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FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE VESTRY

OF THE PARISH OF

ST. JAMES & ST. JOHN

CLERKENWELL,

(For the Year 1859-60)



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FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF
ST. JAMES AND ST. JOHN,
CLERKENWELL.

IN discharge of the duty imposed by the 198th Section of the Metropolis Local Management Act, the Vestry present to the Parishioners their Fourth Annual Report, being for the year ending the 25th March, 1860.

The general arrangements of the Board having now become settled, its business necessarily assumes a somewhat repetitive, though no less onerous character year after year, the variation being mainly in figures.

The following statements comprise an account of the Vestry's chief operations in its various branches during the period referred to :—

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

<i>Boards</i> —Ordinary	...	...	...	...	31
Special	...	...	...	...	7—38
<i>Committees</i> —Finance	..	...	...	...	15
Works	...	...	...	...	30
Assessment and Appeal	...	...	...	...	14
Special, on various subjects	...	...	...	...	17—76
					<hr/>
Total					114

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS.

NEW SEWERS CONSTRUCTED.

Little Sutton Street	440	feet run of	3-9+2-6	whole brick
„ „ „	240	„ „	2½	feet brick barrel
Berry Street	185	„ „	3-9+2-6	whole brick
Allen Street	155	„ „	3-9+2-6	„ „
„ „	355	„ „	2½	feet brick barrel
Clark Street	190	„ „	„ „	„
Hooper Street	170	„ „	„ „	„
An intended Street } St. John St. Road }	240	„ „	12-inch	pipe
Chapel Row	180	„ „	12-inch	„
Goswell Road	66	„ „	9-inch	„
Rosoman Mews	136	„ „	12-inch	„
Caroline Place	100	„ „	12-inch	„

The Sewer Works done in the first five streets, being for the improvement of the Charterhouse Estate, were undertaken and carried out by the Vestry by arrangement, that Corporation paying the costs (see balance sheet).

Those constructed in “an intended Street, St. John Street Road,” were also done by the owner of that property at his own cost.

DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

Houses drained	.	.	.	.	125
9-inch drains laid	.	.	.	.	13
6-inch „ „	.	.	.	.	88
Cesspools destroyed without Notices served	.	.	.	.	90
Do. do. with do. do.	.	.	.	.	61
Sewers cleansed	.	.	.	.	29
„ repaired	.	.	.	.	4
Gullies cleansed	.	.	.	.	307
„ repaired	.	.	.	.	23
„ trapped	.	.	.	.	9
Airshafts built	.	.	.	.	2
New Gullies	.	.	.	.	17
New side entrances to Sewers	.	.	.	.	3

METROPOLITAN TOLLS.

The Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the best means of affording relief to the inhabitants of the Metropolitan Districts, within 6 miles of Charing Cross, by the abolition of these tolls, referred to in last year's report, having concluded their labors, made their report to the Government, recommending a scheme altogether adverse to the interests of this parish. The committee appointed to watch the subject before the Commissioners, as set forth in last year's Report, therefore prepared a petition to the Home Secretary against the proposed scheme, which was adopted by the Vestry, but the Committee having learnt from the Home Secretary, through T. S. Duncombe, Esq., M.P., that it was not the intention of Government to introduce any measure upon the subject at present, nothing further has been done. The Vestry however will keep the question in view, and will take care to be heard at the proper time.

The general business of the Board during the period embraced in this report, having consisted almost exclusively of that of a routine character, the reader is referred at once to the more important part of the report—the annexed balance sheet, and the Medical Officer's Report on the Sanitary State of the Parish.

By order,

ROBERT PAGET,

October, 1860.

Vestry Clerk.

METROPOLIS LOCAL MANAGEMENT ACT.

Statement and Account of all Moneys Received and Expended, from 25th March, 1859, to 25th March, 1860.

By the Vestry of the Parish of Saint James and Saint John, Clerkenwell.

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LIGHTING ACCOUNT.				LIGHTING ACCOUNT.			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	& s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. s. & s. d.
Balance brought forward from March 25, 1859 - - -		144 15 4 ¹ / ₂		374 Imperial Gas Company - - -	253 13 1	1415 13 8	1417 7 9 353 19 0
250 Amount of Rates Collected made March, 1859 - - -		1426 14 11 ¹ / ₂		375 Chartered Gas Company - - -	288 18 9	1151 6 4	1153 19 6 286 5 7
348 Amount Collected on Arrears of above		4 5 11		106 City Gas Company - - -	58 7 11	234 9 11	234 10 0 58 7 10
253 Amount Collected on Rate made 29th September last - - -		1467 17 0		77 Sheen & Son, Gas Work - - -	20 11 5	23 7 3	38 6 5 6 2 3
" Outstanding, gross £241 5s. 10d., recoverable about - - -			90 0 0	462 Collector's Commission - - -	6 2 11	48 4 9	40 12 10 13 14 10
348 Amount Collected on Arrears of Rate made August, 1858 - - -		7 2 8		23 Lighting Rate - - -		0 8 0	0 8 0
		3050 15 11	90 0 0	Balance in favor of above Account at Lady-day, 1860- - -	730 4 1	2873 19 11	2885 4 6 718 19 6
GENERAL ACCOUNT.				GENERAL ACCOUNT.			
283 Amount of Rate Collected made March, 1859 - - -	5698 2 3 ¹ / ₂			<i>Cartage, Dusting, Cleansing, Watering, and Road Materials.</i>			
348 Amount Collected on Arrears of above	24 3 0			340 Kentes, H., Cartage - - -	16 5 3	51 8 0	48 18 7 18 14 8
286 Amount of Rate Collected made September last - - -	5142 14 11 ¹ / ₂			347 Summersell, Dusting and Cleansing -	570 0 0	1799 0 0	1850 0 0 519 0 0
Outstanding gross £839 4s. 11 ¹ / ₂ d., recoverable about - - -			285 0 0	371 Stiles, Paving and Granite - - -	1930 3 0	1466 4 11	3157 8 9 238 19 2
348 Amount Collected on Arrears of Rate made August, 1858 - - -	21 3 6			373 Winn, Watering - - -	740 0 0	16 7 9	756 7 9
				377 Culverhouse, Granite - - -		1534 16 9	1449 15 9 85 1 0
				97 Dodd, H., Ballast, &c. - - -	86 18 6	198 11 0	200 13 0 84 16 6
				86 Islington Vestry, Repairing portion of Caledonian Road - - -	17 13 3	23 11 0	23 11 0 17 13 3
		10886 3 9	285 0 0				
					3361 0 0	5089 19 5	7486 14 10 964 4 7

