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BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM.

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# ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE

VITAL AND SANITARY STATISTICS

For the Year 1927.

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MUSEUM OF HISTORY  
AND NATURAL HISTORY



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FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1961

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Miss M. Barrett	Miss J. H. Howes	Miss M. Barrett	Miss J. H. Howes
Miss A. Burrows	Mrs. M. Kemp	Miss A. Burrows	Mrs. M. Kemp
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## Staff of the Public Health Department, 1927.

### MEDICAL :

- A. Wellesley Harris, M.R.C.S., D.P.H., &c., Medical Officer of Health and Public Analyst.
- J. W. Miller, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Assistant Medical Officer of Health, and Medical Officer for Maternity and Child Welfare.
- Rose Jordan, M.D., B.S., B.Sc., D.P.H., Tuberculosis Officer (*part-time*).
- Mary K. Ruddy, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Infant Welfare Medical Officer (*part-time*).

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| E. Walker (from 8th August, 1927) |   |                      |
| Miss N. F. Jones                  |   |                      |

### Health Visiting Staff :

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| Miss F. L. Burton                          | } | Health Visitors for<br>Maternity and<br>Child Welfare. |
| Miss A. M. M. Edwards                      |   |  |
| Miss K. H. Kempster                        |   |  |
| Miss G. Simpson                            |   |  |
| Miss C. H. Thompson                        |   |  |
| Miss E. M. Watson                          |   |  |
| Miss W. Cresswell (from 1st October, 1927) |   |  |
| Miss E. Brocklehurst                       | } | Health Visitors for<br>Tuberculosis.                   |
| Mrs. M. S. Wardle                          |   |  |

### Clerical Staff

- F. E. Seckerson (*Chief Clerk*)
- C. C. Summers
- E. Walker
- R. Stephan
- J. Barry
- Miss B. C. Aylett

### Other Staff :

- Matron—Municipal Maternity Home—Mrs. D. Fynn.
- Clerk-Dispenser— „ „ —Mrs. M. Iles.
- „ „ —Tuberculosis Dispensary—Miss M. Colquhuon.
- Secretary to Tuberculosis Care Committee—Miss O. Fergusson.
- Superintendent—Disinfection Station—H. T. Ibbett.
- Caretaker-Attendant—Coroner's Court and Mortuary—H. L. Bailey.

## NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Estimated Population, 1927	...	...	...	188,600
Population, Census, 1921	...	...	...	174,194
Area, acres	...	...	...	7,015
Inhabited Houses, 1921	...	...	...	34,420
Number of Families or Separate Occupiers, 1921	...			43,685
Rateable Value (as per County of London Valuation, 6th April, 1927)				£1,314,887
Estimated produce of a penny rate	...	...	...	£5,334

The Borough of Lewisham is to a large extent a residential one, the majority of the householders being employed elsewhere. There are a few factories in the district.

### Summary of Vital Statistics.

Births — Legitimate	...	...	...	2,755
„ Illegitimate	...	...	...	93
Total	...	...	...	<u>2,848</u>
Birth-rate	...	...	...	15·1
Deaths	...	...	...	2,083
Death-rate	...	...	...	11·0
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth :—				
From Sepsis	...	...	...	4
From other causes	...	...	...	2
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 births :—				
Legitimate	...	...	...	43
Illegitimate	...	...	...	139
Total	...	...	...	46
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	2
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	7
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	...	...	9

### Population.

The population of the Borough for the year 1927 is estimated by the Registrar-General to be 188,600, which figure is used for calculating the mortality and other rates which appear in this Report.

### Births.

The number of births registered in 1927 was 2,848, of which number 1,430 were males, and 1,418 females.

This number represents a birth-rate of 15·1 per 1,000 of the population, which is, with the exception of two years during the War, the lowest birth-rate yet recorded in the Borough.

*Illegitimacy.*—The number of infants born out of wedlock was 93, or 3·2 per cent. of the total.

### Marriages.

The number of marriages registered in the Borough during the year was 1,502, of which number 818 were solemnized in the Established Church, 173 at Nonconformist Places of Worship, and 511 at the Register Offices.

This number is equivalent to a marriage rate of 15·4 per thousand of the population. In 1926, 1,340 marriages were registered, and the marriage rate was 14·2.

### Deaths.

The total number of deaths of residents of the Borough was 2,083, compared with 1,890 in 1926. This number represents a death-rate of 11·0 per 1,000 of the population, a higher rate than last year, which was 10·0 per thousand.

The death-rate for the County of London was 11·9 per 1,000, and for England and Wales, 12·3 per 1,000.

*Infant Mortality.*—The number of infants who died before reaching the age of one year was 131, compared with 116 in 1926, and the infant mortality rate was 46 per 1,000 births, compared with 40 in the previous year. The corresponding figure for the County of London was 59 per 1,000 births, and for England and Wales, 69.



## Causes of Death at Different Periods of Life during the Year 1927.

CAUSES OF DEATH.		Sex.	All Ages.	Under 1 year	1 and under 2 years	2 and under 5 years.	5 and under 15 years.	15 and under 25 years.	25 and under 45 years.	45 and under 65 years.	65 and under 75 years	75 and upwards.
1. Enteric Fever ...	...	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		F	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
2. Small Pox ...	...	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Measles...	...	M	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
		F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Scarlet Fever ...	...	M	3	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—
		F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Whooping Cough ...	...	M	3	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
		F	4	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Diphtheria ...	...	M	9	—	—	4	4	1	—	—	—	—
		F	7	—	—	1	5	1	—	—	—	—
7. Influenza ...	...	M	43	1	3	1	1	4	6	13	6	8
		F	53	2	—	—	4	1	3	15	15	13
8. Encephalitis Lethargica ...	...	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—
		F	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—
9. Meningococcal Meningitis		M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ...	...	M	101	—	1	—	—	23	51	23	2	1
		F	74	—	—	—	3	28	29	12	1	1
11. Other Tuberculous Diseases		M	11	—	2	2	4	1	—	2	—	—
		F	9	—	2	1	1	2	2	—	—	1
12. Cancer, Malignant Disease		M	119	1	—	—	1	2	5	56	38	16
		F	171	—	—	—	—	1	12	70	52	36
13. Rheumatic Fever ...	...	M	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
		F	4	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	1
14. Diabetes ...	...	M	11	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	3	2
		F	11	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	7	—
15. Cerebral Hæmorrhage, &c.		M	57	—	—	—	—	—	1	17	23	16
		F	64	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	20	29
16. Heart Disease ...	...	M	127	—	—	—	3	2	9	41	41	31
		F	171	—	—	—	—	1	10	45	49	66
17. Arterio Sclerosis...	...	M	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	16	13
		F	42	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	9	21
18. Bronchitis ...	...	M	74	3	1	—	—	—	2	15	17	36
		F	86	3	—	—	—	—	4	13	10	56

Continued on next Page.

## Causes of Death at Different Periods of Life during the Year

1927—continued.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Sex.	All Ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 2 years.	2 and under 5 years.	5 and under 15 years.	15 and under 25 years.	25 and under 45 years.	45 and under 65 years.	65 and under 75 years.	75 and upwards.
19. Pneumonia (all forms) ...	M	71	9	9	1	2	—	11	17	11	11
	F	75	9	1	4	2	3	7	13	16	20
20. Other Respiratory Diseases	M	17	1	—	—	—	—	2	8	2	4
	F	13	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	2	4
21. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum ...	M	12	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	4	1
	F	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	1
22. Diarrhoea, &c. ...	M	10	5	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	1
	F	10	3	1	2	—	—	—	2	—	2
23. Appendicitis & Typhlitis ...	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
	F	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
24. Cirrhosis of Liver ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	F	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	—
25. Acute & Chronic Nephritis	M	23	—	—	1	—	—	3	12	5	2
	F	30	—	—	—	1	2	6	11	6	4
26. Puerperal Sepsis ...	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—
27. Other accidents and diseases of Pregnancy & Parturition	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
28. Congenital Debility, Pre mature Birth ...	M	43	41	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	F	24	23	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
29. Suicide ...	M	13	—	—	—	—	—	6	5	2	—
	F	6	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	1	—
30. Other Deaths from Violence	M	49	4	1	2	6	8	8	7	5	8
	F	17	—	1	—	1	3	1	—	3	8
31. Other Defined Diseases ...	M	146	14	1	2	4	5	22	27	29	42
	F	192	8	2	1	6	4	23	33	27	88
32. Causes ill-defined or unknown... ...	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Causes ...	M	996	81	20	14	27	47	133	274	208	192
	F	1087	50	8	10	25	50	109	263	221	351
Totals ...		208	131	28	24	52	97	242	537	429	543

