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COUNTY BOROUGH OF EAST HAM.

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ANNUAL REPORT

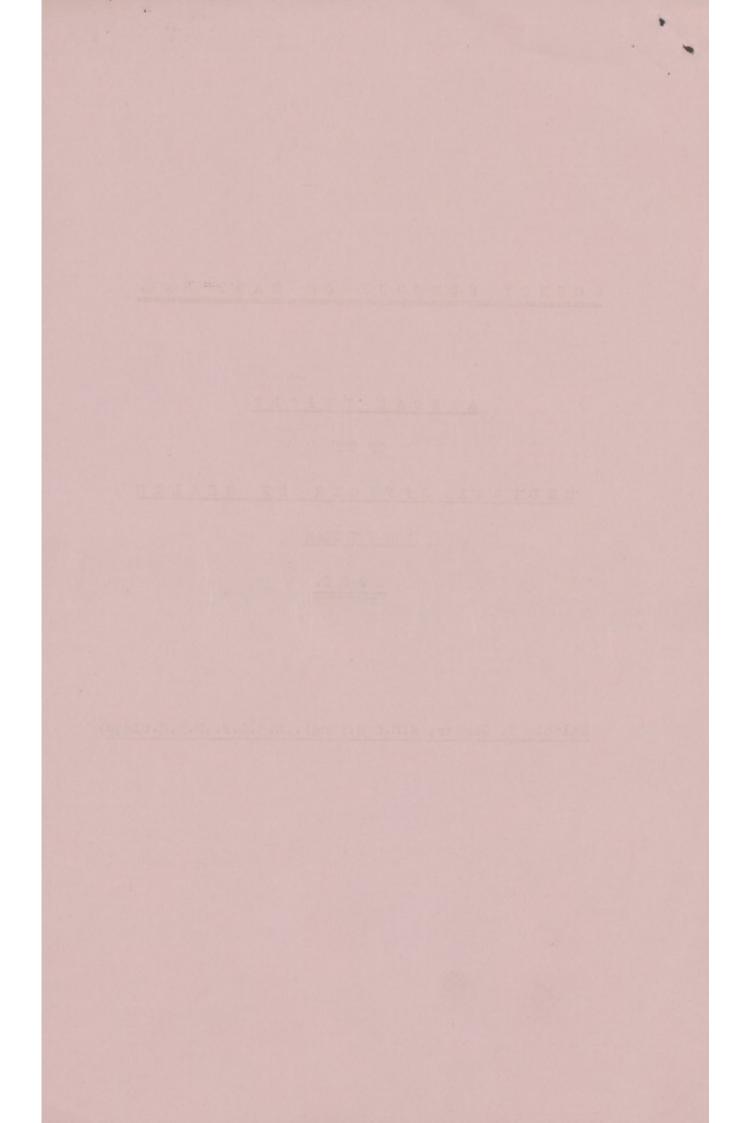
OF THE.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1939.

Malcolm E. Barker, M.R.C.S.(Eng)., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.(Lond)



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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, .

Town Hall Annexe,

East Ham, E.6.

MAY, 1940.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the County Borough of East Ham.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report on the health of the County Borough of East Ham for the year 1939, together with the Annual Report to the Education Committee on the School Medical Service.

It is with much regret that I record the death of Dr. James Crawford, for several years Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Medical Superintendent of the Harts Sanatorium.

The report is mainly statistical and, in accordance with the request of the Ministry of Health, is confined to essential features of the year's work. The tabular matter, in many instances, is abridged, but sufficient detail is given to permit of a comparison with previous years, and, at the same time, to form a continuous record of the public health activities of the Borough.

The incidence of infectious disease has been noticeably low, and the health of the Borough generally shows further improvement in almost all respects.

Early investigation of illness and close supervision of contacts have contributed largely to this end. The facilities available in all directions for inspection, examination and treatment have produced material results, and, had not the war supervened, would, this year have established a record in the health of the Borough.

Additional and extended services in operation during the year enhanced the benefits obtainable.

Although latterly some curtailment was necessary, clinics were continued throughout the whole period, and I wish to record appreciation of the help afforded to the staff by the people of this Borough during the difficult times.

The medical arrangements in connection with the evacuation of maternity cases, school children and others, were carried out with the maximum of efficiency, resulting in little inconvenience to those participating.

Much credit is due to the medical, technical and clerical staffs for their work in the organisation of the Casualtics Services etc., and to the Health Visitors and School Nurses for their assistance at the First Aid Posts as Sisters-in-Charge. I acknowledge with gratitude the help afforded by the personnel of the various A.R.P. Posts and Depots.

I desire again to express my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee, and to those of other Committees with which I am associated. My thanks are also due to my colleagues and to members of the Public Health Staff for their efficient service and willing co-operation.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

R. Rowker Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

| Area (in stature acres) land and inland water - | - 3,324 |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Population. Census - 1931 Estimated - 1939 for Birth Rate " Death Rate | 142,394 127,600 122,800 |
| Number of inhabited houses (end of 1939)according to rate books (including tenements & shops. Approx. | . 33,000 |
| Rateable value at 31st December, 1939 | £762,862 |
| Sum represented by a penny rate for the year 1939/40. | £3,065 |

| Extracts from Vital S | tatisti | .cs. | | For | Infont | & Motennel |
|--|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| | | | | FOR | Morta. | & Maternal Lity. |
| | Total. | Heles. | Females | Males | Female | s. <u>Total.</u> |
| Live (Legitimate Births (Illegitimate | 1,804 41 | 934 20 | 870 21 | 922 20 | 857 21 | 1,779 41 |
| Still Births Deaths | 57 1,400 | 28 752 | 29 648 | | | |

Deaths from Puerperal causes :-

| | Deaths. | Rate per 1,000 total (live & still births) |
|--|---------|---|
| Puerperal Sepsis Other Puerperal causes | 3 3 6 | 1.57 1.57 |
| | 6 | 3.14 |

Death rate of infants under one year of age :-

| | nts per 1,000 li te infants per 1 ate "" | | timate | | 41 41 48 |
|---------------|--|-----------|---------|------|----------------|
| Deaths from C | ancer (all ages) | | | | 235 |
| | easles (all ages | | | | Nil |
| | hooping Cough (a | | | | 6 |
| Deaths from D | iarrhoea (under) | 2 years o | f age). | | 9 |

Still Births.

Still births registered numbered 57 compared with 68 for 1938. The rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births was 29.9, the figure for the previous year being 35.7.

Births.

The number of live births registered was 1,845 compared with 1,883 for the year 1938, equivalent to a birth rate of 14.4 per 1,000 of the Registrar General's estimated population calculated for the birth rate. The rate for 1938 was 14.1.

Deaths.

During the year the number of East Ham residents dying was 1,400. This figure is equal to a death rate of 11.4 per 1,000 of the Registrar General's estimated population calculated for the death rate. For the previous year the rate was 10.6.

Infantile Mortality.

The number of deaths of children under one year of age was 76, equal to an Mantile mortality rate of 41 per 1,000 live births (51 for 1938), the rate for England and Wales being 50 per 1,000 live births.

Neo-Natal Mortality.

Children dying under the age of one month totalled 39,equal to a neo-natal mortality rate of 21.1 per 1,000 live births. The rate for the previous year was 22.9.

Maternal Mortality.

Maternal deaths numbered 6, the rate for 1939 being 3.25 per 1,000 live births and 3.14 per 1,000 live and still births.

| | Puerperal | l Sepsis | Other (| Causes. | Total. | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| | England & Wales. | East Ham. | England & Wales | | England & Wales | East Ham. | | | | |
| 1,000 live births 1,000 | | 1.62 | 2.16 | 1.62 | 2.93 | 3.25 | | | | |
| Total Births (live and still.) | 0.74 | 1.57 | 2.08 | 1.57 | 2.82 | 3.14 | | | | |

Population.

The Registrar General's estimate of the population for 1939 is 127,600 for the birth rate and 122,800 for the death rate. His figure for the year 1938 was 129,500.

| | | er 1000 Ation. | | Annual | Death | Rate pe | r 1,000 | Popula | tion. | | Rate pe Live E | Rate per 1,000 Live Births. | | |
|--|--------------|-------------------|-------------|--|------------|----------|----------------|----------------|-------------|------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|
| | Live Births. | Still Births. | All Causes. | Typhoid and Para-typhoid Fovers. | Small-pox. | Measles. | Scarlet-Fever. | Whooping Cough | Diphtheria. | Influenza. | Diarrhoea and Enteritis(un- der two years) | Total Deaths under ane year | | |
| England and Wales | 15.0 | 0.59 | 12.1 | 0.00 | - | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.21 | 4.6 | 50 | | |
| 126 County Boroughs and Great Towns including London. | 14.8 | 0.59 | 12.0 | 0.00 | - | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.19 | 6.3 | 53 | | |
| 148 Smaller Towns (esti- mes.1 resident popula- tions 25,000 - 50,000 at census 1931. | 15.6 | 0.57 | 11.2 | 0.00 | - | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.20 | 3.0 | 40 | | |
| London - Administrative County. | 12.3 | 0.44 | 11.9 | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.18 | 8.2 | 48 | | |
| east ham | 14.4 | 0.44 | 11.4 | 0.02 | - | - | - | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.23 | 4.8 | 41 | | |

CAUSES OF DEATH IN AGE GROUPS, 1939. .