Fol. in Led.	RECEIPTS.			Moneys Owing to the Vestry.	Fol. in Led.	EXPENDITURE.	Unpaid at 25th March, 1859.	Incurred from 25th March, 1859, to 25th March, 1860.	Paid from 25th March, 1859, to 25th March, 1860.	Unpaid at 25th March, 1860.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward - - -	10886 3 9	285 0 0			Brought forward - - -	3361 0 0	5089 19 5	7486 14 10	964 4 7
	GENERAL ACCOUNTS <i>Continued.</i>					RENTS AND TAXES.				
	RENTS.									
138	St. John's Square - - -	27 5 4		7 12 6	91 & 382	New River Company, Ground Rent -	4 17 11	9 12 6	14 10 5	
78	93, Chapel Street - - -	11 1 4	38 6 8	4 0 0	98	Penton, Henry - - -	13 4 5	25 19 10	25 19 10	13 4 5
	Repair of Trenches - - -	330 9 2			22	Queen's Taxes - - -		3 6 2	3 6 2	
58	Do. do. Current Expenses	3 3 3	333 12 5		23	General Rates - - -		1 8 0	1 8 0	
	License Fees for Removal of Pavement and Erection of Scaffolds		13 9 4		108	Hadley Alms Houses - - -	23 12 6	30 16 11	30 16 11	2 12 6
	PAVING, REPAIRS, &c.				322	Water Rate, New River Company	0 18 0	0 18 0	1 16 0	
315	Corporation City of London - -	35 5 3			& 324					
370	Greenwood & Williams - - -	13 17 2			30	Poor Rate - - -		4 16 0	4 16 0	
361	Thompson - - -	10 4 0				LAW EXPENSES.				
86	Islington Vestry - - -	14 3 5			386	Barnes & Lyons - - -		12 12 0	12 12 0	
388	Dickins - - -	28 6 5			61	Boulton, W. J. - - -	11 10 0	23 6 6	11 10 0	23 6 6
369	Elston - - -	5 0 0				SALARIES.				
495	Roberts - - -	0 3 4			51	Vestry Clerk - - -		212 10 0	150 0 0	62 10 0
"	Lee, J. - - -	0 11 0			52	Assistant ditto - - -		107 10 0	75 0 0	32 10 0
"	Shore, C. J. - - -	2 11 0			62	Junior ditto - - -		47 10 0	35 0 0	12 10 0
"	Marsland - - -	0 2 8			103	Surveyor - - -		166 13 4	125 0 0	41 13 4
"	Hancock - - -	0 4 0			61	Solicitor - - -		100 0 0	75 0 0	25 0 0
"	Martin - - -	0 11 3			113	Medical Officer - - -		100 0 0	75 0 0	25 0 0
"	Rogers - - -	1 9 4			208	Inspector Goatcher, charge of Offices		20 0 0	15 0 0	5 0 0
"	Rowlands - - -	0 6 2			37	Inspectors (the two) - - -		130 0 0	130 0 0	
"	Meux & Co. - - -	0 12 10			& 28					
"	W. Cooper - - -	1 12 3				COMPENSATIONS.				
"	Shore - - -	2 0 11			39	Smith, Richard - - -		36 10 0	27 7 6	9 2 6
"	Patrick - - -	0 5 1			99	Cromwell, Thos. - - -		120 0 0	90 0 0	30 0 0
"	Truman & Hanbury - - -	0 4 10				Carried forward - - -	3415 2 0	6243 8 8	8390 17 8	1267 13 10
"	Do. do. - - -	0 14 6								
	Carried forward - - -	118 5 5	11271 12 2	296 12 6						

