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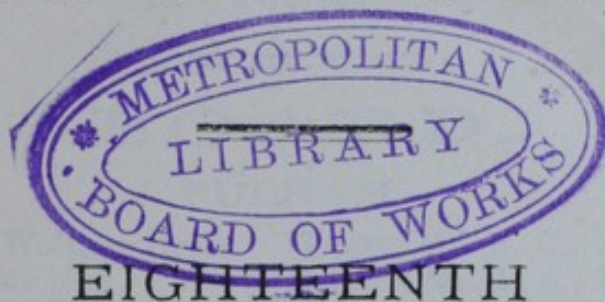
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&c., &c.

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OF THE

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1875

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Goodman, Mr. M., Dorset terrace	Parker, Mr. C. J., Dorset terrace
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Doughy, Mr. G., North End	Wright, Mr. H. T., Church

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Bird, Mr. E., Brook green	Messard, Mr. W., King's road
Brown, Mr. G., Ladbroke road	Omond, Mr. A., Elm grove
Brown, Mr. G., Shepherd's bush	Pittman, Mr. A., Ladbroke road
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Crooks, Mr. J., Brook green	Thompson, Mr. F., Shepherd's bush
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Miscellaneous	235
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BOARD OF WORKS, FULHAM DISTRICT.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

Broadway House,
Hammersmith,

16th day of May, 1874.

GENTLEMEN,

We, the undersigned auditors, having during three sittings carefully examined the accounts and vouchers of your Board for the year ending 25th March, 1874, have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the accuracy with which the several Books have been kept.

We found a balance at the commencement of the year of £497 14s. 1d., and we leave one in your favour of £1839 3s. 5d., and a sum of £5000 deposit at the Hammersmith Branch of the London and County Bank.

Signed,

HERBERT LOVELY,
W. H. VAN BAERLE,
WM. CHAS. SMITH.

**Abstract of Contracts entered into by the Board
during the year.**

Messrs. Long and Luckhurst, for the supply of the best gray flints, at 5s. per cube yard.

Mr. Gale, for the removal of dust, ashes, &c., from the several houses, yards, and premises, in the Parish of Hammersmith, for six months, the Board paying him £640 per annum.

Mr. Wright, for the removal of dust, ashes, &c., from the several houses, yards, and premises, in the parish of Fulham, for six months, the Board paying him £440 per annum.

Mr. Churchman, for printing and stationery, at certain prices set forth in the schedule, and embodied in the contract.

Mr. Serff, for the removal of slop and road rubbish from the roads for Fulham, £485.

Mr. Gay, for the removal of slop and watering roads in the Parish of Hammersmith, £1300.

Mrs. Coat, for watering the roads in Fulham, £455.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

TO THE BOARD OF WORKS, FULHAM DISTRICT.

Gentlemen,

Again I have to present to you an Annual Report, and again I have the pleasure to lay before you a favourable picture of our sanitary condition: indeed, I feel there would be something wrong if after nearly 20 years of sanitary work in the district, we could not give a favourable account of it. It would be idle, as I have said before, for me as your Officer of Health, to state that all I could have desired on the score of public health has been accomplished, because we have still desiderata to be supplied. The main features of a good sanitary condition you have been instrumental in carrying out. Through the length and breadth of the Fulham District large and effective sewers run, and under the direction of your Board almost every private as well as public thoroughfare has now been drained into them. Neither dismal swamps, nor lakes, nor open rivers of sewage matter prevail as in former times, though here and there remnants of bygone defects present themselves. The Creek at Hammersmith, the Black Bull Ditch, and the open Stamford Brook sewer, &c., should no longer pollute our air. A large number of Piggeries exist where they should not, but recent efforts seem to promise an annihilation of even these at no very distant date. These places ought to be placed under special statute as Slaughter and Cow-houses are, and should be licensed as they are. I am of opinion that an effort ought to be made by the London Suburban Vestries to accomplish this object in the approaching Session of Parliament. Could not the Fulham District Board take the initiative and secure through our Local Members the introduction of a short Bill for that purpose?