Table showing Causes of Infant Mortality in 1927.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Under 1 Week.	1 and under 2 Weeks.	2 and under 3 Weeks.	3 and under 4 Weeks.	Total under 4 Weeks.	1—3 Months.	3—6 Months.	6—9 Months.	9—12 Months.	Total under One Year
Measles ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ... ..	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	1	4
Diphtheria ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Influenza ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	3
Tuberculosis of Nervous System	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of Intestines and Peritoneum ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Tuberculous Diseases ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Syphilis ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningitis ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Convulsions ... ..	—	2	—	1	3	1	—	—	—	4
Bronchitis ... ..	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	3	1	7
Pneumonia ... ..	—	—	1	1	2	4	4	6	2	18
Other Respiratory Diseases ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2
Inflammation of the Stomach...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diarrhoea and Enteritis ... ..	—	—	—	1	1	3	1	1	—	6
Hernia: Intestinal Obstruction	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	3
Congenital Malformations ... ..	3	1	—	1	5	4	4	—	—	13
Congenital Debility & Sclerema	3	—	—	—	3	2	—	1	—	6
Icterus ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Premature births ... ..	32	—	1	1	34	—	—	1	—	35
Injury at birth ... ..	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
Diseases of Umbilicus ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Atelectasis ... ..	6	—	—	—	6	—	1	—	—	7
Suffocation in bed ... ..	2	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	3
Other Causes ... ..	7	3	1	2	13	2	1	—	2	18
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>131</b>

### General Provision of Public Health Services in the Borough.

*Hospitals Provided or Subsidized by the Local Authority or by the County Council.*

- (1) *Tuberculosis.*—The London County Council is responsible for the provision of Institutional treatment of tuberculosis in London.
- (2) *Maternity.*—The Council's Maternity Home is situated at 41, Rushey Green, Catford. It was opened in 1918, with 12 beds, increased to 17 in April, 1924.
- (3) *Children.*—The Council does not provide Institutional treatment for ailing children.

The Hostel which forms part of the Sydenham Infant Welfare Centre provides 12 beds for wasting and premature babies.

The South-Eastern Hospital for Children is situated at Sydenham, in the Borough of Lewisham.

- (4) *Fever and Small-Pox.*—The Metropolitan Asylums Board is the Authority responsible for accommodation for infectious diseases.
- (5) *Other Hospitals.*—The only Voluntary General Hospital in the Borough is the St. John's Hospital, and this, and the Lewisham Hospital, which is maintained by the Lewisham Guardians, chiefly provide for the needs of the inhabitants of the Borough. The Miller General Hospital, which is situated a short distance from the Borough boundary, and the London General Hospitals, are also largely used by the inhabitants.

*Institutional Treatment for Unmarried Mothers.*

No accommodation is provided by the Council. The Lewisham and Lee Shelter for Girls, situated at Ladywell Park, Lewisham, provides accommodation for unmarried mothers and their infants.

*Ambulance Facilities.*

- (a) *For Infectious Cases.*—Provided by the Metropolitan Asylums Board.
- (b) *For Non-Infectious and Accident Cases.*—The M. A. B. Ambulance Service is also available for the conveyance of non-infectious cases, and that of the London County Council for accidents and maternity cases.

*Clinics and Treatment Centres.*

- (a) *Provided by the Borough Council :—*  
 Ante-Natal.—At the Maternity Home, Rushey Green.  
 Infant and Maternity.—At the Wesleyan Hall, Rushey Green.  
 Tuberculosis.—Tuberculosis Dispensary, 47, Catford Hill.

(b) *Voluntary.*

*Infant Welfare Centres :—*

Bellingham.—St. Dunstan's Hall, Bellingham.  
 Catford.—Wesleyan Hall, Rushey Green.  
 Downham.—St. Barnabas' Hall, Downham Way.  
 Forest Hill.—Salvation Army Hall, Wastdale Road.  
 Hither Green.—Wesleyan Hall, Torridon Road.  
 Lee and Blackheath.—St. Margaret's Hall, Old Road.  
 Sydenham.—5-7, Adamsrill Road.

*Venereal Diseases.*

St. John's Hospital, Lewisham.

### Public Health Officers of the Council.

The names and qualifications of those members of the Staff of the Public Health Department in respect of whom a salary grant is received, are set out below in the form specified by the Ministry of Health.

Name,	Qualifications,	Appointment,
*Harris, Arthur Wellesley	M.R.C.S., L.S.A., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health and Public Analyst.
†Miller, John Wilson	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.	Assistant M.O.H. and Maternity and Child Welfare Medical Officer.
†Jordan, Rose F.	M.D., B.S., B.Sc., D.P.H.	Tuberculosis Officer (part-time).
†Ruddy, Mary K.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Infant Welfare Medical Officer (part-time).
*Knappett, B. A.	Cert., Roy. San. Inst. Cert., Meat and other Foods	Sanitary Inspector.
*Cooper, J. A. K.	Cert., Roy. San. Inst. Cert., Meat and other Foods	Ditto
*King, H.	Cert., Roy. San. Inst. Cert., Meat and other Foods	Ditto
*Crowther, J.	Cert., Roy. San. Inst. Cert., San. Insp. Exam. Bd. Cert., Meat and other Foods	Ditto
*Berry, J. H.	Cert., San. Insp. Exam. Bd.	Ditto
*Holifield, C. E.	Cert., Roy. San. Inst. Cert., San. Insp. Exam. Bd. Cert., Meat and other Foods	Ditto
*Rayner, S. P.	Cert., Roy. San. Inst. Cert., San. Insp. Exam. Bd. Cert., Meat and other Foods	Ditto
*Gray, A. H.	Cert., Roy. San. Inst. Cert., Meat and other Foods	Ditto
*Parsons, W. S.	Cert., Roy. San. Inst. Cert., San. Insp. Exam. Bd. Cert., Meat and other Foods	Ditto
Walker, E.	Cert., San. Insp. Exam. Bd. Cert., Meat and other Foods	Ditto
*Jones, Miss N. F.	Cert., Roy. San. Inst. Cert., San. Insp. Exam. Bd.	Woman Sanitary Inspector.
†Watson, Miss E. M.	Cert., C.M.B. Cert., Roy. San. Inst. (Hlth. Vistrs. & Insp. Nuis.).	Health Visitor (M. & C. W.)
†Burton, Miss F. L.	Cert., Gen. Hosp. Training. Cert., C.M.B. Cert., Roy. San. Inst. (Health Visitors).	Ditto

Public Health Officers of the Council—*continued.*

Name.	Qualifications.	Appointment.
†Thompson, Miss C. H.	Cert., Roy. San. Inst. Ditto (Health Visitors). Cert., C.M.B.	Health Visitor (M. & C. W.)
†Edwards, Miss A. M. M.	Cert., Gen. Hosp. Training. Cert., C.M.B.	Ditto
†Kempster, Miss K. H.	Cert., Gen. Hosp. Training. Cert., C.M.B.	Ditto
†Simpson, Miss G.	Health Visitors' Diploma (Bd. of Educn.). Cert., C.M.B.	Ditto
†Cresswell, Miss W.	Cert., San. Insp. Exam. Bd. Health Visitors' Diploma (Appd. by Bd. of Educn.). Cert., Gen. Hosp. Training	Ditto
†Wardle, Mrs. M.	Cert., C.M.B. Cert., Gen. Hosp. Training.	Ditto
†Brocklehurst, Miss N.	Cert., L.G.B. for Scotland. Cert., C.M.B.	(Tuberculosis) Ditto
†Iles, Mrs. M.	Cert., Roy. San. Inst. Cert., San. Insp. Exam. Bd. Cert., Apothecaries Hall	(Tuberculosis) Clerk-Dispenser (M. & C. W.)
†Colquhoun, Miss M.	Cert., Apothecaries Hall	Ditto (Tuberculosis)
†Fynn, Mrs. D.	Cert., C.M.B.	Matron, Maternity Home.
†Fergusson, Miss O.	—	Sec., Tuberculosis Care Committee.

\* Salary contribution received under Public Health Acts.  
† " " " by Exchequer grants.

*Professional Nursing in the Home.*—The Council do not directly employ nurses for outside work, but several of the Churches in the Borough retain the services of trained nurses for the benefit of their respective parishioners, and eleven Ranyard Nurses are working in various parts of the Borough. Under the powers granted by the Maternity and Child Welfare Act, and the Public Health (Pneumonia, etc.), Regulations, agreements have been entered into whereby the services of these nurses are available for nursing cases of measles, pneumonia and ophthalmia neonatorum, a fee of 1s. 3d. per visit being paid by the Council.

*Midwives.*—No midwives are subsidized by the Council for outside work.

*Acts and Bye-laws.*—There are no local Acts of Parliament. The Bye-laws of the London County Council are enforced, as also are various local Bye-laws relating to sanitary matters.