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Brought forward - - -				11	27	12	2	296	12	6				34	15	2	10	62	43	8
GENERAL ACCOUNT <i>Continued.</i>	118	5	0																	
495 Charrington - - - -	1	4	5								382	New River Company, Water for Season					599	10	5	
" Walsham - - - -	1	6	5								91	Do. ditto Water for Urinals	2	17	9		2	14	6	
" Rushton - - - -	0	8	0								50 &	Labourers' Wages - - -					295	11	7	
" Minton - - - -	0	7	0								528	Summersell, Watering Parish, including								
" Wakefield - - - -	0	7	3								347	Labor for Working Pump in Wards								
" Marsland - - - -	3	11	10								4 and 5 - - - -					753	0	0		
" Scott, Anthony - - - -	0	10	3	125	19	9					107	Mortgage, Cook - - - -	40	50	0	237	10	0		
" Poland - - - -							60	3	0		376	Penfold, Mr. C., Assessing Works of								
												Public Company - - - -				250	0	0		
											443	Collectors' Commission, &c. - - -	28	19	1	229	14	4		
											326	Insurance, 86, St. John's Square and								
												Vestry Hall - - - -				3	18	0		
											197	Cheque Book - - - -				2	1	9		
64 STOCK SOLD - - -	0	3	0																	
" Ditto per Current Expenses Account	4	12	4	4	15	4														
495 Costs of Summonses - - -	1	4	0								111	Walsham, Bricklayer's Work - - -	9	7	3	10	8	10		
321 Ditto, & Medical Officer's Fee per Current Expenses Account - - -	1	5	0	2	9	0					341	Dallow, Chandlery - - - -	3	0	4					
PAVING REPAIR per Current Expenses Account.											88	Bassil, Smith's Work - - - -	3	19	8					
											83	Ingils, Stationery - - - -				13	5	3		
											93	Docwra, Repairing Water Posts - - -	14	15	8					
											344	Thompson & Sons ditto - - - -	17	6	0					
											71	Dore, Plumbers' Work - - - -	1	7	0	22	9	3		
											112	Taylor, L., Smiths' Work - - - -				4	11	0		
321 Whitbread & Co. - - - -	0	3	2½								205	B. Fowler & Co., Repairing Pump - - -				1	5	0		
" Erwood - - - -	3	1	7								87	Fowler, D., Carpenters' Work - - -	1	11	8					
323 Grace & Yallop - - - -	0	12	5								352	Jones & Blaxton, Urinal Boxes, &c. - - -	2	0	0	1	10	0		
" Langford - - - -	0	1	6								355	Wilson, Carpenters' Work - - - -	14	14	11	72	3	6		
" Reeves - - - -	0	4	11								302	Moore, Winding and Repairing Clocks - - -				3	5	0		
" Prime - - - -	0	3	9								363	Beggs & Co., Urinals - - - -	54	7	3	22	13	8		
" Perkins - - - -	0	5	4								368	Metchim, Printing & Lithographing - - -	6	0	0					
" Hunt - - - -	0	2	7								367	Ingal, Painting Vestry Hall - - - -	16	0	0					
" Thirst - - - -	2	16	0								314	Smith & Co., Printing and Binding - - -								
" London and North Western Railway Company, damage to Lamp in Roman Street - - - -	0	19	3									Rate Books - - - -	3	10	0					
321 Current Expenses Account, Balance from Sundries, March 25, 1859 -	37	7	8	45	18	2½					94	Pickburn, Printing - - - -	3	3	6	3	17	0		
											364	Abbott & Barton, Advertisements - - -	5	0	4	7	3	9		
											345	Little, Henry, Printing - - - -	15	14	6					
											346	Foster, Mrs., Stationery - - - -	3	17	6					
											380	Sharp, J. J., Urinals - - - -				46	5	0		
											304	Carter, Smiths' Work - - - -				24	18	3		
Carried forward - - -				114	50	14	5½	356	15	6	Carried forward - - -									

ABSTRACT.

RECEIPT.		Moneys Owing to the Vestry, 25th March, 1860.		EXPENDITURE.		Liabilities of Vestry, 25th March 1860.	
£. s. d.		£ s. d.		£, s d.		£ s. d.	
Sewer Account - - -	1767 9 5	Sewer Account - - -	511 0 3	Main Drainage Account - - -	2839 18 11	Sewer Account - - -	229 0 7
Main Drainage Account - - -	5990 11 1	Main Drainage - - -	160 0 0	Lighting Account - - -	2885 4 6	Main Drainage do. - - -	2794 15 8
Lighting ditto - - -	3050 15 11	Lighting Account - - -	90 0 0	General Account - - -	10988 5 8½	Lighting ditto - - -	718 19 6
General ditto - - -	10652 2 10½	General Account - - -	356 15 6	Balance in Bank at Lady-day, 1860 - 3057 12 3	18387 11 1½	General ditto- - -	5715 7 9
				Cash in Clerk's hands at Lady-day, 1860 - 15 15 11	3073 8 2		
	21460 19 3½		£1117 15 9		21460 19 3½		£9458 3 6

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, the Auditors appointed by the Parish of Saint James and Saint John, Clerkenwell, to examine and audit the Accounts of the Vestry of the said Parish, for the period from the 25th day of March, 1859, to the 25th day of March, 1860, having carefully and diligently examined and investigated the Accounts of the said Vestry for the period aforesaid, and the Vouchers in support of the same, and the Books, Papers, Instruments, and Writings in their custody or control, relating thereto, do hereby certify that we have audited the said Accounts of the said Vestry, at their offices, known as the Vestry Hall, situate at 23, Upper Rosoman Street, in the County of Middlesex, in pursuance of the provisions of the Act "For the better Local Management of the Metropolis," and that the said Accounts are true and correct in all particulars, and we do allow the same accordingly, and sign the same in token of such our allowance thereof.

