

[Report of the Medical Officer of Health for Southwark, Borough of].

Contributors

Southwark (London, England). Metropolitan Borough.
Stott, William.

Publication/Creation

[1947]

Persistent URL

<https://wellcomecollection.org/works/m49de9v3>

License and attribution

You have permission to make copies of this work under a Creative Commons, Attribution, Non-commercial license.

Non-commercial use includes private study, academic research, teaching, and other activities that are not primarily intended for, or directed towards, commercial advantage or private monetary compensation. See the Legal Code for further information.

Image source should be attributed as specified in the full catalogue record. If no source is given the image should be attributed to Wellcome Collection.



Wellcome Collection
183 Euston Road
London NW1 2BE UK
T +44 (0)20 7611 8722
E library@wellcomecollection.org
<https://wellcomecollection.org>



METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

ANNUAL (Abridged) REPORT

of the

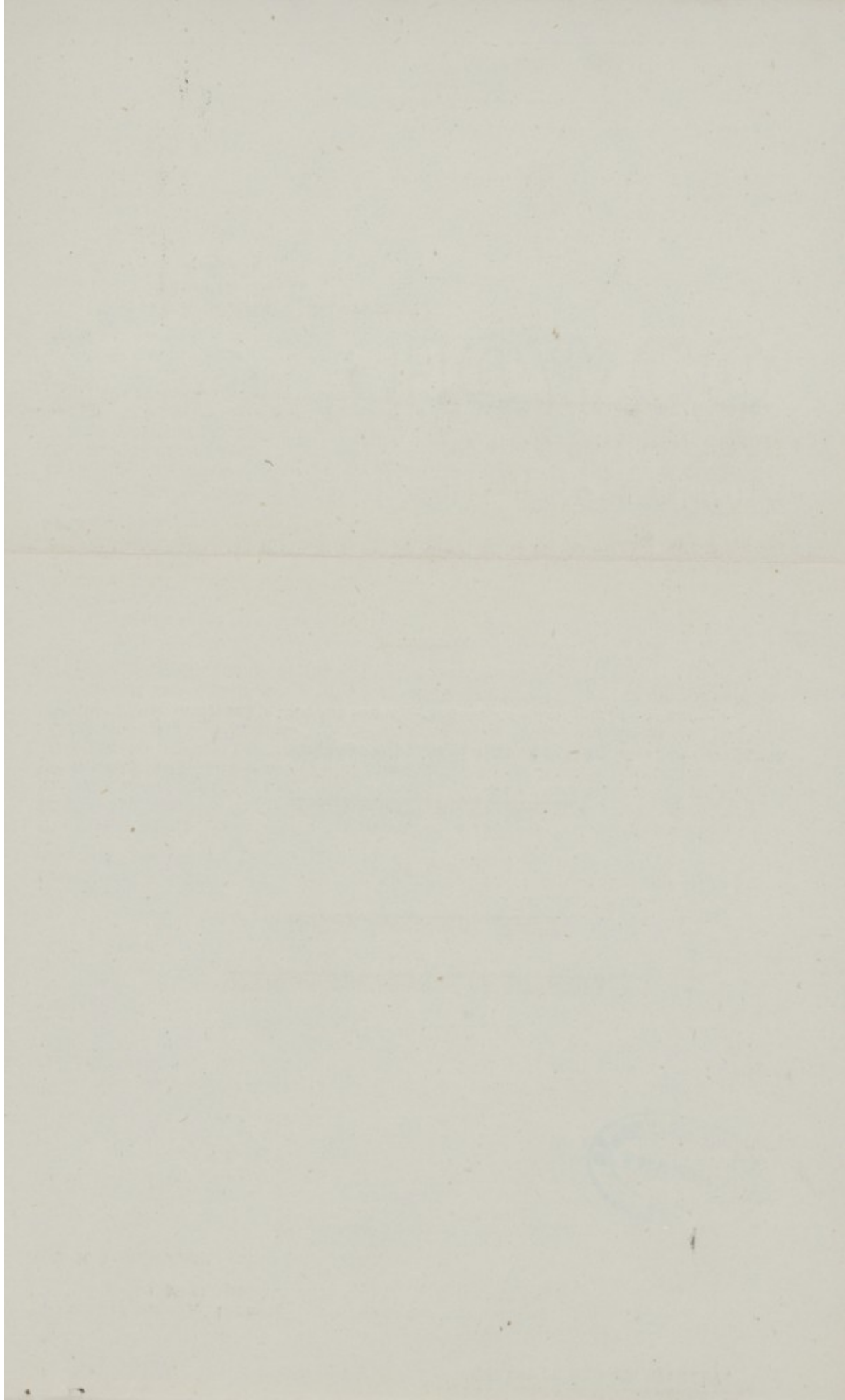
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Relative to the work of the
Health Services Department during the year

1946

W. Stott, M.B., B.S., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health.

Health Services Department,
Walworth Road,
S.E.17.



October, 1947.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Metropolitan Borough of Southwark.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1946.

The year has been one of increasing activity in all branches of the Health Services, but it has been a harrowing year and of much concern to the Council owing to the shortage of staff and the inability to obtain additional staff due to the inevitable shortage consequent upon the War.

The most urgent matter with which the Council is faced is undoubtedly the serious lack of housing accommodation and the fact that very many of the houses which remain and are inhabited are unfit for human occupation. Nevertheless, in spite of almost insurmountable difficulties, the Council are doing their uttermost to remedy the position as quickly as possible and thus alleviate the serious conditions under which many of our Citizens are compelled to live.

In view of the difficult times and conditions, it is not a little surprising to find that the health of the Borough as indicated by the Death rates and incidence of infectious diseases has remained very good.