| Buso of Denth. Denth at different periods of life of residents: what have occurring within or without the district what prove yrate yrate yrates yrates yrates yrates yrates yrates yrates yrates | | | | T | | he | | + | at | 00 | | ant | | | | - | | | | | | - | 1.1.5 | | - |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|---------|------|------|------|--------|--------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-----|---------|--------|-------|-------|------|
| Ages 1 yes | | A | 11 | W | net | ne | r | oc | cu | rr | in | g w | 1 th | un | 0 | r 1 | wit | tho | ut | th | e | dis | tr | ict | a t |
| year yrar yrs yrs </td <td>Jauso of Death.</td> <td></td> <td>pa</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1-</td> <td>. 2</td> <td>2-</td> <td>5</td> <td>5-</td> <td>-15</td> <td>15-</td> <td>25</td> <td>25-</td> <td>35</td> <td>35</td> <td>-45</td> <td>45-1</td> <td>55</td> <td>55-</td> <td>65</td> <td>65-</td> <td>75</td> <td></td> <td></td> | Jauso of Death. | | pa | | | 1- | . 2 | 2- | 5 | 5- | -15 | 15- | 25 | 25- | 35 | 35 | -45 | 45-1 | 55 | 55- | 65 | 65- | 75 | | |
| 1. Typhoid - Para Typhoid fevers 2 1 2 2 | | | 30.5 | у | ear | y | rs | yr | s. | JI | ·s . | y | rs | y | rs | y | rs | yrs | | Jrs | | yr. | 3 4 | | |
| typhold fevers 2 1 - | | M | F | M | F | M | F | 14 | F | 14 | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| 3. Scarlet Fever - | 1. Typhoid - Para typhoid fevers | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | - 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | 1 | - | - | _ | - | - | _ | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| 4. Whooping Cough - 6 - 3 - | 2. Measles | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | _ | _ | - | - | _ | _ | - | - | - | - | | _ | - |
| 5. Diphtheria 3 3 - 1 1 - 1 2 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 | 3. Scarlet Fever | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - |
| 6. Influenza 19 10 2 - 1 - 2 2 - 2 2 4 1 3 8 4 2 7. Encephaltis 1 - 1 1 - - - - - - - 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 <t< td=""><td></td><td>1.353</td><td>1 73</td><td>-</td><td>3</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>3</td><td></td><td></td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>+ </td><td>-</td><td>-</td></t<> | | 1.353 | 1 73 | - | 3 | - | - | - | 3 | | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | - |
| 7. Encophalitis Lethargica 1 - 1 1 1 - - - - 1 1 1 1 - - - - - - - 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | | 100000 | | - | | 1 | - | - | 1 | 2 | | | | | - | - | | - | | - | - | - | | | |
| Lethargica 1 1 1 | | 19 | 10 | 2 | - | - | - | L | - | 1 | - | - | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | B | 4 | 2 |
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| 2. General Paraly sis of the Insane (Tables Dorsalis.) 1 1 1 | Tuberculous | 8 | 4 |] | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | ı | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | _ | 1 |
| sis of the In- same (Tables) Dorsalis.) 1 1 | l. Syphilis | - |]]. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | · 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | _ | - |
| 13.Cancer H5 H9 - - - - 1 1 - 4 1 4 9 14 2 2 2 5 3 2 4 4 2 6 3 - - - - - - 1 1 4 1 4 9 14 2 2 2 5 3 2 2 2 5 3 2 2 2 5 3 2 2 2 2 3 3 1 - - - 1 1 3 4 5 7 9 12 1 1 1 3 4 5 7 9 12 1 | sis of the In- sane (Tabé.s | | 1 | | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | | | 1 | - | - | | | |
| 15. Gerebral Hasmarringe, etc. 26 37 - - - - - 1 1 - 1 1 3 4 5 7 9 127 12 16. Heart Disease 191 170 - - - - 1 1 1 3 0 5 14 7 44 15 7 9 27 12 16. Heart Diseases 31 - - - - 1 1 1 3 16 7 3946 7 18. Other circulatory 3 1 - - - - - - - - - 1 <td>13.Cancer</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>119</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>4</td> <td>1</td> <td>4</td> <td>9</td> <td>14</td> <td>21</td> <td>22</td> <td>25</td> <td>45</td> <td>32</td> <td>24</td> <td>3.</td> | 13.Cancer | 0.00 | 119 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 4 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 14 | 21 | 22 | 25 | 45 | 32 | 24 | 3. |
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| 18. Other circulation 33 20 - <td></td> <td></td> <td>10000</td> <td>S</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1.00</td> <td></td> <td>100</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1000</td> <td>1000</td> <td>1000</td> <td>0.000</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>59</td> <td>16</td> <td>75</td> | | | 10000 | S | | | | | | 1.00 | | 100 | | | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 0.000 | | | | 1 | 59 | 16 | 75 |
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| 23.Diarrhoea, etc. 8 2 6 1 1 1 - | tory diseases | | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 1 |
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| 26.0ther diseases of Liver, etc. 1 2 - - - - - 1 - - 2 - 1 27.0ther digestive Diseases. 20 15 1 - - - - 1 1 - - 2 - 4 1 27.0ther digestive Diseases. 20 15 1 - - 2 - - 1 1 1 - - 2 4 - 1 2 1 - 7 2 5 7 4 - - - 1 1 1 3 2 2 3 1 3 2 2 3 1 3 2 2 3 1 3 2 2 3 1 3 | 24.Appendicitis | | | | - | - | | 1 | - | - | | - | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | - |
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| 9. Puerperal Sopoid 3 - | | 20 | | 1 | | - | - | * | 4 | | - | - | | | | 2 | T | - | | | | | | | |
| 30.0thr Rurperl. Gauses - 3 - - - - - 1 - - 2 - - - - - 1 - - 2 - <td>9. Puerperal Sonsia</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1 1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1.</td> <td></td> <td>100</td> <td>1 -</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1000</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>1000</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>10.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>01 1</td> | 9. Puerperal Sonsia | | | 1 1 | | | 1. | | 100 | 1 - | | | | 1000 | 1 | 1 | 1000 | 1 | | | | 10.00 | | | 01 1 |
| Premature Birth, Malformations, 26 19 25 18 - - - - 1 1 - | 30. Other Ruspernl. Chuses | | 3 | - | - | - | | 5 | | - | | - | | 1 | 1 1 | - | | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | | - |
| 2. Senility 41 34 - - - - - - - - - - 7 6 34 34 34 34 34 34 34 35 - 1 | Premature Birth. | 1 | 19 | 25 | 18 | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 4.0ther Violence 29 16 - 1 - - 1 1 7 - 6 1 2 1 2 - 5 2 4 1 2 8 5.0ther defined causes 50 47 1 1 - - 2 3 1 4 7 1 2 4 3 6 10 6 11 14 6 9 6 50.Causes 111-defined - | 2.Senility | 10000000 | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1000 | - | | - | | 1.1.2 | | - | 7 | | 34 | 52 |
| 5.0ther defined causes 50 47 1 1 2 - 3 1 4 7 1 2 4 3 6 10 6 11 14 6 9 6 oc.Causes ill-defined or unknown. Totals 752 63 49 27 2 2 4 9 13 6 19 27 41 28 36 26 69 63 136 89 212 132 1 196 | 34. Other Violence | 29 | | 0.30 | | | | 200 | 1000 | | | 1 1000 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| Totals 752 648 49 27 2 2 4 9 13 6 19 27 41 28 36 26 69 63 136 89 212 73 1 196 | 5. Other defined causes | \$ 50 | | 1 | 1 | 1000 | 1.00 | | | 3 | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | | 3 | | | | nĩ | 14 | 6 | | |
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DEATHS IN WARDS.

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|---|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|------------|---------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|
| Cause of Death. | | Iáttle Eford | Wood- grange | | | - Castl | Cen- tral. | Wall End. | Great field | South | Tota |
| Typhoid & Para | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Typhoid Fevers | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| 2.Measles. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 3.Scarlet Fever | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| :.Whooping Cough | - | 2 | - | - | 2 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - 1 | C |
| 5.Diphtheria | 1 | 2 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 6 |
| 6.Influenza | 3 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 29 |
| 7.Encephalitis Lethargica | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| 8.Cerebro- Spinal Fever | - | - | - | - | l | - | - | - | | - | 1 |
| 9.Tuberculosis of Respiratory | 21 22 | | | | | | | - | - | | |
| System | 6 | 9 | 4 | 14 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 8 | 71 |
| 10. Other Tuberculous | Par a | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Diseases. | - | 2 | l | l | 2 | - | 2 | - | l | 3 | 12 |
| ll.Syphilis | - | - | - | - | - | | | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| 12.General Paralysis of the Insane Tabes Dorsalis | 1 | 1 | | - | | | | | | | 1 |
| 13.Cancer | 31 | 28 | 26 | 34 | 22 | 16 | 15 | 17 | 20 | 26 | 235 |
| 14.Diabetes | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 22 |
| 15. Cerebral | | | | | | | | ~ | | ~ | |
| Hæmarrhøge, etc | 6 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 63 |
| 16 Heart Disease | 35 | 39 | 37 | 41 | 33 | 30 | 37 | 37 | 26 | 46 | 361 |
| 17 Aneurysm | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 4 |
| B Other Circulatory Diseases. | 6 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 5 | 62 |
| 9 Bronchitis | 6 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 48 |
| OPneumonia (all forms.) | 9 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 64 |
| 1 Other Respiratory Diseases. | | 1 | 2 | - | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | - | 2 | 15 |
| Peptic Ulcer | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | _ | 1 | 15 |
| Diarrhoea, etc. | i | 4 | - | - | 4 | - | 4 | i | - | - | 10 |
| Appendicitis | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | - | 5 |
| 25 Cirrhosis of Liver | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 4 |
| 260ther diseases of Liver, etc. | - | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | 2 | - | 9 |
| 270ther digestive diseases. | 5 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 33 |
| 28Acute & Chronic Nephritis. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 33 |
| Sepsis. | | 1 | - | - | - | l | - | - | - | 1 | 3 |
| Soother Puerperal | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Causes. | 1 | - | - | 1. | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Clongenitel Dubility Promature Birth, | 22 | 8 | | | - | | | | | | 15 |
| Malformations, etc. | 11 | 11 | 28 | 4 9 | 2 3 | 4 | 1 2 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 45 75 |
| SSuicide | 3 | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 18 |
| AOther Violence | 2 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 45 |
| Sother defined Causes. | 7 | 14 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 6 | 97 |
| Causes | - | | | | | - | | | | | |
| 3. Ill-defined or unknown. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTALS ; | 152 | 164 | 136 | 158 | 114 | 1.34 | 126 | 146 | 114 | 156 | 1400 |
| | Gran Laboratoria | | CONTRACTOR OF | AND DE LOS | Lor Longer | - | \$1178.0781121 | An and the second | | - | Contraction and |

