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Parish of St. George the Martyr, Southwark.

ANNUAL REPORT

MADE TO THE VESTRY

BY THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING LADY-DAY, 1870.

MG. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

With the ending of another year arrives the duty of reporting upon the events which have happened therein, with reference to the health and sanitary condition of this district.

The past year has been characterised by commercial depression, lack of employment, and thatrain of evils which follow such a state of affairs. During this period there have also accured two epidemics affecting man and beast. One of scarlet fover amongst the former; and amongst the latter that of foot-and-mouth disease. Towards the close of the year we were threatened with yet another epidemic, that of relapsing fover, and consequeatly argent solicitations were sent out by the Medical Officer of the Privy Council that we should make every preparation for its onset: hitherto I am glad to state that the fears extertained have not been realised. Here and there a case has happened, and chiefly in the Common Lodging Houses, but not more in number than would equal other kinds of four that are always present, and which to some extent the relapsing fever seems to have replaced

With reference to the scarlet fever epidemic, I shall postpone its consideration until I speak of symptic diseases in general; at present I shall give a hasty glance at the foot-andwork opidemic, which has in various places affected our Cattle, and to some extent the bath of those who in anyway have used such Cattle for food. This epidemic was by no means solated as its predecessor; neither was it requisite, in order to prevent its spread, to have recourse to the pole-axe. The physical and chemical character of the milk was considerably altered, and it proved so pernicious, especially when given to pigs, producing in Den a similar disease, with other evils, that its use was discontinued. Many farmers furbade its use in their own families, but still continued to send it up to London for con-

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Epidemics of one kind or another are never long absent. The causes of many of them, and the laws by which they are governed are as yet little understood ; although some advance has been lately made in that direction. They have their rise, their culmination, and their decline. When once the tide of an epidemic has set in, few and feeble are the means we possess that can stay its progress. There are in crowded towns so many fostering causes, with a population so weakly and degenerate, that no resistance with any hope of success can be made. It is quite probable that the germs of epidonics are always present, but not always those conditions by which they become developed. And, as yet, no real and hearty effort has been made to rid ourselves of these formidable conditions. We cannot boast of the vast sums of money expended, of the unwearied labour made, of the ungrulging self sacrifice offered in behalf of this cause. No mighty league has been formed with its tracts and its missionaries, to deliver us from ovils as perilous and as oppressive, as any which have happily been swept away from the earth, by the united efforts of wise and carnest men. Until now the highest skill and talent have been "directed to give range to the famine, seed to the plague, and sway to the sword." The implements of war, by which man's life may be blown out, and his body shattered, have arrived at tolerable perfection Only contrast for a moment the amount of money spent, the experiments unceasingly made and the rewards and honours achieved in this department, with what has been done to pre vent sickness, save life, and develope to the greatest extent the body and soul of man. Truly no contrast is possible. The footprints all point towards destruction. Perhaps we may venture to hope that the end of war amongst civilized nations approacheth; that we have learned all that its terrible teaching can give, and, that henceforth and for ever, man's ingenuity and aim will be expended in higher and holier purposes.

In the year that ended on Saturday, 2nd April, 1870, 1989 deaths were registered in this district; 1003 were male children, and 986 were female children. There was a decrease of 163 compared with the preceding year.

The deaths registered were 1740; the deaths of the males were 896; and those of the females 814. The deaths were in excess of the proceeding year, and to the number of 239. The excess of births over deaths was 249.

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aths	1263	1385	1457	1291	1732	1479	1561	1386	1475	1657
terss of Births over Deaths	658	353	670	510	266	703	514	728	649	316

Upon examining the first Table, we learn that during the last ten years, the year 1864 was the most fatal, and that the excess of births over deaths during that period was the least. There were registered in that year 469 more deaths than in the year 1860, in which year the death rate was the lowest. The last year follows next in the number of deaths, only 75 less being registered than in 1864.