The Birth rate has soared up to 24.3 per 1,000 population - 2093 (1107 males and 986 females) births having been registered during the year; a considerable increase on the previous year, when only 1303 births were registered. It would appear from the increasing numbers attending the Maternity & Child Welfare Centres and the additional sessions which I have been compelled to make to meet the demand, that we can expect an even greater number of births in the future. These figures compare with those of the pre-war ones when the population was almost double.

Other rates and the work undertaken by the various Departments are indicated in the body of this report and do not require enlarging upon. One matter, however, which has caused some little concern to the Health Committee is the increase in outbreaks of food poisoning. This has been general throughout the Country and has arisen as a result of an increase of communal feeding in canteens and restaurants.

Our investigations locally have proved that in many cases the food has been contaminated by those persons handling it, owing to lack of knowledge of personal hygiene and cleanliness. In other cases we have found bad general conditions and inadequate equipment, total absence of proper handwashing sink, soap and towels, the complaint being always the inability to provide owing to restrictions. If these excuses are true, it shows a very serious lack of understanding on the part of those responsible at the Board of Trade. Local Authorities possess certain powers to enforce cleanliness in premises where food is prepared, but these powers are inadequate for present day needs and amplification and unification of procedure is necessary in the form of a well thought out food hygiene code.

Once again, I desire to place on record my appreciation of the good will shown to me by the Chairmen and Members of the Committees on which I serve, and also the willing advice and assistance rendered to me by the Chief Officers of the Council and by every member of my staff.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

W. STOTT.

Medical Officer of Health.

THE JOURNAL OF THE

ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

Volume 100, Part 1, 1970

THE JOURNAL OF THE

ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

Volume 100, Part 1, 1970

THE JOURNAL OF THE

ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

Volume 100, Part 1, 1970

THE JOURNAL OF THE

ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

Volume 100, Part 1, 1970

THE JOURNAL OF THE

ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

Volume 100, Part 1, 1970

THE JOURNAL OF THE

ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

Volume 100, Part 1, 1970

THE JOURNAL OF THE

ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

Volume 100, Part 1, 1970

THE JOURNAL OF THE

ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

Volume 100, Part 1, 1970

THE JOURNAL OF THE

ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

Volume 100, Part 1, 1970

THE JOURNAL OF THE

ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

VITAL STATISTICS, 1946.

Estimated Civil Population 86,280

	<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate		1019	915	1934
Illegitimate		<u>88</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>159</u>
		1107	986	2093
		====	====	====

Live Birth Rate:- 24.3 per thousand population

	<u>Still Births</u>			
Legitimate		33	19	52
Illegitimate		<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
		35	20	55
		===	===	===

Still Birth Rate:- 25.6 per thousand total births

Deaths

Death Rate:- 15.7 per thousand population

Maternal Deaths

Rate per thousand
Live and still births

From Puerperal Sepsis	-	0.00
Other Puerperal Causes	4	1.86

Infant Deaths (under one year)

Death Rate

All Infants - per thousand live births	46
Legitimate Infants - per thousand live legitimate births	45
Illegitimate Infants - per thousand live illegitimate births	62

Deaths from:	Measles (all ages)	1
	Cancer (all ages)	198
	Whooping Cough (all ages)	3
	Diarrhoea (under 2 yrs of age)	10

Classification of Deaths

The causes of death (759 males and 600 females) were as follows:-

Cerebro spinal fever	4
Whooping Cough	3
Diphtheria	-
Tuberculosis of the respiratory system	62
Other Tuberculous diseases	11
Syphilitic diseases	17
Influenza	6
Measles	1
Acute poliomyelitis	1
Cancer	198
Diabetes	3
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions	112
Heart Disease	355
Other Circulatory Diseases	56
Bronchitis	122
Pneumonia	85
Other respiratory diseases	20
Peptic Ulcer	22
Diarrhoea	10
Appendicitis	2
Other digestive diseases	30
Nephritis	35

Other maternal causes	4
Premature births	15
Congenital malformations and birth injuries	37
Suicide	11
Road Traffic Accidents	12
Other Violent causes	48
All other causes	<u>77</u>

Total deaths at all ages 1,359
=====

AGE GROUPS.

	<u>Under 1</u>	<u>1 to 4</u>	<u>5 to 14</u>	<u>15 to 44</u>	<u>45 to 64</u>	<u>65 and over</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Males	57	11	11	50	211	419	759
Females	39	14	7	63	118	359	600
	<u>96</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>329</u>	<u>778</u>	<u>1359</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

Infant Mortality.

The total number of deaths of infants under one year of age was ninety six, the causes of death being as follows:-

Cerebro spinal fever	1
Whooping Cough	2
Tuberculosis of the respiratory system	1
Other forms of tuberculosis	1
Syphilitic disease	1
Measles	1
Acute poliomyelitis	1
Bronchitis	2
Pneumonia	13
Other Respiratory Diseases	1
Diarrhoea	9
Other digestive diseases	5
Premature births	15
Congenital malformations and birth injuries	33
Other violent causes	<u>10</u>
Total deaths under one year of age	96
	===

Maternal Mortality.

The death of four women due to causes other than puerperal sepsis was recorded during the year.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

Showing the Attendance at the Several Centres and visits paid to the homes of Mothers and Children by Health Visitors.

TABLE.