It will be in your remembrance that in my last Annual Report I referred to the probability that in the Autumn of this year (1874), all private slaughter-houses would be abolished under the provisions of the first Metropolitan Building Act, passed in 1844. The Select Committee of the House of Commons have since reported on this matter, and under a new regime private slaughter-houses may still exist. The Slaughter Houses' Metropolis, &c., Act (37 & 38 Vict. c. 67), 1874, has since been passed, and it is necessary that I should refer you to its provisions. I must remind you also that the inquiry of the Com-

mittee was not restricted to Slaughter houses, but embraced the generality of what are called Noxious businesses, and the new statute invests the Metropolitan Local Authority with powers to make bye-laws for regulating the management of such of these trades as are already existing, whilst clause 2 of the same actually prohibits the establishing *anew* of any of the following businesses, viz., that of blood boiler, bone boiler, manure manufacturer, soap boiler, tallow melter or knacker, under a penalty of £50, and a further penalty of £50 for every day during which, after establishment, such business is carried on.

The 3rd clause of this Act prohibits the establishment of certain other businesses *anew* without the sanction of the Local Authority under a like penalty of £50.

Section 4 refers to the making and enforcing of bye-laws for regulating the conduct of any businesses specified in the Act, and provides that

"If for a period of four months after the passing of this Act the local authority fail in exercising the powers of making bye-laws given by this Act, the Local Government Board may, by order to be published in such manner as that Board may direct, make such bye-laws of their own motion, and may by a like order alter and repeal such bye-laws, and make other bye-laws in lieu thereof; and all bye-laws, so made, shall have the same effect and may be enforced in like manner as bye-laws made by the local authority, and duly confirmed by the Local Government Board."

The subsequent clauses, 5 to 9 inclusive, relate to legal and miscellaneous proceedings under the Act. Clauses 10 and 11 relate specially to Slaughter-houses, and the remainder of the enactment includes definitions (12 & 13), repeal and saving clauses, 14 to 17 inclusive.

This Act will no doubt be productive of much good, since it will bring under stringent regulations many Offensive trades which hitherto have escaped official supervision. Of all the noxious trades, however, carried on within our district, Pig keeping is the one most troublesome to you as the Local Authority, and this business is not included in the Act. A large number of proceedings have been taken either for the improvement or suppression of Piggeries, and in the great bulk of cases we have been successful. I should be glad to see them moved further away from us, for I believe it to be impossible to have them near inhabited localities without being a source of nuisance and annoyance to the residents. The boiling of Hotel and Tavern refuse, with the ordinary housewash collected from the houses of our London Aristocracy, form part and parcel of pig keeping upon a large scale, and although one cannot say that these ingredients,

when fresh, carry with them individually any actual poison in the strict sense of that term, yet such a combination of animal and vegetable refuse, even in a recent state, mixed with decomposing entrails of fish and poultry, will, during the process of boiling, give off such sickening vapours, as to prove most unmistakeably, to those who suffer from them, injurious to health. Further, I am quite certain that the prosperity of the Fulham District, as a place of residence, is now chiefly marred by the continuance in some parts of it of this damaging element, and I truly hope your Board will not hesitate to follow the example of Kensington, and not rest satisfied until you have removed it.

The question of the drainage of our own district we may consider not only settled but actually accomplished. Not so that of outlying districts beyond it, and it will be necessary to keep a watchful eye over the proceedings of other parishes to the West of us. Barnes, Mortlake, and Richmond on the south of the river, and Chiswick, Brentford and Acton on the northern bank, have yet to solve the problem of how to dispose of their sewage. During the early part of this present year the three former parishes have been proposing to establish close to us, just such a gigantic nuisance as some years since we successfully resisted being brought immediately into our own district. The Richmond scheme has, I believe and hope, been abandoned. The Acton and Ealing district will sooner or later have to provide for sewage works, and we must keep our eyes upon it.

It is interesting to observe the enormous increase in the population of the Fulham district in the last three and twenty years. In 1851 it was 29,646; in 1861 it was 39,951; in 1871 it was 66,041; and the estimated number for the middle of 1873 was 68,107, the accession partly arising from immigration, and partly from natural increase. The natural addition has been well maintained during 1873 as in former periods, for in that year 2,709 births were registered, showing an excess of births over deaths of 1,205.