### Sanitary Inspection of the Borough.

The work carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors, and the nature of the nuisances discovered and remedied, is shown in detail in the following tables :—

#### *Male Sanitary Inspectors.*

Complaints	...	...	...	1,167
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	1,052
House-to-house	...	...	...	1,377
Factories and Workshops	...	...	...	2,313
Bakehouses	...	...	...	212
Dairies	...	...	...	350
Cowhouses	...	...	...	24
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	566
Food-stalls	...	...	...	925
Houses let in Lodginigs	...	...	...	42
Smoke Observations	...	...	...	24
New Houses, for Water Certificates	...	...	...	1,740
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	1,152
Re-inspections and re-visits	...	...	...	12,671

#### *Woman Sanitary Inspector.*

Complaints	...	...	...	233
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	892
Factories and Workshops	...	...	...	300
Outworkers	...	...	...	346
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	139
Re-visits	...	...	...	613

*Nuisances discovered and remedied.*

Dirty and Dilapidated Premises	1124	Defective Soil and Ventilating Pipes—	
Defective Roofs	... .. 570	(a) necessitating replacement	218
Defective Rain-water Pipes and Gutters	... .. 447	(b) „ repair	... 70
Damp Premises	... .. 557	Dust-bins requiring replacement	400
Defective Drains—		Foul or Uncovered Drinking-Water Cisterns	... .. 76
(a) necessitating reconstruction	131	Defective or Unpaved Yards...	359
(b) „ repair	... 236	Offensive Accumulations	... 80
Defective Water-Closets—		Improperly Kept Animals	... 13
(a) necessitating replacement	333	Houses without proper supply of water	... .. 90
(b) „ repair	... 294		
Defective Waste Pipes	... 295		

*Notices.*—“Intimation” notices were served to the number of 2,005, and “Statutory” notices, 480.

*Legal Proceedings.*—Details of proceedings instituted under the Public Health and kindred statutes are summarised in the following Table :—

Premises.	Offence.	Result.
167, Ladywell Rd.	Premises in such a state as to be a nuisance ...	Ordered to abate nuisance within 14 days, and to pay £1 1s. 0d. costs.
14 and 15, Watlington Grove ...	Premises in such a state as to be a nuisance ...	Ordered to abate nuisances within 21 days, and pay £2 2s. and £1 1s. costs respectively.
11, 12 and 13, Watlington Grove ...	Premises in such a state as to be a nuisance ...	Summons adjourned.
95, High Street, Sydenham ...	Premises in such a state as to be a nuisance ...	Ordered to abate nuisance within 21 days, and pay £1 1s. 0d. costs.
10, Glenwood Rd.	Failure to comply with notice to cleanse, alter and amend drain ...	Penalty of £4 4s. 0d. imposed.
95, High Street, Sydenham ...	Failure to comply with Magistrate's Order ...	Summons dismissed on payment of £5 5s. 0d. costs, the work having been carried out.



### House-to-House Inspection.

A routine inspection of the houses comprised in the roads set out below was carried out during the year by the Sanitary Inspectors delegated to this particular duty :—

Name of Road.	No. of houses inspected.	No. in which defects were found,		
Ardmere Road and Ardmere Cottages ...	36	30		
Beacon Road ...	40	26		
Beadnell Road ...	75	35		
Benin Street ...	28	27		
Blashford Street ...	31	27		
Braseley Grove ...	41	12		
Bryden Grove ...	6	2		
Clyde Place and Clyde Terrace ...	37	26		
Creeland Grove ...	47	46		
Dalmain Road ...	125	111		
Darfield Road ...	89	47		
Dartmouth Place May's Flats Bird-in-hand Cottages Stifford Cottages	} Dartmouth Road ... 29	16		
Dauids Road ...			33	30
Elvino Road ...			15	4
Fairlawn Park ...			48	26
Gillian Street ...	26	23		
Hedgley Street ...	37	26		
Hillmore Grove ...	27	13		
Horton Street ...	35	32		
Jerrard Street ...	26	19		
Kirkley Road ...	7	6		
Merritt Road ...	93	47		
Noel Terrace, Forest Hill ...	16	8		
Perry Rise (part) ...	80	58		
Prospect Place ...	5	4		
Raglan Street ...	31	15		
Railway Terrace ...	19	17		
Siddons Road ...	62	33		
Silvermere Road ...	97	45		
High Street, Sydenham (part), and Suncroft Cottages ...	11	6		
Thurston Road ...	81	44		
Wemyss Road (part) ...	20	10		
Woodlands Street ...	28	25		
Totals	<u>1,381</u>	<u>896</u>		

**Statistics relating to Occupancy.**

11 houses contained 4 families.

81 „ „ 3 „

592 „ „ 2 „

678 „ „ 1 family.

*One-roomed Tenements.*—176.

2 were occupied by 6 persons.

3 „ „ „ 5 „

21 „ „ „ 4 „

16 „ „ „ 3 „

32 „ „ „ 2 „

102 „ „ „ 1 person.

*Two-roomed Tenements.*—311.

7 were occupied by 7 persons.

11 „ „ „ 6 „

28 „ „ „ 5 „

45 „ „ „ 4 „

74 „ „ „ 3 „

121 „ „ „ 2 „

25 „ „ „ 1 person.

*Three-roomed Tenements.*—646.

3 were occupied by 10 persons.

12 „ „ „ 9 „

14 „ „ „ 8 „

22 „ „ „ 7 „

42 „ „ „ 6 „

74 „ „ „ 5 „

129 „ „ „ 4 „

189 „ „ „ 3 „

136 „ „ „ 2 „

25 „ „ „ 1 person.

*Smoke Abatement.*

During the year 24 observations were made for the detection of nuisances arising from the emission of black smoke, and as a result 3 notices were served. The institution of legal proceedings was not necessary in any case.

### Factories and Workshops on the Register.

Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
Factory Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
Eating Houses and places where food is prepared for sale...							110
Dressmakers, Milliners, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	103
Laundries	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
Tailors	...	...	...	...	...	...	82
Dentists	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Bootmakers and Repairers...	...	...	...	...	...	...	182
Builders	...	...	...	...	...	...	68
Motor Manufacturers and Repairers...	...	...	...	...	...	...	125
Jewellers and Watch Repairers	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Upholsterers and Cabinet Makers	...	...	...	...	...	...	63
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	391
						Total	<u>1,343</u>

### OUTWORKERS.

No. of Lists received from Employers	...	...	...	88
Addresses of Outworkers received from other Councils				290
"    "    "    forwarded to other Councils				136
No. of visits made to Outworkers	...	...	...	460

### Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Premises. (1)	Number of		
	Inspections. (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Prosecutions (4)
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	590	39	—
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries)	1746	51	—
Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises)	277	20	—
Total	2613	110	—

## Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Particulars. (1)	Number of Defects.			No. of Prose- cutions. (5)
	Found. (2)	Remedied. (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector. (4)	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—*</i>				
Want of cleanliness ... ..	27	27	—	—
Want of ventilation ... ..	3	3	—	—
Overcrowding ... ..	3	3	—	—
Want of drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—
Other nuisances ... ..	10	10	—	—
Sanitary accommodation {	insufficient	17	—	—
	unsuitable or defective	50	—	—
	not separate for sexes	—	—	—
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts :—</i>				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (s. 101) ... ..	—	—	—	—
Other offences ... .. (Excluding offences relating to outwork and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921	6	6	—	—
Total ... ..	116	116	—	—

\*Including those specified in sections 2, 3, 7 and 8 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as remediable under the Public Health Acts.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

*Dairies and Milkshops.*—The number of premises registered under the provisions of the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, is 137, and during the year 350 inspections were made of these premises.

*Cowhouses.*—There are now only three licensed cowsheds in the Borough, and 24 visits were made to these during the year.

*Slaughterhouses.*—There are eight slaughterhouses in the Borough, licensed by the London County Council, and during the year 566 visits were made to these to inspect the condition of the premises and to examine the carcasses of slaughtered animals.

*Bakehouses.*—There are 82 bakehouses on our register, and 212 visits were made to these.

*Restaurants and Eating-houses.*—The visits made to the 110 eating-houses in the Borough numbered 237.

*Food-stalls.*—The number of visits made to food-stalls was 925.

### *Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923.*

The following is a list of the premises in respect of which licences were issued for the production or sale of milk under the designations provided in the Order:—

#### *To produce and bottle "Grade A" Milk:—*

Burnt Ash Farm, Lee... Messrs. Edwards & Sons, Ltd.  
(subsequently United Dairies (London), Ltd.).

#### *To Pasteurise:—*

Station Buildings, Forest Hill... Messrs. Edwards & Sons, Ltd.  
(Licence subsequently transferred to United Dairies  
(London), Ltd., at 57, Perry Vale, Forest Hill).

