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OFFICERS
OF THE
Board of Works for the Fulham District.
1861—62.

BOARD.

FULHAM.

Barr, Mr. H., Sand's End, Fulham
Barrett, Mr. J., Wansdowne House,
Walham Green.
~~Cooper, Mr. T., Wimberley House, Ful-~~
~~ham.~~
Cox, Mr. G., Lansdowne Villas.
Carter, Mr. J., North End Road.
Coxhead, Mr. J., Myrtle Cottage.
Flicker, Mr. E., Church Street, Fulham.

Hamilton, Mr. J., Dorcas Terrace.
Lanmin, Mr. W. H., Shorrolds, Wal-
ham Green.
Matyear, Mr. W., Crab Tree, Fulham.
Mc'Crae, Mr. W., North End Terrace.
Stedham, Mr. J., Sun Street.
Thatcher, Mr. W., Dorcas Terrace,
Weaver, Mr. R., Walham Green.
Yeldham, Mr. D., North End Road.

HAMMERSMITH.

Ayres, Mr. C., Broadway, Hammer-
smith.
Bird, Mr. W., Bute House, Brook
Green.
Bernard, Mr. J., Bayons Cottage, Ful-
ham Road.
Crookes, Mr. J., Brook Green.
Fitchew, Mr. W., Willoughby House.
Gould, Mr. A., Angel Terrace.
Hunt, Mr. J., Broadway.
Hurst, Mr. J. J., Brook Green Terrace.
Hesketh, Mr. J., Stratheden Villas,
New Road.
~~Jordan, Mr. T. H., King Street.~~
Landon, Mr. W., Inver Villa, New Road.

Morison, Mr. W., Broadway.
Osmond, Mr. S., King Street.
Philippart, Sir John, College House.
Perry, Mr. R., St. Peter's Square.
~~Pensford, Mr. W., Shaftesbury Road.~~
Robinson, Mr. H. G., the Elms,
Brook Green.
Reeves, Mr. W., Angel Terrace.
Stevens, Mr. V., Brook Green.
Stathers, Mr. G. N., Norland Road.
Thresher, Mr. T. S., King Street.
Walmsley, Mr. E. B., The Mall.
Wells, Mr. W., Brook Green.
Yeldham, Mr. J., Fulham Road.

Representative to Metropolitan Board.

Mr. V. STEVENS, Brook Green, Hammersmith.

Medical Officer of Health.

Mr. F. J. BURGE, New Road, Hammersmith.

Surveyor.

Mr. A. C. BEAN, Shaftesbury Road, Hammersmith.

Clerk.

Mr. W. LOVELY, Bridge Avenue, Hammersmith.

Inspectors of Nuisances.

Mr. E. WATTS, Fulham.

| Mr. BUSH, Broadway House.

BOARD OF WORKS FOR THE FULHAM DISTRICT.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

PURSUANT to Sec. 198 of the Metropolis Local Management Act, 1855, this Board present to their Constituents a Report of their proceedings during the past year.

Numerous complaints having been made by the Market Gardeners and others of Fulham, relating to the unequal benefits received by land from lighting as compared with house and other property, and requesting the Board to serve orders on the Overseers to make differential rates, they, the Board, have anxiously considered all the circumstances of the case, and although resolved not to order the making of such differential rates, they considered it only just that the property of the complainants should be better lighted, and to secure this end they arranged with the London Gas Light Company for the erection of 64 additional lights in that parish. The number of lights in Fulham are now 211, and in Hammersmith 424.

In the parish of Hammersmith there have been laid down during the past year 4473-ft. of 3-in. new Yorkshire pavement, and 476-ft. new Guernsey granite kerb. The gravel paths and the roads having been much injured by the excessive wet and frost of the past season, must, in order to put them now into a proper state of repair, necessarily occasion the estimates for material for the ensuing year to be considerably in excess of those of former years.

By negotiating with the owners of property in the King's Road, Fulham, a great improvement has resulted in considerably widening the road at Sand's End Lane, which previously was most inconvenient and dangerous.