The excess of births over deaths for several years has been marked and satisfactory:—

In 1868 the excess of births over deaths was	768
„ 1869	786
„ 1870	772
„ 1871	900
„ 1872	1088
„ 1873	1205

In 1856 the excess of births over deaths was only 346

The systematic improvement in the number of our population has not been interfered with during the year either by disease

within or by emigration from it. As a rule, the Working classes have been well employed, and no special distress has existed amongst them.

I do not wish by this report to draw any golden rule by which to measure the sanitary condition of a neighbourhood, but I say that such statistics *do speak a language of their own*, inasmuch as they actually show that the birth-rate is considerably above the death-rate, as it has been uniformly so of late, and that although the mortality amongst infant children under five years of age still ranges high, it is not sufficient to counterbalance the diminution of deaths amongst the more adult population.

I am happy to be able to speak favourably under the general phrase of public health. No epidemic has prevailed within our district throughout the year to which this report applies, and the sickness and mortality from all causes were moderate. The number of deaths registered during the 53 weeks ending Jan. 3, 1874, was 1,504. Of these 426 were of children under one year of age, and 347 were of persons of 60 years of age and upwards, leaving only 731 deaths during the intermediate ages, out of a population estimated at 63,107.

Infant mortality then still prevails with us as in other districts, and why? The utter recklessness of infant life amongst the lower classes by undue exposure to the depressing influences of temperature and improper food, with a considerable amount of injudicious over-feeding in the more well-to-do portion of the community, each contribute to this result.

The entire range of Zymotic disease has given us a mortality of 209 during 1873. Of these measles has contributed 20; scarlet fever 23; diphtheria 9; whooping cough 24; fever (of various types), 26; diarrhoea, 103; and choleraic diarrhoea, 4.

Reviewing the general death-rate of the Fulham District, and more especially that arising from Epidemic diseases, we have reason to feel that at any rate a moderate amount of benefit has accrued from sanitary measures. It is admitted and indeed proclaimed by one of the highest medical authorities, "The Lancet," that "the general death-rates are useful indicators of public health fluctuations, and their value in this respect increases with the number and extent of the observations upon which they are based." Now, we have here before us the observations of 19 years' continuous work. There are some Members still amongst your body who took their seats at this table in 1856, who well remember the almost forlorn condition of Hammersmith and Fulham in all the main essentials tending to public health. The change from chaos to something like regime has been from necessity slow, but it has been sure, and if, as your Officer of Health through this

long vista of years, I have been an instrument in your hands for effecting thus much of good to our present community, and if (as I hope) I retain your confidence as one of your faithful servants from the beginning, it will be a lasting gratification to

Gentlemen,

Yours still faithfully,

FREDERICK J. BURGE,

Medical Officer of Health,

Fulham District.

Hammersmith, Dec. 2, 1874.

BOARD OF WORKS FOR THE FULHAM DISTRICT.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 25TH MARCH, 1874.

GENERAL CASH ACCOUNT.										Cr.	
Dr.											
March 25th, 1874					£ s. d.					£ s. d.	
To Balance—Cash					4497 14 1						
Receipts on General Rate—											
Overseers on Precepts					23789 7 0						
Contributions and New Streets					4461 3 0						
Amount Credit in Error					817 19 0						
					29068 9 0						
To Receipts on Sewers' Rate—											
Overseers on Precepts					12349 17 7						
Contributions					533 1 6						
Loan from Metropolitan Board					12000 0 0						
					24882 19 1						
To Receipts on Lighting Rates—											
Overseers on Precepts					6170 19 1					6170 19 1	

