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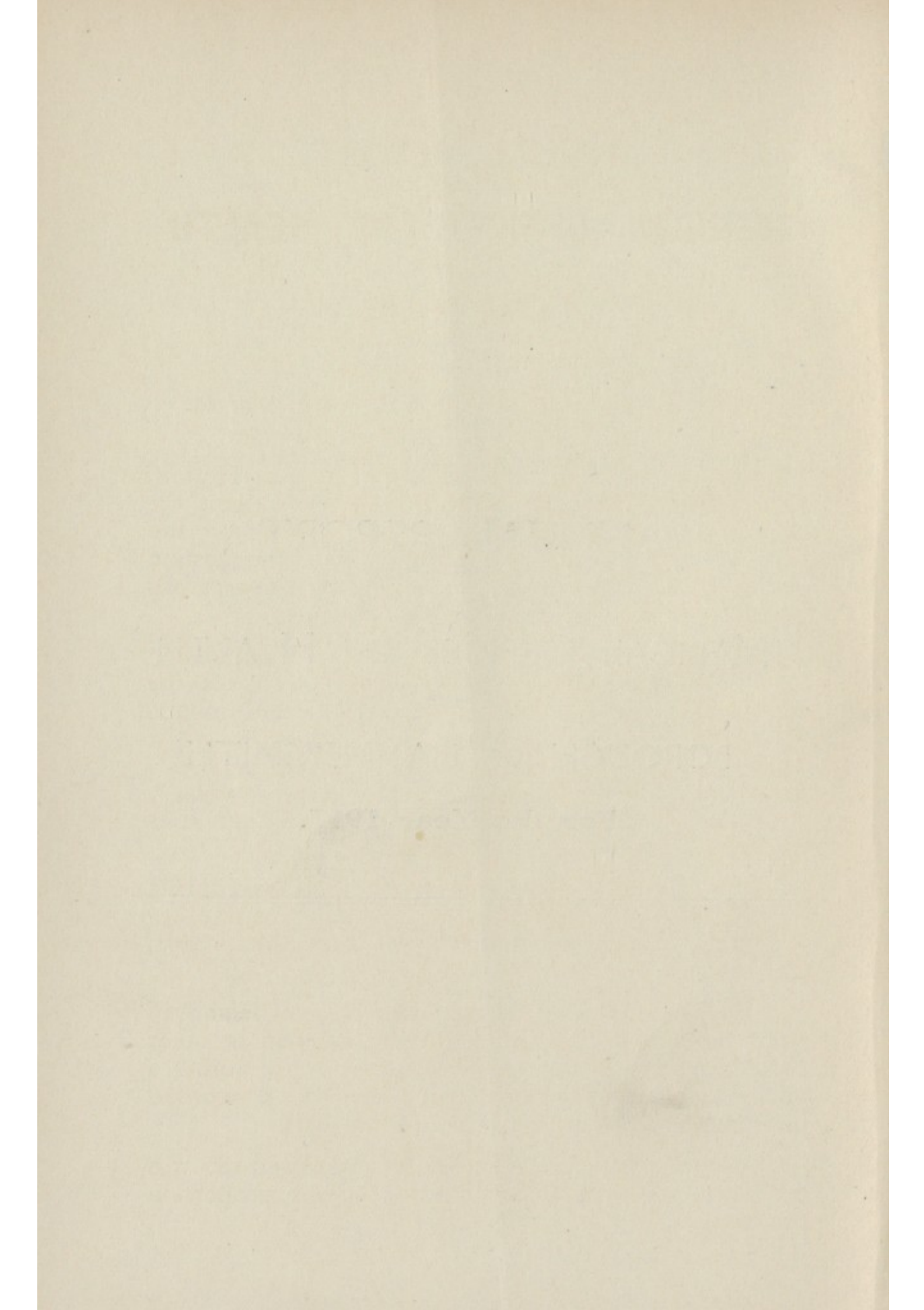
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*To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Metropolitan Borough of Hammersmith.*

GENTLEMEN,—In the absence of Dr. Howell, who is serving in the Army, I beg to submit the Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1917, which, in accordance with the suggestion of the Local Government Board, is limited to a record of the most important facts and figures.

Population.—The following estimates of population have been adopted by the Registrar General for the calculation of the Death and Birth Rates of the Borough.