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PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

| NOCTITED CASES TOL. CHE OF MEEKS CHUTTE OC. TC.03 | ied Cases for the 52 wee | ks ending 30.12.39. |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|

| , | | Cas | es n | otifi | .ed i | .n wh | lole | distr | rict | | | | Ward | Dist | ribut | ion | of C | ases. | | | ases ed | Deatins |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------|------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|----------|----------|----------------|----------------|-------|----------|-----------|-------|---------|--------------|----------|-------|------------|-----------------|
| DISEASE. | | | at | | | | year | | | 0.5 | k. | I. ttle | od- | le t. | Cta | stlei | ral | -10 | blei | outh. | of cal | L Dea |
| DIDEROS. | At all ages | Under 1 | tos | 5 to 10 | 10 to 15 | 15 to 20 | 20 135 | 35 5 45 | 45 65 | 65 up | Manor Park. | I.A.t I.A.t | Wood- | Plashe t | Kensingta | Dast | Contral | Wall End. | fertions | nog. | No.0 | rotal. In Bo |
| Scarlet Fever | 196 | 1 | 44 | 88 | 35 | 12 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 21 | 14 | 16 | 17 | 37 | 13 | 32 | .8 | 16 | 172 | - |
| Diphtheria | 91 | 2 | 27 | 34 | 11 | 7 | 8 | 2 | - | - | 9 | 28 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 10 | 91 | 6 |
| Interic Fever | 8 | | - | - | - | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 4 | 3 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 8 | 3 |
| Erysipelas | 41 | - | - | - | l | 2 | 4 | 4 | 22 | . 8 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 9 | - 9 | - |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | 16 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 13 | 2 | - | - | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 3 |
| Pneumonia | 59 | 3 | 4 | 3 | - | 3 | 10 | 6 | 23 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 11 | 8 | S | 3 | 8 | 22 | 64 |
| Opthalmia Necnatorum | 7 | 7 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1. | Э. | - | - | - | | 7. | 2 | 1 | - |
| Seningoccal Meningitis | 3 | l | l | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | | l | 5 | l |
| icute Poliomyelitis | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | l | | 1 | | - | 2 | - |
| * Measles | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - |

* Notifiable for duration of war.

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

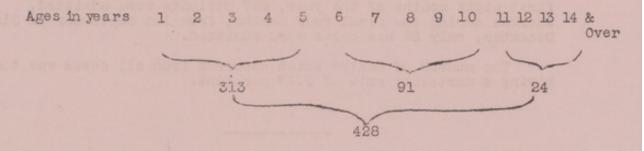
Zymotic Death Rate.

The deaths from the seven principal zymotic diseases (Smallpox, Whooping Gough, Measles, Diphtheria, Diarrhoea, Scarlet Fever, and Enteric Fever) during the year numbered 23. The death rate was 0.18 per 1,000 pepulation, as compared with a rate of 0.2 for 1936.

No cases of smallpox were reported during the year under review.

Diphtheria Immunisation Clinics.

Number inoculated in the various age groups :-



Cancer.

No investigations have been undertaken, as requested in the Ministry of Health's series of Circulars on Cancer.

Lectures are given to women's organisations and other associations on the subject of Cancer. Patients are referred to the general hospitals for investigation and special treatment.

Classification:

| Carcinoma | | | | | S06 |
|-------------|---|---|-------|---|-----|
| Epitholioma | | • | | | 3 |
| Sarcoma | | • | | | 4 |
| Neoplasm | | | | | 2 |
| Papilloma 👘 | | • | | | 1 |
| Adonoma | | | | | 1 |
| Unstated | • | | | | 18 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | mate' | 1 | 075 |

Total:

Cancer Deaths 1930 :--

| Total deaths | | | | | 235 |
|--------------|---|---|---|--|------|
| Males | | | • | | 1.16 |
| Femalos | • | • | • | | 119 |

BOROUGH INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL.

Dr. Palmer's observations are contained in the following report upon the work of the Hospital:-

PREFACE.

During the year 325 patients were admitted to the wards, as compared with 544 in 1938. This diminution was due to a big decrease in the numbers of infectious diseases of all types, and particularly with regard to Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria cases. There has been a yearly falling off in the total number of cases treated in the Hospital and it is certainly most satisfactory that a Borough the size of East Ham should show such a low incidence of infectious diseases.

The outbreak of war particularly affected the Hospital by making evacuation necessary to a place of greater safety. Accordingly, on 1st September, the patients were removed to the Hospital Block at Harts Sanatorium, Woodford. It is interesting to note what effect the evacuation of children from the Borough had on the number of admissions of infectious cases. For the first eight months of the year, 287 patients were admitted, whereas during the final four months, from 1st September to 31st December, only 38 new cases were admitted.

The number of deaths which occurred from all cases was ten, giving a mortality rate of 3.07 per cent.

STATISTICS.

(A) DIRHTHERIA. (Uncorrected for Disgnosis.)

| In Hospital on December | 31st, | 1.938 | | 23 |
|--------------------------|---------|-------|------|-----|
| Admitted during 1939 . | | | | 87 |
| Discharged during 1939 | | | | 103 |
| Died during 1939 | | | | 5 |
| Remaining on December 31 | 180, 19 | 339 | | 2 |

(B) SCARLET FEVER. (Uncorrected for Diagnosis.)

| In Hospital on December 31st 1938 | 23 |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| | 175 |
| | 195 |
| Died during 1939 | 0 |
| Remaining on December 31st, 1939 | 3 |

(C) MISCELLANEOUS. (Uncorrected for Diagnosis)

| | Hospitz | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|----------|-------|-------|------|------|-----|----|-----|---|---------|------|------|---|
| | mittod d | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | scharged | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ed durin | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Re | maining | on Da | acemt | ter: | 31.5 | 12, | 15 | 929 | , | • • | | | 1 |

DIPHTHERIA.

| • | Number of notified cases | 87 |
|---|---------------------------------------|----|
| | Revision of diagnosis | 17 |
| | Other notified diseases proving to be | - |
| | Diphtheria | 2 |
| | Final Number of Diphtheria cases | 72 |

Table Showing Types of Diphtheria and Mortality.

| <u>Type.</u> | Total | Died. | Mortality Rate. |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Facial Fucial and Nasal Nasal | 52 12 7 | 1 3 1 | 1.92% 25% 14.28% |
| Facial and Laryngeal TOTALS: | 72 | - 5 | |

Table showing Serum Administration.

| 4,000 | . 8,000 | 16,000 | 24,000 | 31,000 | 48,000 | TOTAL . |
|-------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| 2 | 5 | 8 | . 1.5 | 15 | 27 | 72 |

The Serum Reaction Rate: 8.3%

The Total Complication Rate was 23.61%

SCARLET FEVER.

| Number of notified cases | 175 |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Revision of diagnosis | 9 |
| Other notified diseases proving to be | |
| Scarlet Fever | 4 |
| Final number of Scarlet Fever cases | 170 |

Complications:

| Adenitis | | | | | | • | | | | • | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|---|---|---|---|----|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| Tonsillitis | | | | | | | | • | | | | | |
| Otorrhoea | | | | | • | | | • | | | • | | |
| Rhinitis . | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Endocarditi | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Albuminuria | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Broncho Pne | umo | n | 1 | a | | | | | | | | | |
| Broncho Pne Minor Septi | C C | 0 | n | â | 1 | t: | 1 | 0 | n | s | | | |
| | | | | | T | 0 | t | a | 1 | : | | | |

For the fifth successive year there were no deaths from Scarlet fever. Serum and Prontosil Therapy.