The Board refer with satisfaction to the completion of the Acton line of sewer, whereby a large and improving neighbourhood, heretofore only partially drained, is now provided with an outlet sufficient for the removal of the numerous nuisances arising from defective

drainage, and which nuisances spread over nearly the whole of the northern parts of the parish of Hammersmith.

Great improvements under the direction of the Board, have resulted from the carrying out of a part of their scheme for the local drainage of the district. In Bradmore, where a constant nuisance existed from the overflowing of cesspools and privies, a sewer 680-ft. in length has been made, to which the owners of property contiguous thereto have liberally contributed, and gladly availed themselves of the benefit thereof. In the streets known as Warple Way and Bevor Lane, which were always flooded after showers of rain, there having been no means of escape for storm water, a sewer 720 feet in length has been constructed, towards which the owner of property adjacent contributed his proportion of the cost.

The Board have had under lengthened consideration a plan for the Embankment of the River Thames from the Suspension Bridge to the Western end of the Upper Mall, Hammersmith, and in connection therewith the pulling down the small old houses situate on the South side of the Lower Mall, known as "Little Wapping;" and as this would effect a great public improvement, independent of the Embankment, and would also be necessary thereto, they have entered into an arrangement with the several owners to accomplish that object. Mr. Bird and Mr. Swail have consented to give up their cottages, and the other parties to sell theirs for £420; the Metropolitan Board have resolved to contribute one third of the cost of effecting this public improvement.

The Board have had deposited with them schemes for the construction of railways in and through the district, and having had conferences with the promoters of the "Hammersmith, Paddington, and City Junction Railway," they have secured that bridges be constructed over the several parish and public roads of the full span thereof; and believing that such railway would, by opening a direct communication between Hammersmith and the City, thus affording facilities with most of the principal lines having stations in the Metropolis, be a great boon to the parish, they gave their concurrence to such promoters to obtain the passing of their Bill through Parliament.

The Board are urging upon the Metropolitan Board the necessity of immediately carrying out their scheme for the Drainage of this District, and especially with reference to the New Road, Hammersmith, as by such means the open Stamford Brook Sewer, a serious nuisance to the inhabitants of that part, may be abandoned, and its sewerage diverted by the construction of a sewer along the said New Road to the High Road, and from thence along the High Road to the Albion Road, where its permanent outlet is already formed.

During the past year, 737 cases of nuisance have been investigated, and removed :—

Privies and cesspools emptied	338
Drains and gullies cleansed and repaired	149
Houses	85
Swine nuisances removed	56
Miscellaneous	109
	737

Houses benefited in Fulham	402
„ Hammersmith	380 — 782

With reference to the sanitary condition of this district the Board refer their constituents to the Report of the Medical Officer of Health, which, together with an abstract of contracts and accounts, they have directed to be published herewith.

ABSTRACT OF CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO BY THE BOARD DURING
THE YEAR ENDING 25TH MARCH, 1861.

- Mr. Coat, for paving and masonry works, at certain prices set forth in the schedule, and embodied in the contract.
- Mr. Coat, for works of cartage, at per day of 10 hours, in strong and well-made carts—attended by one man, and drawn by one horse, 6s. 6d. per day ; or, at the option of the Board, at 1s. per journey, average to or from any part of the district, the man attending to assist in loading the cart.
- Mr. Coat, for the supply of the best gray pit flints, at 5s. 1d. per cube yard.
- Mr. Chalker, for works of slopping for Hammersmith and Fulham for 12 months, after the rate of £25 per annum for each parish.
- Mr. Axton, for the removal of dust, ashes, &c., from the several houses, yards, and premises, in the parish of Hammersmith for 12 months, for the sum of £50.
- Mr. Hollingshead, for the removal of dust, ashes, &c., from the several houses, yards, and premises, in the parish of Fulham, for the sum of £35.
- Mr. Churchman, for printing and stationery, at certain prices set forth in the schedule, and embodied in the contract.

FULHAM DISTRICT.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,
1860.

PRESENTED TO THE SANITARY COMMITTEE,
July 26th, 1861.