	VILLA GREEN	MANOR PLACE	LORRIMORE HALL	L. ROOM STREET	POOOCK STREET	CROSSWAY	LANBETH ROAD	GUY'S	HEALTH SERVICES DEPT.	TOTAL
Number of Births notified during the year.	448	241	515	260	295	164	200	162	-	2285
Number of individual children attending the Centres during the year.	560	322	695	473	494	317	320	545	-	3726
Number of Sessions held during the year.	109	53	122	68	101	52	91	101	-	697
Number of children 1 - 5 age group attending during the year.	255	183	391	250	263	197	300	336	-	2077
Number of new cases attending the Centres during the year:-										
(1) Expectant Mothers (Ante Natal Clinics)	869	-	-	-	460	-	22	727	11	2109
(2) Post Natal Cases (Including Ante Natal Clinics)	376	15	307	240	13	-	30	359	-	1340
(3) Infants under 1 year	370	143	386	274	270	149	125	166	-	1883
(4) Seen by Doctor	370	143	386	274	270	149	125	166	-	1883
(5) Children 1 to 5 years.	47	49	36	60	47	33	22	37	-	337
(6) Seen by Doctor.	47	49	36	60	47	33	22	37	-	337
Method of feeding (a) Bottle	73	37	97	39	81	28	19	21	-	395
(b) Breast	281	72	241	213	139	100	97	132	-	1275
(c) Breast and Bottle.	27	9	38	19	33	16	10	19	-	171
(d) Ordinary diet	36	74	46	63	64	38	27	31	-	379
Total number of attendances during the year:-										
(1) Expectant Mothers (Ante Natal Clinics) seen by Doctor	2591	-	-	-	1634	-	55	5451	34	9765
(2) Post Natal Cases (including Ante Natal Clinics)	381	15	314	246	18	-	30	397	-	1401
(3) Infants under 1 year.	4526	1629	4847	2923	2602	1468	1695	1874	-	21564
(4) Children 1 to 5 years	1079	617	1260	720	837	738	837	931	-	7019
Average number of attendances (Infants under 1)	41.5	50.7	39.7	43.0	25.8	28.2	18.6	16.6	-	-
" " " " (Children 1 - 5)	9.9	11.7	10.3	10.6	8.3	11.2	9.0	9.2	-	-
(5) Infants seen by Doctor during the year.	1874	519	928	885	1277	676	533	744	-	7486
(6) Children 1 to 5 seen by Doctor during the year.	428	314	316	220	479	361	332	490	-	2960
(7) Number of weighings recorded (children)	5068	2267	5981	3557	3410	2122	2510	2747	-	27662
Total number of first visits paid by Health Visitors to homes of:-										
(1) Expectant Mothers	377	192	404	163	231	339	351	304	-	2361
(2) Infants under 1 year	448	241	515	260	295	164	200	162	-	2285
Total number of re-visits paid by Health Visitors to homes of										
(1) Expectant Mothers	26	224	366	90	201	350	140	240	-	1637
(2) Infants under 1 year	2008	809	2245	1508	2722	763	1277	768	-	12100
(3) Children 1 to 5 years	2340	787	2986	1236	2912	2502	1727	2747	-	17237

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS.

	<u>Mothers</u> <u>confined.</u>	<u>Live</u> <u>Births.</u>	<u>Still</u> <u>Births.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
BORN AT HOME AND ATTENDED BY:				
Midwives	835	833	10	843
Private Doctors	3	2	1	3
BORN AT HOSPITALS				
In the Borough	336	332	12	344
Outside the Borough	1077	1068	27	1095
TOTALS	2251	2235	50	2285
	=====			

Included above were the following:-

Multiple Births - 33. Triplets - 1.

HOME NURSING

During the year, the nursing of sick children and home confinement cases and infectious disease was undertaken by the Catholic Nursing Association, Southwark, Newington and Walworth District Nursing Association and Ranyard Nurses.

The number of visits made by these associations were as follows:-

Catholic Nursing Association	753
Southwark, Newington and Walworth	
District Nursing Association	1386
Ranyard Nurses	269
Total Visits	2408
	====

PREMATURE INFANTS.

The number of premature babies notified during 1946 was as follows:-

Born at Home	24
Born in Hospital	40
	64
	==

BORN AT HOME

Nursed entirely at home	24
Died during the first 24 hours	4
Survived at end of first month	20

BORN IN HOSPITAL

Died during the first 24 hours	9
Survived at end of first month	31

HOME HELPS.

There were 6 part-time Home Helps on the register, and 58 cases were helped during the year under review.

WOMEN'S COUNTRY HOLIDAY FUND.

25 Mothers and 28 Children were sent for convalescent treatment under this scheme.

There are three Day Nurseries under the control of the Council in the Borough, and the following is a summary of the average daily attendances during the year:-

	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apl.</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun.</u>	<u>Jul.</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sep.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>
Bishop's House.	65	75	62	66	70	76	75	74	74	69	76	76
Crossways.	39	39	42	42	43	44	38	41	34	38	34	33
St. Georges.	22	34	40	46	53	51	46	48	49	51	38	35

SOLARIUM - HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

During the year 571 children under the age of five years received treatment in the Solarium at the request of the Council's Medical Officers. The total number of attendances was 2,390.

EXTRA NOURISHMENT.

The Invalid Kitchens of London, under arrangements made with the Council, supplied 384 dinners to children, necessitous, expectant and nursing mothers, upon the recommendation of the Council's Medical Officers.

DENTAL CLINIC.

	<u>Expectant Mothers.</u>	<u>Nursing Mothers.</u>	<u>Pre-School Children.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Number of patients.	129	34	122	285
Attendance at Clinics.	599	394	404	1397
Teeth Extracted.	312	83	103	498
Teeth conserved by fillings.	98	-	-	-
Patients fitted with partial dentures.	14	-	-	-
Patients fitted with full dentures.	12	-	-	-
Scalings.	37	-	-	-

In addition to the operative treatments stated above, a large number of dressings with Zinc Oxide were also carried out, and all necessary operative treatment was carried out in the clinic with the exception of orthodontic cases which were referred to hospital.