Given under our hands this Eighteenth day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty.

HENRY STANTON,
EDWARD LENARD,
JOHN BONE LEWIS,
DANIEL COOKSEY,
J. B. FENDICK, } Auditors of Accounts.

Vestry Hall, Upper Rosoman Street.

V E S T R Y

OF THE PARISH OF

SAINT JAMES AND SAINT JOHN, CLERKENWELL.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONTRACTS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF GENERAL WORKS AND SUPPLY OF MATERIALS.

DATE OF CONTRACT.	NAME OF CONTRACTORS.	NATURE OF WORKS TO BE PERFORMED AND MATERIALS TO BE SUPPLIED.	PERIOD.	PRICE.
1859. March 24th.	W. Stiles	Paving and Repairs of Pavement *Watering *Broken Granite *Road Materials	From 25th March, 1859, to 25th March, 1860	As per Schedule of Prices.
April 7th.	Brickhill & Greenwood...	Printers	From date to 25th March, 1860.	As per Schedule of Prices.
July 7th.	Emma Summersell ...	Dusting and Cleansing whole of Parish ...	From 20th July 1859, to 20th July 1860	£1799 0s. 0d.
August 18th.	H. Johnson	Sewer Work in Rosoman Street		41 10 0
October 19th.	— Wilson	Erecting Fence round Toll Gate House, and Garden		49 10 9
November 17th.	E. Cole	Sewer Work on the Charterhouse Es- tate		725 0 0

* Reported in last year's report.

VESTRYMEN

OF THE PARISH OF

St. James & St. John, Clerkenwell,

IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

Elected Pursuant to the Metropolis Local Management Act.

To go out
of Office in

WARD No. 1.

1861.	Mr. GILES SILVERSIDE	...	...	172, Pentonville-road
	Mr. CHARLES WELLS LOVELL	...	...	14, Rodney-street
	Mr. ALEXANDER WRIGHT	...	...	27, Penton-street
1862.	Mr. JAMES JOHN MILNE	...	...	70, Pentonville-road
	Mr. NICHOLAS WRENALDS	...	...	20, High-street
	Mr. FREDERICK THOMAS TUCKER	...	...	53, Southampton-street
1863.	Mr. WILLIAM MEALS HODSON	...	...	24, Penton-street
	Mr. THOMAS RIORDAN	...	...	228, Pentonville-road
	Mr. PETER JAMES	...	...	22, Cumming-street
	Mr. JAMES HUDSON	...	...	5, High-street
	Mr. HENRY PENNY	...	...	1, Mount-row
	(Vacancy)			

WARD No. 2.

1861.	Mr. JOHN PHILLIPS	...	...	3, Vernon-place
	Mr. JOHN WALTER CROPLEY	...	...	31, Wilmington-square
	Mr. THOMAS DIX	...	...	10, Amwell-street
1862.	Mr. JOHN STANTON	...	...	6, Lloyd-street
	Mr. EDWARD DANIEL JOHNSON	...	...	9, Wilmington-square
	Mr. JAMES PASCALL	...	...	135, Pentonville-road
	Mr. THOMAS DRAYTON	...	...	1, Holford-square
	Mr. PETER SHEDDEN	...	...	7, Claremont-square
	Mr. JOHN VAUGHAN	...	...	14, Lloyd-square
1863.	Mr. GEORGE SAYWELL	...	...	Myddelton-cottage
	Mr. WILLIAM BLOGG	...	...	18, Great Percy-street
	Mr. RICHARD HENRY JONES	...	...	11, Holford-square
	Mr. WILLIAM HENRY SHEEHY	...	...	4, Claremont-square
	Mr. FREDERICK WILLIAM WILLCOCKS	...	...	8, Claremont-square
	(Vacancy)			

WARD No. 3.

1861.	Mr. WILLIAM GILLINGWATER	...	...	96, Goswell-road
	Mr. HENRY WILLIAM JOHNSON	...	...	10, Green-terrace
	Mr. JOHN BALMER	...	...	94, St. John-street-road
1862.	Mr. SAMUEL NORMAN	...	...	67, St John-street-road
	Mr. EDWARD LAWRENCE	...	...	84, Goswell-road
	Mr. GEORGE STEVENS	...	...	33, Goswell-road
	Mr. THOMAS GLOVER	...	...	8, Upper Chadwell-st.
1863.	Mr. WILLIAM CRUMP	...	...	49, Goswell-road
	Mr. DANIEL TITMUSS	...	...	22, Claremont-square
	Mr HENRY FLEAR	...	...	69, Goswell-road
	Mr. EDWARD STOKES	...	...	1, Spencer-street
	Mr. JAMES ROSE	...	...	1, Upper Chadwell-st.

WARD No. 4.