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| Number of cases receiving Serum alone 95 "" & Prontosil 21 " " Prontosil alone. 48 " " " no specific therapy. 6 The Serum Reaction Rate was 19.28% |
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| OPERATIONS. Exploration of Chest 3 Mastoidectomy 1 Incision of Abscesses 6 Minor Operations 4 |
| BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS. |
| 1397 swabs were examined for Diphtheria Baccilli and of this number 157 were found to be positive. LABORATORY WORK. |
| Bacteriological Examination of Faeces |
| Bacteriological Examination of Faeces |
| DIPHTHERIA.IMMUNISATION. Patients Immunised:- 37 |
| |

TABLE OF ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES, ETC. FOR 1939.

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| DISEASE. | Remaining at end of 1938. | Admitted During 1939. | Died During 1939. | Discharged During 1939. | Remaining at end of 1939. |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Diphthoria | 23 | 71 | 5 | 87 | 2 |
| Diphtheria and Scarlot Fever | - | 1 | - | - | l |
| Scarlet Fever | 19 | 168 | - | 186 | 1 |
| Scarlet Fever and Whooping Cough | 4 | 2 | - | 6 | - |
| Balanitis | - | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Bronchitis | | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Chicken Pox | | 3 | - | 3 | - |
| Conjunctivitis | - | 1 | | l | - 200 |
| Diphtheria Carrier | - | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Enteric Fever | 9 | 6 | 2 | 13 | - |
| Erysipelas | | 3 | - | 3 | |
| Erythema | | 4 | | 4 | - |
| Iodine Burn | | 1 | | 1 | - |
| Laryngitis | - | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| Measles | | 3 | - | 3 | - |
| Mumps | 1 | 3 | - | 4 | - |
| Nephritis | | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| No Evidence of Discase | - | 5 | | 5 | - |
| Observation | 3 | 3 | STALL - OT | 6 | - |
| Pemphigus | | 2 | acost is a so | 1 | 1 |
| Pentonsillar Abscess | _ | 2 | | 2 | - |
| Pneumonia | - | 3 | 1 | 2 | - |
| Pulmonary T.B. | _ | 1 | | 1 | _ |
| Rheumatism | - | ī | - | ī | _ |
| Rhinitis | - | 1 | - | ī | - |
| Ringworm | - | 3 | - | 3 | - |
| Rubella | | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| Serum Sickness | - | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Tonsillitis | - | 7 | - | 7 | - |
| Urticaria | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Whooping Cough | - | 20 | 2 | 18 | - |
| TOTALS: | 59 | 325 | 10 | 368 | 6 |

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MIDWIVES ACTS 1902 - 1936.

The number of midwives who notified their intention to practice in the area during 1939 was 54. Of this number 36 worked in connection with the Maternity Hospital and District Nurses Homes, Plaistow, and its branches, - 6 at Sir Henry Tate's Nurses Home, Silvertown,-1 at the Kelvingrove Nursing Home, Windsor Road, - and 11 practised independently, including 3 Municipal Midwives.

> SUMMARY of VISITS PAID DURING 1939 BY NURSES OF PLAISTOW MATERNITY HOSPITAL & DISTRICT NURSES HOME

Midwifery 313

Monthly 149

Hospital 204.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The same facilities exist as detailed in previous reports for the examination of specimens.

During 1939, 973 specimens were examined at the East Ham Memorial Hospital and 56 pathological examinations were carried out by the Ministry of Health Laboratory and Counties Public Health Laboratories.

The number of diphtheria swabs examined at the Infectious Diseases Hospital and the Town Hall Annexe Laboratory, was as follows:-

| Number. | Positive. | Negative. |
|---------|-----------|-----------|
| 2,095 | 178 | 1,917 |

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

Since the war started, the two Town ambulances which operated from the Fire Station, were handed over to the A.R.P. Ambulance Section and are worked from one of the Ambulance Depots. Two ambulances in addition, are still available for the

Two ambulances, in addition, are still available for the removal of infectious cases.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE DOMICILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Statistical Return for the year ending 31.12.39.

| Number of attendances | Number of attendances | Total number of attendances. | | Number of occasions medicines supplied without scoing patients. |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|
| 4,285 | 14,987 | 19,272 | | 858 |
| | plications to for hospital | Medical Officer o treatment. | } | 14 |
| | quisitions re f nurse. | coived for atten- | } | 41 |

VENEREAL DISEASES.

The same facilities are available as in recent years for the treatment of these diseases, and from the official tables supplied by the London County Council the following figures are abstracted:-

| New Patients. | 1939. | 1938. |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Syphilis Soft Chancre Gonorrhoea Not venereal | 13 1 61 <u>110</u> | 18 2 84 <u>136</u> |
| | <u>185</u> | 240_ |
| | 1939. | 1938. |
| Total attendances of all patients | 4,716 | 11,020 |
| Total number of in-patient days | 42 | 182. |

The decrease in attendances and in-patient days as compared with the year 1938 is not due solely to the War and resulting evacuation, but to a lessened incidence of disease.

PATHOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.

| | | 1939. | 1938. |
|--|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| For or at the | Contros:- | | |
| Spirochaet Gonococci Wasserman Others . | | 2 2,119 370 839 3,330 | 43 2;,037 464 992 3,536 |
| | | | |
| For practition | ors:- | | |
| Spirochaet Gonococci Wasserman Others | | 5 14 11 | 2 40 21 |
| | Total: | 30 | 63 |

RUNWELL MENTAL HOSPITAL.

Mental patients are now accommodated in Runwell Mental Hospital, Essex, the institution belonging to the County Boroughs of East Ham and Southend-on-Sea.

Statistics and other information relating to the Hospital are contained in the Annual Report for 1939.

EAST HAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The work of the hospital and Public Health Department becomes more closely associated each year and I acknowledge with gratitude the help of the Committee and honary medical staff. Reference should be made to the Annual Report.

BLIND PERSONS ACTS, 1920 - 1938.

The following figures are abstracted from the statistical record of the registration of blind persons, as at 31. 3. 40.

| | Malos. | Females. | Total. | |
|----------------------------|--------|----------|--------|--|
| Number on register | 116 | 108 | 224 | |
| Total employed | 14 | 7 | 21 | |
| Undergoing training | 3 | 1 | 4 | |
| Trained but unemployed | 2 | 2 | 4 | |
| No training but trainable. | 1 | 1 | 2 | |
| Unemployable | 94 | 95 | 189 | |
| Childron (5 to 16 years.). | 2 | 2 | 4 | |

MENTAL DEFICIENCY ACTS, 1913 - 1938.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December, 1939. Article 12 Mental Deficiency Regulations, 1935.

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| 1 MI | ISTICS. | | | ~ | | 107 | |
|------|--|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 1.0 | Under ORDER. | | 195 | 9 | | 193 | |
| | (a)(1) In institutions(excluding cases on Licence.) | <u>M.</u> | <u>F.</u> | Potal. | <u>M.</u> | <u>F.</u> | Total |
| | Under 16 years of age Aged 16 years and over (2) On Licence from Institutions | 19 43 | | | 41. | 13 30. | 32 71 |
| | Under 16 years of age Aged 16 years and over. | -4 | | - 4 | -8 | ī | - 9 |
| | <pre>(b)(1) Under Guardianship(excluding cases on Licence.)</pre> | 2 | .1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| | Aged 16 years and over. | 16 | 13 | 29 | 16 | 9 | 25 |
| | (2) On Licence from Guardianship Under 16 years of age Aged 16 years and over. | -4 | | -4 | ī | | ī |
| 2. | In "PLACES OF SAFETY". | | | | | | |
| | Under 16 years of age Aged 16 years and over | 1 5 | 1 3 | 2 8 | 1 - | | 1 - |
| з. | UNDER STATUTORY SUPERVISION. | 79 | 75 | 154 | 77 | 82 | 159 |
| | Awaiting removal to an Institution | 7 | 7 | 14 | .5 | 4 | 9 |
| 4. | Action not yet taken under any one of the above headings: | | | | | | |
| | (a) Notified by Local Education Authorities (sec.2(2) | ı | - | 1 | 10 | 7 | 17 |
| | (b) Mental Defectives in receipt of poor relief: | | | | | | |
| | (1) Institutional: (a) In Public Assistance Institutions,& Municipal General Hospitals not approved under Sec.37. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | (b) In Institutions certi- fied under the M.D. Acts(including those approved under Sec.37):- | | | | | | |
| | (1) Cases "placed under Section 3 | 1 | l | 2 | - | ı | 1 |
| | (2) Other Cases | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | (2) Domiciliary. | 2 | 5 | 7 | l | 6 | 7 |
| | (a) Otherwise ascertained. | 8 | 7 | 15 | 2 | 4 | 6 |

| 2 . 3 | | | 1.939 | 2. | | 1938. | |
|-------|---|---------|-------|---------|------|-------------------|--------|
| | | M. | | Total | М | | |
| в. | Number of Mental Defectives not at present "subject to be dealt with" but for whom the Local Authority may sub- sequently become liable :- | _ | | | | | |
| | 1. In Institutions or under Guardianship - dealt with under sec.3:- | | | | | | |
| | (a) In regard to whom the Local Authority con- | | | | | | |
| | tributes under its permissive powers: | 4 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| | (b) Maintained wholly or by parents, relatives or others | - | - | - | 1 | 01 02 (A) - | l |
| | 2. Reported to the Local Authority from anyreliable source, and recognised by them as mentally de- fective but as to whom no action under the M.D Acts has been taken:- | | | | | | |
| | (a) Children between the ages of 14 and 16 years of whom, number, if any, under voluntary super- vision. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | (b) All other cases of whom, number, if any, under oluntary supervision. | 32 | 19 | 51 | 29 | 20 | 49 |
| | Number of above cases on the Registers of Occupation and Industrial Contres:- | | | | 30.0 | 21.0.12 | |
| | Under Statutory Supervision | 11 | 10 | 21 | 11 | 13 | 24 |
| | Under Voluntary Supervision On Licence from Institutions | - | - | - | ī | - | ī |
| | Under Guardianship | 4 | 6 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| | On Licence from Guardianship | - | - | - | - | - | brid |
| | DURING THE | YEAR : | 1939. | 11 1 10 | | | |
| l(a | Number of instances in which Licence was granted in 1939: | | | | | | |
| | <pre>(1) from institutions: (2) from guardianship:</pre> | -3 | | 3 | 51 | - | 5 |
| | (9 cases were granted annual ho | liday | at S | eaford | & Bo | ognor | Kegis) |
| (b) | Number of instances in which cases on licence have been returned to Institutions or transferred to Guardianship, during the year 1939:- | | | | | | |
| | <pre>(1) To Institutions (2) To Guardianship</pre> |). 3 | ī | 1 4 | 1 | - | 1 |
| | | | | | | | |

