1. Principal Zymotic Diseases	206	3.54	140.9
2. Pulmonary Diseases	260	4.5	181.9
3. Principal Tubercular Diseases	192	3.2	131.3
DIVISION II. (Infants under One Year).	Total Deaths.	Deaths per 1000 of Births.	total deaths
4. Wasting Diseases	122	2	83
5. Convulsive Diseases	74	1.2	50

NOTICE.

- Includes Small Pox, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Membranous Croup, Whooping Cough, Influenza, Typhus, Puerperal, Enteric (or Typhoid), and Simple Continued Fevers, and Diarrhœa; 37 of the deaths occurred in Hospitals situated beyond the limits of the District.
- 3. Includes Phthisis, Scrofula, Tuberculosis, Rickets, and Tabes.
- 4. Includes Marasmus, Atrophy, Debility, Want of Breast Milk, and Premature Birth.
- 5. Includes Hydrocephalus, Infantile Meningitis, Convulsions, and Teething.

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TABLE IV.

Table shewing the Number of Deaths from the principal Zymotic Diseases, in the 10 years, 1887 to 1896, and in the year 1897.

Disease.	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	Annual Average of 10 years, 1887—1896.	Total Deaths in 1897.	Proportion of Deaths to 1000 Deaths in 1897.
Small Pox	_		_	_	_	_	7	1	1	_	.9		_
Measles	58	88	20	92	14	63	16	72	81	49	55.3	63	43.4
Scarlet Fever	27	23	27	15	5	27	31 .	41	17	14	22.7	12	8.4
Diphtheria	10	23	41	25	15	28	62	42	41	35	32.2	26	17.7
Membranous Croup	_	_	-		_	-	_		_	2	-2	3	2
Whooping Cough	65	58	23	70	59	59	49	28	42	52	50.5	37	25.3
Influenza	_	_	-	_	_	_		_	-	5	.5	5	3.4
(Typhus	_	_	1	_	_	_	1	_	-	-	.2		-
Enteric Enteric	6	9	13	14	6	-	16	6	10	3	8.8	4	2.7
Fever Simple conta'd	1	9	1	_	_	6	_	_	_	_	1.7	-	-
Puerprl.	_	-	-	_	-		_		_	1	·1	1	.6
Diarrhœa	67	27	47	52	49	27	56	22	49	40	43.6	61	41.7
Totals	234	237	173	268	148	210	238	212	241	201	216 2	212	145.2

SPECIAL RETURNS

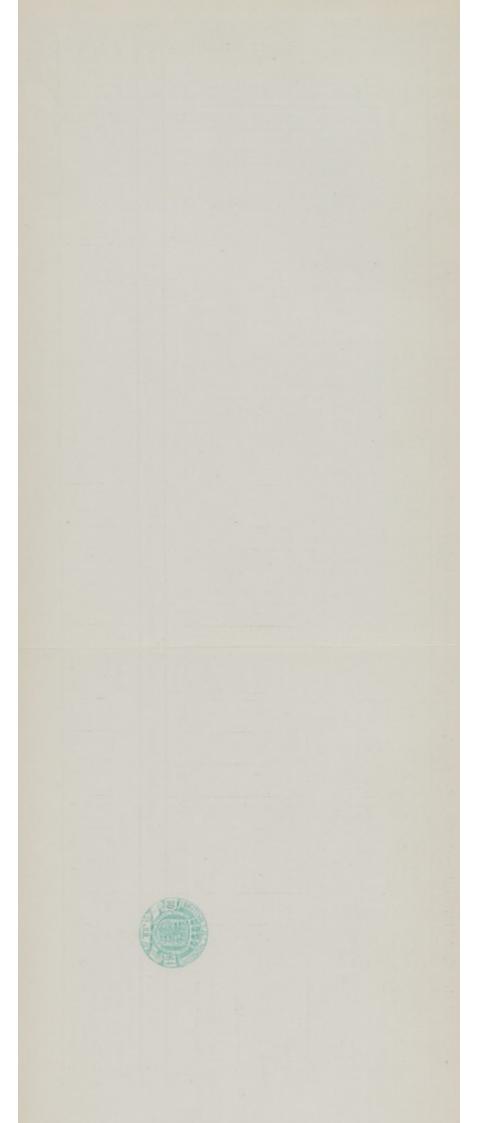
REQUIRED BY THE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD

AREA OF DI	STRICT	••••		562	Acres.
POPULATION	in 1891		••••		57,599
"	Enumerated in	1896			58,305
"	Estimated to m	niddle (of 1897		58,508

TABLE V.—TABLE OF DEATHS during the Year 1897, in the Metropolitan Sanitary District of Limehouse, classified according to DISEASES, AGES and LOCALITIES.

NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; public institutions being shown				FROM A	AGES.	USES,					30	IORTAL	ATY I	ROM SUB	JOINI	ED C	AUSES	s, DIS	TING	UISH	ING DI	EATHS OF	Сипл	DREN	UNDER 1	Five Y	EABS	OF A	AGE.	
as separate localities.						0.0	0.5		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
(Columns for Population and Births are in Table B.)	At all ages.	Under 1 Year. (c)	and under 5 (d)	and under 15 (e)	and under 25		65 and up- wards.	(i)	Small Fox	Scarlatina	Diphtheria	Membra- nous Croup	Typhus	Enteric or Typhoid	Continued Salay	Relapsing	Puerperal	Cholera	Erysipelas	Measles	Whooping Cough	Diarrhora and Dysentery	Rheumatic	Phthisis	Bronchitis Pneumonia and Pieurisy	Heart	Influenza	Injaries	All Other Diseases	Total
Limehouse	536	204	95	15	17	131	74	Under 5 5 upwds,	_	1	2	1	=	_ 1	-	=		1	4	25	28	86 —	- 2	1 36	43 46	5 37	1		136 101	288 248
Rateliff	244	73	52	16	11	67	25	Under 5 5 upwds.	_	2	5	2	=	_	=		-	-	-	9 2	1	14	-1	1 17	23 20	1 19	_	3 10	65 49	126 118
Shadwell and Wapping	169	43	49	3	5	51	18	Under 5 5 upwds.	_	=	6	=	_	=	-		1	=	=	18	4	10	-	4 20	16 16	1 9	-1	4 6	29 25	89 77
East London Children's Hospital	342	178	134	23	-	5	2	Under 5 5 upwds.	=	=	5	=	=	1	Ξ	=	-	-	1	1	1	2	Ξ	18 6	74	7 6	=	5 3	199 11	312 30
Totals	1291	498	330	57	33	254	119	Under 5 5 upwds.	-	3 1	18 1	3 -	=	- 2	=	=	- 2	1	4 1	53 2	34	62	- 3	24 79	156 83	14 71	1 2		429 186	815 478
			Т	he sub	joined	numl	ers ha	ave also to	be	take	n ir	nto ac	coun	t in ju	dging	g of	the	abo	re re	cord	ls of 1	nortality	y.							
Deaths occurring outside the dis- trict among persons belonging thereto	446	66	33	18	32	201	96	Under 5 5 upwds.		7	9 3	-		- 3	-	=	-	=	1 8	8	_		- 1	4 66	12 49	2 51	1 1	4 23	51 144	96
Deaths occurring within the dis- trict among persons not be- longing thereto	269	137	99	17	1	13	2	Under 5 5 upwds.			4	-	-		-	-	=	-	1	-	1	5	-	13 5	60	7 6	-	2 11	143 10	236