Week.	Kent Road.	Borough Road.	London Road.	Total.	Mcan Temperature.	Week.	Kent Road.	Borough Road.	London Road.	Total.	Mean Temperature.
14	9	13	9	31	47-10	40	12	12	0	33	56-74
15	13	20	11	44	55-2*	41	13	14	3	30	51.50
16	12	18	5	35	50.3*	12	6	11	6	23	49.79
17	9	11	11	31	51-9*	43	5	13	13	31	40.00
18	6	15	10	31	50-5°	+4	13	11	9	36	46.64
15	9	12	9	30	51-2*	15	G	7	12	25	41-19
20	16	10	9	35	50-0+	45	11	21	12	41	45-80
21	8	15	5	28	-51-7*	47	12	10	15	37	41.00
22	5	7	9	21	53-3*	43	15	5	10	33	31 30
23	8	11	7	26	50-0°	43	13	9	17	39	39.2*
24	5	8	9	22	51.30	50	9	7	15	31	44.70
25	8	9	5	22	51-3*	51	13	14	13	40	38.20
26	10	8.	11	20	30-5*	52	17	12	9	38	34:20
27	10	4	5	19	61 2*	1	13	12	7	32	45-24
28	14	11	G	31	65-20	2	15	14	8	37	30-30
29	12	11	13	38	60-09	3	19	13	10	42	36-1*
30	17	16	9	42	61-0*	4	3	17	12	37	31.60
31	13	13	7	33	40.8°	5	14	18	14	46	40-09
32	17	18	14	40	58.5*	6	3	15	10	28	32-40
33	12	16	10	38	53 70	7	6	11	15	32	30.7*
31	17	14	12	43	69.40	5	10	20	8	38	36-9*
35	15	11	9	35	53-1*	2	9	17	8	34	45.80
36	12	18	15	45	63-5°	10	3	11	G	23	38-4*
37	14 .	11	9	31	35.1"	11	11	15	13	. 38	41.04
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SUB-DISTRICTS,	NUMBER OF DEATHS IN 1869-70.	POPULATION IN 1861.	. SUPPOSED POPULATION IN 1863-9.
Kent Road	571	19652	21221
Borough Road	659	16668	18001
London Road	510	19190	20725
TOTAL	1740	55310	

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Quarter ending June	359	315	491	375	539	503	538	324	476	385
Quarter ending September	479	351	406	377	513	334	501	367	463	473
Quarter ending December	5.5.2	383	509	366	459	373	579	451	511	410
Quarter ending March	500	433	578	381	525	353	551	3.5.9	510	442

I place before you in the fourth Table, the number of births and deaths that have been registered in each quarter during the last five years. This Table is so far interesting, that it shows the variation which occurs in the death rate, and the quarters which are most fatal. It will be found that the greatest number of persons die in the quarters ending December and March. There is one exception in the year 1869-70, when the quarter ending September, proved the most fatal.

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all Pox	3		1	3	6	8	14	8	14	41	7	10	G	1	21	3			2	4	3	7	3	1	14
Neasles		9	17	8	31	13	5	3	4	25	3	1	5	4	13	11	3	16	5	33	14	13	13	6	46
s-arlatina	2	16	4	6	23	7	12	5	10	31	6	5	20	11	42	8	11	20	3	51	6	50	61	26	152
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Ty; hus	11	10	12	18	51		26	12		38	6	9	8	11	34	11	10	12	15	48	11	11	4	10	36

According to many sanitarians of high repute, no such Table should be necessary. I may truly affirm that no death, nor ailment from certain zymotic diseases, should be possible. But during the year four hundred and fifty deaths from these causes have been ecorded. Small pox has been fatal in fourteen cases, measles in forty-six, searlet fever is one hundred and fifty-two, whooping-cough in seventy-four, fever in thirty-six, and diarrheea in seventy-five.

I beg first to direct your attention to small pox, which has been, as I have told you, the cause of fourteen deaths. The victims were all children, with three exceptions, they were under five years of age. It would be interesting to know how many cases have occurred, and the damage sustained by those who have recovered. We find it stated, that before vaccination was practised, every man seemed more or less speekled with pock-holes, and that the race presented one moving mass of pits and sears. Out of every hundred cases of blindness, thirty were the result of small pox. The Medical Officers of the Small-pox Hospital, in a Report for 1868, state that after the experience of the late small-pox epidemic, which has brought under their care 8000 cases of small-pox, that their confidence in the value of vaccination has in no degree diminished, and that the opinion which some time ago they felt it their duty to express on vaccination, " neither requires qualification nor admits of limitation." They moreover state, that "it is the greatest boon which was over conferred by man upon his species." Let us consider for a few moments the safety of the application of this "great boon," as we have lately heard more than enough of the evils which have been said to follow, and which have changed the blessing into a curse. For this purpose I shall place before you the opinions of men high in position, and of vast ex-