Gentlemen,

On a review of 1860 in its sanitary bearings, the most remarkable features are presented in its meteorological conditions, the influences of which are to be specially traced in the mortality and sickness of the year. The effect of the unusual cold of February (the mean low night temperature of which was more than 3° below the average), was visible in the death rate during the following month from diseases of the organs of respiration, tubercular diseases, (amongst which is consumption) and deaths in aged persons, together amounting to 47 out of a total of 87 deaths in the month; whilst in April the consequences were still marked, by the termination of more chronic cases of the same diseases, causing 47 out of 86 deaths. Again in December, 59 deaths resulted from the same causes out of a total of 94, this month giving the highest mortality of the year.

The temperature of November according to Mr. Glaisher was about 3° below the daily average, whilst the weather in December was remarkable in severity, particularly at its latter part; the mean temperature of the month was 4° below the average, and diseases of the organs of respiration alone cut off 29 persons in the two parishes in the latter month. Throughout the year there has been a most extraordinary absence of sunshine and bright weather, a mean of fully three-fourths of the surface of the sky having been noted as covered by cloud at 9 a.m.

The rainfall also has been excessive, and has amounted to 31·41 inches, (having fallen on 216 days) a larger quantity than has been measured in this district since my appointment as Officer of Health.

The amount caught in the rain gauge at Greenwich has been 32 inches, which is greater than in any year since 1815, except 1821, 1824, and 1852.

Passing to the periods of least mortality we find that they occurred in Fulham during the months of May, June, and August; whilst in Hammersmith fewer deaths were registered in June, August, and September. In May the day and night temperatures were somewhat warmer than usual, and in June both were cool, with rapid motion of the air. In August and September the temperature was considerably below the average throughout.

The total number of deaths registered in the District has been 827, (or about 20 per thousand of the population, as ascertained by the recent census) 526 of which have been contributed by the working classes. In accordance with what our meteorological data would indicate, by far the largest mortality has been furnished by diseases of the organs of respiration, and those of the tubercular or consumptive class, amounting together to nearly 314, or nearly 38 per cent. of the total deaths, whilst diarrhœa, generally very productive, this year gives only 11. Consumption has cut off 106 persons; 84 have succumbed to the ordinary influence of age and infirmity, of these 51 had reached 80 years and upwards, amongst them being 8 nonagenarians, the oldest having attained 98 years. Infant mortality still retains a high rate. Of the 827 deaths in the District, 316, or 38 per cent. were of children under 5 years of age, 169 of which had not reached 1 year. Ten deaths have occurred in Almshouses, 54 in the Union Workhouse, 31 in Roman Catholic Charitable Institutions, and 16 in Lunatic Asylums during the year; 33 Inquests have also been held.

Amongst the cases of sickness coming under the care of the Union Medical Officers, there have been only 57 of diarrhœa compared with 130 in 1859, and 14 of scarlatina compared with 59 in the same year, but fever cases somewhat increased in numbers, presenting 39 against 29 in 1859.

Of the cases of diarrhœa North End gave 11; Walham Green and Fulham Fields, 7; the Rookery and Slater's Buildings, 14; and the Latymer Road, 6.

Of fever cases North End gave 7; Walham Green, 10; Sands End 3; Crown Street, 3; and the Rookery 7. Of those of scarlatina, 6 occurred in North End; 3 in the Rookery; and 2 in the Latymer Road.

Thirty-one cases of small pox have been also returned by the Union Officers, of which 6 arose in North End; 3 in Walham Green; 5 in Fulham Town; and 6 in Fulham Fields.

In Hammersmith, 2 in Trafalgar Street; 1 in the Latymer Road;

1 in Queen Street; 2 in Gold Hawk Road; 3 in St. Peter's; and 1 each in Argyle Place and Garden Grove.

Measles have considerably prevailed, and 62 pauper cases have been returned, of which Walham Green furnished 12; Sands End, 7; Fulham Fields, 11; the Rookery, 9; Latymer Road, 3; Queen Street, 7. One case of ague was reported in North End; 1 in Crown Street; 1 in the Rookery; 1 in Frog Island; and 1 in Starch Green. The largest number of pauper cases of sickness occurred in January, September, and December, and the smallest in May, June, and October.