In 26 instances patients were radio-graphed for dental purposes in the Council's X-Ray Department.

VACCINATION.

The total number of certificates and copies of certificates of successful primary vaccinations received during the year was:-

Northern Division	605
Southern Division	775
TOTAL	1,380
	=====

CHILD LIFE PROTECTION.

In 1946 five names were added to the register of Foster Mothers and eleven were removed from it. At the end of the year there were nine Foster Mothers and eight Foster Children. The health of the children was good, except for occasional minor ailments.

Three Foster Children were legally adopted by the Foster Parents. No Foster Mothers have been paid under the F.M.Schome, because no suitable Foster Homes were available in the Borough.

187 visits were paid to Foster Homes and to the schools which some of the older children attend.

Summary of work carried out under the Public Health and Factory Acts during the year:-

Inspections upon complaints being received	4983
Miscellaneous Inspections	2299
Inspection of War Damaged properties	302
Inspections of Factories	699
Visits to Outworkers	151
Re-housing visits	995
Inspections of Shops	119
Inspections of Common Lodging Houses	47
Re-visits	14824
Intimation Notices served	3284
Statutory Notices served	999
Defects found and remedied	6740

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 - SECTION 95.

Certificates as to habitability were issued in respect of 201 newly erected premises.

IDENT RESTRICTION ACTS.

65 Certificates were issued during the year under the above-mentioned Acts.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD PREMISES.

Food supplies in the Borough have received close attention during the year, and their inspection has been carried out thoroughly and in a systematic manner. Regular inspections have been made of the large quantities of food received at the riverside wharves in the Borough with a view to ascertaining its fitness for human consumption.

Meat and bacon have been kept under close surveillance, both during landing at the riverside and whilst in Cold Storage to ensure its wholesomeness.

Food premises, including factories, eating houses and dairies were visited during the year, and advice given regarding the importance of cleanliness in handling food, where necessary. 234 tons, 17 cwts and 89 lbs of food were found to be unfit for human consumption as a result of inspections, and instructions given for its disposal.

MORTUARY AND CORONER'S COURT.

The following is a statement of the work of the Mortuary and Coroner's Court during the year 1946:-

Post-mortems without inquest	725
" " with "	336
Inquests without Post-mortems elsewhere	59
Bodies brought in for convenience	2
	<u>1,122</u>
	=====

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are six Common Lodging Houses in the Borough, four being Women's. The beds are always occupied each night and in many instances people have to be turned away owing to lack of accommodation. In one Women's Common Lodging House a case of infectious disease was notified, but it proved very difficult to get the woman removed because of lack of hospital accommodation. The use of D.D.T preparations has reduced the amount of infestation. Several Notices were served, but the defects were remedied as soon as the necessary labour and materials could be obtained.

47 visits were paid.

<u>DEFENDANT.</u>	<u>OFFENCE.</u>	<u>RESULT OF PROCEEDINGS.</u>
Mrs. Rebecca Benabo, 3, St. Stephen's Parade, S.W.1., trading as Charles Benabo & Son.	Nuisances at 39, Chapter Road and 34, Westcott Road.	Summons withdrawn - works completed. Payment of £1.1.0 costs in each case.
Mr.G.F.Farren, trading as G. Farren & Son, 2A, Edridge Road, Croydon, Surrey.	Nuisance at 14, Madron Street.	Summons withdrawn - works completed.
Mr.E.G.Powell, 64, Surrey Square, S.E.17.	Nuisance at 57, Alpha Square.	Summons withdrawn - works completed.
Mr.R.E.Palmer, 131, Kennington Park Road, S.E.11.	Nuisance at 62, Alberta Street.	Summons withdrawn - works completed.
Mr.Arthur Benabo, 114, Ibox House, Minories, E.C.3.	Nuisance at 41C, The Cut.	Summons withdrawn on payment of £1.1.0 costs - works completed.
Mrs. Rebecca Benabo, trading as Charles Benabo & Son.	Nuisance at 35, Chapter Road.	Summons withdrawn on payment of £1.1.0 costs - works completed.
Mr. J. Davies, "Kildare", 64, Marlborough Road, Wealdstone.	Nuisance at 115, London Road.	Abatement Order to execute the necessary work within 28 days made against the Defendant, who was ordered to pay £5.5.0 costs.
Mr.E.Honig, 27, Alleyn Park, West Dulwich, S.E.21.	Nuisance at 208, Olney Road.	Abatement Order to execute the necessary work within 28 days was made against the Defendant, who was ordered to pay £1.1.0 costs.
Mrs. Rebecca Benabo trading as Charles Benabo & Son, 3, St. Stephen's Parade, S.W.1.	Nuisances at 33 & 39, Chapter Road.	Abatement Orders to execute the necessary works within 21 days and 14 days, respectively, made against the Defendant, who was ordered to pay £1.1.0 costs on the first summons and £2.2.0 on the second summons.