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| Sta | atistics.(Contd.) | <u>M.</u> | <u>1939</u> <u>F.</u> |). Total | <u>M.</u> | <u>193</u> <u>F.</u> | B Total |
|-----|--|-----------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|
| 2. | Cases notified by Local Education Authorities (Sec.2(2) during the year 1939:- | | | | | | |
| | Method of Disposal:- | | | | | | |
| | Sent to Institutions (by Order) | - | 1. | 1 | - | 1 | 1 |
| | Placed under Guard Auchip (by Order) | - | ī | 8 | - 9 | - 5 | - |
| | Placed under Stat. Supervision. Placed in "Places of Safety." | 71 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 14 |
| | Died or removed from area. | 2 | - | 2 | 1 | - | 1 |
| | Action not yet taken: | | | | | | |
| | (a) In receipt of poor relief | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | (b) Others | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | At the tatel wurken of I' Die Imen | 10. | 2. | 12. | 11. | 6. | 17 |
| э. | Of the total number of M.D's.known to Local Authority:- | | | | | | |
| | (a) number who have given birth to children during 1939:- | | | | | | |
| | (1) After marriage | | Two | | | | |
| | (2) While unmarried | | Nil | | | | |
| | (b) number who have married during 1939 | One | male | . 1 | Four F | emale | s. |
| Asc | certainment. | | | | | | |

The number of cases dealt with for the first time during the year was 27, and they were dealt with as under:-

10 placed under Supervision
3 " in Institutions
5 " in "Places of Safety" (Sec.15.)
1 " under Sec.15.(with view to guardianship)
2 " under Guardianship
4 removed to other areas
1 uncertifiable
1 not yet examined.

Provision of Institutional Accommodation.

The Council are still experiencing great difficulty in obtaining institutional accommodation especially for the lower grade cases. This will be relieved by the completion of South Ockendon Colony.

Guardianship.

There are 36 cases under guardianship. (Two cases were transferred on licence from guardianship to institutional care pending Varying Orders being made; one case on licence was returned to institutional care; one case was discharged from the operation of the M.D.Acts, and two were granted licence to parents.)

Supervision.

There are 151 mental defectives under supervision in their own homes in East Ham. All of these are visited at varying intervals by the Supervisor, and reports filed, helpful advice being given with regard to their management, training, etc. It is very rare that the parents show any resentment at, or opposition to, these visits.

Training and Occupational Centre.

The usual satisfactory progress was being maintained until the outbreak of hostilities in September when the Centre was closed, and statistics are therefore omitted from this Report.

Licence, Discharge and After Care.

There are five East Ham mental defectives (males) on licence from institutions, all of whom are at work and doing fairly well. All cases discharged from the operation of the M.D.Acts, and still within this area, are kept in touch with by the Supervisor.

THE INVALID CHILDREN'S AID ASSOCIATION.

As in previous years the Authority and Public Health Department are indebted to the local branch of this Association for their invaluable service rendered to the invalid children of the Borough.

The types of new cases dealt with in 1939 were, as follows :-

| Tuberculosis | 9 | |
|---------------------------|--------------|--|
| Anaemia & Debility | 10 | |
| Rheumatism, heart and cho | rea 23 | |
| Lung conditions (non tub | erculous) 32 | |
| Marasmus and Malnutritio | n 23 | |
| Various | 83 | |
| | | |

Total: 180

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

| | Domiciliary Midwives | Midwives in Institutions | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----|
| Total number of Midwives practising at the end of the year in the area of the Local Supervising Authority: | | | |
| (a) Employed by the Local Super- vising Authority | 2 | - | 2 |
| (b) Normally employed by other Local Supervising Authorities but temporarily working in the area | | - | |
| (c) Employed by other Welfare Councils: (i) Under arrangements made with the Local Supervising Authority in pursuance of Section 1 of the Midwives Act, 1936 (ii) Others | - | - | - |
| (d) Employed by Voluntary Associations: (i) Under arrangements made with the Local Supervising Authority in pursuance of Section 1 of the Midwives Act, 1936 | · 36 | | 36 |
| (ii) Others | | 1 | 1 |
| (e) In private practice | 6 | 1 (17) | 6 |
| Totals: | 44 | l | 45 |

| | Domiciliary Midwivos. | Midwives in Institutions | Totals. |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Number of cases in the area of the Local Supervisory Authority attended during the year by midwives:- | | | |
| (a)Employed by the As Midwives Council As Maternity Aurses | 194 37 | : | 194 37 |
| (b) Normally employed by) other Local Super- vising Authorities) As Midwives but temporarily (As Maternity Nurses working in the area) (c) Employed by other Welfare Councils: | - | - | : |
| <pre>(1) Under arrangements) made with the Local) Supervising Auth rit)As Midwives in pursuance of)As Materrity Murses Section 1 of the) Midwives Act, 1936)</pre> | · | : | : |
| (ii) Others)As Midwives)As Maternity Nurses | | terre is a | |
| (d)Employed by Volun- tary Associations: | | | 2.1. 74. |
| (i) Under arrangements) made with the Local) Supervising Authority) As Midwives in pursuance of) As Maternity Murses Section 1 of the) Midwives Act, 1936) | 332 150 | | 332 150 |
| (ii) Others)As Midwives)As Maternity Nurses | - | 28 | - 28 |
| (c)In private)As Midwives practice)As Maternity Murses | 222 45 | - | 222 45 |
| TOTALS:)As Midwives)As Maternity Murses | 748 232 | 28 | 748 260 |
| | | | |

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Number of cases in which medical aid was summoned during the year under Section 14 (1) of the Midwives Act, 1918, by a midwife:

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| (+ +) | | institutions | - | Nil) | | |
|---------|-----|------------------|-----|------|--------|------|
| (11) | for | casos in | 1.1 | { | Total: | 160. |
| (1) | for | domiciliary caso | s - | 160) | | |

HEALTH VISITING.

4

- (a) Number of Health Visitors employed at the end of the year:
 - (i) by the Council and working in the area served by the Council - 7
 - (ii) By the Council and working in the areas of other Local Authorities Nil.
 - (iii) by Voluntary Associations and working in the area served by the Council - Nil.
 - (iv) by Voluntary Associations and working in the areas of other Local Authorities. Nil.
- (b) Equivalent of whole-time services devoted by the whole staff to health visiting in the area (including attendance at infant welfare centres.) -
 - (i) in the case of ^Health Visitors employed by the Council. - Full Time.
 - (ii) in the case of Health Visitors employed by Voluntary Associations. - Nil.
- (c) Number of visits paid during the year by all Health Visitors working in the area:

| (1) | to expectant mothers. | First visits. Total visits. | 620 642 |
|-------|--|--------------------------------|--------------|
| (11) | to children under one year of age. | First visits. Total visits. | 1659 5264 |
| (111) | to children between the ages of 1 and 5 years. | - Total visits. | 5072 |

INFANT WELFARE CENTRES.

(a) Number of Centres provided and maintained by the Council - 4 *

Number of Centres provided and maintained by Voluntary Associations. - Nil.

- (c) Total number of children who first attended at the Centres during the year and who, on the date of their first attendance, were -
 - (i) under 1 year of age 1051
 - (11) between the ages of 1 and 5 years. - 301
- (d) Total number of children under 5 years of age who attended at the Contres during the year and who, at the end of the year, were -

| (1) | under | l year | of age | - | 918 |
|------|--------|--------|---------|---|------|
| (11) | Over 1 | year | of age. | - | 2634 |

* Two only after September 3rd, 1939.

| ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL SERVICES. | | Post ' Natal |
|---|----------------|-----------------|
| (a) Ante-natal and Post-natal Clinics (whether held at Infant Welfaro Contres or at other premises)- | | |
| (1) Number of Clinics provided and maintained by the Council | 3 | - |
| (ii) Number of Clinics provided and maintained by Voluntary Associations | - | - |
| (111). Total number of women who attended at the Clinics during the year | 813 | 29 |
| (b) Total number of expectant mothers ante-natally examined and of cases post-natally examined during the year, under arrangements made by the Council with private medical practitioners, excluding cases included under 5 (a) (iii) | 11 11 11 | - |

SUPPLY OF MILK AND FOOD.