1861.	Mr. CHARLES HILL	...	...	166, St. John-street-road
	Mr. JAMES BEST	...	...	42, Rosoman-street
	Mr. JOSEPH TASKER	...	...	105, St. John-street
1862.	Mr. WILLIAM EUSTACE	...	...	2, Gloucester-street
	Mr. THOMAS PARTRIDGE	...	...	4, Rodney-street
	Mr. ANDREW PAGE	...	...	2, Corporation-row
	Mr. EDWARD JOHN THOMPSON	...	...	5, Percival-street
	Mr. FREDERICK WILLIS	...	...	9, Percival-street
1863.	Mr. JOHN MOORE	...	...	44, Cold Bath-square
	Mr. THOMAS CHARLES BLUNDELL	...	...	123 St. John-street
	Mr. GEORGE CROUCHER	...	...	44½, Coppice-row
	Mr. CHARLES ALLBERRY	...	...	18, Goswell-road
	Mr. DENNIS McDONNELL	...	...	144, St. John Street-road
	Mr. JOHN GRIFFITHS	...	...	41, Clerkenwell-green
	Mr. JOSEPH CHARLES WEBB	...	...	53, Spencer-street
	Mr. PIERRE STEPHEN POLEY	...	...	36, Clerkenwell-green
	Mr. HENRY HOLLAND	...	...	13, Lower Smith-street
	Mr. THOMAS BOWYER ARNET	...	...	31, Seckford-street

WARD No. 5.

1861.	Mr FREDERICK KING	45, St. John-street
	Mr. WILLIAM PHILLIPS	17, Clerkenwell-green
	Mr. THOMAS SYMONS	36, St. John-street
	Mr. CHARLES WILLIAMSON	3, Northampton-place
1864.	Mr. JOHN MAYES... ..	89, St. John-street
	Mr. WILLIAM JAMES HARRISON	102, St. John-street
	Mr. GEORGE SWAN	94, St. John-street
	Mr. BENJAMIN FOSTER... ..	1, St. John's-square
	Mr. CHARLES JAMES HOW	90, St. John-street
1863.	Mr. JOHN HURREN	84, St. John-street
	Mr. THOMAS STEPHEN BARRINGER	96, St. John-street
	Mr. JAMES TERRY	25, St. John-street
	Mr. EDWARD REDFERN	68, Turnmill-street
	Mr. WILLIAM HOTTEN	45, St. John's-square
	Mr. THOMAS NIXEY	80, St. John-street

JAMES PASCALL, Esq., Representative at the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Whose term of Office expires by effluxion of time on the second Wednesday in June, 1863.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

ST. JAMES'S.

Rev. ROBERT MAGUIRE, M.A.	89, Myddelton-square
<i>Churchwardens.</i>	
Mr. JOSEPH CHARLES WEBB	53, Spencer-street
Mr. EDWARD STOKES	1, Spencer-street

ST. JOHN'S.

Mr. HUGH HUGHES, D.D.	27, Baker-street
<i>Churchwardens.</i>	
Mr. JOHN DIX	3, Aylesbury-street
Mr. GEORGE JOHN OLIPHANT	59, Red Lion-street
<i>Auditors of Accounts.</i>	
Mr. T. B. FENDICK,	21, High-street
Mr. H. STANTON, JUN.,	9, Amwell-street
Mr. D. COOKSEY	52, Amwell-street
Mr. T. B. LEWIS,	9, Gloucester-street
Mr. E. LENARD,	76, St. John-street

OFFICERS

UNDER THE

Metropolis Local Management Act.

<i>Vestry Clerk.</i>	
Mr. ROBERT PAGET,	60, Pentonville road
<i>Assistant Clerk.</i>	
Mr. F. DETHRIDGE,	73, Myddleton-street
<i>Junior Clerk.</i>	
EDMUND PURDY	1, St. Andrews-ter., Phil- pot-st., Commercial- road, East
<i>Surveyor.</i>	
Mr. SAUNDERS BEVAN	17, Henry-st., Pentonville
<i>Inspector of Nuisances and Street Keepers.</i>	
Wards 1, 2 and 3.	
PHILIP GOATCHER,	23A, Upper Rosoman-st.
Wards 4 and 5.	
CASS BUCKLER	56, St. John-square
<i>Solicitor to the Vestry.</i>	
Mr. WILLIAM JAMES BOLTON	Northampton-square
<i>Medical Officer of Health</i>	
J. W. GRIFFITH, M.D.	6, Princes-st., Queen's- road, Camden-town
<i>Collectors.</i>	
WILLIAM JOHN IRONSIDE	2, Wharton-street, Lloyd-square
CHARLES ROBERT HOLLIDAY	15, Spencer-street
DAVID GEORGE FOSTER	11, Baron-street, Pentonville
GEORGE BENNETT	11, Upper Ashby-street, Northamp- ton-square

G. H. T. DYER, Arrear Collector, 60, Goswell-road

MEDICAL OFFICER'S

R E P O R T

1859.

To the Vestry of St. James and St. John, Clerkenwell.

GENTLEMEN,

In the present, which is my fourth Annual Report, I shall do myself the honor of submitting to you a condensed account of the Reports which I laid before you at your periodical Meetings during the year 1859, with some remarks upon the General Sanitary condition of the District, the improvements effected during the year, and those still required.

The number of deaths which took place during the year was 1374, the average of the last 10 years being 1408; so that the deaths were 34 less than the average.

In 1856, the number of deaths was 1313; in 1857, 1406; in 1858, 1477; so that the deaths in 1859, were fewer by 103 than in 1858.