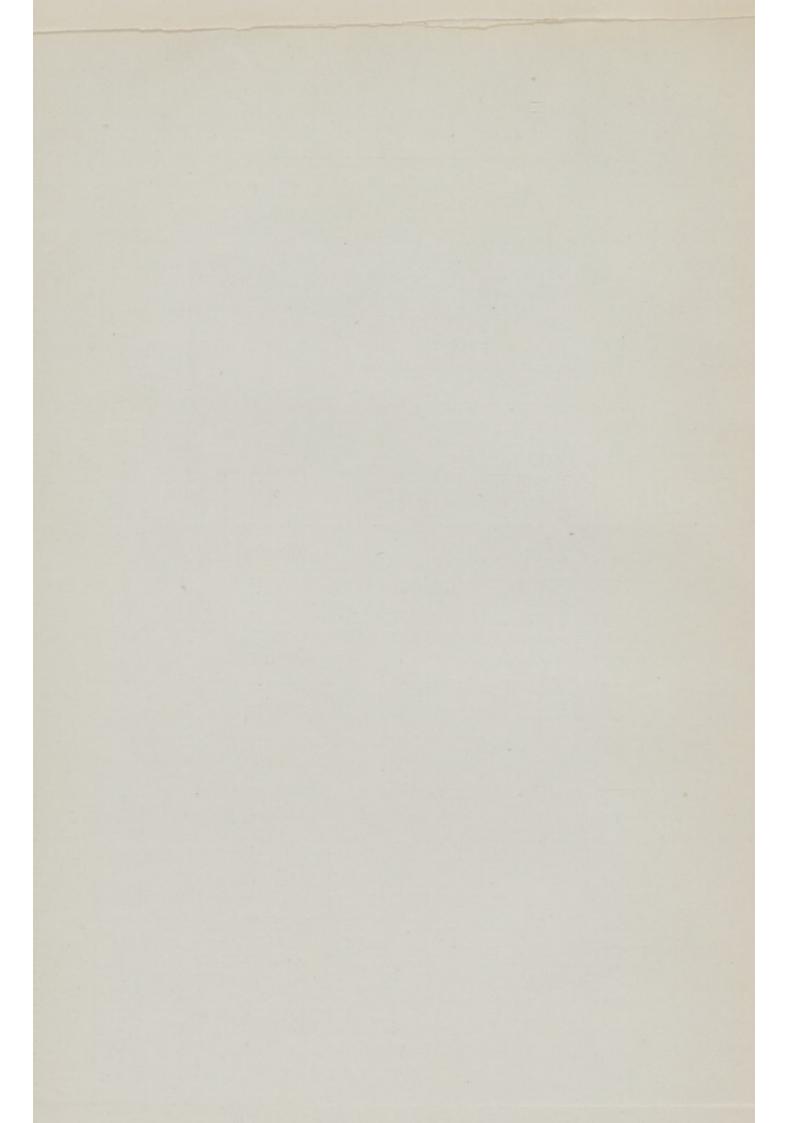




TABLE VI.—TABLE OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, and of NEW CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS, coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1897, in the Limehouse District; classified according to DISEASES, AGES and LOCALITIES.

	Popula	tion at all	Births.		Ne	w Case	s of Si	ckness i	in each	Locali Officer	ty com	ing to t	the kno	wledge	of	1	Number				wed froment in				e seven	al
Names of Localities adopted	· ·	rRear	d Birt	Aged	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
or the purpose of these Statistics; jublic institutions being shown as			tere	under 5	×	-	- 6	80			Fevers					×		d	sm		1	evers.				100
s separate localities.	Last Census.	Estimated to middle of 1897.	E, Rogist	over 5	Small Pox	Searlatina	Diphtheria	Membrano	Typhus	Enterie or Typhoid	Continued	Relapsing	Puerperal	Cholera	Erysipela	Small Po	Scarlatin	Diphtheri	Membrano Croup.	Typhus	Enteric or Typhoid	Continued	Relapsing	Puerperal	Cholera	Erysipela
Limehouse	32917		1197	Under 5 5 upwds.	-	68 163	31 53	1	-	3 17	-	-	3	-	5 44	-	44	23 33	-	-	3 14	-	-	-	-	10
Rateliff	14954		471	Under 5	-	37 81	16 36	1 -		1 18	-	-	1 -		1 28	-	19 57	5 21	-	-	1 12	-	-		-	6
Shadwell and Wapping	10434		329	Under 5 5 upwds.	-	30 41	16 34	1 -	-	12	-	-	-		12	-	23 34	11 25	-		- 11	-	-	-	-	- 5
Totals	. 58305	58508	1997	Under 5 5 upwds.	-	135 285	63 123	3	-	4 47	-	-	1 3	-	6 84	-	86 203	39 79	-	-	4 87	-	-	-	-	21

BOARD OF WORKS FOR THE LIMEHOUSE DISTRICT,
SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

To Dr. D. L. Thomas,

Medical Officer of Health

and Public Analyst.

SIR,

We have much pleasure in submitting our tabulated statement showing the amount of work performed by us during the past year, the details of which came under the notice and supervision of Drs. G. A. Rogers, S. B. Stedman, and yourself.

Although an increase in the general work of the District has occurred, we have been able to give attention to the inspection of Houses let in Lodgings, and to Workshops.

Diligent attention has been given throughout the year to the Meat, Fish, Fruit and Vegetables exposed for sale in the shops and thoroughfares in the District.

The cases of Infectious Disease have had our immediate attention and constant vigilance day and night, and occasionally on Sundays.

We are,

Yours obediently,

JOHN WILLIAM JOHNSON, GEORGE OSBORNE PAVITT, EDWIN THOMAS CROOK.

TABLE VII.

INSPECTORS' REPORT OF THE SANITARY WORK, &c.