Total quantity of milk supplied during the year to expectant mothers and nursing mothers and young children:-

| | Liquid Ga | llons. | Dried Pounds. |
|--------------------|---|-----------------|---------------|
| | Under arrange- ments approved in accordance with Circular 1840. | Other- wise. | |
| | | 9,123 | 28,104 |
| cia- n uncil | - | - | - |
| als: | - | 9,123 | 28,104 |

(1) By the Council

(11) By Voluntary Associations operating in the area of the Council

Tota

Cases of Opthalmia Neonatorum notified during the year in which -

| | vision was unimpaired | 7 |
|-----|---|---|
| (b) | " " impaired | - |
| (c) | " " lost | - |
| (d) | the patient was still under treatment at the end of | |
| | the year | - |
| | the patient died | - |
| (f) | the patient removed from the district | - |
| (g) | classification under the above heads cannot be made | |
| | (details of these cases should be attached.) | - |

Total: 7

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HOME NURSING.

- (a) Number of Nurses employed at the end of the year (otherwise than for purposes of the Midwives Act,1936 for the nursing of expectant mothers and children under five years of age, maternity nursing, or the nursing of puerperal pyrexis
 - (i) by the Council Nil
 - (ii) by Voluntary Associations - Nil.
- (b) Total number of cases attended during the year by these nurses. - Nil.

MATERNITY ACCOMMODATION.

As set out in my 1938 Report, the accommodation for women whose homes are unsuitable for their confinements and require in-patient treatment is Forest Gate Hospital, Maternity and District Nurses Home, Plaistow, and Queen Mary's Hospital, Stratford.

During 1939, 163 cases were admitted to Forest Gate Hospital.

INSPECTION OF MIDWIVES.

Visits of inspection, as necessary, were paid during the year and the midwives work, including records, was satisfactory.

CHILD LIFE PROTECTION. Sections 206 to 220 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

- (a) Number of persons who were receiving children for reward at the end of the year 11.
- (b) Number of children:

 - (11)
 - at the end of the year 13 who died during the year Nil on whom inquests were held during the year Nil. (iii)
- (c) Number of Child Protection Visitors at the end of the year who were:
 - Health Visitors 7 (i)
 - (ii) Female, other than Health Visitors Nil (iii) Male. Nil.
- (d) Number of persons (in addition to or in lieu of Visitors .nder (c) above) or societies authorised to visit under the proviso to Section 209 (2) of the Public Health Act, 1936. Nil.
- (e) Proceedings taken during the year:

Act and Section under which proceedings were taken

Nil.

Nil.

ORTHOPAEDIC TREATMENT.

Cases are referred to the East Ham Memorial Hospital and Queen Mary's Hospital Stratford, under similar arrangements to the School Medical Service.

REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES (SECTIONS 187 to 194 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936)

Return of the work of the Council during 1939.

| | Number | Number of patients provided for | | | | | |
|---|--------------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|--|--|--|
| | oí Homes. | Materrity Patients | Others. | Totals. | | | |
| Homes first registered during the year | - | - | - | - | | | |
| Homes on the register at the end of the year. | 1 | 5 | 14 | 19 | | | |

The number of cases admitted and traited at the Nursing Home (Kelvingrove) in the Borough during 1939, was as follows :-Maternity 28, others 36.

NOTIFICATIONS.

The number of primary notifications during the year 1939 was 217 as compared with 203 for 1938. Of the primary notifications of pulmonary tuberculosis, in 31.69 per cent tubercle bacilli were found in the sputum.

STATISTICAL.

The total number of notified cases on the register of the Clinic on 31st December, 1939 was 974 (pulmonary & non-pulmonary) or 7.67 per 1,000 estimated population, as opposed to 973, or 7.51 per 1,000 population in the previous year.

DEATHS.

The number of deaths(1935-1939) from tuberculosis is shown below:-

| | Pulmonary | Non-Pulmonary | Of Cases on the Clinic Register |
|------|-----------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 1935 | 80 | 16 | 76 |
| 1936 | 97 | 10 | 77 |
| 1937 | 80 | 13 | 84 |
| 1938 | 81 | 8 | 67 |
| 1939 | 71 | 12 | 59 |

NEW CASES:

The following are the comparative figures for the years 1935-1939:-

| New Cases (and | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 | 1938 | 1939 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Contacts.) | 548 | 618 | 697 | 629 | 486 |
| Number proved, after | | | | | |

complete investiga-

tion to be tuberculous 35.0% 29.4% 28.4% 23.5% 30.4%

ATTENDANCES AND MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

| | Attendances. | <u>Medical</u> Examinations |
|------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| 1935 | 3,7377 | 3,006 |
| 1936 | 3,753 | 3,297 |
| 1937 | 3,793 | 3,437 |
| 1938 | 3,970 | 3,590 |
| 1939 | 3,467 | 2,982 |

CONSULTATIONS AT HOMES OF PATIENTS.

During the year thirty visits, (including twelve personal consultations) to homes of patients who were too ill to attend the Clinic, were made.

NUMBER OF X-RAY EXAMINATIONS AT THE CHEST CLINIC.

| 1936 | <u>1937</u> | 1938 | 1939 |
|------|-------------|------|------|
| 1322 | 1652 | 1599 | 1394 |

Dr. Philip Ellman, Consultant Physician to the Chest Clinic, reports on the work of the Clinic, as follows:-

The nature of the report this year has necessarily had to be curtailed and it is therefore proposed to comment principally on features of the work which have a war-time significance, and to express certain personal views thereon.

The figures under the separate headings, such as "Attendances" "Medical Examinations" "X-Ray Examinations", etc. are self-explanatory and require no special comments except to add that, despite some curtailments in the first few months of the war, the work has been well maintained.

Close co-operation with Harts Sanatorium, Thoracic Surgical Units and General Hospitals continues to be well maintained.

THE EXAMINATION OF RECRUITS.

An important feature of our work since the war has been the large number of recruits referred to us by the Medical Boards for a consultant opinion, where any disease of the chost is suspected.All these cases have been subjected to routine clinical, X-ray and bacteriological investigations. Only in a small percentage of these cases has lung tuberculosis been detected.

THE NUTRITIONAL PROBLEM IN TUBERCULOSIS IN WAR TIME.

The nutritional aspect of pulmonary tuberculosis has been emphasised in previous reports. It is indeed unfortunate that under the National Scheme of Rationing the tuberculous patient is for the most part left without any special dietary provision. The Special Food Rationing Advisory Committee appointed by the Minister of Food to investigate the diet of patients suffering from various diseases, has advised him that, provided there is an increased consumption of milk, cheese and eggs, tuberculous patients need not suffer from lack of "first class" protein. Hence no extra ration of meat was advised. Repeated cheese dishes are likely to be monotonous and therefore notstimulating for the often impaired appetite of the tuberculous subject; whilst free and cheap milk is limited to nursing mothers and children under five.

NEED FOR FREE AND CHEAP MILK FOR TUBERCULOUS PATIENTS.

Surely the tuberculous patient whose means are limited, is entitled to this too in addition to those who come under the extra nourishment category of local authorities. Our experience since the beginning of the war has shown that the need for a full supply of cheap milk for the tuberculous population of the Borough is eminently desirable, and in many cases, a crying need.

MASS X-RAY EXAMINATION OF THE CHEST IN RELATION TO EARLY DIAGNOSIS IN RECRUITS AND INDUSTRY.

It is generally accepted that under present conditions not more than 5% of cases are diagnosed in that stage of the disease when the lesion is minimal, curable, and essentially suitable for treatment at a sanatorium. The result is that our sanatoria are often crowded with cases which we cannot hope to cure and which are a constant strain on the financial sources of the community. How are we to get early minimal curable cases to fill our sanatoria? The war has brought to light the value of mass X-ray examinations of the chest by a recent development in technique as a possible practical solution. The recent recommendations of the Horder Committee support the value of mass X-ray examinations of the chest in the early detection of tuberculosis in recruits. The available methods for such examinations are, as follows:-

Full sized X-ray films. The use of sensitised paper instead of the X-ray film. Screening(fluoroscopy) (1) (2)(3)

(4)

Miniature X-ray Screen Photography

Mothods 1, 2, and 3, are all being fully utilised in the services of the Chest Clinic. Whilst the <u>full sized film</u> is probably the most efficient from the point of view of mass work, it has the disadvantage that it is costly and is a comparatively slow process. The Paper Film has been utilised by us during the last few months, more particularly for the follow-up of cases of artificial pneumothorax and for the serial examination of secondary cases. The cost, compared with the X-ray film, is extremely low and involves a considerable financial saving. This method has, of course, its limitations, but in the selected cases outlined it can serve the same purpose as the ordinary film.

SCREENING (FLUOROSCOPY)

I have always found this to be a most economical and practical method for mass examinations. In an investigation of 3229 X-ray screen examinations which I have done at the Chest Clinic during the last few years, with an equal number of control films, the interpretation of 94% of cases has coincided with the inter-pretation of the film. Whilst, therefore, the method is not foolproof it can, in the hands of an experienced observer, be of immense value in mass X-ray work. The risk to the examiner of too much screening has, of course, always to be borne in mind.

MINIATURE SCREEN PHOTOGRAPHY.