Upwards of 3000 cases of sickness and accidents have come under treatment at the West London Hospital, amongst which have been 33 of Rheumatic Fever; 341 of Bronchitis and Catarrh; 26 of Dysentery, 43 of Fever; 144 of Diarrhœa; 53 of Hooping Cough; 22 of Measles; 16 of Smallpox and; 1 of Scarlatina.

In consequence of the prevalence of small pox in the early part of the year, I examined, by the permission of the several authorities, the whole of the children in the parochial and Charity Schools of the District, for the purpose of ascertaining the extent to which vaccination had been performed, and for taking the necessary steps to ensure the same where neglected, a labour much facilitated by the kind co-operation of the Board of Guardians, and their medical officers.

The District of St. Peter's, Hammersmith, shows, as usual, its favourable position as regards mortality, 12 weeks out of the year having occurred in which no death was registered therein. The population of St. Peter's is now 5,413.

The number of births registered in the District have been 1,176, shewing an excess of births over deaths of 349.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Yours Obediently,

FREDERICK J. BURGE,

Medical Officer of Health.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

Board Room, Broadway House,

Hammersmith, June 19, 1861.

We hereby certify that we have carefully examined the Accounts and Books of Accounts of the Board of Works for the Fulham District, for the year ending 25th day of March, 1861, and have compared them with the vouchers, and find the several receipts and entries thereof to be correct, and, with one exception, that all the disbursements and payments are properly made and entered.

The payment we refer to is one of £283 11s. 4d., made on the 19th day of February, 1861, for the plaintiff's costs in legal proceedings instituted by Ferdinand Scott, Esq., against the Board, and which proceedings, in our opinion, should not have been defended, as no possible right has been shewn to us for the measures adopted by the Board. Therefore, as far as we lawfully can or may, we disallow that payment, and do not admit the same to be a proper item of credit in the Cash Account, the balance of which will therefore be £606 10s. 2d., instead of £322 18s 10d.

We find that amounts are due from Fulham and Hammersmith Parishes, which we hope the parochial authorities of both will take the earliest opportunity to discharge ; and we would beg to impress on their minds the injustice that is really done to all parties, ratepayers as well as the Board, not only by the delay in payment of accounts, but by the losses arising through removals ere the rates are collected, and thus arrears becoming heavier than is fair towards the early ratepayers.

(Signed,)

JOHN BLACHFORD,
CHAS. JAS. PAGLIANO, } *Auditors.*

BOARD OF WORKS FOR THE FULHAM DISTRICT.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 25th, 1861

Dr.		General Cash Account.		Cr.	
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
To Balance	£1099 0 0		396 13 8	By Balance, on General Rate	£959 4 11
" Fullam General Rate				" District Charges	561 8 4
" Contributions	72 19 10			" Repayment of Loan Commissioners	509 0 0
		8647 10 10		" Interest	267 10 8
" Lighting Rate		1320 4 11		" Lighting Rate	£2906 5 11
" Sewers Rate and Contributions		889 13 8		" Severn and Metropolitan Board	830 2 5
Total		4402 5 5		Total	734 14 5
" Hammerbrook General Rate	2450 0 0			" Hammerbrook, on General Rate	1881 15 11
" Contributions	86 2 7			" District Charges	436 12 5
		2536 2 7		" Repayment of Loan Commissioners	509 0 0
" Lighting Rate		2048 8 0		" Interest	408 16 0
" Sewers Rate and Contributions		4542 11 7		" Lighting Rate	2547 4 4
Total		9088 14 2		" Severn and Metropolitan Board	737 17 10
				Total	4587 18 3
				" Wages Account—Balance	10503 0 5
				Cash data	59 11 5
					322 28 10
Grand Total	£16547 13 3			Grand Total	£16547 13 3