*To sell by Retail :—*

Premises.	Licencee.	Designation. (See Footnote.)
17, Sydenham Road	Edwards & Sons, Ltd. (subsequently United Dairies (London) Ltd.).	A, B, C, D, E.
296, Sydenham Road	"	"
116, Bromley Road	"	"
18, Bellingham Terrace	"	"
3, Perry Vale	"	"
195, Stanstead Road	"	"
108, Catford Hill	"	"
389, Brockley Road	"	"
30, Burnt Ash Road	"	"
109, Manor Lane	"	"
96, Verdant Lane	"	"
242, Brownhill Road	"	"
138, Rushey Green	"	"
30, Loampit Hill	"	"
1, Manor Park Parade	"	"
25, Dermody Road	"	"
22, Montpelier Vale	Express Dairy Co., Ltd.	A, C.
300, High Street, Lewisham	"	"
8, Bellingham Terrace	"	"
155, Ardgowan Road	"	"
188, Burnt Ash Hill	"	"
310, High Road, Lee	R. Bowyer & Son	A.
195, Perry Vale	R. S. Flew	A, C.
112, Wood Vale	Curtis Bros. & Dumbrill, Ltd.	A, C, D, E.
1, Kirkdale	Thos. French & Co.	A.
14, High Street, Sydenham	Symons Bros.	A, C.
133, Catford Hill	W. Lloyd	A.
Park Farm, Beckenham	A. Goodeve & Son	A.

NOTE.—A = Certified; B = Grade A; C = Grade A (Tuberculin Tested);  
D = Grade A (Pasteurised); E = Pasteurised.

*Bacteriological Examinations.*

*"Certified" Milk.*—Fourteen samples were taken for submission to bacteriological examination, and six of these were found not to comply with the standard laid down in the Order, in that they gave a positive reaction to the test for bacillus coli. These results were communicated to the Ministry of Health, who are the licensing authority for the farms on which the milk was produced.

*"Grade A. (Tuberculin Tested)" Milk.*—Five samples were examined, all of which were up to standard.

*"Grade A." Milk.*—Thirteen samples were taken, three of which were not up to standard. The results were communicated to the licensing authority for the district in which the producing farm was situated.

### Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.

Four hundred and seventy-three samples were taken under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and submitted to the Public Analyst during the year.

Of this number 368 were purchased officially in conformity with the provisions of the Acts, and the remaining 105 were bought informally as "test" samples.

Twelve or 3·2 per cent. of the official samples were certified by the Public Analyst as being adulterated, or below legal standard, compared with 1·1 per cent. in 1926

The following Table shows the nature and number of samples analysed; and the number found to be adulterated :—

Article submitted for Analysis.	No. of Samples Submitted.	Number Genuine.	Number Adulterated.
<b>Official Samples.</b>			
Milk ... ..	364	352	12
Separated Milk ... ..	4	4	—
Total Official Samples ...	368	356	12
<b>Informal Samples.</b>			
Butter ... ..	20	20	—
Cream ... ..	15	15	—
Cocoa ... ..	10	10	—
Coffee ... ..	19	19	—
Camphorated Oil ... ..	3	3	—
Flour ... ..	10	10	—
Lard ... ..	12	12	—
Mustard ... ..	9	9	—
Medicinal Prescriptions ...	3	3	—
Salmon and Shrimp Paste ...	1	1	—
Tincture of Bark ... ..	3	3	—
Total Informal Samples	105	105	—
Totals, all Samples	473	461	—

*Milk.* — 364 samples of milk were submitted for analysis and of this number twelve or 3·2 per cent. were certified as adulterated or below the standard fixed by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries. The average composition of these milk samples is set out below :—

Period.	Average Composition of all Samples submitted, Genuine and Adulterated.		Average Composition of Genuine Samples.		Board of Agriculture Standard.	
	Percentage of Milk Fat.	Percentage of Solids not Fat.	Percentage of Milk Fat.	Percentage of Solids not Fat.	Percentage of Milk Fat.	Percentage of Solids not Fat.
First Quarter ... ..	3.44	8.94	3.46	8.97	} 3.0	} 8.5
Second " ... ..	3.36	8.66	3.37	8.86		
Third " ... ..	3.44	8.85	3.46	8.86		
Fourth " ... ..	3.44	8.88	3.47	8.88		
Average for the Year ...	3.42	8.88	3.44	8.89		

### Public Health (Milk and Cream) Regulations.

None of the samples of milk were reported as containing any preservative or colouring matter.

Seven samples of preserved cream were submitted and in each instance the statement as to the preservative on the declaratory label was correct.

The percentage of preservative found in each sample of Preserved Cream was as follows:—

Sample Marked No.	Percentage of Preservative.	Remarks.
287	0.30 per cent. Boric Acid ... ..	} Sold as Preserved Cream and labelled in accordance with the Regulations.
288	0.25 " " " " ... ..	
291	0.35 " " " " ... ..	
293	0.30 " " " " ... ..	
447	0.30 " " " " ... ..	
449	0.35 " " " " ... ..	
452	0.30 " " " " ... ..	





Diseases.	Age Groups.									All ages.
	Under 1 year	1 and under 2 years	2 and under 5 years	5 and under 15 years	15 and under 25 years	25 and under 45 years	45 and under 65 years	65 and under 75 years	75 years and upwards	
Enteric Fever ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Measles ... ..	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
Scarlet Fever ... ..	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	3
Whooping Cough ... ..	4	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Diphtheria ... ..	—	—	5	9	2	—	—	—	—	16
Influenza ... ..	3	3	1	5	5	9	28	21	21	96
Encephalitis Legarthica ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	2	—	6
Py erperal Fever... ..	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	4

Table showing number of Deaths from Infectious Diseases during 1927—

*Scarlet Fever.*—The number of cases of Scarlet Fever notified was 539, compared with 478 in the previous year. A comparison with previous years can be made from the following Table, which shews the number of notifications received in the past ten years :—

*Scarlet Fever.*

			Cases.		Deaths.		Mortality per 100 cases.
1918	...	...	205	...	12	...	5·8
1919	...	...	627	...	6	...	0·9
1920	...	...	728	...	8	...	1·1
1921	...	...	1,120	...	5	...	0·4
1922	...	...	619	...	12	...	1·9
1923	...	...	394	...	7	...	1·7
1924	...	...	368	...	5	...	1·3
1925	...	...	383	...	2	...	0·5
1926	...	...	478	...	2	...	0·4
1927	...	...	539	...	3	...	0·5

*Diphtheria.*—The cases notified numbered 311, compared with 377 in the previous year. Statistics for the past ten years are shewn in the following Table :—

*Diphtheria.*

			Diphtheria Cases.		Deaths.		Mortality per 100 cases.
1918	...	...	319	...	31	...	9·7
1919	...	...	352	...	17	...	4·8
1920	...	...	453	...	46	...	10·2
1921	...	...	515	...	28	...	5·4
1922	...	...	447	...	32	...	7·1
1923	...	...	295	...	27	...	9·0
1924	...	...	190	...	10	...	5·2
1925	...	...	256	...	17	...	6·6
1926	...	...	377	...	10	...	2·6
1927	...	...	311	...	16	...	5·1

*Ophthalmia Neonatorum.*

Cases.			Results.			
Notified.	Treated.		Vision Unimpaired.	Vision Impaired.	Total Blindness.	Deaths.
	Home.	Hospital.				
8	6	2	7	—	—	1*

\*Certified cause of death—Pneumonia

## TUBERCULOSIS

*New Cases and Mortality during 1927*

Age Periods. Years	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary.	
	Males.	Females.	Males	Females	Males.	Females.	Males	Females
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	1	—	5	7	1	—	4	3
5	2	2	11	7	—	3	4	1
10	3	1	5	2	—	—	—	—
15	13	19	6	6	23	28	1	2
20	23	35	1	7	—	—	—	—
25	40	46	4	5	51	29	—	2
35	27	21	3	5	—	—	—	—
45	28	15	2	1	23	12	2	—
55	8	7	1	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards	3	3	—	—	3	2	—	1
Totals	148	149	38	40	101	74	11	9

*Cases of Tuberculosis on the Register, 1927.*

	Pulmonary.			Non-Pulmonary.		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Cases on Register at end of 1926 ...	725	573	1298	264	257	521
Cases added to Register in 1927 ...	148	149	297	38	40	78
Cases removed from Register in 1927						
Deaths and Removals from Borough ...	111	98	209	15	19	34
Cases on Register at end of 1927 ...	762	624	1386	287	278	565

### Report of Dr. Rose Jordan, Tuberculosis Officer.

During the year 1927 the primary notifications of tuberculosis numbered 375, of which 297 were of pulmonary tuberculosis and 78 of other forms of tuberculosis. During the same period, 175 persons died from pulmonary tuberculosis, and 20 from non-pulmonary tuberculosis, the death-rate from pulmonary tuberculosis being 0·92 per 1,000 inhabitants. This is, unfortunately, the highest number of deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis recorded in the Borough during the present century, with the exception of the war year 1917. It may possibly in part be accounted for by the wet inclement summer.

