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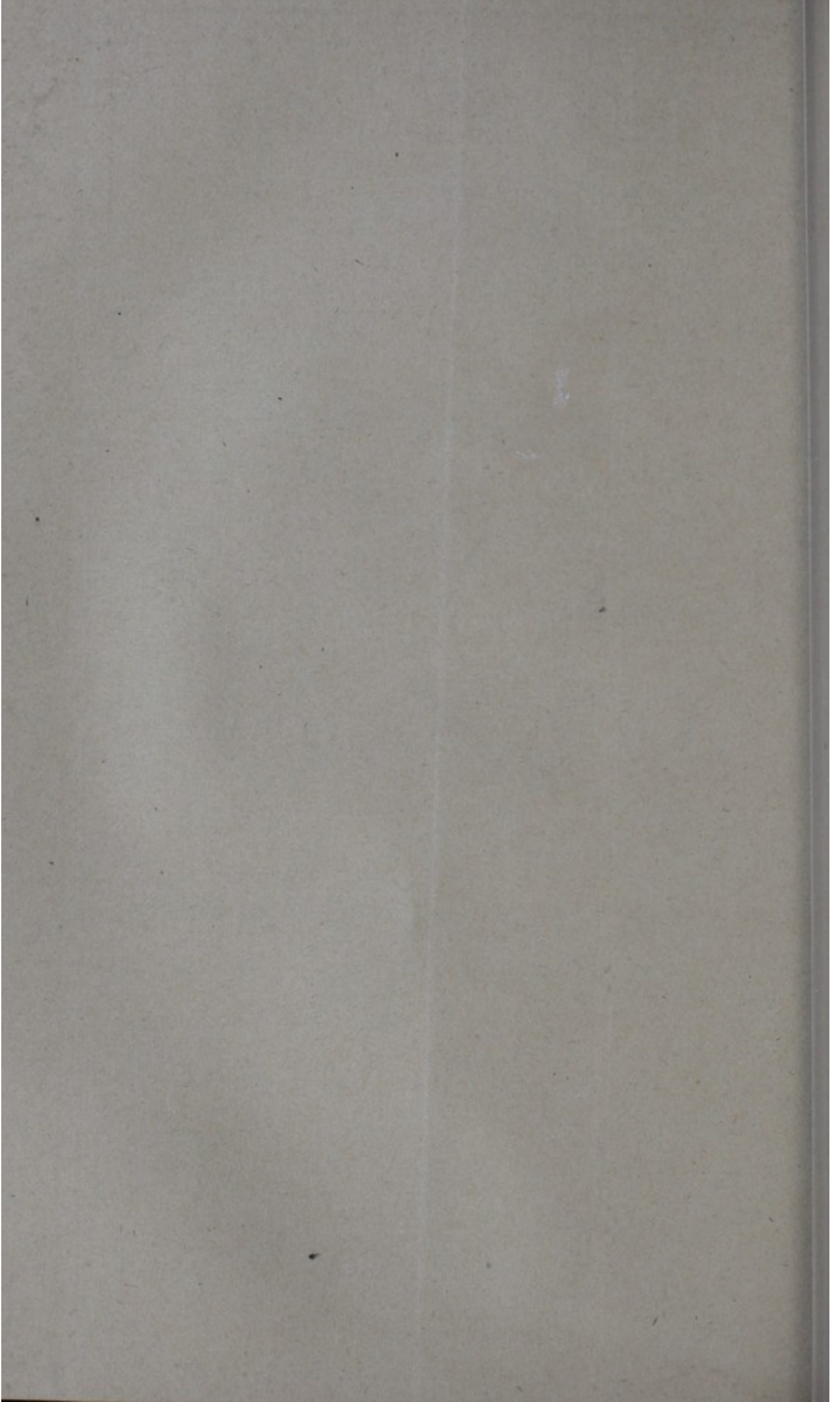
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THE BOARD OF WORKS FOR THE LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

Statement of the Allowance of Auditors.