During each year, a certain number of the parishioners die in General and Special Hospitals, and Lunatic Asylums. The estimated number of these for Clerkenwell amounts to 98; thus producing a total of 1472.

The births in the year were 2175; being 45 less than 1858, when they were 2220. Hence the natural increase of the population was 801.

The total number of deaths arising from Zymotic diseases, according to the old arrangement, was 331; that for 1858, being 336; and for 1857, 348.

The deaths from the principal Zymotic diseases were 301; against 285 in 1858; and 295 in 1857. The Quarters of the year in which these deaths occurred are shown in the subjoined table.

	Small Pox.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Hooping Cough.	Diarrhoea.	Typhus.	TOTALS.
1857.							
1st Quarter -	2	9	5	35	2	10	63
2nd „ -		18	6	16	4	13	57
3rd „ -	2	7	16	10	49	11	95
4th „ -	2	17	15	23	10	13	80
	6	51	42	84	65	47	295
1858.							
1st Quarter -	1	10	6	28	5	5	55
2nd „ -		10	1	15	5	8	39
3rd „ -	1	11	20	3	34	7	76
4th „ -	3	38	37	15	11	11	115
	5	69	64	61	55	31	285
1859.							
1st Quarter -	3	7	27	39	3	9	88
2nd „ -		2	15	29	1	11	58
3rd „ -	1	1	10	11	55	3	81
4th „ -	5	14	30	8	9	8	74
	9	24	82	87	68	31	301

It is thus seen that the total number of these deaths was 16 more than in 1858, and 6 more than in 1857. The deaths from Small Pox, to which 1 must be added as having occurred in the Small Pox Hospital, were just double those of the preceding year; those from Measles, 35 fewer; those from Scarlet Fever, 18 more; those from Hooping Cough 26 more; those from Diarrhoea 13 more; while those from Typhus were the same. When however, the 6 deaths from the latter disease which took place in the Fever Hospital are added to the 31 which occurred in the District, the total becomes 37, against 39 (31 + 8), the total for 1858.

Of the 82 deaths included under Scarlet Fever, 16 were registered as arising from Diphtheria.

628 deaths occurred in infants and children under 5 years of age; in 1858, there were 656; and in 1857, 663.

268 deaths took place at and above 60, including 52 at and above 80.

269 deaths arose from Tubercular or Consumptive diseases.

229 deaths occurred from Pulmonary diseases.

120 deaths took place in the Workhouse.

On reviewing these particulars, it is satisfactory to find that the general mortality is less than that of the preceding year; and also less than the average. And here it must be observed that no allowance has been made for increase in the population, which naturally tends to augment the number of deaths.

The number of deaths from Zymotic diseases has also suffered a diminution. This truly is small; yet the decrement has been constant during the last three years.

The number of deaths, however, from the principal Zymotic diseases has slightly increased. This mortality falls principally upon infants and children.

Of the 301 deaths occurring during the year from these diseases, 229 took place in children under 5 years of age, and 26 between the ages of 5 and 20; making a total of 255 under 20. And while we are able to reduce gradually but steadily the mortality from other diseases, we are met by at present insuperable obstacles in the case of these principal Zymotic diseases, in the overcrowding and the occupation of single rooms by entire families. Every year about 800 individuals are added to the population, and have to be packed up in the same number of houses.

Unquestionably overcrowding exists to a very great extent in the district, and so long as this is allowed to remain and increase, it will be found impossible to reduce the great mortality from these diseases. If the estimate regulating the space required for each individual at 300 cubic feet, and this is a very fair one, were adopted in this district, we should find thousands of tenements overcrowded.

It is an everyday occurrence to find 3, 4, or even 5 children suffering from these diseases, in one room. Often in a house there are 10 or 15. In several of the fatal cases which have occurred in the year, the children have been afflicted at the same time with even two or three of these diseases; and when it is considered that the effect of the morbid poisons producing them is increased by concentration, the sufferers having to breathe the same air over and over again, loaded with the poison, there can be no wonder that the fatal results are so great.

The deaths from diarrhoea were more than in the previous year. Most of them occurred in children, 56 of the 58. I believe that a large number of deaths from this disease might be prevented by confining children to a milk diet. Among the poor there is no nursery; the consequence is, that the children when young see the parents' dinner, and of course cry for it, and to satisfy them, they are fed with the food of an adult; often before they are a year old eating as much solid food as a grown up person. Little or none of this is digested; hence the limbs waste, they become atrophied, and as it is vulgarly called, tun-bellied, and as soon as the weather becomes warm, they die of diarrhoea, or suffer from a host of other diseases.

The mortality from scarlet fever as augmented very considerably—to just twice that of 1857, and one-third more than that of 1858. It is to be hoped that this declining ratio will be preserved. But the overcrowding is eminently effective in favouring the spread and fatality of this disease. The same remark applies to Hooping Cough. It is evident, however, from a glance at the table, that a low temperature has also considerable influence over the mortality from Hooping Cough.

The total number of deaths occurring in children, was 628; a less number than in either of the two first years, yet amounting to nearly half the mortality. This reduction could hardly have been expected, considering that in addition to the unfavourable influences already alluded to, the “strike” was in existence, and caused considerable distress in the district. An unfortunate occurrence of this kind ensures suffering to the children. The mother has to work, the house and the family have to be neglected, and privation has to be endured, which is sure to increase mortality.