**Table A.**  
**Statistics re Pulmonary Tuberculosis.**

Year.	BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM.				ENGLAND AND WALES.			
	Deaths.		Death Rate per 1000.		Deaths.		Death Rate per 1000.	
1901	...	...	120	...	0·93	...	...	1·26
1902	...	...	142	...	1·06	...	...	1·23
1903	...	...	107	...	0·78	0·896	...	1·20
1904	...	...	118	...	0·84		...	1·24
1905	...	...	126	...	0·87		...	1·14
1906	...	...	119	...	0·80		...	1·15
1907	...	...	138	...	0·90		...	1·14
1908	...	...	135	...	0·85	0·770	...	1·12
1909	...	...	125	...	0·75		...	1·09
1910	...	...	90	...	0·55		...	1·01
1911	...	...	104	...	0·64		...	1·06
1912	...	...	112	...	0·68		...	1·02
1913	...	...	126	...	0·73	0·744	...	0·99
1914	...	...	128	...	0·77		...	1·02
1915	...	...	155	...	0·90		...	1·13
1916	...	...	167	...	—		...	1·15
1917	...	...	182	...	—		...	1·21
1918	...	...	161	...	—		...	1·30
1919	...	...	139	...	0·86		...	0·99
1920	...	...	128	...	0·73		...	0·87
1921	...	...	143	...	0·81		...	0·88
1922	...	...	132	...	0·74		...	0·88
1923	...	...	139	...	0·76	0·724	...	0·83
1924	...	...	127	...	0·68		...	0·84
1925	...	...	117	...	0·63		...	0·83
1926	...	...	135	...	0·71		...	0·77
1927	...	...	175	...	0·92		...	

An analysis of the deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis in the Borough since 1900 is shown in the accompanying Table A, in which the figures for Lewisham are compared with those for the whole of England and Wales, the average for each period of five years being added. It will be seen that, with the exception of the war years, there has been a steady decline in the death-rate throughout the country.

Some criticisms have been offered with regard to the late notification of cases of tuberculosis in the country generally. This is not really so in the Borough of Lewisham, when the notifications are analysed. For, during 1927, there were 195 deaths from tuberculosis in the Borough, 175 from pulmonary tuberculosis and 20 from other forms of tuberculosis. Of this number, 57 (37 pulmonary and 20 other forms) were either un-notified or notified within three months of death, a total of 29 per cent. of late notifications. But, on investigation, it is found that only seven of the cases could have been notified at an earlier date, an actual percentage of 3.5.

The inhabited area of the Borough has steadily grown during the year, owing to extension of the Downham Estate and the opening of the new Grove Park Estate. It has been possible to find accommodation on these Estates for a number of families containing tuberculous members, who were living under unsuitable conditions. It is hoped that the improved housing and sanitation will assist materially in protecting the contacts from infection. The notified cases of tuberculosis living on the Downham Estate now number 69 pulmonary and 18 other forms, while 8 died during the year.

The four open-air shelters supplied by the Borough Council were so much appreciated by tuberculous patients having insufficient sleeping accommodation, that two additional shelters were ordered in November from Papworth Industries. Owing to inclement weather and continuous rainfall, they could not be utilised before the end of the year.

TABLE B.

Visits.				ex-Service Men.	Civilians	TOTAL.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	...	...	...	62	216	278
Other Forms	...	...	...	3	71	74
Subsequent Visits	...	...	...	197	1475	1672
Un-notified Cases	...	...	...	20	145	165
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No. occupying Separate Room	...	...	...	20	128	148
,, sharing with 1 other	...	...	...	26	90	116
,,   ,,   ,, 2 others	...	...	...	14	45	59
,,   ,,   ,, 3   ,,	...	...	...	3	19	22
,,   ,,   ,, 4   ,,	...	...	...	1	2	3
,,   ,,   ,, 5   ,,	...	...	...	—	3	3
,,   ,,   ,, 6   ,,	...	...	...	1	—	1
<hr/>						
No. having Separate Bed	...	...	...	25	168	193
,, sharing with 1 other	...	...	...	35	106	141
,,   ,,   ,, 2 others	...	...	...	5	12	17
,,   ,,   ,, 3   ,,	...	...	...	—	1	1
,,   ,,   ,, 4   ,,	...	...	...	—	—	—

Table B gives a summary of the work carried out by the two Health Visitors, whose visits are welcomed in the homes of the patients, where advice and help are asked and gladly given.

**TABLE C.**

*Condition on 31st December, 1927, of all cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis who have attended the Dispensary since its foundation.*

Year ...	1916 (6 months)	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	Totals
No. of Cases ...	74	157	200	185	200	159	165	181	166	165	204	195	2051
Dead ...	48	72	86	62	89	75	79	73	62	57	58	20	781
Left ...	14	50	55	57	46	36	46	41	34	29	21	6	435
Well ...	—	5	12	17	16	16	18	37	30	39	55	34	279
Fair ...	1	10	6	17	8	13	14	23	32	31	60	106	321
Unwell ...	3	—	1	3	4	—	4	4	4	9	10	29	71
Discharged as arrested, or diagnosis not confirmed ...	8	20	40	29	37	19	4	3	4	—	—	—	164
Totals ...	74	157	200	185	200	159	165	181	166	165	204	195	2051



Table C shows the condition on December 31st, 1927, of all patients diagnosed as suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, who have attended the Dispensary since its inception in June, 1916. Of the 2,051 here classified, 781 are known to be dead, *i.e.*, 38 per cent., 435 have left the Borough, 164 have been removed from the register, while 671 are still living in the Borough. Of the latter, 279 are well and able to work.

The Tuberculosis Officer paid 306 visits at the homes of patients, and visited 23 patients in consultation with their medical attendants.

The London County Council admitted 192 patients to residential institutions. The Lewisham Hospital admitted 28 patients recommended by the Tuberculosis Officer. Two patients were admitted through the Guardians to the Papworth Training Colony, where they are making good progress.

The Dispensary is affiliated to King's College Hospital and to the Miller General Hospital; and patients also attend the London Hospital for special light treatment, and Brompton Hospital for Artificial Pneumothorax refills. During the year, 3 patients made 31 attendances for treatment for lupus, 5 patients were sent for X-Ray examination, 7 were referred to King's College Hospital for surgical and laryngeal complications, while 11 patients made 105 attendances for Artificial Pneumothorax refills. Under the special arrangements for dental treatment with the British Dental Hospital, 22 patients received dental treatment and two were provided with dentures. The Borough Council granted diet allowances of milk, eggs and butter to 15 patients to aid them in keeping fit for work after returning from Sanatorium.

The Secretary of the Care Committee reports that 26 meetings were held during the year to discuss the financial and social circumstances of the patients and to assess their contributions towards institutional treatment. Ninety-six patients were asked to pay weekly contributions, varying from 1s. to 30s., while 106 were recommended for free treatment. Nearly £600

was thus collected from the patients and forwarded to the London County Council. Help was given with regard to the supply of clothing and other necessities and also for the boarding-out of children and for seeking employment. The voluntary fund was well maintained and proved a most useful adjunct in providing assistance.

The Handicrafts Class has had three successful terms, each of 12 sessions. It consists of 16 male and female patients selected as suitable by the Tuberculosis Officer. A most efficient instructress is provided by the London County Council, and the leather, raffia and cane work accomplished has been of a surprisingly high order for beginners. The therapeutic benefit to the patients is most gratifying.

During the year, 100 tuberculous ex-service men living in the Borough have been seen in connection with the Dispensary. They are given preferential consideration with regard to any necessary institutional treatment.

The following tables give a summary of the work carried out at the Dispensary during the year :—

**Table D.**  
**Attendances of Patients at the Dispensary.**

1926.	First Attendances.	Subsequent Attendances.	Totals.
January ... ..	76	246	322
February ... ..	57	170	227
March ... ..	78	198	276
April ... ..	55	182	237
May ... ..	78	202	280
June ... ..	28	170	198
July ... ..	59	170	229
August ... ..	36	122	158
September ... ..	61	214	275
October ... ..	62	197	259
November ... ..	72	187	259
December ... ..	42	127	169
	704	2185	2889

**Table E.****Summary of First Attendances at the Dispensary, 1927.**

	Applied on own initiative.	Sent by Doctor.	Sent by Min. of Pensions.	Transferred from Hosp., Disp., etc.	Sent by L.C.C.	Contacts.	Totals.
Pulmonary ... ..	46	96	5	39	1	8	195
Non-Pulmonary ... ..	14	4	—	8	11	2	39
No Tuberculous Disease... ..	121	124	1	6	38	177	467
Suspects ... ..	2	1	—	—	—	—	3
	183	225	6	53	50	187	704

**Table F.****Stages in Pulmonary Tuberculosis.**

	Male.	Female.	Children under 16.	Total.
Stage I. ... ..	24	21	3	48
" II. ... ..	52	53	2	107
" III. ... ..	20	20	—	40
	96	94	5	195

Stage I.—Slight disease of one lobe.