Dr.		ESTABLISHMENT ACCOUNT.										Cr.
March 25th, 1874.												
£ s. d.		Balance	Advertisements	Printing.	Rest.	Repairs.	Law Costs.	Sundries.				
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
To General Purposes Account, being $\frac{1}{2}$ of £1919 15s. 11d., and paid out of General Rate		1279 17 3	Medical Officer ...	162 10 0						162 10 0		
			Surveyor ...	350 0 0						350 0 0		
Sewers' Account, being $\frac{1}{2}$ of £1919 15s. 11d., and paid out of Sewers Rate ...		639 18 8	Clerk ...	236 13 4						236 13 4		
			Assistant Clerk	64 15 10						64 15 10		
			Surveyor	115 10 0						115 10 0		
			Wharf Keeper	39 1 0						39 1 0		
			Superintendents	47 8 0						47 8 0		
			Clerks of Works	203 14 0						203 14 0		
			Advertisements		76 19 10					76 19 10		
			Printing...			117 18 5				117 18 5		
			Rest, &c. ...				157 5 7			157 5 7		
			Repairs ...					100 7 11		100 7 11		
			Law Costs ...						55 14 10	55 14 10		
			Sundries ...						191 17 2	191 17 2		
£1919 15 11				1219 12 2	76 19 10	117 18 5	157 5 7	100 7 11	55 14 10	191 17 2		
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Dr.				GENERAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT.				Cr.					
March 25th, 1874.								March 25th, 1874.					
				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
To Cash from Overseers ...				23789	7	0	By Balance brought forward ...				311	14	0
Contributions ...				455	16	2	Works in New Streets ...				5790	15	7
do New Streets ...				4005	6	10	Do. for Masonry ...				424	0	5
Amount Credit in Error ...				817	19	0	New Tools and Repairs ...				369	9	7
Balance ...				4389	9	8	Cartage ...				1280	15	4
							Watering, Slopping, and Dusting ...				3864	14	4
							Wages—Roadmen ...				3949	6	1
							Do. Inspectors ...				92	14	0
							Do. Unloading Barges ...				422	7	0
							Materials—Core and Gravel ...				221	2	11
							Do. Flint ...				2200	0	0
							Do. Granite ...				9461	10	2
							Miscellaneous Works ...				895	6	10
							Establishment Charges ...				1279	17	3
							Repayment of Loan and Interest ...				1163	1	11
							London School Board ...				913	4	3
							Credit in Error ...				817	19	0
				£33457	18	8					£33457	18	8

LIGHTING ACCOUNT.											
Dr.						Cr.					
March 25th, 1874.						March 25th, 1874.					
To Balance brought forward						By Brentford, London, and Western Gas Companies, Lighting, &c. ...					
Cash from Overseers						Balance					
£ s. d.						£ s. d.					
1242 19 7						3848 18 7					
6170 19 1						3563 0 1					
47413 18 8						47413 18 8					

SEWERS ACCOUNT.										Cr.										
Dr.																				
March 25th, 1874.					£ s. d.					March 25th, 1874.		£ s. d.								
To											Balance brought forward				...	...	...	433	11	6
Cash from Overseers	...	...	...	...	12349	17	7				By Metropolitan Board's Precepts	...	...	...	...	...	4069	7	10	
Contributions	...	...	...	...	533	1	6				Works, Wages, and Materials	...	...	...	...	...	1265	1	6	
From deposit account	...	...	...	...	11000	0	0				Permanent Works	...	...	...	...	...	8538	9	7	
											Establishment Charges	...	...	...	...	...	639	18	8	
											Repayment of Loans and Interest	...	...	...	...	...	5972	17	0	
											Balance	...	...	...	...	...	2663	13	0	

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

GENERAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT.										Cr.					
Dr.															
March 25th, 1874.					March 25th, 1874.										
To Amount of Liabilities					£	s.	d.	By Amount overpaid on this account					£	s.	d.
Amount due from Overseers					3307	8	2	Unpaid Accounts Estimated					4389	9	8
					2666	0	2	New Streets Account					430	0	0
													1133	18	8

LIGHTING ACCOUNT.										Cr.			
Dr.													
March 25th, 1874.					March 25th, 1874.								
To Balance—Cash					£	s.	d.	By Unpaid Accounts Estimated			£	s.	d.
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Amount due from Overseers					...	...	...	...	...	Balance	...	...	...
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March 25th 1874
To Balance brought forward
Cash from Treasurer

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To Cash from Treasurer
Contributions
From deposit account

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To Amount of Contributions
Amount due from Treasurer

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To Balance brought forward
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