Completed in the year ending December 31st, 1897.

SA	NITARY WORK,	&c.				No. 1 District.	No. 2 District.	No. 3 District.	TOTAL
Houses, Premises, &c., ir	aspected					1351	1220	1290	*3861
Orders issued for amenda	nents					3467	2335	2382	8184
Houses cleansed and whi	tewashed					125	147	275	547
Rooms disinfected, stripp	ped and cleans	sed				156	170	114	440
Drains repaired, cleansed						689	396	440	1525
Drains new and reconstru						168	97	155	420
Yards paved, and paving	repaired					266	217	330	813
Water Closets cleansed an						442	256	345	1043
Closets and urinals suppli						88	190	90	368
New Closets supplied						38	6	13	57
Water supply laid on						77	90	30	197
Cisterns cleansed and cov						374	123	240	737
Waste and stack pipes dis						101	62	45	208
Dust-pails supplied	*** ***					416	345	271	1032
Dust removal complaints						9	12	15	36
Removal of accumulation				***		5	4	18	27
Dead bodies removed to 1					***		7	7	14
Canal Boats inspected						30			30
Flooring, stairs, window		eaves	gutters	provid	od	90			00
and roofs repaired			-			708	367	350	1425
Overcrowding abated				•••	•••	2	4	2	8
Notices to Schools		***	•••	***	***	374	424	220	1018
Factory inspections					***	49	5	140	194
ractory inspections			***	***	0.07	40	0	140	134

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Factory nuisances abated						9	3	16	28
						40	28	20	88
Licensed Slaughter-houses inspect						2	1	-	3
Legal proceedings, i.e., Summonses	3					13	11	2	26
Houses closed, unfit for habitation						2	-	-	2
						_	10	6	16
Notices given to London Count	v Coun	cil of	dangero	us and	1		1		
7.17 . 7						31	40	12	83
						861	850	318	2029
						180	117	17	314
Basements discontinued to be used						1		3	4
Drinking water supplies separate f	rom the	e W.C.S				18	-	5	23
1 1 1						1	14	-	15
0 1 111 1						1	1	2	4
						_	24	-	24
2 2 1 1 1 1 2						3	3	3	9
Water closets discharging into the	River	Thame				_	-	4	4
Notices to provide crossings, ar	ea orat	ings.	flans and						
doors in footways						4	22	- 30	56
Samples taken under Sale of Food						53	36	40	129
D 11: 10:		rue s				_	4	2	6
7. 30 111 11						6	3	12	21
0 1 1 1 1						9	2	12	23
Smoke nuisances abated		•••	•••						

* This does not include re-inspection to premises to ascertain works in progress; such, if added would

probably treble the number. In addition to this, we have had destroyed, as unfit for human food, during the year the following articles, viz:—3 Barrels of Roker, a quantity of Pineapples, Oranges and Bacon, 397 Cases of Eggs, 120 Cases of Oranges, 50 Sacks of Potatoes, and 1 Case of Onions.

JOHN WILLIAM JOHNSON.

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TABLE VIII.

Shewing the Localities in which certain Diseases of a Zymotic character occurred during the year 1897.

LOCALITY.	Diph- theria.	Mem- branous Croup,	Erysip- elas.	Scar- latina.	Enteric Fever.	Puer- peral Fever.	Total.
Acland-street		1	1	2			4
Albert-square			1	5			6
Ann-street	1		1	4	2		8
Anchor-street				3			3
Aston-street	1		2	6	1		10
Albert-street Bdgs.				1			1
Barnes-street				4	1		5
		1000		6	1		14
Belgrave-street	-	***	1	4	1		13
Bromley-street Brenton-street				5			7
D 1 1	1		2 2	6			9
	0		1	10			14
Burgess-street Bower-street	0			5	2		10
D. L. stoonsk			2	13	2		17
D1	1		1	8			10
Blount-street Beachcroft-bdgs				1			1
Danad atmost				1			1
Ben Jonson-road	1			2			3
D stunet				1			1
Burn-street					1		1
D 11 1 '11'	The second			2			2
Bewley-buildings				1	1		4
D t tour	1 7					1	2 3 1 2
Black Bull-court	1		1	1			3
Butcher-row	-						1
Beccles-street			1				2
Brunswick-place				1			1
			1	0	1		14
Commercial-road	1		4	8	-		4
Caroline-street			1 4	10	1		20
Cable-street		***	4				11
Clemence-street	. 3		***	8			1 11