<u>DEFENDANT.</u>	<u>OFFENCE.</u>	<u>RESULT OF PROCEEDINGS.</u>
Mrs. Rebecca Benabo trading as Charles Benabo & Son, 3, St. Stephen's Parade, S.W.1.	Nuisance at 34, Westcott Road.	Summons withdrawn on payment of £1.1.0 costs - works completed.
Messrs. Briant & Son, 10, Kennington Park Place, S.E.11.	Nuisance at 15, Sharsted Street.	Hearing adjourned.
Mr. E. Honig, 27, Alleyn Park, Dulwich, S.E.21.	Nuisance at 208, Olney Road.	Summoned for non- compliance with an Abatement Order. Defendant fined £9 and ordered to pay £1.1.0 costs.
Mrs. A. Painter, 388, Mile Oak Road, Portslade, Sussex.	Nuisance at 70, Mann Street.	Abatement order to execute the necessary work within 28 days made against the Defendant, who was ordered to pay £1.1.0 costs.
Messrs. R. Cawley & Son, Ltd., 15, Carew Street, S.E.5.	Nuisance at 99, Inville Road.	Summons withdrawn - works completed.
Mrs. R. Benabo trading as Charles Benabo & Son, 3, St. Stephen's Parade, S.W.1.	Nuisances at 11, Royal Terrace, 33, Chapter Road and 37, Chapter Road.	Summons in respect of 11 Royal Terrace withdrawn - works completed. Abatement order to execute the necessary work at 33 and 37, Chapter Road within 21 days - ordered to pay £2.2.0 costs.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

The number of factories on the Register kept by the Council has increased during this year. Several firms have returned from evacuation and some industries have been started in the Borough. Less women are now employed in the heavy engineering industries, but female labour is still extensively employed in the majority of other factories. With very few exceptions, mechanical power is used in all factories.

Regular inspections were made under the Factories Act. The standard was good, and as a general rule the factory managers were eager to co-operate for the welfare of their employees. In some cases, it was observed that conditions did not comply with the Factories Act. In minor details, verbal notice was given, but where major alterations were necessary written notice was served and licences issued.

OUTWORKERS.

151 visits were paid to the homes of outworkers, and where inspections were made, conditions were found to be fairly satisfactory. Many women go out to work all day and do out-work in the evenings. In these cases, it is difficult to inspect the premises during the day. Several people were known to be doing out-work, who had not been notified to the Local Authority by their employers, and it is possible that many more were doing work in unsuitable conditions unknown to the Inspector.

RODENT CONTROL. Report for twelve months from January 13th. 1946, to January 4th. 1947.

	<u>Domestic.</u>	<u>Business.</u>
Visits: Rodent Officer	283	310
Investigators	4,864	1,427
Operatives	4,583	1,286
Drains Tested:	372	56
" Found Defective	81	16
" Repaired	67	7
" Opened up for examination	53	9
Other Preventive Works	-	-
Premises reported infested	680	197
" Cleared	671	201

Additional to the above reports.

<u>Business:</u>	Pre-Baits Laid	21,839
	Poison Baits Laid	5,228
	Total Baits Laid	27,067
	Bodies Recovered	653
<u>Domestic:</u>	Poison Baits Laid	4,201
	Bodies Recovered	175

Note: Two Maintenance Treatments of the Sewers were carried out during the months of June and November, in conjunction with the Borough Engineer's Department. The respective results were as follows:-

Poison Takes:	Complete 14	Partial 390	Bodies 45	Estimated Kill 3,440
" "	" 77	" 492	" 47	Estimated Kill 4,845

Manholes treated numbered 801 and 800 respectively

Block Scheme.

An area comprising 35 Blocks from Union Street in the north to New Kent Road and St. Georges Road in the south, and bounded to the east by Bermondsey and to the west by Lambeth was investigated and all infestations treated.

In the cases where business premises employed Servicing Companies, arrangements were made whereby the Servicing Companies stopped up their treatment, at the same time as we were working in a particular area. Co-operation from these services has been very good.

TREATMENT & BATHING STATION, KING JAMES STREET. Annual Return of the work of the Station for the year ending 29th. December, 1946.

The year under review shows a slight decrease in the total number of treatments given in the Mens and Womens Bathing Section and a slight increase in the Childrens Section. The total treatments were 12,388 in 1945 and 11,978 in 1946.

The routine method of treatment for Scabies has been maintained during the year and all cases have been requested to attend for medical examination after the second bath. The Medical Officer of Health has held 49 medical sessions and examined 1,191 cases, and secondary ailments following scabies have been treated under his direction until discharged.

Vermineous cases have increased, the principal sources of supply being as follows:-

MALES RESIDENT IN SOUTHWARK AND LAMBETH.

Rowton Houses	104
Salvation Army Hostel	74
Southwark Casuals	26
Marshalsea Road Common Lodging House	17
Embankment Fellowship	2
Waterloo Shelter	1
Union Jack Club	2
Factories and Private residents	176
	<u>402</u>
	====

FEMALES RESIDENT IN SOUTHWARK AND LAMBETH.

83, Blackfriars Road Common Lodging House	15
78, Camberwell Road Common Lodging House	19
Cecil House Hostel	5
Elizabeth Baxter Hostel	4
Church Army Hostel	2
Southwark Casuals	2
Factories and Private residents	355
	<u>402</u>
	===

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

This section shows some increase, the number of Scarlet Fever cases kept at home owing to shortage of Hospital Accommodation having risen from 58 in 1945 to 84 in 1946. Most of the home cases were of a very mild form and the increase in numbers cannot be traced to the spread of infection due to home treatment.

There have been a number of Small-pox Contacts from overseas notified, all of which were kept under observation for a period of fourteen days from the last date of contact. In this connection, 324 home visits were made.

In addition there have been several Typhus Contacts and a few cases of Malaria all from overseas which have been visited and revisited for varying periods.

DISINFESTATION OF PREMISES.

D.D.T Insecticide is now used in all cases. With few exceptions we have not had to deal with any heavily infested houses. Much of our work has been done on preventive rather than remedial lines. The absence of continuous hot weather tends to reduce the bug problem and the use of an insecticide which continues lethal over a period of months should favourably improve conditions.

In connection with the Pre-Fabs, we have had many cases of infestation by ants, the source being from outside and the surrounding site.

The separation of the work relative to Council Housing is difficult as we have to deal with so much property that has been requisitioned by the Council for Re-housing.