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perionco. Sir William Jenner, Bart., after having had under his observation 13,000 children, during a period of 17 years, tells us that he had no reason to believe, or even suspeet, that any constitutional taint had been convoyed from one person to another by vaccination. Dr. West's experience, which was still larger, to the extent of 26,000 infants and children, speaks to the like effect: And Professor Paget of Bartholomew's, whose means of knowledge have equalled the above, writes, "Now vaccination may do, though I believe it rarely does, disturb for a time the general health, and may give opportunity for the external manifestation and complete evolution of some constitutional affection, which, but for it might have remained rather longer latent. This is the worst thing," he goes on to say, "that with any show of reason can be charged against vaccination." Mr. Mason, who has performed more than 50,000 vaccinations, has never seen other diseases communicated with the vaccine disease, nor does he believe they are so communicated. And Simon, Medical Officer of the Privy Council, making special reference to the convoyance of the syphilitie poison, declares " that if it could be diffused by the vaccine lymph of children with an heriditary taint of that disease, this possibility must long ago have been made evident on a scale far too considerable for question." These men speak concerning that which they know, with impartiality, and with freedom from vanity and prejudice, and consequently their evidence is worthy the fullest credence. I present you with a Table given by Dr. Seaton, comparing the annual mortality in England and Wales from small pox from 1838 to 1865.

TABLE No. 6.

	PERIODS COMPARED.	ANNUAL DEATHS BY SMALL FOX IN ENGLAND AND WALES.
1.	Average of three years (1838-40) when Vaccination had become diffused, but before any public provision had been made for its gratuitous performance	11,941 .
2.	Average of the nine years (1841-53) when public Vaccination was gratuitously provided, but not obligatory	5,991
3.	Average of the twelve years (1851-65) during which Vaccination has been to a certain extent obligatory	3,967

In Ireland, by careful and universal vaccination, small-pox has been stamped out. In the ten years ending 1841, 58,006 persons died in that country from this disease, whilst many thousands suffered disfigurement and permanent injury to their constitutions. During the next ten years the numbers decreased to 12,727. In 1866, 187 deaths occurred, and in 1867 only 21 persons fell victims to this disease. In 1868 no case happened. Thus one of the most fatal and disgusting diseases that ever afflicted mankind may be reduced from 37 deaths in the hundred to not a single one. I might bring before you many other countries in which the death rate from small-pox has been remarkably diminished by vaccination, but I will not weary you further.

Of zymotic diseases scarlet fever has been by far the most fatal. It has prevailed not only in every parish in London, but almost in every parish in the kingdom, and to an extent our experience bears no parallel. Anyhow, since the registration of deaths were began no such mortality has been recorded.

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Number of deaths in this District	32	27	110	65	44	79	87	92	78	28	31	42	51	152

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Diseases of the brain and nerves come under the order of local diseases, and have proved fatal in 223 cases, an excess of two over the previous year. One hundred and fourteen children died from convulsions. Deaths from this cause have steadily increased. Deaths from disease of the brain have risen from 29 of 1868-9 to 40 of 1869-70. Insanity too is upon the increase, and strange to say, this increase is confined to the poor, amongst whom we should certainly not expect to meet with high sensibility, or exhausted and overwrought brains. The savage feels no sorrow for the past, and is troubled with no distrust about the future. He lives for the day. But civilization destroys this apathy, and man can no longer go on in this heedless course. Anxiety and sorrow leave their impress indelibly stamped upon his brow, and he is filled with despair when he thinks of old age with all its attendant evils gradually stealing upon him, and dreads ending a life of weary and hard labour within the gloomy walls of a workhouse. The physical condition of man claims far more attention and care than has yet been given to it. Not only may the brain suffer from brain work, but equally from the sanitary surroundings in which man is placed. There are numerous cases of insanity on record, the cause of which were with certainty owing to overcrowding, and bad sanitary conditions in general. Physical deterioration will produce mental deterioration. To prevent the former falls within the line of your duties.