Stage II.—Disease of two lobes or part of three lobes.

Stage III.—Severe disease of three or more lobes.

**Table G.****Cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.**

	Male.	Female.	Children under 16.	Total.
Glands ... ..	1	3	9	13
Bone ... ..	5	6	7	18
Other Regions ... ..	1	3	4	8
	7	12	20	39

## MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

### *Work of Health Visitors.*

Seven whole-time Health Visitors are engaged in Maternity and Child Welfare work, each being allotted a particular portion of the Borough. Infants are visited by them as soon as information of a birth is received, and at intervals, three or four times during the first year of life. Further visits are made subsequently, but at longer intervals, until the child reaches the age of five years. The duties of the Health Visitors also comprise visits to expectant mothers, to cases of Puerperal Fever, and Ophthalmia, to applicants under the Milk Assistance Scheme, and enquiries into infant deaths. Each Health Visitor attends the Voluntary Infant Welfare Centre which is held in her district, and also takes her turn in attending the Council's Infant Welfare Clinic.

The work of these officers is summarised in the following table :—

Primary Visits to Infants under 1 year	...	...	2,771
Subsequent " " "	...	...	10,017
Children between 1 and 5 years of age	...	...	6,606
Still Births	...	...	30
Infant Deaths	...	...	60
Ante-Natal Cases—Primary Visits	...	...	237
" " Subsequent Visits	...	...	141
Applications for Milk	...	...	1,393
Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia Cases	...	...	10
Ophthalmia Neonatorum Cases	...	...	9
Other Infectious Cases	...	...	193
Miscellaneous Visits	...	...	312

### *Municipal Maternity Home.*

Medical Officer - - DR. J. W. MILLER.  
 Matron - - - Mrs. D. FYNN.

The Maternity Home is situated at 41, Rushey Green, Catford, and has seventeen beds, permitting an average admission of 26 patients per month.

The nursing staff comprises the Matron, five nurses and two probationers. The domestic staff includes a cook, two housemaids, a laundry-maid, and a daily cleaner. There is also a Clerk-Dispenser.

During the year 310 confinements took place in the Home, of which 176 were primiparæ and 134 multiparæ, and the nature of these cases is shown in the following Table :—

	Total.	Proportion to Total.	Percentage.
Total Number of Labours ...	310	—	—
Vertex Presentation ...	305	1 in 1·01	98·38
Pelvic „ ...	8	1 in 38·7	2·5
Twins ... ..	3	1 in 103·3	·96
Fibroid of Uterus ... ..	1	1 in 310	·32
Manual Removal of Placenta	1	1 in 310	·32
Forceps ... ..	8	1 in 38·7	2·5
Minor Operations (P.42, M.8)	50	1 in 6·2	16·12
Thrombosis ... ..	1	1 in 310	·32
Phlebitis ... ..	1	1 in 310	·32
Morbidity ... ..	4	1 in 77·5	1·29

NOTE.—The Standard of Morbidity is taken as :—“ The rising of the temperature to 100° F., on at least two occasions between the second and eighth days.”

The maternal mortality was nil.

Of the 313 infants born, six were still-born, and five died shortly after birth. Details of these cases are set out in the following Table :—

Number of Births ... ..	313
Full-term Deaths ... ..	4
Macerated ... ..	2
Total number born dead ... ..	6
Infants born alive who died in the Home	5
Total number born dead or died in the Home	11

*Still-births.*

Maturity.		Cause of Death.		Remarks.
1.	Premature ...	Unknown	...	Fœtus macerated
2.	Full-term ...	Asphyxia Pallida	...	—
3.	" ...	Prolonged Labour	...	—
4.	" ...	Unknown	...	—
5.	" ...	"	...	—
6.	" ...	"	...	Fœtus macerated

*Live Births.*

Maturity.		Period of Survival.		Cause of Death.
7.	Premature ...	4 hours	...	Prematurity
8.	" (Twin) ...	24 "	...	"
9.	" " ...	50 "	...	"
10.	Full-term ...	4 days	...	Intracranial Hæmorrhage
11.	" ...	24 hours	...	Atelectasis

The sex incidence of the infants was as follows :—

Males, 151. Females, 162. ... Total, 313.

The average length and weight of the full-term infants were as follow :—

Males ... Length, 21·9 inches. Weight, 7·6-lbs.

Females ... " 21·3 " " 7·1-lbs.

All the infants were entirely breast-fed with the exception of three. In one case the mother was suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis and the infant was entirely bottle-fed. The other two required complementary feeds.

Four of the infants had congenital defects, viz., 1, Talipes ; 1, Undescended testicle ; 1, Supernumerary finger ; and 1, Partial cleft palate. One infant developed a Cephalhæmatoma.

One case of Ophthalmia Neonatorum occurred, in spite of the prophylactic measures taken. The case responded to treatment and was discharged well.

The following table shows the details of infants still-born (or who died shortly after birth) for the period, 1st June, 1918, to 31st December, 1927 :—

Number of Births	... 2,411	Total number born dead	... 68
Premature Deaths, recent	... 12	Infants born alive who died in	
Full-term Deaths	... 40	the Home	... 41
Macerated	... 15	Total number born dead or	
Putrid	... 1	died in the Home	... 109

The following Table shews the number and classification of cases admitted to the Maternity Home during the period June 1st, 1918, to December 31st, 1927 :—

	Total.	Proportion to Total.	Percentage.
Total Number of Labours ...	2,382	—	—
Vertex Presentation ...	2,303	1 in 1·03	96·68
Face           "           " ...	4	1 in 595·5	·16
Pelvic           "           " ...	102	1 in 23·35	4·28
Transverse   "           " ...	2	1 in 1191	·08
Twins           "           " ...	29	1 in 82·13	1·21
Accidental Hæmorrhage ...	9	1 in 264·6	·37
Placenta Prævia ...	1	1 in 2382	·04
Acute Inversion of Uterus ...	1	1 in 2382	·04
Post-Partum Hæmorrhage ...	10	1 in 238·2	·41
Secondary   "           " ...	1	1 in 2382	·04
Eclampsia           "           " ...	1	1 in 2382	·04
Post-Partum Eclampsia ...	2	1 in 1191	·08
Fibroids of Uterus ...	4	1 in 595·5	·16
Dermoid Cyst in Pelvis ...	1	1 in 2382	·04
Manual Removal of Placenta ...	10	1 in 238·2	·41
Forceps           "           " ...	127	1 in 18·75	5·30
Minor Operations ...	362	1 in 6·58	15·19
Internal Version ...	1	1 in 2382	·04
Prolapse of Cord ...	8	1 in 297·75	·33
Rupture of Cord ...	1	1 in 2382	·04
Craniotomy (Hydrocephalus) ...	1	1 in 2382	·04
Hydramnios           "           " ...	1	1 in 2382	·04
Pyelonephritis ...	2	1 in 1191	·08
Albuminuria of Pregnancy ...	6	1 in 397	·25
Parenchymatous Mastitis ...	2	1 in 1191	·08
Phlebitis           "           " ...	4	1 in 595·5	·16
Thrombosis           "           " ...	1	1 in 2382	·04
Measles           "           " ...	1	1 in 2382	·04
Puerperal Insanity ...	3	1 in 794	·12
Puerperal Sepsis ...	5	1 in 476·4	·20
Morbidity ...	49	1 in 48·61	2·05
Maternal Mortality ...	Nil	—	—

*Ante-Natal Clinic.*—This Clinic is held at the Maternity Home, 41, Rushey Green, twice weekly. Most of the patients who attend are for admission to the Home, but an increasing number is sent by midwives for examination and advice. The number of attendances during the year was 2,203.