EDUCATIONAL.

Facilities have been given to various Training Centres for Public Health Students and demonstrations relative to the work of the Station given at frequent intervals. 254 Students have attended during the year.

It is interesting to record that on the 12th. April, 1946, we received a visit from Dr. Reali Tewfik, Sousha Pasha, representing the Egyptian Government accompanied by a Liaison Officer appointed by the Ministry of Health of the British Government. The Chairmen of the Public Health Committee and the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee with the Medical Officer of Health were also in attendance.

GENERAL.

It is gratifying to report that many of the patients treated at the Station express their appreciation of the manner in which their case has been handled.

<u>TREATMENT OF SCABIES.</u>	<u>MEN.</u>	<u>WOMEN.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
Lambeth Cases.	370	1,018	1,388
" Treatments.	784	1,988	2,772
Southwark Cases.	335	792	1,127
" Treatments.	714	1,644	2,358
L.C.C.School Children.			3,534

TREATMENT OF VERMINOUS PERSONS.

Lambeth Cases.	35	153	188
" Treatments.	37	164	201
Southwark Cases.	352	230	582
" Treatments.	365	238	603
L.C.C.School Children.			2,510

TREATMENT OF VERMINOUS BEDDING AND CLOTHING

<u>Beds.</u>	<u>Pall.</u>	<u>Bolsters.</u>	<u>Pillows.</u>	<u>Cushions.</u>	<u>Blankets.</u>	<u>Sheets.</u>	<u>Quilts.</u>	<u>Pieces.</u>
182	227	32	491	36	660	55	43	62,764

TREATMENT OF VERMINOUS ROOMS.

Sulphured and sealed	Nil	
D.D.T. Spray	1,369	
Deodex Spray	78	Total Rooms Treated 1,447

VERMINOUS EFFECTS DESTROYED.

1 Ton 8 Cwts. Household Goods.

TREATMENT OF INFECTIOUS BEDDING.

<u>Beds.</u>	<u>Pall.</u>	<u>Bolsters.</u>	<u>Pillows.</u>	<u>Cushions.</u>	<u>Blankets.</u>	<u>Sheets.</u>	<u>Quilts.</u>	<u>Pieces.</u>
31	116	32	258	14	284	106	65	273

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKS DISINFECTED AND RETURNED - 95ROOMS DISINFECTED AFTER INFECTIOUS DISEASE - 272INFECTIOUS DISEASE ENQUIRIES

Scarlet Fever 167. Diphtheria 61. Erysipelas 32. Dysentery 18. Enteritis 4. Cerebro-spinal meningitis 13.

Total - 295 Notified Cases.

NUMBER OF SCARLET FEVER CASES KEPT AT HOME, SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS AND REPORT - 84 cases.DESTRUCTION OF BEDDING FROM INFECTED OR VERMINOUS PREMISES.

<u>Beds.</u>	<u>Pall.</u>	<u>Bols.</u>	<u>Pill.</u>	<u>Cush.</u>	<u>Blank.</u>	<u>Sheets.</u>	<u>Quilts.</u>	<u>Pieces.</u>
24	26	9	33	10	7	8	2	195

SCABIES ORDER 1941.

Visits made.	343
Formal notices served.	54

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1938 - ANALYSIS OF SAMPLES.

	<u>Samples Examined.</u>		<u>Adulterated.</u>	
	<u>Formal.</u>	<u>Informal.</u>	<u>Formal.</u>	<u>Informal.</u>
Milk	232	11	2	-
Condensed Milk	3	6	-	-
Dried Milk	2	-	-	-
Graded Milk	-	25	-	-
Butter	27	8	-	-
Cheese	4	5	-	-
Margarine	9	9	-	-
Lard	14	6	-	-
Tea	23	5	-	-
Coffee	10	6	-	-
Coffee Mixture & Essences	10	10	-	-
Cocoa	18	13	-	-
Carried Forward.	352	104	2	-

	<u>Samples Examined</u>		<u>Adulterated</u>	
	<u>Formal.</u>	<u>Informal.</u>	<u>Formal.</u>	<u>Informal.</u>
Brought Forward	352	104	2	-
Sugar	16	5	-	-
Meat & Meat Products	41	83	1	7
Canned & Potted Foods	24	87	1	2
Fruit & Vegetables (Canned) etc.	39	71	-	-
Preserves, Jellies, Jams etc.	75	81	-	-
Cereals & Cereal prepar ations	102	192	3	11
Bread, Flour & Confection- ery	67	76	1	1
Wines, Spirits & Beverages	14	55	3	1
Condiments, Spices, Sauces etc.	124	170	5	13
Drugs & Med.Preparations	34	60	1	4
Miscellaneous Samples	47	93	2	3
Total	935	1077	19	42

=====

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1938 - LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

<u>DEFENDANT.</u>	<u>CAUSE OF PROCEEDINGS.</u>	<u>RESULT.</u>
William Reed, "Duke of York" Public House, 47, Borough Rd.	Selling Gin 36.5 degrees under proof.	Fined £10
-do-	Refusal to sell to the Council's Inspector a sample of Rum exposed for sale.	Fined £5 and £6.6.0 Costs.
-do-	Obstruction by wilfully permitting his wife to remove the contents of a bottle of whisky after the Council's Inspector had applied to purchase a quantity of the whisky as a sample.	Fined £5 and £6.6.0 Costs.
Mrs.Imogen Reed, "Duke of York" Public House, 47, Borough Rd.	Obstruction by removing the contents of a bottle of whisky after the Council's Inspector had applied to purchase a quantity as a sample.	Fined £5.
J.Gunn & Co.Ltd., 361, Bethnal Green Road.	Selling Baking Powder 45 per cent deficient in available carbon dioxide.	Withdrawn upon receipt of a letter of under- taking and the payment of £10.10.0 Costs.
Charles Doorey, 16, Penton Place.	Selling Vinegar 35 per cent deficient in Acetic Acid.	Fined £2 and £1.1.0 Costs.