It will be seen by reference to the general table of mortality at the end of this report, that the total number of deaths from violence, comprising those from accident or negligence, murder and suicide, was less than the preceding year, being 31 against 37. At the same time, five infants were murdered, whilst one only in 1858. Nine were accidentally suffocated, and two died from burns. The murder of infants is not only on the increase in this district, but throughout the metropolis.

There is considerable carelessness among the poor in regard to fire. Every year, many children are burnt, and often disfigured for life. This might be prevented in a large number of the cases, by the use of a fireguard, which costs about sixpence.

Sixteen deaths occurred in the House of Correction, and three in the House of Detention; two of them in the latter arising from suicide. These are not so numerous as in 1858, when there were 22 in the House of Correction, and three in the House of Detention—two of these also arising from suicide.

It is evident that the main efforts to keep the mortality within due bounds, must be directed to that of children under five years of age.

If we add the number of deaths occurring at that period, 628, to that of the deaths at and above 60, of which we can hardly complain, 268, making a total of 896, the remaining mortality is not considerable.

In my former report I have so fully detailed the points to be attended to, with a view to keeping the mortality within due limits, that I need only allude to them briefly here. There is no reason why children should have Small-pox, Measles, or Scarlet Fever, or any other infectious diseases. Hence, independently of the sepa-

ration of healthy children from the infected, parents should avoid contact with children or adults suffering from these maladies, as much as possible; for healthy persons may convey the infection to their own families without suffering themselves.

No children should be sent to school whilst any member of the family is suffering from any infectious complaints. No landlord should allow a new tenant to occupy apartments in which the previous occupants have recently suffered from infectious disease, without having them properly cleansed and purified.

All infants should be vaccinated, as required by law; and again, at least once in after-life—say when 14 years of age; and no child should be admitted to school, who has not been vaccinated.

No family should occupy apartments in which there are not 300 cubic feet of space for each person,—*i.e.*, the length, breadth, and height in feet, multiplied together. Every one shrinks from the idea of being poisoned; yet all who do not observe this rule, are merely undergoing slow poisoning. The Vestry can punish by law any landlord who allows apartments to be occupied where this rule is not observed.

Any person finding offensive effluvia from drains, &c., in his house or apartments, should at once give notice to the Vestry, that the cause of the same may be ascertained, and the evil remedied.

Parents should not allow their children to be brought up in underground rooms. They are sure to be unhealthy, an easy pray to Zymotic disease, and when grown up will be quite unfitted to go through the struggle of life. Both the Vestry and the District Surveyor have the power to restrict the occupation of underground rooms; yet neither have moved in this important matter.

Sufficient attention is not paid in the district to the proper cleansing of the houses and apartments among the poor; many of the houses and tenements are in a very filthy state, and very much darker than they would be if properly white-washed or lime-whited; and even light is an important element of health. On this point, I think the Vestry might do great service by employing the extensive powers at their command. The dwellings of the poor should be regularly inspected, to see that they are kept in cleanly and wholesome condition; and as far as I have found, few would object to this proceeding. The water supply should be kept pure, the cisterns or butts being furnished with lids. The disgusting practice of keeping the frost from the cisterns by a coating of horse-dung is by no means uncommon, even in the case of the better houses. It need not be stated, that the rain percolating the dung will convey some of it to the drinking water.

The remarks made in my last Annual Report, upon the water-supply, the cow-houses and slaughter-houses, remain applicable at the present. It may be remarked that two cart-loads

of filth were removed from the most objectionable underground reservoir in Union-square, Chapel-street.

NUISANCES REMOVED, &c.—Although many nuisances and sanitary evils still remain, and, as I have shown, some are increasing, numerous others have been removed, and important improvements effected.

Thus: 125 houses have been drained; 101 new drains laid; 90 cesspools have been destroyed; 33 sewers have been cleansed and repaired: 341 gullies cleansed, repaired, and trapped: two new air-shafts built: 17 new gullies constructed, and 1915 feet of new sewers have been made in Little Sutton-street, Berry-street, Allen-street, Clark-street, Hooper-street, and Chapel-row; besides the removal of pigs, collections of refuse, cleansing of cow-yards, &c. It is evident then on the whole, that the sanitary state of the district has been improved, and that the foundation of still further progress has been laid.

At the same time, while we are preventing nuisances from entering the dwellings from without, these have been generated within them; and unless some measures be taken to keep this source of danger in check, should any epidemic condition appear, we shall have to give an account of some extreme mortality, which might have been prevented, or which previous efforts might have rendered less severe.

I have the honour to remain,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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October, 1860.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN CLERKENWELL IN 1859.