For the Death Rate (estimated civilian population)	114,952
For the Birth Rate (estimated total population) ...	128,139

Looking at the crowded state of the borough it is probable that both are under estimated.

Marriages.—1,121 marriages were registered during the year against 1,192 in 1916, and the marriage rate, *i.e.*, the number of persons married per 1,000 inhabitants, was 17·5.

Births.—Including 187 children born of Hammersmith mothers in lying-in institutions situated in other boroughs 2,278 births were registered, representing a birth rate of 17·7 per 1,000, being the lowest recorded in Hammersmith and 2·6 below that of 1916.

Illegitimacy.—The illegitimates numbered 180 or 8 per cent. of the total births, the highest proportion recorded.

Deaths.—During 1917, 1,212 deaths of civilians were registered in the borough, but of these 195 were of persons not belonging to the borough, while 618 inhabitants of Hammersmith died outside the borough, chiefly in various public institutions. There were therefore 1,635 deaths of persons having their usual residence in Hammersmith, representing a death rate of 14·3 per 1,000 of the estimated civilian population, which is the same as the average rate of the preceding five years.

The death rate of the County of London was 15·7 per 1,000, and in the various Metropolitan boroughs the rates ranged from 11·9 in Lewisham and Woolwich to 22·2 in Shoreditch.

Excess of Births Over Deaths.—The natural increase of the population by the excess of births over deaths was 643, compared with 937, 787, and 937 in the preceding three years.

The following table gives the statistics of the borough during 1917 and the five previous years in the form prescribed by the Local Government Board.

TABLE I.
Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1917 and Previous Years.

YEAR.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	BIRTHS.			TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.		TRANSFERABLE DEATHS.		NETT DEATHS BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.			
		Uncorrected Number.	Nett.		Number.	Rate.	of Non-residents registered in the District.	of Residents not registered in the District.	Under 1 Year of Age.		At all Ages.	
			Number.	Rate.					Number	Rate per 1,000 Nett Births.	Number.	Rate.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1912	122750	2755	2883	23·5	1595	13·0	253	251	261	91	1593	13·0
1913	123745	2951	3042	24·6	1704	13·8	227	275	314	103	1752	14·2
1914	124750	2824	2935	23·5	1676	13·4	233	261	276	94	1712	13·7
1915	118559	2588	2708	21·7	1872	15·8	242	291	277	102	1921	16·2
1916	117961	2412	2605	20·3	1230	10·6	174	612	222	85	1668	14·2
1917	114952	2080	2278	17·7	1212	10·6	195	618	251	110	1635	14·3

Area of District in acres (land and inland water)	...	...	2282·5
Total population at all ages	...	...	121,521
Total families or separate occupiers	..	...	28,462

} At Census of 1911 (cf. Census, Vol. 5).

Table II. gives the causes of deaths occurring among the civilian population of the borough.

TABLE II.
Causes of, and Ages at, Death during the Year 1917.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	NETT DEATHS AT THE SUBJOINED AGES OF "RESIDENTS" WHETHER OCCURRING WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE DISTRICT.									Total Deaths whether of "Residents" or "Non- residents" in Institutions in the District.
	All ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 2.	2 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 45.	45 and under 65.	65 and upwards.	
I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
All causes { Certified	1635	251	70	73	47	52	219	360	563	232
{ Uncertified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever	6	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	1	0
Small-pox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Measles	39	13	12	14	0	0	0	0	0	2
Scarlet Fever	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	12	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria and Croup	11	0	0	5	6	0	0	0	0	0
Influenza	11	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	6	0
Erysipelas	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	189	7	1	5	4	22	86	52	12	14
Tuberculous Meningitis	23	4	4	9	6	0	0	0	0	6
Other Tuberculous Diseases	18	7	3	1	1	2	2	2	0	7
Cancer, malignant disease	143	0	1	0	0	1	14	76	51	31
Rheumatic Fever	10	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	3	1
Meningitis	22	5	3	6	2	2	3	1	0	4
Organic Heart Disease	161	2	0	0	3	5	22	62	67	14
Bronchitis	150	12	5	1	0	2	11	27	92	4
Pneumonia (all forms)	155	36	16	1	6	3	16	22	41	29
Other Diseases of Respiratory Organs	23	2	1	0	0	0	2	7	11	4
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	45	27	6	3	1	0	0	3	5	8
Appendicitis and Typhlitis	11	0	0	1	3	1	1	3	2	6
Cirrhosis of Liver	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0
Alcoholism	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Nephritis and Bright's Disease	48	0	1	0	1	1	6	18	21	10
Puerperal Fever	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Other accidents and diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition	6	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0
Congenital Debility and Malformation, including Premature Birth	86	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Violent Deaths, excluding Suicide	33	4	4	2	2	4	5	4	8	30
Suicide	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1
Other defined Diseases	410	40	7	6	9	4	37	74	233	54
Diseases ill-defined or unknown... ..	6	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	5
Total	1635	251	70	73	47	52	219	360	563	232
Sub- Entries included in above figures,	Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	6	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	1
	Poliomyelitis... ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Infantile Mortality.—Of the 1,635 deaths, 251 or 15·3 per cent. were of infants under one year of age.