Thirty-eight deaths were attributed to premature birth and debility. Ten infants were accidently suffocated, their ages ranging from five days to six months. Two of them were found dead in the shawls in which they had been closely wrapped, to preserve them from the cold. A male infant was scalded to death by a cup of hot tea being spilled over him; and two more boys met with a similar kind of death. Two girls were burnt to death from their clothes taking fire. Two females, aged respectively 46, and 64, mot their death by falls. Three males, aged respectively 10, 37, and 44 years, were run over, and died from the injuries received. A male, aged 78, died from congestion of the brain, produced by cold. Two infants were found dead; one in the Paragon, the other in York Court. A male, aged 50, cut his throat; another, aged 48, poisoned himself; and a female, aged 52, hung herself. A man, aged 37, was killed by being struck with a poker; and a woman, aged 21, had her throat cut. Three females died in the Workhouse, aged respectively 90, 95, and 98 years. Another female, aged 97, died in New Street; and a fifth female died in Webber Street, aged 100. She had been a widow and an annuitant for 82 years. Of those who died, 875 were under five years of age, 250 were sixty years of age and upwards, and 42 were over eighty.

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The condition of the water used by this district will be seen by the ninth table. Discussion as to the best source of supply for this necessary article still goes on ; and mainly is condacted in a very angry spirit. Some of our chief chemists and engineers told us not to fear about the use of water, into which "immense quantities of sewage" had been poured; for that a few miles flow would so purify it, as to make it most pure and safe for consumption. Our instincts rebelled against such teaching, and obedience to instinct is generally safe. Anyhow, it proves to be so in this case; for the consoling assertion does not stand the test of experiment. In a report just presented to Parliament, concerning the rivers of the Mersey and Ribble basins, it is stated, that if you were to mix one part of sewage with twenty parts of water, that so far from the whole being oxidized or done away with in a ten or twelve miles flow, not two thirds of it would be so destroyed. "Thus," it is stated in the report, "whether we examine the organic pollution of a river at different points of its flow, or the rate of the disappearance of the organic matter of sewage, when the latter is mixed with fresh water, and violently agitated in contact with air, or finally, the rate at which dissolved oxygen disappears in water polluted with five per cent. of sewage, we are led in each case to the inevitable conclusion that the exidation of organic matter in sewage proceeds with extreme slowness, even when the sowage is mixed with a large volume of upolluted water; and that it is impossible to say how far such water must flow before the Se wage matter becomes thoroughly oxidised." The writers infer, that there is not a river in the United Kingdom long enough to destroy the sewage. Now the Royal Commission, appointed in 1865, to make enquiries concerning the uses and condition of the water of our favers, declared that water contaminated by sewage was a "wholesome beverage." The danger which results from drinking water thus contaminated does not arise from the salts It contains, and which have been aptly described by Dr. FRANKLAND as the "inorganic Stale on of sewage," but from germs which are supposed to be held in suspension. Every pache of sewage in water might be destroyed, yet these germs remain in full activity. they are so small as to evade the test of the chemist and the search of the microscopist. They may be thrown upon the land with sowage; and as the fluid part evaporates, they wey be lifted up into the air, and there perish; or they may fall upon some suitable

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medium, and there grow and flourish. Nay, they may find their way back again into river water, and enter the stomachs of those consuming it. Hence Dr. FARR truly remarks, that to take water from rivers which are liable to be contaminated by sewage in any way, is the "policy of despair." Whether the water used be hard or soft is a matter of considerable importance in an economical view. Dr. FRANKLAND states, 212 lbs. of good hard soap are destroyed by 100,000 lbs. of Thames water, in washing, before any useful detergent effect is produced, whilst some water only destroys two pounds.

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The knih table which I shall present to you, points out the localities in which deaths from zymonic diseases have happened, and is of importance. Where we find the greatest numbers of zymotic diseases, there we shall find the greatest amount of crime, immorality, ness, poverty, and premature death. There is nothing strange in this; there is merely cause and sequence. Breathe a contaminated air, and you breathe disease and its results the atmosphere is purest on the mountain tops; most impure in our alleys and courts. Betweenthese two the utmost variation may be met with. The air of towns is loaded with clust and impurity of every kind. If we could but see its foulness, we should dread to breathe it. Every impurity passes through the gateway of the lungs into the blood, affecting every part of the system, but more especially the brain and nervous system. Dr. Anous examined some time ago the air of a large town, by means of washing a portion of the air is bottles of pure water. One drop of this contaminated water was found to contain