The miniature film represents a new and efficient Public Health instrument destined to be of the greatest value as an aid to the detection of minimal disease in prosumably healthy members of the industrial population. The method involves the technical combination of a satisfactory camera and X-ray Screen apparatus, and the miniature film is made by focussing down the image on to a fluorescent screen. These small films are interpreted by enlarging them almost to the full sized film on a projector. It has been calculated that with an adequately trained staff and good team work, some 200 subjects can be examined per hour. The extension of this method in the future to periodic health examinations for the whole industrial community, may prove an invaluable contribution to Proventive Medicine. The principal object of the method in mass surveys is to detect early pulmonary disease before the appearance of symptoms or signs, by which time, experience has shown that the disease is comparatively advanced. Whilst the method has its limitations and requires to be used with discrimi-nation, it has the advantage of being very inexpensive, reasonably accurate, expeditious and a rapid and efficient selector of cases requiring full investigation.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY.

The Class at the Clinic was opened in October 1936. Crafts The Class at the Clinic was opened in October 1936. Crafts taught have been so useful to patients that regular pocket money has been earned by them, profits over costs of finished articles being their payment. The patients have expressed their gratitude at the opportunity given them of earning small sums, and in spite of the exceptionally bad winter, attendances were kept up. Men's crafts include carpentry, basketry and stool seating: women's crafts are dressmaking, embroidery of all types, knitting and toy-making. The benefit of classes has been specially felt during the black-out as creative work has provided an outlet of psycholo-gical value. gical value.

HARTS SANATORIUM.

PREFACE.

On September 1st twenty five patients returned home in order to make the Hospital Block available for the transference of cases from the Infectious Diseases Hospital.

This, of course, means that now there is only half the previous accommodation available for the treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis. Although dealing with lesser numbers, the work of the sanatorium is proceeding as formerly. Modern methods of treatment are carried out, which include graduated rest, artificial pneumothorax, gold salts, tuberculin, insulin, drug, medicinal and vitamin therapy.

Increasing use is being made of the Thoracic Surgical Units of the London Hospitals.

In the control and assessment of pulmonary disease, serial radiograms, monthly sputum examinations, and when required other bacteriological investigations, are now an established routine. Toward the end of the year, the technique of measuring the blood sedimentation rate was introduced: this is proving a most valuable additional aid in assessing the amount of activity present and in estimating the prospects of recovery.

Mention must be made of the Occupational Therapy, which is just as necessary in the scheme of successful treatment as the other therapeutic measures.

Finally, there continues to be complete co-operation and co-ordination of the work at the Chest Clinic and the Sanatorium.

STATISTICS.

Discharges, including deaths... 169 (95M. 73F. 1Ch.) Deaths 15 (11M. 4F.) Insured Patients 124 (82M. 42F.) Non-insured Patients 45 (12M. 32F. 1Ch.) Number of Bods available at end of Year 43 Average number of beds occupied(Jan.-Aug) .. 74 (94.86%) " " " (Sep.-Dec) .. 39.75 (92.44%) Admissions by Ambulance 37 (15M. 22F.) From Hospitals 21 (9M. 12F.) From Home 16 (6M. 10F.)

Immediate Results of Treatment (of Tuberculosis Cases)

Discharged quiescent 47 (28M. 19F.) (inc. 1 obsn. case notified as tuberculous.)

Discharged not quiescent .. 98 (48M. 49 1Ch.) (inc. 2 obsn.cases notified as tuberculous.)

Of these:-

Improved 78 (37M. 40F. 1Ch.) Not improved 20 (11M. 9F.)

Observation Cases.

Of the 12 observation cases :-

3 were found to be suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis 4 were cases of bronchiectasis 1 was a case of unresolved pneumonia 4 cases were doubtful for pulmonary tuberculosis.

Artificial Pneumothorax.

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| Number of Inductions Number of attempted Inductions Number discontinued Number of Refills given | 23 4 9 536 |
|--|---------------------|
| Number of Cases sent for Surgical Treatment. | 14 |
| For cauterisation of For Thoracoplasty | 8 6 |
| fold Salts. | |
| Number of Courses commenced """ completed from 1938 terminated during 1939 | 78 18 71 |
| Of these 71:- Complete courses Incomplete courses | 42 29 |
| adiography. | |
| Number of Films taken during 1939 | 457 |
| Bacteriology. | |
| Number of sputum specimens examined Number of Blood Sedimentation Rates done | 658 42. |

RETURN RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE TUBERCULOSIS & CHEST CLINIC

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DURING THE QUARTER ENDING 31ST. DECEMBER, 1939.

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| 1 | Pulsonary. | | | | Non-Pulmonary | | | | Total. | | | | GRAND | |
|--|-------------------|-----|--------------|----|---------------|-------------|----|-----------|--------|------|----|----|-------|--|
| DIAGNOSIS. | Adults. Childron. | | Adults. Chil | | Chil | Children Ad | | Adults. 0 | | dren | | | | |
| | M | F | M | F | M | F | Μ. | F | M | F | M | F | | |
| A Number of definite cases of Tuberculosis on the Dispen- sary Register at the begin- ning of the Quarter | 381 | 354 | 24 | 12 | 61 | 93 | 39 | 12 | 442 | 447 | 63 | 24 | 976 | |
| B Number of New Cases diagnosed as Tuberculosis during the Quarter:- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (1) Class T.B. minus | 7 | :4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 8 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 18 | |
| (2)Class T.B. plus | 6 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | 1 | - | - | 7 | |
| C Number of cases included in A & B written off the Dispensary Register during the quarter as:- | | | | | | | | | | | | | 10 01 | |
| (1)Recovered (2)Deadall causes | - 5 | - 7 | - | | - | - | - | | - 5 | -7 | - | | | |
| (3)Removed to other areas | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 3 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 15 | |
| (4)For other reasons | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| D Number of definite cases of Tuberculosis on the Dispen- sary Register at the end of the Quarter. | 385 | 347 | 26 | 14 | 61 | 93 | 37 | 11 | 446 | 44 0 | 63 | 25 | 974 | |

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1930.

SUMMARY OF NOTIFICATIONS DURING THE PERIOD FROM THE 1ST JANUARY, 1939 TO THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1939.

| 4 | | Formal Notifications. | | | | | | | | | Total | | |
|-----------------------|-----|--|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|---------------------|---------|
| AGE PERIODS. | Nun | Number of Primary Notifications of new cases of Tuberculosis | | | | | | | | | | Notifi- | |
| | 0- | 1- | 5- | 10- | 15- | 20- | 25- | 35- | 45- | 55- | 65- | Total (all ages) | cations |
| Pulmonary Males | - | 3 | .2 | - | 8 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 14 | 8 | 3 | 85 | 91 |
| Pulmonary Femalos | - | 3 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 15 | 14 | 9 | 4 | .1 | 4 | 65 | 66 |
| Non-pulmonary Males | | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | | | 9 | 9 |
| Non-pulmonary Females | | | 3 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 15 |

SUPPLEMENTAL RETURN

NEW Cases of Tuberculosis coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health during the abovementioned period OTHERWISE than by formal notification.

| AGE PERIODS. | 0- | 1- | 5- | 10- | 15- | 20- | 25- | 35- | 45- | 55 | 65- | TOTAL. |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|--------|
| Pulmonary Males | | | 1 | 1 | | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 19 |
| Pulmonary Femalos | | | | | 1 | 1 | 9 | 2 | | 1 | | 14 |
| Non-pulmonary Males | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | 6 |
| Non-pulmonary Females | | | 2 | | l | l | 1 | | | | | 5 |

The source or sources from which information as to the above-mentioned cases was obtained:

| | Number o | f Cases. |
|--|-----------|-------------------|
| SOURCE OF INFORMATION. | Pulmonary | Non- Pulmonary |
| (From local Registrars | 2 | - |
| Death Returns.((transferable deaths from Registrar - Goneral | 5 | 2 |
| Posthumous notifications | 2 | 1 |
| "Transfers" from other areas (other than transferable deaths.) | 24 | 8 |
| Other Sources, if any (specify) | - | - |

TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

1.

NUMBER OF BEDS PROVIDED AND OF PATIENTS receiving treatment in Residential Institutions (other than Poor Law Hospitals or Institutions) on the 31st December, 1939.

| and server have been been been been been been been be | Patier | its rec | oiving | g Troat | ment. | | Number |
|---|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------|--|
| 12 . · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | Ex Service | C | ther 1 | Patient | s. | Total | of vacant beda |
| | Mon (Momo 146/T | Pulmo | mary. | Non-Pul | lmonary | bods provi- | (1f any) |
| | and Circu- lar 1365). | Adults. | Children. | hdults. | Children. | đeđi. | avail- able for tuber- culous patients |
| In Institutions belong- ing to:- | | | | | | | |
| (a) The Authority(whelly or jointly with other Local Authori- ties.) (b) Other County or | - | 39 | - | - | - | 43 | 4 |
| County Borough Councils or Tuber- culosis Joint Boards | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| (c) Local Authorities other than (a) or (b) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| (d) Voluntary Bodies | - | 17 | 6 | l | 2 | 26 | - |
| TOTAL: | - | 56 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 69 | 4 |

SANITARY SECTION AND HOUSING.

Mr. J. E. Austin, Senior Sanitary Inspector, has compiled this section of the report relating to Sanitary Circumstances and Housing and Statistics in regard to Food Inspection.