and the rate of infant mortality measured by the proportion of deaths under one year to births registered was 110 per 1,000, being 25 per 1,000 above that of 1916, which was the lowest recorded in Hammersmith. The infantile mortality rate of the County of London was 104 per 1,000, and in the Metropolitan boroughs the rates ranged from 70 in the City of London to 152 in Shoreditch.

The following table gives the causes of the deaths at various periods under one year of age :—

TABLE III.

Infant Mortality during the year 1917. Nett Deaths from stated Causes at various Ages under 1 Year of Age.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Under 1 Week.	1-2 Weeks.	2-3 Weeks.	3-4 Weeks.	Total under 4 Weeks.	4 Weeks and under 3 Months.	3 Months and under 6 Months.	6 Months and under 9 Months.	9 Months and under 12 Months.	Total Deaths under 1 year.
ALL CAUSES. { Certified	57	13	8	13	91	43	48	27	42	251
{ Uncertified	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
{ Small-pox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
{ Chicken-pox... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
{ Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	8	13
{ Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
{ Whooping Cough	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	1	1	5
{ Diphtheria and Croup	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
{ Erysipelas	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
{ Tuberculous Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	4
{ Abdominal Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	3
{ Other Tuberculous Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	6	11
{ Meningitis (<i>not Tuberculous</i>)	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	2	5
{ Convulsions	4	—	—	—	4	3	2	1	3	13
{ Laryngitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
{ Bronchitis	1	1	—	—	2	4	4	—	2	12
{ Pneumonia (all forms)	2	3	—	3	8	6	8	6	8	36
{ Diarrhœa	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	3	7
{ Enteritis	—	3	—	—	3	10	2	2	3	20
{ Gastritis	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	2	1	6
{ Syphilis	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	5
{ Rickets	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
{ Suffocation, overlying	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
{ Injury at Birth	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
{ Atelectasis	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
{ Congenital Malformations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
{ Premature Birth	35	4	1	3	43	3	2	—	—	48
{ Atrophy, Debility, and Marasmus	5	1	3	5	14	10	10	2	—	36
{ Other causes	6	1	2	1	10	2	4	2	2	20
	57	13	8	13	91	43	48	27	42	251

NETT BIRTHS IN THE YEAR: Legitimate, 2,098; Illegitimate, 180.

NETT DEATHS IN THE YEAR OF: Legitimate Infants, 201; Illegitimate Infants, 50.

Prevention of Infant Mortality.—Notification of Births.—1,916 notifications of living, and 45 of stillborn children were received under the Notification of Births

Act, 86·0 per cent. of the births registered being notified. The notifications were received from—

<i>Midwives.</i>	<i>Doctors.</i>	<i>Lying-in Hospitals.</i>	<i>Poor-Law Institutions.</i>	<i>Parents.</i>
1,144	596	117	6	98

The visitation of infants was to some extent interfered with by the epidemic of Measles, which prevailed throughout the borough during the first six months of the year, but 1,857 first visits, and 7,676 subsequent visits were paid by your three Health Visitors.

The feeding of the infants at the time of the first visit was found to be as under :—

Breast fed	...	...	...	...	1,573
Hand and breast fed	...	...	...	...	147
Hand only	...	...	...	...	137

The work of your Health Visitors was actively supplemented by the infant welfare work carried on by the Voluntary Associations of the Borough.

