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FOR THE YEAR 1918.

To the Chairman & Members of the Urban District Council of Hendon.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you an abridged report on the health of the district during 1918. On the instructions of the Local Government Board it is confined to a resumé of the mortality and sickness and the incidence of Infectious Diseases for this period. Until the year 1915 my Annual Report contained a detailed record of all matters appertaining to the health of the district and included various statistical tables required by the Local Government Board. For the period now reported upon, a concise report is not required and my remarks are submitted to you in the form of this curtailed report.

A typewritten copy will be sent to each member of the Council and to the necessary Government Departments.

THE CIVIL POPULATION.

The Registrar General has furnished me with two estimated populations required in connection with the Birth and Death Statistics. His figures for the Birth Rate are 55,743 and for the Death Rate 49,750. From the information at my disposal I estimate the population of this district, to the middle of June 1918, to be about 51,289. This is the figure arrived at from the issue of National Ration Books. It is difficult at the present time to account for a settled population owing to the continual movement of people within the area engaged on munition work and the alterations caused by the operations of the Military Service Act.

BIRTHS AND BIRTH RATE.

674 Births were registered during the year viz:-
337 boys and 337 girls. This number produces a Birth Rate of 12.09 per 1000 of the population. The rate is very low and 3.88

per 1000 less than for the previous year. 30 of the births registered were illegitimate, 29 of which belonged to this parish. The births occurred in the following Districts :-

Mill Hill	63	West Hendon... ..	155
Burnt Oak	24	Golders Green &)	209
Central Hendon... ..	120	Temple Fortune)	
		Childs Hill &)	
		Cricklewood)	103

DEATHS AND DEATH RATE.

The total deaths registered were 768. 187 of this number were of persons who resided in other Districts, which leaves a nett number of deaths of 581 and produces a general Death Rate of 11.67 per 1000. The rate is high for this parish and is accounted for by the past number of deaths resulting from the epidemics of Influenzal Pneumonia.

The deaths occurred in the following Districts :-

Mill Hill... ..	63	West Hendon... ..	99
Burnt Oak... ..	46	Golders Green &)	
Central Hendon.. ..	106	Temple Fortune)	137
		Childs Hill &)	
		Cricklewood)	131

Of the deaths of residents, 112 were persons who had attained the age of 70 years or 19% of those registered.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

37 deaths occurred of Infants under 1 year of age. 16 boys and 21 girls, which produces a death rate of 54 per 1000 births.