Duties in connection with Air Raid Precautions diverted certain members of the staff from their normal duties and much of the systematic work of the Department was thereby reduced.

Much time was spent devising schemes for dealing with the following emergency matters:-

Emergency Water Supplies First-aid Repairs to Houses Emergency Drainage repairs Disposal of civilian war dead Salvage of foodstuffs Cleansing & decontamination of civilian clothing. Removal of furniture from homes.

Apart from the special sanitary duties arising out of the war, many of the staff undertook voluntary duties in connection with Civil Defence proper.

It has not been found possible to prepare the report as in previous years and only statistical information is submitted herein.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

Details of the activities of the inspectorate in general sanitary administration are contained in the subjoined statements.

- (a) Inspections. The number of inspections of all classes 24,172
 - (i) Housing:-

| | - and a second second second second | |
|--------|--|--|
| | House-to-house Under Public Health Act Other visits Re-inspections | 1679 1714 1420 13879 |
| (11) | Sanitary Circumstances. | |
| | Draining and Sanitary Accommodation Factories (excluding Bakehouses) Workplaces and Outworkers Caravans Re offensive fumes Billets and Posts Miscellaneous | 456 72 194 188 8 157 843 |
| (111.) | Food Supply:- Slaughterhouses Dairies Food Premises Bakehouses Re sampling | 1276 269 611 103 436 |
| (iv) | Infectious Disease:- | |
| | Visits | 867 |

(b) Notices.

The number of notices served during the year totalled 3,054 of which 310 were statutory notices. Of the total, 2,954 were complied with at the end of the year, and the requisitions of many of the remainder were in process of being complied with.

(c) Improvements.

In consequence of the service of the foregoing requisitions the following improvements were effected at the number of houses shewn:-

| Dampness remedied:- | |
|---|---------------------|
| Repointing executed Roofs repaired Rain water gutters repaired | 1042 1003 649 |
| Ventilation improved:- | |
| Windows (including cords) repaired | 794 |
| Water supply improved :- | |
| Service tap provided on main (Ordinary 40 | |
| House to House 28) | 68 |
| Sanitary conveniences repaired | 586 |
| Washing facilities provided or improved (coppers.). Drainage improved or reconstructed | 77 379 |
| Paving of yards repaired | 335 |
| Disropair remedied:- | |
| Stoves and firegrates repaired or renewed Plasterwork repaired or renewed | 455 639 |
| Floors repaired on renewed | 218 |
| Cleansing Executed | 1151 1620 |
| | |

(d) Rat Extermination.

During the year 1,980 visits were made to properties in the Borough and 1,657 rats were destroyed.

(e) Rag Flock Acts.

ll samples from users' premises were submitted for analysis and 4 failed to comply with the regulations, the chlorine contents per 100,000 parts of flock being, as follows:-

150, 130, 40 and 45 parts.

In the two former cases prosecutions were instituted.

HOUSING.

(a) Overcrowding.

During the year a further 107 cases of overcrowding were relieved and 32 new cases were reported. With the evacuation of school children the position of many families tending to overcrowding has been relieves.

(b) Slum Clearance.

The Minister of Health held an enquiry in connection with the Compulsory Purchase Order in Claremont Street, North Woolwich Area, but at the close of the year the 65 families comprising 262 persons had not been re-housed, the construction programme having been deferred consequent upon the war.

The housing statistics are included in the following statement:-

| | HOUSING STATISTICS. | |
|------------|--|-----------------|
| | · 1 Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the Year :- | |
| (1) | (under Public Health or Housing Acts.) | 4,813 18,692 |
| (2) | (n) Number of dwellinghouses(included under Sub-head(1) above)which were inspected & recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | 1,679 7,300 |
| (3) | Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | _ |
| (4) | Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head)found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation | 3,001 |
| | II Remedy of Defocts during the Year without service of formal Notices:- | |
| | Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers | 1,923 |
| | III Action under Statutory Powers during the Year :- | |
| (a) | Proceedings under section 9,10, and 16, of the Housing Act, 1936:- | |
| (1) | Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs | - |
| (2) | Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:- | |
| | (a) by owners(b) By Local Authority in default of owners | - |
| (b) | Procoodings under Public Health Acts :- | |
| (1) | Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | 310 |
| | (a) By owners | 276 |
| (c) (1) | (b) By Local Authority in default of owners Proceedings under Section 11 & 13 of the Housing Act,1936 Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition | - |
| (2) | Orders were made | - |
| (d) (1) | Domolition Orders Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:- Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in | - |
| (2) | Rumber of separate tenements of underground rooms in Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit | - |
| | | 1 |
| (a) | (ii) Number of families dwelling therein | 173 177 |
| (b) | (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein | 1,287 |
| (c) | (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases | 107 748 |
| (d) | Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding | 2 |
| (@) | For other comments on overcrowding see report. | ~ |
| Numb | per of New Houses erected during the Year 1939 :- | |
| | By Private enterprise | Nil 77 |

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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk Supply.

(1) Dairios.

Dairies were systematically visited and sampling for bacteriological examination carried out. The results of the bacteriological examinations are contained in the subjoined statement:-

| | | Total | Un- gradad | Stori- lisod | Pas- teur- | Accre- ditod. | т.т. | |
|--|---|----------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|------|--|
| Contraction of the local distance of the loc | Bacteriological semples Satisfactory Unsatisfactory Biological Samples | 82 11 | 37 9 | 2 - | 35 | - | 88 | |
| | Satisfactory Unsatisfactory | 44 | 82 | - | 17 | - | 5- | |

(2) Gradod Milk.

The licenses in force on 31st December 1939, were as follows:-

Tuberculin Tested Milk

| Bottling Establishment | L | 1 | CI | 81 | 10 | 26 | э. | | | 1 |
|------------------------|---|---|-----|-----|----|----|----|---|---|----|
| Doalers' Liconsos | | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| Supplementary Licenses | | | | • • | | • | • | | | 3 |
| Pastourisod Milk | | | | | | | | | | |
| Establishment Liconse | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Doalors' Liconses | | | | | | | | | | 26 |
| Supplementary Licenses | | | • • | • | • | • | | • | • | 3 |

The Council decided in December, 1936, to charge no fees in respect of licenses granted under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936.

(b) Moat and Other Foods.

(1) Meat Inspection. The Sanitary Inspectors made 1,276 visits to the slaughternouses for the purpose of carrying out post mortom inspection of animals slaughtered. The following is a statement of the work done in this connection:-

| | Cattle (cachiding Cows.) | Cows. | Calves | sheep and Lambs. | Pigs. |
|--|--------------------------------|-------|--------|------------------------|--------|
| Number of animals slaughtered | 1646 | 1426 | 388 | 2920 | 20,885 |
| Number of animals inspected | 1646 | 1426 | 388 | 2920 | 20,885 |
| All discases except Tuberculosis :- Whole carcases condomned. | - | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was conduced | 94 | 157 | - | .64. | 979 |
| Percentage of number in- spected affected with disease other than T.B. | 5 | 11 | 0.3 | 2 | 4 |
| Tuberculosis only:- Whole carcases condomned | 4 | 28 | - | - | - 3 |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condomnid. | 164 | 866 | - | - | 275 |
| Percentage of the number inspected with T.B. | 10 | 62 | - | - | 1 |

Periodically visits are made to butchers' shops, market stalls and meat vehicles.

(2) Food Premises.

The number of inspections made of food premises included 269 dairies, 103 of bakehouses, and 611 of other premises.

c) Adulteration.

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Details of the various samples obtained by the Sanitary Inspectors and the results are included in the following tabular statement:-

| | Number of | Samples. Found aldera- | Percentage |
|------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| | Examined. | ted or below standard. | samples adulterated |
| Bread Butter | 1 47 | 1 | 100 |
| Cheese | 2 | - | - |
| Cocoa | 4 | - | - |
| Coffee | 4 3 5 | - | - |
| Confectionery Jam and Marmalade | 2 7 | - | - |
| Cream | 7 | - | _ |
| Flour | 1 | - | - |
| Lard | 9 | 2 | 22 |
| Margarino | 19 | - 7 | - |
| Milk Sau'ago | 155 32 | 3 | 23 |
| Ton | - | - | - |
| Vinegar | 5 | - | - |
| Wines, Spirits | 3 | - | - |
| Drugs | 10 | - | - |
| Other Articles | 152 | | 0.6 |
| | 462 | 8 | 1.7 |

Details of samples adulterated or below standard are described as follows, together with the resultant action:-

| No. | I. or F. | Article | Adulteration or Deficiency | Action Taken. |
|-------|----------------|----------|---|---|
| 1170 | 1 | Milk. | Deficient in milk fat at least 3%. | Formal sample taken proved genuine. |
| 1790 | F. | Milk | Ditto. 43% | Vendor prosecuted. |
| 1946 | I. | Bread. | Blackish lump proved to be mixed rice flour held together byblob of mineral oil. | Vendor cautioned. |
| 1966 | F. | Milk | Deficient in milk fat at least 15%. | Vendor cautioned. |
| 2007 | I. | Sugar. | Slight trace of soda | Vendor cautioned. |
| 2326 | I. | Lard | Not lard but compound cooking fat prepared with fats and oils other than lard. | Formal sample taken; subsequently Vendor cautioned. |
| 2341. | F. | Lard | Ditto. | Vendor cautioned. |
| 2417 | I. | Sausages | Contained Preservative | Vendor cautioned. |