LOCALITY.	Diph- theria.	Mem- branous Croup.	Erysip- elas.	Scar- latina.	Enteric Fever.	Puer- peral Fever.	Total.
Coleman-street				3			3
Chaseley-street			1	4			5
Church-row			1	3		1	5
Cosh's-buildings	1						1
Conder-street	2			5			7
Cayley-street	1		1	1	4.		3
Carr-street	3			3	2		8
Copenhagen-place	1		1	6			8
Church-court		1		1	1		3
Chambers-square	-1						1
Collingwood-street	1			1			2
Devonport-street				2			2
Dunstan-place			2	4			6
Dod-street				2			2
Drew's buildings	1			5			6
Dora-street	1			1			2
Dixon-street	1			6			7
Durham-row	2		1				3
Dalgleish-street	2						2
Dellow-street	2		1	3			6
Dupont-street	1			2	1		4
Duke Shore-alley				1.			1
Dr. Barnardo's-hme	6		2	17			25
Elizabeth-place East London	1					•••	1
Hospital	1			1	1		3
Eastfield-street	6		5	5			16
Elsa-street	4		4	5	3		16
Elbow-lane-bldgs.				1			1
Ebenezer-place				2			2
East India Dock-				-			-
road	1			3	1		5
Elm-row				3	***		3

Galt-street Gun-lane Green-bank George-street Globe-alley Gun-square Glasshouse-fields Gill-street				1	2 1 1			4
Gun-lane Green-bank George-street Globe-alley Gun-square Glasshouse-fields		 1 3			1			
Green-bank George-street Globe-alley Gun-square Glasshouse-fields		1 3 			1		101	2
George-street Globe-alley Gun-square Glasshouse-fields		3			1			1
Globe-alley Gun-square Glasshouse-fields		3						1
Gun-square Glasshouse-fields				1	1			2
Glasshouse-fields					2			5
				1				1
Fill-street		1		1				2 2
					2		•••	
Glamis-road	***	1	**	- 1	6		•••	8 2
Gill-place	•••			1	1 1			2
Grocers-court	••	1			1			-
TY: 1				-	1	,		9
High-st., Stepne			•••	1	1	1	•••	3 14
High-st., Shadw		6	***		6 2	2 1	***	3
High-st., Wappi	ng	1	***		2			1
Harding-street		1	***		2			2
Havering-street Halley-street			*		7			7
Hilton-street	•••		***	1		***	***	i
iiitoii-street	•••	•••						
Juniper-street		10		1	9	2		22
James-place		***		1 1		2 1		2
Jamaica-passage				1				1
Kirks-place		3		1			•••	4
T an absort					9	1		9
Lee-street	•••	***	•••	1	2			3 2
London-street	•••	1	•••		9	***		10
Locksley-street Limehouse		1	***		0	* 17 *		10
Causeway		2		1				3

LOCALITY.	Diph- theria.	Mem- branous Croup.	Erysip- elas.	Scar- latina.	Enteric Fever.	Puer- peral Fever.	Total.
					-		
Lance-street	. 2			3		***	5
Love-lane	1			1			2
Lockside	. 1						1
Lydbrook-street				1			1
Lowell-street				1			1
Monza-street				2			2
Maroon-street	8		2	19 .	1		30
Mercer-street	. 2			3	***		5
Manning-street				2	1		3
Medland-street	. 2			4			6
Market-hill	. 1		1				2
Milk-yard			1				1
Notgrove-street			1				1
Northey-street		***	4	4		1	13
New Gravel-lane				1	1		2
Narrow-street				1			5
New Alley-square				2	•••		2
Newtons-rents	. 1				***		1
NT 1 1			***	1			1
Nightingale-lane				1		•••	1
				1		***	1
Orchard, The	. 1						1
Periwinkle-street.			2 .	3			5
Peabody-buildings	1			5	1		
Pigott-street				2			7 2 1
Parnham-street	The state of the s			1			1
Portland-street				3	4		7
Ratcliff-workhouse			3	1			5
Rhodeswell-road.	7			5			12