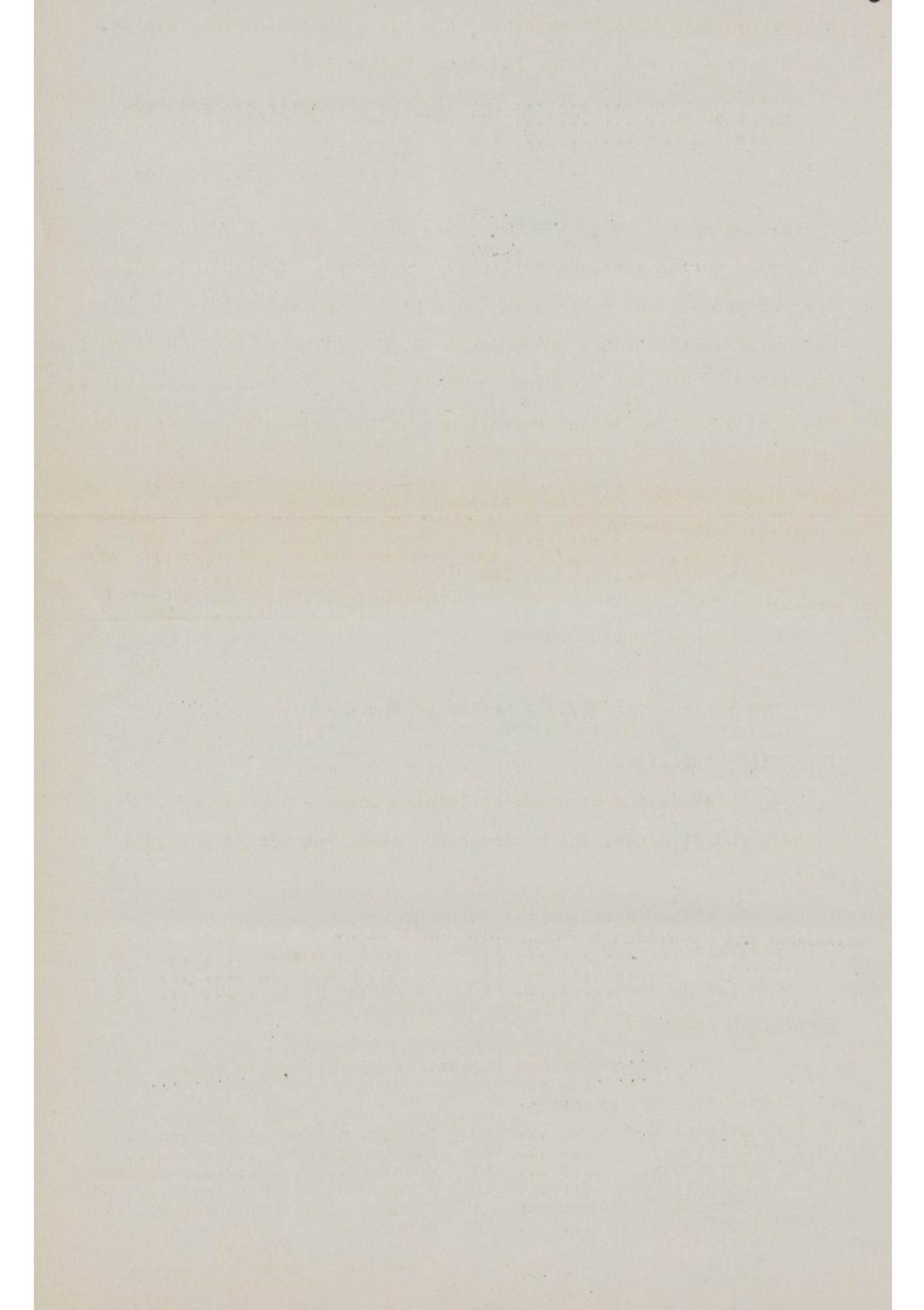
The deaths occurred in the following districts :-

Mill Hill... ..	3	West Hendon... ..	7
Burnt Oak... ..	1	Golders Green	11
Central Hendon	9	Childs Hill... ..	6

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The undermentioned Infectious Diseases have been notified during the year.

Scarlet Fever	68	Cerebro Spinal Meningitis...	1
Diphtheria	32	Puerperal Fever	1
Erysipelas	18	Measles	324
Enteric Fever	10	P.Tuberculosis(Primary) ...	80
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	4	P.Tuberculosis(Secondary)...	72
Polioomyelitis	2	Other Tuberculous Diseases..	14
		(Primary)	
		Other Tuberculous Diseases..	1
		(Secondary)	



REMOVAL OF PATIENTS INTO HOSPITAL.

84 cases of infectious diseases were removed to hospitals for treatment of which 79 were in the Council's Isolation Hospital.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

The work of the Maternity and Child Welfare Centres has been going forward during the year very satisfactorily. Nurse H. Gilder has carried out good work, and the attendances at the centres have improved, having more than doubled. This is very gratifying in view of the fact that only about half of the normal number of children have been born. When the Birth Rate becomes normal, the work at the two centres will become much increased. The Committee have foreseen this, and are already on the lookout for new commodious premises. They are also considering the appointment of a further Health Visitor in order that more house visiting may be carried out. The question of an Ante-natal Clinic has also been considered and the matter deferred until suitable premises are obtained.

SANITARY WORK.

The difficulty experienced during the year in obtaining the necessary materials and labour has materially handicapped the carrying out of the normal amount of sanitary work. At the present time the systematic inspection of the district is being proceeded with.

All the complaints received were investigated, and urgent nuisances and re-drainage works were dealt with.

I have the honour to be

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant

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July, 1919.