James Runcorn, 116, Westmoreland Road.	Selling Vinegar 32 per cent deficient in Acetic Acid.	Fined £5 and £1.1.0 Costs.
-do-	Selling Vinegar 15 per cent deficient in Acetic Acid.	Not separately dealt with.
Charles Doorey, 16, Penton Place.	Selling Vinegar 32 per cent deficient in Acetic Acid.	Withdrawn. Manufacturer fined.

Six cautionary letters were sent in respect of other non-genuine samples.

BAKEHOUSES.

There are 43 Bakehouses in use in Southwark, of which 16 are Underground Bakehouses.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS, 1936 - 1943.

Dealers' Licences were granted authorising the use of the special designation "Pasteurised" in 22 cases, and Dealers' Licences authorising the use of the special designation "Tuberculin Tested" Milk were granted in 11 cases.

8 Supplementary Licences in respect of "Pasteurised" Milk and 6 in respect of "Tuberculin Tested" Milk were granted to dealers selling from premises outside the Borough, the principal licences having been issued by the appropriate Licensing authority in each case.

During the year, 25 samples of graded milks were taken and submitted to the Public Analyst for bacteriological examination and chemical analysis.

MILKSELLERS.

At the close of the year, there were 185 registered retailers and wholesalers in the Borough, whilst the number of retailers and wholesalers purveying milk in the Borough but registered elsewhere was 43.

PUBLIC HEALTH (CONDENSED MILK) REGULATIONS, 1923 and 1927.

6 samples of Condensed Milk were purchased under the above Regulations for analysis. They were all certified by the Public Analyst to comply with the said Regulations.

PHARMACY & POISONS ACT, 1933.

During the year, 95 visits were paid to the various premises listed by the Council for the sale of Part II Poisons under the above Act.

There are 61 names of persons on the Council's List of Sellers of Part II Poisons.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES & TUBERCULOSIS.

General.

Confirmed diagnosis of Infectious Diseases generally showed a slight decrease from both 1944 and 1945 figures; in particular, Scabies dropped from 495 in 1945 to 405, and Measles from 965 to 775. The only substantial increase was in Whooping Cough, which totalled 232 cases, against only 57 in 1945.

Cerebro-spinal Meningitis cases number 8; there was none in 1945. Dysentery decreased from 29 to 8. The following data has been compiled from these cases:-

Cerebro-spinal Meningitis.

4 cases under 3 years of age, 2 in recent contact with military personnel, from whom infection may have been contracted. 2 recently suffering from severe Influenza.

4 cases 25/35 of age, 1, probably 2, in recent contact with Military personnel, from whom infection may have been contracted. 2 recently suffering from severe Influenza.

2 fatal cases occurred in the 25/35 age group. One was in recent contact with her husband, a soldier, just returned from India. The other had recently suffered from severe Influenza.

Dysentery.

6 cases under 3 years of age, 1 in recent contact with Military personnel. 1 contracted disease immediately following Cerebro-spinal Meningitis.

1 case 32 years of age. Contracted disease previously in Africa, whilst on military service; recently demobilised.

1 case 63 years of age. Fatal case, no relative observations.

Malaria.

7 cases of Malaria were diagnosed early in the year amongst recently returned soldiers; there had been no Malaria cases in 1945.

Zymotic Enteritis.

There was a slight decrease in Zymotic Enteritis cases from 15 in 1945 to 10 in 1946, during the three summer months for which this disease is at present notifiable in Southwark. According to available information, however, it appears that the incidence of this disease is maintained more or less regularly throughout the whole year. On the grounds that official notification enables the Health Visitors to visit cases and obtain important information, or give useful assistance, in connection with child welfare home conditions, which might not otherwise be possible consideration is being given to the proposal that infantile diarrhoea, which is felt to be a more suitable description than Zymotic Enteritis, should be notifiable throughout the whole year.

Hospital accommodation for infectious cases remained severely restricted, and only those of clinical severity or unsuitable home nursing conditions could be removed to hospitals. There are indications however, that this position is slowly improving.

Numerous cases of Service personnel returning home from abroad, who had been contacts of Smallpox or Typhus, were examined, but none was found to be infected with either disease. The numbers of such contacts declined during the year, and none has been reported during the latter part.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

1,821 notifications of Infectious Diseases were received during the year under review, of which the diagnosis of 1,754 were subsequently confirmed. 324 persons were removed to L.C.C fever hospitals.

Unfortunately, 12 deaths from notified cases of notifiable diseases were recorded, against only 1 in 1945, with an additional 16 deaths from diseases which had not been previously notified.

These deaths are detailed below, from which it will be seen that of the total of 28, 16 were from Pneumonia, the average age being 60.

Deaths - Disease.

Age Groups.