An analysis of the cases is set out in the following Table :—

Classification of Cases.	No.	Totals.
CONSULTATIONS ... ..	1814	1814
DISORDERS AND DISEASES OF THE REPRODUCTORY SYSTEM—		
Endocervicitis ... ..	14	
Pruritis Vulvæ ... ..	4	
Neuralgia of Nipple ... ..	1	
		19
DISORDERS AND DISEASES OF THE ALIMENTARY SYSTEM—		
Dental Caries ... ..	26	
Stomatitis ... ..	1	
Dyspepsia ... ..	100	
Constipation ... ..	75	
Hæmorrhoids ... ..	5	
Hernia ... ..	1	
		208
DISEASES OF THE HEART, BLOOD VESSELS, ETC.—		
Varicose Veins ... ..	14	
Thyroid Enlargement ... ..	9	
		23
DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM—		
Nasal Catarrh ... ..	4	
Epistaxis ... ..	4	
Bronchitis ... ..	29	
Laryngitis ... ..	1	
Tuberculosis ... ..	1	
		39
FUNCTIONAL DISORDERS AND DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM—		
Neuralgia ... ..	3	
Neuritis ... ..	2	
Insomnia of Pregnancy ... ..	18	
Sickness of Pregnancy ... ..	17	
		40
DISEASES OF THE URINARY SYSTEM—		
Albuminuria of Pregnancy ... ..	2	
Cystitis ... ..	2	
Pyelitis ... ..	1	
		5
AFFECTIONS OF THE SKIN—		
Chloasma Gravidarum ... ..	1	
Furunculosis ... ..	1	
Rosacea ... ..	1	
Urticaria ... ..	3	
Intertrigo ... ..	1	
Paronychia ... ..	1	
		8
GENERAL DISEASES—		
Anæmia of Pregnancy ... ..	44	
Muscular Rheumatism ... ..	3	
		47



*Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics.*

These are at present held at the Wesleyan Church Hall, Rushey Green, on four mornings in each week. The attendances during 1927 were as follows:—

Maternity Clinic	...	...	1,977
Child Welfare Clinic	...	...	7,066

An analysis of the ailments treated, is set out in the following Tables:—

*Maternity Clinic.*

Classification of Cases.	No.	Totals.
CONSULTATIONS	1054	1054
DISORDERS AND DISEASES OF THE REPRODUCTORY SYSTEM—		
Abortion	1	
Endocervicitis	8	
Subinvolution of Uterus	65	
Menorrhagia	6	
Metrorrhagia	2	
Amenorrhœa	3	
Leucorrhœa	4	
Sore Nipples	5	
Mastitis	1	
Breast Abscess	3	
Flushed Breasts	3	
Engorged Breasts	4	
Scanty Secretion of Milk	77	
		182
DISORDERS AND DISEASES OF THE ALIMENTARY SYSTEM—		
Dental Caries	128	
Pyorrhœa	1	
Coryza	3	
Pharyngeal Catarrh	1	
Mumps	3	
Tonsillitis	6	
Stomatitis	3	
Dyspepsia	33	
Gastric Ulcer	2	
Colitis	1	
Constipation	87	
Hæmorrhoids	26	
		294

Maternity Clinic—*continued.*

Classification of Cases.	No.	Totals.
<b>DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM—</b>		
Nasal Catarrh ... ..	8	
Influenza ... ..	5	
Laryngitis ... ..	8	
Bronchitis ... ..	54	
Asthma ... ..	1	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ... ..	1	
		77
<b>DISEASES OF THE HEART, BLOOD VESSELS, ETC.—</b>		
Valvular Disease of the Heart ... ..	2	
Varicose Veins ... ..	2	
Varicose Ulcer ... ..	2	
		6
<b>FUNCTIONAL DISORDERS AND DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM—</b>		
Facial Neuralgia ... ..	9	
Neuritis ... ..	2	
Neurasthenia ... ..	2	
Epilepsy ... ..	1	
Insomnia of Pregnancy ... ..	1	
Sickness of Pregnancy ... ..	10	
		25
<b>DISEASES OF THE LYMPHATIC SYSTEM, THYROID, ETC.—</b>		
Thyroid Inefficiency ... ..	2	
Thyroid Enlargement ... ..	3	
		5
<b>DISEASES OF THE URINARY SYSTEM—</b>		
Chronic Bright's Disease ... ..	1	
Cystitis ... ..	5	
		6
<b>AFFECTIONS OF THE SKIN—</b>		
Alopecia Areata ... ..	2	
Eczema ... ..	4	
Scabies ... ..	1	
Rosacea ... ..	2	
Urticaria ... ..	3	
Impetigo ... ..	1	
Furunculosis ... ..	4	
Paronychia ... ..	1	
		18
<b>DISEASES OF THE EAR—</b>		
Otitis Media ... ..	1	
		1
<b>DISEASES OF THE EYE—</b>		
Blepharitis Marginalis ... ..	2	
Conjunctivitis ... ..	1	
Meibomian Cyst ... ..	1	
		4

Maternity Clinic—*continued.*

Classification of Cases.	No.	Totals.
<b>DISEASES OF THE MUSCLES, BONES AND JOINTS—</b>		
Ganglion ... ..	1	
Rheumatoid Arthritis ... ..	2	
Muscular Rheumatism ... ..	32	
		35
<b>BURNS AND SCALDS</b> ... ..	1	
		1
<b>GENERAL DISEASES—</b>		
Anæmia of Pregnancy ... ..	7	
Lactational Anæmia ... ..	230	
Post-Partum Anæmia ... ..	32	
		269

## Child Welfare Clinic.

Classification of Cases.	No.	Totals.
CONSULTATIONS ON FEEDING AND MANAGEMENT ...	5230	5230
FUNCTIONAL DISORDERS AND DISEASES OF THE ALIMENTARY SYSTEM—		
Tongue-tie ... ..	5	
Dental Caries ... ..	78	
Disorders of Dentition ... ..	66	
Alveolar Abscess ... ..	2	
Enlarged Tonsils and Adenoids ... ..	41	
Mumps ... ..	1	
Thrush ... ..	22	
Gingivitis ... ..	2	
Tonsillitis ... ..	6	
Gastritis ... ..	1	
Stomatitis ... ..	6	
Dyspepsia ... ..	208	
Gastro-Enteritis ... ..	8	
Gastro-Intestinal Catarrh ... ..	74	
Catarrhal Jaundice ... ..	2	
Constipation ... ..	242	
Intussuception ... ..	1	
Prolapse of Rectum ... ..	1	
Hæmorrhoids ... ..	1	
Hernia (Inguinal—Single) ... ..	2	
Hernia (Inguinal—Double) ... ..	2	
Hernia (Umbilical) ... ..	20	
Thread Worms ... ..	27	
Round Worms ... ..	2	
		820
DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM—		
Nasal Catarrh ... ..	46	
Pertussis ... ..	21	
Laryngitis ... ..	2	
Influenza ... ..	3	
Bronchitis ... ..	434	
Bronchial Catarrh ... ..	8	
Broncho-Pneumonia ... ..	2	
Asthma ... ..	3	
		519
FUNCTIONAL DISORDERS AND DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM—		
Valvular Disease of the Heart ... ..	1	
Congenital Heart Disease ... ..	2	
		3

Child Welfare Clinic—*continued.*

Classification of Cases.	No.	Totals.
<b>FUNCTIONAL DISORDERS AND DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM—</b>		
Convulsions ... ..	3	
Epilepsy ... ..	1	
Backward Speech ... ..	1	
Angio-Neurotic Oedema ... ..	2	
		7
<b>DISEASES OF THE LYMPHATIC SYSTEM—</b>		
Cervical Adenitis ... ..	7	
Post-Cervical Adenitis ... ..	2	
Sub-mental Adenitis ... ..	1	
		10
<b>DISEASES OF THE URINARY SYSTEM—</b>		
Eneuresis ... ..	6	
		6
<b>FUNCTIONAL DISORDERS AND DISEASES OF THE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM—</b>		
Phimosis ... ..	3	
Preputial Adhesions ... ..	17	
Preputial Inflammation ... ..	5	
Mastitis ... ..	2	
Breast Abscess ... ..	1	
		28
<b>AFFECTIONS OF THE SKIN—</b>		
Nævus ... ..	8	
Eczema ... ..	73	
Eczema Capitis ... ..	3	
Seborrhœic Eczema ... ..	3	
Seborrhœa Capitis ... ..	8	
Pediculosis Capitis ... ..	1	
Ringworm ... ..	1	
Furunculosis ... ..	11	
Erythema Multiforme ... ..	1	
Impetigo ... ..	48	
Urticaria ... ..	82	
Alopecia ... ..	1	
Sudamina ... ..	1	
Scabies ... ..	3	
Herpes ... ..	1	
Pemphigus ... ..	11	
Dermatitis (Napkin) ... ..	3	
Sore Buttocks ... ..	13	
Ichthyosis ... ..	1	
Paronychia ... ..	5	
		278
<b>DISEASES OF THE EAR—</b>		
Otitis Media ... ..	35	
Abscess in External Auditory Meatus ... ..	2	
		37