LOCALITY.	Diph- theria.	Mem- branous Croup.	Erysip- elas.	Scar- latina.	Enteric Fever.	Puer- peral Fever.	Total.
	-						
Ropemakers-fields	1			1			2
D. J. T obwood	3			1			4
Ratcliff-square .				1			1
D 1	1			1		1	3
Repton-street .			1	10			11
D'1 -11			1	1	1		3
Rugg-street .					1		1
Daniel atmost	2			4			6
Salter-street .			1				1
Salmon-lane .	2		1	3	٠		6
Samuel-street .	1			2			3
Streatfield-street .				3			3
Selsey-street .				1			1
0. 1 1 1	3			2			5
CI 1 1 1 1 1	2		1	1		***	4
Stepney-causeway	1			1	1		3
Sage-street .				1	1		2
School-house-lane	1	1	2				4
Spenlow-street .					1		1
Spencer-street .				1			1
Thomas-street,							
Ratcliff .	3			3			6
Tower-buildings .	1		1				2 6 5 1
Turners-road .				6			6
Three Colt-street.				3			5
Twine-court .	1				***		1
Tower-bldgs (old)) 1						1
Taylor's-place . Thomas-street				1			1
T ' 1	2		2	13	1		18
/// 1				1			1
m , ,	2			3			5

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LOCALITY.	Diph- theria.	Mem- branous Croup.	Erysip elas.	Scar- latina.	Enteric Fever.	Puer- peral Fever.	Total.
Upper-well-alley				1			1
West-pier White Horse-street Walker street	1		2	 4 4	i		1 7 5
West India Dock Road Walter-street			1	4 1	1 1		6 1 2
Wapping-wall West Garden-bldgs. West-gardens Waterloo-street	2		"i …	1 2			3 1 2
White Hall-place				1			1
York-buildings York-street York-road	3 2		1 1	3	3		9 5 1
York-square				1			1

1897.

BAKEHOUSES.

LIMEHOUSE.

NAMES.

ADDRESSES.

Mr. J. Rickert, " C. Baldwin, Miss Bulgin (not used), Mr. J. Draude, M. Donaldson, Schwarz, (empty) W. Living, P. Fiehl, H. Fuchs, J. Few, W. Pearce, H. Bretz, J. Faber, Miller, C. Smeith, W. Wagner, H. Haust, W. Stevens, J. W. Domm, (not used) W. H. Pearce, T. Slawson, J. A. Siebert, H. Marks, (not used) 22, Gill-street 821, Commercial-road 341, Burdett-road 31, Repton-street 3, Repton-street 137, Eastfield-street 21, Halley-street 12, Parnham-street 45, Thomas-street 84, Locksley-street 132, Rhodeswell-road 131, Salmon-lane 145, Salmon-lane 181, Salmon-lane 209, Salmon-lane 71, Salmon-lane 7. Limehouse-causeway 40, Limehouse-causeway 68, Limehouse-causeway 146, White Horse-street 51, Three Colt-street 77, Three Colt-street 87, Three Colt-street 93, Three Colt-street 36, Three Colt-street 56. Three Colt-street

RATCLIFF.

Mr. Prummer, ,, A. S. Harding, ,, Bader, Mrs. Lee, 105, White Horse-street 42, White Horse-street 147, White Horse-street 631, Commercial-road

Bakehouses-Continued.

RATCLIFF.

NAMES.

ADDRESSES.

Mr. Weimer, ,, J. W. Newman, ,, C. Siebert,

(empty)

, Schwenk, (empty)

, Schneider, (empty) (empty)

,, W. Herbert, Cattung,

119, Broad-street
27, Hardinge-street
415, Cable-street
59, Brook-street
91, Brook-street
139, Brook-street
85, Brook-street
28, White Horse-street
436, Commercial-road
508, Commercial-road
13, Devonport-street

SHADWELL.

Mr. W. Atkinson,
Miss Green,
Mr. Westrick,
,, Menzler,
,, Grender,

84, High-street 161, High-street 47, High-street 5, King David-lane 278, Cable-street

1897.

LICENSED COW HOUSES.

LIMEHOUSE.

Messrs. Abbott Bros., Mr. J. Harris, ,, J. Knight, ,, David Thomas, Batson-street
15, Maroon-street
162, Rhodeswell-road
42 & 44, Ropemaker's-fields

LICENSED COW HOUSES-Continued.

RATCLIFF.

NAMES.

ADDRESSES.

Mr. Charles Warman, ,, Charles Toms, ,, James Allcock, Messrs. J. & W. Morris, Railway Arch, Drewton-street 63, Brook-street 12, Hilton-street 37, White Horse-street

SHADWELL.

Mr. Thomas Williams, ,, Charles Warman,

Sage-street Lower Shadwell

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

LIMEHOUSE.

Mr. W. H. Phillips, ,, A. Brown,

160, White Horse-street 22, Three Colt-street