CLASS I.—ZYMOTIC DISEASES.							CLASS III.—(Continued).						
Order 1.							Order 4.						
Miasmatic Diseases.							Diseases of the Digestive Organs.						
	Under 5 years.	5 & under 20.	20 & under 40.	40 & under 60.	60 & under 80.	80 & upwards.		Under 5 years.	5 & under 20.	20 & under 40.	40 & under 60.	60 & under 80.	80 & upwards.
						TOTAL.							TOTAL.
Small-pox	5	2	2	—	—	9	Gastritis	1	—	1	2	—	4
Measles	24	—	—	—	—	24	Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	58	22	1	1	—	82	Peritonitis	—	1	2	1	—	4
Quinsey	—	—	—	—	—	—	Ascites	—	—	—	—	—	—
Croup	9	—	—	—	—	9	Ulceration of Intestines	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hooping Cough	86	1	—	—	—	87	Hernia	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhus	11	7	3	8	2	31	Ileus... ..	—	1	—	—	1	2
Erysipelas	3	0	—	1	—	5	Intus-susception	2	1	—	—	1	4
Metria	—	—	3	—	—	3	Stricture of the Intestines	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carbuncle	—	—	—	—	2	2	Fistula	—	—	—	—	—	—
Influenza	—	—	1	1	1	3	Stomach Disease, &c.	—	1	3	5	—	9
Dysentery	1	—	—	—	—	1	Pancreas Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diarrhoea	56	1	4	1	4	66	Hepatitis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cholera	—	—	—	—	—	—	Jaundice	—	—	—	1	1	2
Ague	—	—	—	—	—	—	Liver Disease, &c.	—	2	12	9	1	24
Remittent Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	Spleen Disease, &c.	—	1	—	—	—	1
Rheumatism	—	1	2	1	1	5							50
						329							
Order 2.							Order 5.						
Euthetic Diseases.							Diseases of the Urinary Organs.						
Syphilis	3	—	—	—	—	3	Nephritis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stricture of Urethra	—	—	—	—	1	2	Ischuria	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hydrophobia	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nephria	—	2	—	3	—	5
Glanders	—	—	—	—	—	—	Diabetes	—	—	—	—	—	—
						5	Stone	—	—	—	—	—	—
Order 3.							Order 6.						
Dietic Diseases.							Diseases of the Organs of Generation.						
Privation	—	—	—	—	—	—	Ovarian Dropsy	—	—	2	—	—	2
Want of Breast Milk	7	—	—	—	—	7	Uterus, Diseases of	—	—	1	1	—	3
Purpura and Scurvy	—	—	—	1	—	1							
Alcoholism {a Delirium tremens	—	—	3	2	1	6							
{b Intemperance	—	—	2	3	—	6							
						20							
Order 4.							Order 7.						
Parasitic Diseases.							Diseases of Organs of Locomotion.						
Thrush	3	—	—	—	—	3	Arthritis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Worms	—	—	—	—	—	—	Joints, Diseases of &c.	—	—	—	1	—	1
						3							1
CLASS II.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.							Order 8.						
Order 1.							Diseases of Integumentary System.						
Diathetic Diseases.							Phlegmon						
Gout	—	—	—	—	—	—	Ulcer	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dropsy	2	2	1	15	6	27	Skin Diseases of	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer	—	—	2	8	8	18							
Noma	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Mortification	—	—	—	—	4	4							
						49							
Order 2.							CLASS IV.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.						
Tubercular Diseases.							Order 1.						
Scrofula	9	5	3	1	3	22	Developmental Diseases of Children						
Tabs Mesenterica	29	3	—	—	—	32	Premature Birth	49	—	—	—	—	49
Phthisis	7	8	76	63	6	160	Cyanosis	2	—	—	—	—	2
Hydrocephalus	51	4	—	—	—	55	Spina Bifida	1	—	—	—	—	1
						269	Other Malformations	2	—	—	—	—	2
							Teething	21	—	—	—	—	21
													75
CLASS III.—LOCAL DISEASES.							Order 2.						
Order 1.							Developmental Diseases of Adults.						
Diseases of the Nervous System.							Paramenia						
Cephalitis	2	2	1	—	—	5	Childbirth	—	1	—	—	—	1
Apoplexy	1	1	3	11	16	33		—	4	—	—	—	4
Paralysis	2	—	2	5	10	21							5
Insanity	—	—	3	2	2	7							
Chorea	—	—	—	—	—	—							
Epilepsy	1	—	3	2	1	7							
Convulsions	47	1	—	—	—	48							
Brain Disease, &c.	2	2	5	6	3	19							
						140							
Order 2.							Order 3.						
Diseases of the Circulating System.							Developmental Diseases of Old People.						
Pericarditis... ..	1	1	1	1	1	5	Old Age	—	—	—	38	35	73
Aneurism	—	—	—	2	1	3							73
Heart Disease	3	4	6	21	11	45							
						53							
Order 3.							Order 4.						
Diseases of the Respiratory System.							Diseases of Nutrition.						
Laryngitis	6	—	—	—	1	7	Atrophy and Debility	24	—	—	—	—	24
Bronchitis	34	3	6	28	58	133							
Pleurisy	—	2	—	3	2	7							
Pneumonia	42	4	7	4	3	60							
Asthma	—	—	1	5	2	8							
Lung Disease, &c.	2	2	6	4	—	14							
						229							
SUMMARY OF CLASSES.													
Class I.	—	—	—	—	—	357	Wounds	—	—	1	—	—	1
Class II.	—	—	—	—	—	318	Poison	—	2	—	—	—	2
Class III.	—	—	—	—	—	489	Drowning	—	1	—	—	—	1
Class IV.	—	—	—	—	—	177	Hanging	—	1	1	2	—	4
Class V.	—	—	—	—	—	33	Otherwise	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	1374	Causes not specified or ill-defined	1	—	—	—	1	2