675 babies attended the consultations held by the doctors attached to the Hammersmith Welfare Centre and the Women's League of Service Welfare Centre, who made in all 7,076 attendances, and some of these were visited by the nurses attached to the staff of the Centres. Ante-natal clinics are held at Glenthorne Road Centre, and Sulgrave Road Centre, and at the latter a Dental Clinic is held, and dinners are provided at a small cost for nursing and expectant mothers. Arrangements have been made by the Borough Council for the treatment at the School Treatment Centre, Carnforth Lodge, of children under school age suffering from minor ailments, dental defects, and enlarged tonsils and adenoids requiring operation.

The question of providing one or more nurseries for the children of women engaged on munitions and other work has been under the consideration of the Council, but no premises suitable for the purpose have as yet been found.

Deaths of Illegitimate Infants.—Of the 251 infants who died before attaining the age of one year, 50, or 19 per cent. were illegitimate, the mortality among them being

in the proportion of 278 deaths per 1,000 illegitimate births against 96 per 1,000 among children born in wedlock.

In the Annual Report for 1916 an error was made with regard to the death-rate for that year of illegitimate infants which was calculated on the number of illegitimate children born in the borough. If the illegitimates born in the lying-in institutions outside the borough in that year are included, the proportion of illegitimate deaths to births will be reduced from 538 to 222 per 1,000.

Deaths from Epidemic Diseases.—To the seven principal epidemic diseases 114 deaths were ascribed, giving a death rate of 0·99 per 1,000, against 0·88 per 1,000 in 1916.

Sickness from Notifiable Infectious Diseases.—The following table gives the number of cases of infectious diseases notified in the borough, together with the number removed to hospital:—

TABLE IV.
Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year 1917.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED.								Total cases notified in each Locality (e.g. Parish or Ward) of the District.			TOTAL CASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL.	
	At all Ages.	At Ages—Years.							North	Centre	South		
		Under 1	1 & under 5 Years.	5 & under 15 Years.	15 & under 25 Years.	25 & under 45 Years.	45 & under 65 Years.	65 and upwards.					
Small-pox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cholera (C) Plague (P) ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)	151	2	49	81	13	5	1	0	77	58	16	139	
Erysipelas	52	2	1	5	5	11	16	12	22	22	8	13	
Scarlet Fever	139	2	30	81	14	10	2	0	64	56	19	125	
Typhus Fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Enteric Fever	20	0	0	5	5	5	4	1	5	8	7	17	
Relapsing Fever (R)													
Continued Fever (C) ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	10	2	3	4	1	0	0	0	7	1	2	7	
Polio-myelitis	5	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum...	44	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	19	9	0	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis...	335	5	6	42	64	155	55	8	172	124	39	66	
Other forms of Tuberculosis	82	5	13	39	9	12	4	0	41	28	13	10	
Measles & German Measles	2153	93	829	948	170	100	13	0	1071	861	221	45	
Totals	2991	155	934	1207	281	298	95	21	1477	1179	335	423	

Small-pox.—No case of small-pox has occurred in Hammersmith since 1903.

Scarlet Fever.—139 cases were notified against 405 in 1915, and 209 in 1916, and there was only one death.

Diphtheria.—151 cases were reported compared with 209 in the previous year, and the deaths numbered 11, giving a case fatality of 7·3 per cent.

Enteric Fever.—Twenty cases were notified, against 6 in 1916, and there were 6 deaths.

Erysipelas.—Fifty-two cases with 2 deaths were reported.

Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.—There were 10 cases of cerebro-spinal fever with 6 deaths against 3 with 2 deaths in 1916.

Acute Polio-myelitis.—Five children were reported as suffering from infantile paralysis, the number of cases in 1916 being 2.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.—Forty-four infants were certified as suffering from ophthalmia, of whom 20 were treated in hospitals or infirmaries.

Measles.—Measles was epidemic throughout the borough during the first six months of the year, and 1,728 cases were notified, with 39 deaths, giving a case mortality of 2·3 per cent.

Nursing of Measles.—Arrangements were made by the Council with the Fulham and Hammersmith District Nursing Association for the services of nurses in cases in which it appeared to the Medical Officer of Health that nursing assistance was required.

German Measles.—425 cases of German measles were notified and no death was attributed to this disease.

Of the 2,153 cases of measles and German measles 1,667 were notified by medical practitioners and 486 by parents or guardians.