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Dr.				General Purposes, Fulham.				Du.			
To Overruns on General Rate			£1020 0 0					By Balance			£258 16 5
" Contributions	.....	.....	22 10 10	2042	13	10		" Works of Masonry	.....	.....	492 16 5
								" New Tools, and Repairing Old	.....	.....	9 8 10
								" Cartage	.....	.....	42 8 9
								" Dredging and Shpping	.....	.....	50 10 0
								" Wages—Roadmen	.....	£151 8 9	
								" " Inspectors	.....	85 0 0	
								" Materials—Flints	.....	77 2 7	434 8 9
								" " Core and Gravel	.....	32 12 6	
								" " Gravel	.....	197 18 4	
								" Miscellaneous	.....	202 13 5	
										22 0 9	
								" District Account	.....	569 6 11	
								" Loan Commissioners—Repayment of the twentieth	.....	464 8 4	
								" portion of Loan	.....	200 0 0	
								" " Interest	.....	282 10 8	
Balance	.....	.....		222	11	11					2006 5 1
				£	2963	2	9				

Dr.	General Purposes, Hammersmith										Cr.
To Balance	1909	9	8								
By New Works on General Rate	£2450	0	0								
By Contributions	86	3	7								
	2536	3	7								
By Works of Machinery											
" New Trolleys and Repairing Old ones								£185	9	5	
" Carriage								98	17	6	
" Draining and Shpping								103	14	9	
" Wagon-Roadmen								50	10	0	
" Insurance								£465	7	7	
"								28	0		
" Materials—Flints								561	7	7	
"								76	18	2	
"								34	8	3	
"								173	18	7	
" Miscellaneous Works								287	5	0	
" Permanent Works								18	16	11	
"								647	14	9	
" District Accounts								1885	15	11	
" Local Commissioners—repayment of one-twentieth portion of Loan								696	12	5	
"								500	0	0	
"								468	16	0	
"								3042	4		
"								896	7		
" Balance								£4415	32	3	
	4415	32	3								

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IN.		FOUR.		Assets and Liabilities.		THREE.	
				Cr.		Dr.	
General Purpose Account.		Cr.		General Purpose Account.		Cr.	
To Balance due on last Receipt	£ 4 6	Overpaid on Fulham General Purposes, and due by the Board to General Account	£ 4 6	Balance (see abstract) cash £115 0 10	£ 4 6	Capital Accounts as per Invoice Register	£ 4 6
Balance	230 17 3	Unpaid Accounts as per Invoice Register	727 13 11	Permanent Works	608 7 11	Balance	170 8
	£500 17 3		£500 17 3		£508 7 11		£508 7 11
Lighting Account.		Cr.		Lighting Account.		Cr.	
Balance due from Overseers on last Receipt	£ 4 6	Overpaid on Fulham Lighting Account by the Board, to General Account	£ 4 6	Balance due from Overseers on last Receipt	£ 4 6	Overpaid on Hammersmith Lighting Account, and due by the Board to General Account	£ 4 6
	590 0 0	Unpaid Accounts as per Invoice Register	54 4 8		852 0 0	Unpaid Accounts as per Invoice Register	153 8 6
	£590 0 0	Balance	602 17 4		£852 0 0	Balance	292 5 6
			£590 0 0				£592 0 0
Sewers Account.		Cr.		Sewers Account.		Cr.	
Balance	£ 4 6	Overpaid on Sewers Account of Fulham, and due by the Board to General Account	£ 4 6	Balance due from Overseers on last Receipt	£ 4 6	Overpaid on Hammersmith Sewers Account, and due by the Board to General Account	£ 4 6
	21 14 6	Unpaid Accounts as per Invoice Register	30 6 10		500 0 0	Unpaid Accounts as per Invoice Register	74 1 4
	£21 14 6		£31 7 6		£500 0 0	Balance	28 10
			£31 7 6				296 19 4

Dr.		Total	3029 14 3
"	General Rate and Contributions	4213 11 1	
"	Fighting Rate	3040 0 0	
"	Contributions	3238 3 1	
"	Prinzipalzahlungs General Rate	88 3 1	
"	Total	3120 0 0	
"	General Rate and Contributions	839 13 8	
"	Fighting Rate	1230 0 11	
"	Contributions	3045 10 10	
"	Prinzipalzahlungs General Rate	33 10 10	
"	Total	3205 0 0	
"	Lo Balance	3029 14 3	
Dr.			3029 14 3
Credit			3029 14 3

THE FIRST OF NOVEMBER 1912

FOR THE YEAR 1912