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The part table which I shall present to you, points out the localities in which douths from apartit, there are have happened, and is of importance. Where we find the presist atombers of synotic diseases, there we shall find the grantest amount of erims, immerably, and present, and promuters death. There is solving strange in this; there is nearly, are and equance. Breather a contaminated air, and yes breather disease and its reach a strangelie is preset on the mountain the large grant import in the strangs is transplare is preset on the mountain the section from the disease and its reach is transplare in preset on the mountain the large grant in the of towns is bended with a strangelie is preset on the mountain the section in the following and strangelie it. From the atmost prese files are could but see its fourness, we should with an easy part of the apartme, but more expectably the brain and the brance of the blood, affecting are presed at the attend in a set of a large town, by mount of the blood, affecting attended it. From the attend to a set of a large town, by mount of a making a partient at and the state of the states. One drop of the brain and the react and the state attended is built of a large the start of a large town, by mount of a making a partient at a state built of the states. One drop of this contaminated where we fournes are breaked to attended is builts of parts when the state of a large town, by mount of a making a partient of a state of the states. One drop of this contaminated where we fourned to contain a state of the states. The states of the state of a state of the state of a state of the s

hundreds of fungoid spores. A bottle of this water, after being kept for some days, showed minuto creatures moving about. As much air as would pass through the lungs of a man in ten hours, was thoroughly washed in like manner; and one hundred and fifty drops of this solution, when examined, was found to contain innumerable fungi and dust; from which latter procOded numbers of animalcules. This air, crowded with embryons of low and foul forms of life, and with morbific germs, we are "churning in our lungs" as often and as long as we continue to breathe. No wonder we suffer from disease: rather is the wonder that our diseases are not more varied and grave, and our deaths more premature. The danger lies, not so much from diminution of oxygen in the air, or even excess of carbonic acid, as from the presence of organic matter given off from the lungs and body. We are often met with the question-How is it that the children we see in these courts, alleys, and wretched streets seem so healthy and hardy; indeed, far more so than is seen in any of the classes above them, if overcrowding, neglect, dirt, and bad food be so prejudicial as they are asserted to be? The answer is ready. These children are but the gleaning of the harvest, gathered in by death. Only those possessed of strong and vigorous constitutions could have struggled successfully through the difficulties with which they have had to contend. They are the choice of the whole. The result of wealth and poverty on the duration of early life, has been strongly shown by Caspar of Berlin : he states as the result of his inquiries, that of 1000 children born in the families of affluent persons, 911 attained the age of fifteen years; whilst of 1000 paupers only 584 arrived at that age. Thus, simply from poverty and its consequences, 327 children perished. Poverty is one of the most powerful predisposing causes of disease; with poverty, however, we are not called upon to strive, only with disease, which tends so greatly to extend and intensify it. There is nothing so precious as health, and yet there is nothing so recklossly squandered away. It should simply be the aim of every man and woman to be as healthy as possible. Health, not wealth, constitutes the safety and permanence of a nation. "For performance of great mark, it needs extraordinary health. Sickness is poor-spirited, and cannot serve any one; it must husband its own resources to live." The deliverance from those causes which fill our graves with the young, our homes and hospitals with pain and sickness, our prisons with occupants, and which exposes our country to the periodic death sweep of plague and pestilence, must be the work of our own hands. We must no longer attribute these disasters to any supernatural cause, and so sit down bemoaning our fate with more or less of resignation. Every plague and pestilence with which we have been visited, have been the consequence of infringements of the laws by which we are surrounded. As those laws are more clearly understood, and more rigidly obeyed, the less shall we suffer the sore punishments that follow from disobedience. We are now bearing the consequences of evils committed by our ancestors. Many a startling crime, and brutal exhibition, and conduct strange and wayward, are but the development of horoditary tondoncies. "There are thousands now sowing the seeds of corruption, moral and physical, which others shall reap and garner, when they, the living seed of pestilence, walk no more in darkness, but have laid down therein." The problem is-How the race of man shall be exalted, and the life lived worthy of him and his destination. To bring about a solution to this problem, lies within the compass of your duty, a duty than which none more great and responsible can be met with.

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