Tuberculosis.—The notifications of new cases received during the year numbered 417, 335 being of pulmonary and 82 of other forms of tuberculosis.

The following table gives the sex and ages of the persons notified :—

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1912.

Summary of Notifications during the period from 31st December, 1916, to the end of the week ending on the 29th December, 1917.

Age Periods.	Number of Notifications on Form "A."											Number of Notifications on Form "B."				Number of Notifications on Form "C."								
	Primary Notifications.										Total. 2M	Total Notifications (i.e., including cases previously notified by other doctors).	Primary Notifications.			Total Notifications (i.e., including cases previously notified by other doctors).	Poor Law Institutions.	Sanatoria.						
	0 to 1.	1 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 15.	15 to 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 35. 1M	35 to 45. 1M	45 to 55.	55 to 65.			65 & upwards.	Under 5.	5 to 10.				10 to 15.	Total.				
Pulmonary, Males	4	6	12	5	7	14	33	39	23	9	1	153	205	—	1	—	1	8	44	67				
Pulmonary, Females	1	—	7	8	12	15	23	25	6	9	4	110	142	—	3	2	5	10			24	46		
Non-pulmonary, Males	1	7	10	3	3	3	3	2	—	1	—	33	38	—	3	3	6	8					—	4
Non-pulmonary, Females	4	6	3	6	—	1	4	3	—	1	—	28	28	—	4	2	6	8							1	7
											413				34									

Mortality from Tuberculosis.—189 deaths were registered from pulmonary tuberculosis representing a death rate of 1·7 per 1,000 compared with 1·5 in 1916.

To other forms of tuberculosis 41 deaths were ascribed, 14·0 per cent. of the deaths from all causes being due to some form of tuberculosis.

DEATHS FROM NON-NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Whooping Cough.—Twelve deaths were attributed to whooping cough, or 11 less than the quinquennial average; 199 children were reported by school teachers as having whooping cough, whose homes were visited by your inspectors and their parents advised as to the precautions that should be taken.

Diarrhœa.—Forty-five deaths were registered from diarrhœa against a quinquennial average of 58. Of these 27 were of children under one year of age.

Influenza.—Eleven deaths were attributed to influenza against 14 in 1916.

DEATHS OCCURRING OUTSIDE THE BOROUGH AMONG PERSONS BELONGING THERETO.

The deaths of Hammersmith residents in public institutions and elsewhere outside the borough numbered 618, and occurred in the following institutions :—

Fever Hospitals	...	...	...	...	22
General and Special Hospitals	...	...	...	...	95
Asylums	...	...	...	...	79
Poor Law Institutions	...	...	...	...	382
In Private Houses and elsewhere	...	...	...	...	40
Total	...	...	...	...	<u>618</u>

GENERAL SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

Disinfection.—9,686 articles of bedding, clothing, &c., were disinfected at the Council's Disinfecting Station. 1,645 rooms were disinfected after infectious illness.

Public Mortuary.—194 bodies were removed to the mortuary at Fulham Palace Road, 106 by order of the Coroner, 61 from the West London Hospital, and 27 for convenience for burial.

Bacteriological Examinations.—The following bacteriological examinations were made on behalf of the Council at the Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine.

Material from cases of suspected Diphtheria.

		Number of Specimens.
True Diphtheria bacillus isolated	...	10
Negative result	... ..	15
		— 25

Blood from cases of suspected Enteric Fever.

	Number of Specimens.
Widal or Typhoid reaction obtained	2
Widal or Typhoid reaction not obtained	0
	— 2

Sputa from cases of suspected Tuberculosis.

Tubercle bacillus found	27
„ „ not found	93
	— 120
	<u>147</u>

Food Supply.—The dairies and milkshops, the ice-cream shops, and the kitchens of restaurants, &c., were kept under systematic observation by your inspectors.

The licences of seven slaughter-houses in the borough were renewed by the London County Council in October, no objections being raised by the Borough Council.

The following table gives a summary of the work relating to the above-named premises.

PREMISES.	NUMBER OF PLACES.				Number of inspections, 1917.	Number of notices, 1917.	Number of prosecutions, 1917.
	On register at end of 1916.	Added in 1917.	Removed in 1917.	On register at end of 1917.			
Milk premises ...	306	12	12	306	734	14	2

PREMISES.	NUMBER OF PLACES.				Number of inspections, 1917.	Number of notices, 1917.	Number of prosecutions, 1917.
	On register at end of 1916.	Added in 1917.	Removed in 1917.	On register at end of 1917.			
Slaughter-houses ...	7	nil.	nil.	7	294	nil	nil.
Ice Cream premises	232	2	nil.	234	153	nil	nil.

Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order, 1885.—Proceedings were taken against Messrs. Welford & Co., and one of their employees for a contravention of the above order in failing to take proper precautions to prevent the contamination of milk.

The Council's Inspector gave evidence that the man had washed the dirty bottles collected from the customers in a horse trough in Goldhawk Road, and then filled them with milk, sealed them and delivered them to Messrs. Welford's customers.

The bench imposed the maximum penalty of £5, with £2 2s. costs on the man, and also fined Messrs. Welford £5, being of opinion that there had been a lack of proper supervision on the part of the firm.

Unsound Food.—Proceedings were taken against Messrs. Dangerfield, King Street, in respect of some beef which was seized by your Inspectors as being unsound and unfit for food. The case was dismissed without costs as the magistrate was not convinced that the meat was exposed for sale.

Bakehouses.—The bakehouses in the borough have been regularly inspected, and 24 notices served in respect of defects found were complied with.

Factory and Workshop Acts.—The following is a summary of the work done in connection with the Factory and Workshop Acts :—

I.—INSPECTION.

Premises.	Number of		
	Inspec- tions.	Written Notices.	Prosecu- tions.
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	419	28	—
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries)	311	25	—
Workplaces (other than out-workers' premises included in Part 3 of this report)	695	40	—
Total	1,425	93	—

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Particulars.	Number of Defects.			Number of Prosecutions.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:—</i>				
Want of Cleanliness	148	148	...	...
Want of Ventilation ... ..	...	...	...	...
Overcrowding ... ..	...	...	...	...
Want of Drainage of Floors ...	2	2	...	...
Other Nuisances	12	12	...	...
Sanitary { insufficient	8	8	...	...
Accommo- { unsuitable or defective ...	14	14	...	...
dation. { not separate for sexes ...	8	7	...	...
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Act:—</i>				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (S. 101) ... ..	...	...	...	...
Breach of special Sanitary require- ments, for bakehouses (SS. 97 to 100)	15	15	...	...
Other Offences (excluding offences relating to out- work, which are included in Part 3 of this report.)	9	9	...	...
Total	216	215	...	...

3.—HOME WORK.

Nature of Work.	Outworkers' List, Section 107.							Outwork in Un- wholesome pre- mises, Sec. 108.			Outwork in In- fected Premises, Secs. 109, 110.				
	Lists received from Employers.						Notices served on Occupiers as to keeping or sending lists.	Prosecutions.		Instances.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.	Instances.	Orders made (Sec. 110).	Prosecutions (Secs. 109, 110).
	Twice in the year.			Once in the year.				Failing to keep or permit in- spection of Lists.	Failing to send Lists.						
	Lists.	Outworkers.		Lists.	Outworkers.										
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)
Wearing apparel—															
(1) making, etc....	19	16	28	...	...	...	32	32	...	...	...	...
(2) cleaning and washing
Furniture and upholstery															
...
TOTAL	19	16	28	...	...	...	32	32	...	...	...	...

4.—REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.

Workshops on the Register (S. 131) at the end of the year.	Number.	
Important classes of workshops such as workshop bakehouses may be enumerated here	bakehouses ...	48
	dressmakers ...	150
	laundries ...	146
	others ...	364
Total number of workshops on Register ...	708	

5.—OTHER MATTERS.

Class.	Number.	
Matters notified to H. M. Inspector of Factories—		
Failure to affix Abstract of the Factory and Workshop Act 1901 (S. 133)	—	
Action taken in matters referred by H. M. Inspector as remediable under the Public Health Acts, but not under the Factory and Workshop Act 1901 (S. 5)	Notified by H. M. Inspector ...	8
	Reports (of action taken) sent to H. M. Inspector	8
Other	2	
Underground bakehouses (S. 101)—		
Certificates granted during the year	—	
In use at the end of the year	29	

Customs and Inland Revenue Acts.—Six applications were received for certificates under the Revenue Acts for exemption from or abatement of inhabited house duty. Four were given after certain specified sanitary requirements had been complied with, and two were refused.