	<u>0-1</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>20-35</u>	<u>35-45</u>	<u>45-55</u>	<u>55-65</u>	<u>65-75</u>	<u>75 & Over.</u>
Measles (notified)	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough (Notified)	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
-do- (un-notified)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery (notified)	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
-do- (un-notified)	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis (notified)	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis Lethargica (notified)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia (notified)	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
-do- (un-notified)	-	-	2(x)	2	1	2	2	4
(x) 1 of these was notified as a Tuberculous case)								
Food Poisoning (Notified)	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Zymotic Enteritis (un-notified) (July-Sept. only)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

NOTIFICATIONS.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Original Notifications.</u>	<u>Admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Confirmed Diagnosis 1946. 1945.</u>	<u>Deaths Noti- Un-not fied. fied.</u>
Scarlet Fever	164	73	156 139	- -
Pneumonia	68	-	69 58	3 13
Diphtheria	63	63	27 38	- -
Erysipelas	28	11	28 33	- -
Dysentery	13	10	8 29	1 1
Ophthalmia Neon- atorum	10	10	10 12	- -

Puerperal Pyrexia	8	5	8	17	-	-
Puerperal Fever	6	6	6	3	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	12	6	8	-	2	-
Zymotic Enteritis (July-Sept)	9	7	10	15	-	1
Paratyphoid	1	1	1	-	-	-
Malaria	7	-	7	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	10	1	3	1	1	-
Enccephalitis Lethar- gica	1	1	1	-	1	-
Scabies	405	-	405	495	-	-
Measles	782	89	775	965	2	-
Whooping Cough	234	41	232	57	2	1
Totals	1,821	324	1,754	1,862	12	16
=====						

TUBERCULOSIS.

Notifications of Tuberculosis showed a slight increase over 1945 figures, which, however, was almost equally offset by a corresponding decrease in the number of deaths of notified cases.

Primary Notifications.

	Age Groups											Total	Total Including Duplicates
	0	1	5	10	15	20	25	35	45	55	65		
<u>Pulmonary</u>													
Males	-	2	4	3	5	8	25	16	14	23	7	107	118
Females	-	3	4	1	20	18	19	4	-	1	1	71	78
Totals	-	5	8	4	25	26	44	20	14	24	8	178	196
Total 1945												176	198
<u>Non-pulmonary</u>													
Males	1	1	4	2	1	2	2	1	-	-	1	15	15
Females	-	3	2	1	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	11	11
Totals	1	4	6	3	2	2	6	1	-	-	1	26	26
Total 1945												24	24

New cases, other than by formal notification.

<u>Pulmonary</u>													
Males	1	-	1	-	2	3	7	10	6	4	2	36	-
Females	-	1	-	-	1	8	9	4	1	1	2	27	-
Totals	1	1	1	-	3	11	16	14	7	5	4	63	-
Total 1945												37	-
<u>Non-pulmonary</u>													
Males	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Females	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	5	-
Totals	-	1	1	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	7	-
Total 1945												5	-

Grand Totals		1946	1945
Pulmonary		241	213
Non-pulmonary		33	29
		274	242
		====	====

Age Groups													Totals	Notified T.B Cases dying from other causes.
0	1	5	10	15	20	25	35	45	55	65	75			
<u>Notified Cases.</u>														
<u>Pulmonary</u>														
Males	-	-	-	-	1	2	7	9	15	1	2	37		M.49 died Actinomy-
Females	-	-	-	3	5	6	4	2	1	-	-	21		cosis.
														F.22 died
														Pneumonia.
														F.25 noti-
														fied as
														Non-Pulm
														T.B.
Totals	-	-	-	3	6	8	11	11	16	1	2	58		
Total 1945													85	

Non-pulmonary

Males	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	
Females	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	
Totals	1	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	6	
Total 1945													7

Un-notified cases.Pulmonary

Males	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	1	2	10	
Females	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	6	
Totals	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	2	4	2	3	16	

Non-pulmonary

Males	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Females	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Totals	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	

Grand Totals

	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-pulmonary</u>
Notified (1946)	58	6
Cases. (1945)	85	7

Un-notified Cases. (1946)

16	2
----	---

PROPAGANDA.

During the year under review, two Diphtheria Immunisation campaigns were organised in the Borough, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Information. Cinema slides, press publicity, mobile 'broadcasting' units covering the whole area, a special window display through the courtesy of the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society, and intensive poster and leaflet propaganda, all contributed to a satisfactory response, and it is gratifying to record that Diphtheria notifications again decreased to 27 confirmed cases.

The L.C.C Mass Miniature Radiography scheme was available during the early part of the year to all persons employed in the Borough. As many as possible of the industrial and commercial concerns in Southwark, and a great number of persons were examined by the Unit at the L.C.C South Eastern Hospital, New Cross, the Borough Council providing and arranging full transport facilities.

RETURN RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE DISPENSARY DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31ST. DECEMBER, 1946.

DIAGNOSIS	PULMONARY				NON-PULMONARY				TOTAL				GRAND TOTAL
	Adults		Children		Adults		Children		Adults		Children		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
A (1) Number of definite cases of Tuberculosis on The Dispensary Register at the beginning of year	292	302	57	54	17	26	3	6	309	328	60	60	757
(2) Transfers from other Authorities during the year	10	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	10	9	1	-	20
(3) Lost sight of cases returned during the year	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	5
B Number of New Cases diagnosed as tuberculosis during the year													
(1) Class T.B minus	48	34	7	7	-	-	-	-	48	34	7	7	96
(2) Class T.B plus	35	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	21	-	-	56
(3) Non-pulmonary	-	-	-	-	9	3	6	2	9	3	6	2	20
C Number of cases included in A & B written off the Dispensary Register during the year as:-													
(1) Recovered	6	11	1	-	2	3	2	1	8	14	3	1	26
(2) Dead (all causes)	37	18	-	-	1	-	-	1	38	18	-	1	57
(3) Removed to other Areas	15	27	1	4	-	1	-	1	15	28	2	4	49
(4) For other reasons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D Number of definite cases of tuberculosis on the Dispensary Register at the end of the year	328	313	63	57	24	25	7	5	352	338	70	62	822

A.P. Refills - 2,559
X-Ray Exams - 5,866

Total Attendances - 10,857
Home visits by Health Visitors - 3,879

TUBERCULOSIS DIAGNOSIS