Child Welfare Clinic—*continued.*

Classification of Cases.	No.	Totals
<b>DISEASES OF THE EYE—</b>		
Catarrhal Conjunctivitis ... ..	21	
Phlyctenular Conjunctivitis ... ..	1	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	4	
Blepharitis Marginalis ... ..	5	
Strabismus ... ..	3	
Meibomian Cyst ... ..	1	
Keratitis ... ..	1	
Cataract (Congenital) ... ..	1	
Hordeolum ... ..	3	
		40
<b>INJURIES AND DISEASES OF THE MUSCLES, BONES AND JOINTS, ETC.—</b>		
Arthritis ... ..	1	
Fracture of Clavicle ... ..	1	
		2
<b>WOUNDS AND BRUISES</b> ... ..	8	
		8
<b>SCALDS AND BURNS</b> ... ..	3	
		3
<b>EXANTHEMATA—</b>		
Chickenpox ... ..	6	
		6
<b>MENTAL DEFECTS</b> ... ..	3	
		3
<b>CONGENITAL DEFECTS—</b>		
Cleft Palate ... ..	3	
Double Harelip and Cleft Palate ... ..	1	
Webbed Fingers ... ..	1	
Supernumerary Finger ... ..	1	
Imperforate Anus ... ..	1	
Talipes ... ..	3	
Flat Foot ... ..	3	
Metatarsal Varus ... ..	4	
		17
<b>INJURIES AND DISEASES OF THE NEWBORN—</b>		
Polypus of Umbilicus ... ..	12	
Hæmatoma of Sterno-Mastoid ... ..	1	
		13
<b>RICKETS</b> ... ..	18	
		18
<b>GENERAL DISEASES—</b>		
Anæmia ... ..	10	
Rheumatism ... ..	7	
		17

*Dental Treatment.*—By agreement with the British Dental Hospital, the following cases were treated during 1927 :—

Dental Treatment (Extractions, Fillings, etc.) :—

Expectant and Nursing Mothers ...	166
Infants ... ..	66

The supply of artificial dentures was authorised by the Council for 57 expectant and nursing mothers.

*Voluntary Infant Welfare Centres.* — There are eight Centres in the Borough administered by voluntary workers. At these Centres facilities are given for the weighing of infants, and mothers are enabled to purchase milk foods, baby clothing, etc., at cost price. The Borough Council provide the necessary medical consultant at each of these centres, with one exception, *i.e.*, the Sydenham Centre, which has its own Medical Advisers. Particulars of these Centres are given in the following Table:—

*Voluntary Infant Welfare Centres.*

Title.	Where Held.	No. of sessions weekly.	Total attendances, 1927.
Catford School for Mothers	Wesleyan Hall, Rushey Green	2	10786
Forest Hill Infant Welfare Centre	Salvation Army Hall, Wastdale Road	1	2946
Hither Green Babies' Welcome	Wesleyan Hall, Hither Green	1	4422
Bellingham Infant Welfare Centre	St. Dunstan's Hall, Bellingham	1	4279
Lee and Blackheath School for Mothers	St. Margaret's Hall, Old Road, Lee	1	4876
St. Mary's School for Mothers	St. Mary's Mission Hall, Ladywell Pk.	1	4943
Sydenham Infant Welfare Centre	5-7, Adamsrill Rd., Sydenham	2	4784
Downham Infant Welfare Centre ( <i>opened May, 1927</i> )	St. Barnabas' Church Hall, Downham Way	1	1526

*Maternal Mortality.*

The number of deaths recorded in the Borough resulting from childbirth was fortunately again very low, there being only four deaths due to puerperal sepsis, and two attributable to other causes. The figures for previous years are as follows :—

Year.	Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis.	Other Causes.	Total.
1919	2	7	9
1920	2	13	15
1921	2	6	8
1922	1	7	8
1923	2	10	12
1924	2	9	11
1925	—	5	5
1926	—	6	6
1927	4	2	6

*Milk Assistance Scheme.*—The Council's Scheme for the provision of milk for infants and nursing and expectant mothers was continued during the year. The extent of the assistance granted is indicated by the following figures :—

*Fresh Milk.*

856	cases were granted	1 pint per day for 4 weeks,	free of charge.
32	„ „	1½ pints „ „	„
46	„ „	2 „ „	„
102	„ „	1 „ „	@ 1d. per pint.
12	„ „	1½ „ „	„
34	„ „	2 „ „	„

The total amount of fresh milk granted was 33,152 pints.

*Dried Milk.*

536	cases were granted	1 lb. per week for 4 weeks,	free of charge.
171	„ „	1½ lbs. „ „	„
40	„ „	2 „ „	„
15	„ „	3 „ „	„
131	„ „	1 lb. „ „	@ 6d. per lb.
48	„ „	1½ lbs. „ „	„
42	„ „	2 „ „	„

The total amount of dried milk granted at less than cost price was 4,776 lbs.

*Sale of Dried Milk.*—During the year 8,206 lbs. of Dried Milk were sold at cost price to families to whom, in the opinion of the Health Visitors, the ordinary retail price was prohibitive.



## MISCELLANEOUS.

### Summary of Housing Statistics, 1927.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—			
(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b) )	...	...	2012
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts :—			
(i) By the Local Authority	...		272
(ii) By other bodies or persons	...		1256
1. <i>Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year :—</i>			
(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)			37622
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925...			1377
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...	...		—
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	...		2133
2. <i>Remedy of defects without Service of formal Notices.</i>			
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ...	...	...	333
3. <i>Action under Statutory Powers.</i>			
A.—Proceedings under section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925	...	...	Nil.

## B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ..	1900
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners ... ..	1900
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... ..	Nil.

## C.—Proceedings under sections 11, 14 and 15 of the Housing Act, 1925.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders ...	—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ...	—
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined ...	—
(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ...	—
(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ...	—

**Water Certificates.**

The following newly-erected dwelling-houses were passed for occupation during the year :—

Downham Estate (London County Council) ...	1256
Grove Park Estate (Lewisham Borough Council)	272
Erected by private enterprise ... ..	484
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Total	<u>2012</u>

**Rent Restriction Acts, 1920 and 1923.**

During the year 23 applications were made by occupiers for the certificate of the Sanitary Authority under the provisions of the above Acts, and in each case the Council authorised the issue of the certificate. A report of the Sanitary Authority to the effect that the necessary work had been carried out and the premises placed in a reasonable state of repair, was issued to the owner in 5 instances.

### Coroner's Court and Mortuary

No. of bodies received into the Mortuary	183
No. of Inquests held ... ..	184
No. of Post-mortem Examinations made	92

### Bacteriological Work.

Increasing use is made of the facilities afforded by the Council for bacteriological work at the St. John's Hospital, and during the year 2834 specimens were examined, compared with 2702 in the previous year, the details being as follows:—

#### *Material from cases of suspected Diphtheria:—*

Diphtheria bacillus isolated	...	164	
Negative	...	1839	
			— 2003

#### *Sputa from cases of suspected Tuberculosis:—*

Tubercle bacillus found	...	119	
„ „ not found	...	621	
			— 740

#### *Blood from cases of suspected Enteric Fever:—*

Positive result	...	6	
Negative result	...	73	
			— 79

#### *Pathological specimens for enteric organisms:—*

Positive result	...	2	
Negative result	...	10	
			— 12

### Disinfection.

The Disinfecting Station is housed at the Council's Dépôt in Molesworth Street, Lewisham, and the staff consists of the Superintendent, one Boiler Attendant, and five Disinfectors, two of whom are drivers for motor vehicles in which the infected articles are collected and returned. The work carried out during the year is set out in tabular form below:—

Disease.	Premises Disinfected.	Rooms Disinfected.	Articles Removed and Disinfected.
Scarlet Fever ...	611	1465	18967
Diphtheria ...	313	788	9739
Tuberculosis ...	317	670	1538
Cancer ...	64	79	608
Enteric Fever ...	6	11	179
Erysipelas ...	6	8	24
Other Diseases ...	108	157	1647
<b>Totals ...</b>	<b>1425</b>	<b>3178</b>	<b>32702</b>

*Disinfestation.*—Seventy-eight rooms and 437 articles infested with vermin were disinfected.

### Scavenging.

The collection of house and trade refuse is carried out by the Borough Surveyor's Department, and a weekly collection is the rule. Horsed and low-loading motor vehicles are used. The quantities collected in 1927 were as follows :—

Van Loads	...	...	13,302
Cart Loads	...	...	8,503
Motor Loads	...	...	7,342

The refuse is mainly disposed of at the Council's Destructors situated at Molesworth Street, Lewisham, and Lower Sydenham, whilst smaller quantities are sent away by train, and deposited on shoots in the Borough. The following are the figures for 1927 :—

Dust Destructors	...	...	32,823 tons
Trained away	...	...	3,655 „
Shoots	...	...	145 „
<b>Total</b>	...	...	<b>36,623 tons</b>