Name and situation of premises.	No. of houses and blocks for which applications were received.	No. of tenements therein.	No. of tenements for which certificate was granted.	No. of tenements for which certificate was deferred.
87, Masbro Road	1	2	2	—
104, 104a, 110, 112, 112a, 114, 114a, Sinclair Road... ..	7	14	14	—
52, Addison Gardens	1	3	3	—
59, Addison Gardens	1	3	3	—
Ranmore Mansions	1	4	—	4
Addison Park Mansions	4	26	—	26
Totals	15	52	22	30

Smoke Abatement.—Three intimation notices were served.

Houses Let in Lodgings.—25 houses were removed from and 11 were placed on the list, leaving 2,693 on the register. During the year 131 notices were served and 118 were complied with.

Notices.—The following is a list of Preliminary Notices served and complied with during the year :—

	No. of Inspections.	No. of Notices served.	No. of Notices complied with.
Bakehouses	276	24	24
Customs and Inland Revenue. ...	52	31	16
Houses let in Lodgings	600	131	118
House to House	36	20	20
Housing and Town Planning Act	—	—	—
Factories and Workshops, etc. ...	1,269	98	67
Smoke	20	3	3
Ice Cream Vendors	153	—	—
Milk Vendors	734	16	16
Miscellaneous	12,260	1,182	1,096
	<u>15,400</u>	<u>1,505</u>	<u>1,360</u>

306 Statutory Notices were served and 261 complied with.

Legal Proceedings.—Proceedings under the Public Health (London) Act were taken against the owners of the undermentioned premises for failing to comply with the Council's notices :—

SITUATION OF PREMISES, &C.	NATURE OF OFFENCE.	RESULT OF PROCEEDINGS.
64, Westville Road ...	Failing to comply with statutory notice.	Fined 40s. and 21s. costs.
69, Westville Road ...	Do.	Order made and 21s. costs.
43, Raynham Road ...	Do.	Order made. Costs 10s. 6d.
24, Overstone Road ...	Do.	(1) Fined £1 and 10s. 6d. costs.
7 & 9, Davisville Road ...	Do.	(2) Order made.
		(1) Order made and 10s. 6d. costs.
		(2) Do.
		(3) Do.
2, Ormiston Road ...	Do.	Order made. Fined £2.
20, Adelaide Road ...	Do.	Order made.
10, Letchford Gardens ...	Do.	Order made. Fined £2.
106, King Street ...	Exposing for sale meat unfit for the food of man	Case dismissed.
28, Letchford Gardens ...	Failing to comply with statutory notice.	Order made.
32, Waldo Road ...	Do.	Withdrawn (work carried out).
17, St. Peter's Road ...	Do.	Work done. Order for payment of costs £1 1s. Do. Do.
10, Letchford Gardens ...	Failing to comply with order	Do. Do.
11, Elric Street ...	Failing to comply with statutory notice	Order made. Costs 10s. 6d.
17, Elric Street ...	Do.	Do.
23, Elric Street ...	Do.	Do.
20, 22, 24, 26, 37, & 38, Overstone Road, & 45, Raynham Road	Do.	Order made. Costs £2 2s. and fined £1 on 37, Overstone Road.
White's Yard, Gt. Church Lane	Do.	Fined £4.
45, Banim Street ...	Do.	Order made. Fined £2.
106, Askew Road ...	Do.	Order made. Costs 10s. 6d.
8, Letchford Gardens ...	Do.	(1) Do. Do.
		(2) Fined £2.
2, 3 & 5, Butterswick Cottages	Do.	Order made.
82, Blechynden Street ...	Do.	Order made. Costs 10s. 6d.
84, Blechynden Street ...	Do.	Withdrawn (work carried out).
11, Elric Street ...	Failing to comply with nuisance order	Fined £3.
57, Hammersmith Bridge Road	Failing to comply with statutory notice	Order made. Costs 10s. 6d.

Staff of Public Health Department.—One of your Sanitary Inspectors, Mr. A. Hayes, has been absent during the year, being still attached to the Royal Naval Air Service, and Mr. W. Brown was released in September to return to his former work.

In the clerical staff, your chief clerk, Mr. A. Wilmot, joined the H.A.C. in April, and Mr. F. Haworth, Junior Clerk, returned to his former position in February, being invalided from the Army.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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Public Health Department.