We, the undersigned, being two of the Auditors elected by the Board of Works for the Lewisham District, have caused to be prepared and do allow the within-written account in abstract, showing the Receipts and Expenditure of such Board for the year ending the 25th March, 1862, to which is appended a Summary Statement of the monies owing to and the debts and liabilities owing by such Board at that date.

Dated the 16th day of May, 1863.

THOS. H. LAVERS.
B. J. GOODMAN.

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE BOARD OF WORKS FOR THE LEWISHAM DISTRICT,
 Receipts. From the 25th March, 1862, to the 25th March, 1863. Expenditure.

General Purposes.	LEWISHAM.	£	s.	d.
Overseers in payment of Precepts		£2500	0	0
Highways—Contributions, materials sold, &c.		55	17	6
Private Roads—Loampit Vale		19	10	0
Ditto Hindsley's Place		56	16	0
Ditto Springfield		31	10	0
		2663	13	6
Sewerage Purposes.				
Current Expenditure—Overseers in payment of Precepts		1250	0	0
Sewerage Works—Contribution		10	0	0
Frontages and Private Works				
Private Sewers—Limes Grove		4	18	8
Ditto Springfield		14	12	6
		19	11	14
Lighting.				
Blackheath and Lewisham Village—Overseers in payment of Precepts		1475	0	0
Sydenham ditto		2000	0	0
Ditto Contribution		25	0	0
		2025	0	0
Watering Roads.				
Blackheath—Overseers in payment of Precepts		225	0	0
Sydenham ditto		650	0	0
Metropolitan Board of Works—Expenses and Debt.				
Entire Parish Overseers in payment of Precepts		763	17	6
Ravensbourne Separate Sewerage District ditto		3738	14	1
Greenwich ditto		650	0	0
		5152	11	7
General Purposes. PENGE.				
Overseers in payment of Precepts		1500	0	0
Highways—Interest on Gravel Allotment Loan, &c.		137	3	6
		1637	3	6
Sewerage Purposes.				
Current Expenditure—Overseers in payment of Precepts		650	0	0
Sewerage Works—Materials sold		12	18	3
		662	18	3
Lighting.				
Overseers in payment of Precepts		800	0	0
General Deposit Account		4082	12	11
Balance in hand, 25th March, 1862		2191	9	2
		£23,678	13	1

General Purposes.	LEWISHAM.	£	s.	d.
Highways—Materials, cartage, &c.		£2151	14	9
Do Labourer's wages		1057	6	5
General Purposes		116	15	10
		3325	17	0
Establishment Expenses, proportion of		403	3	5
		3729	0	5
Private Roads—Hindsley's Place				
				20 5 0
Sewerage Purposes.				
Current Expenditure		547	16	4
Establishment Expenses, proportion of		201	11	9
		749	8	1
Sewerage Works		1597	11	1
Ditto Law Expenses (1856, 7, & 8)		262	5	3
		2609	4	5
Frontages and Private Works				
				692 16 10
Lighting.				
Blackheath and Lewisham Village—Current Expenses				1500 2 8
Sydenham ditto				2047 7 4
Watering Roads.				
Blackheath				215 0 0
Sydenham				536 7 8
Metropolitan Board of Works—Expenses and Debt.				
Entire Parish—Current Expenses		763	17	6
Ravensbourne Separate Sewerage District		3300	8	10
Greenwich ditto		397	7	1
Main Drainage Rate		1360	0	0
		5821	13	5
General Purposes. PENGE.				
Highways—Materials, cartage, &c.		934	11	10
Ditto Labourers' wages		352	10	0
General Purposes		6	8	6
		1293	10	4
Establishment Expenses, proportion of		134	7	10
		1427	18	2
Sewerage Purposes.				
Current Expenditure		451	6	10
Establishment Expenses, proportion of		67	3	11
		518	10	9
Sewerage Works		286	10	9
Ditto Law Expenses (1856, 7, & 8)		191	15	11
		996	17	5
Lighting.				
The Hamlet—Current Expenses				1333 18 10
Metropolitan Board of Works—Expenses.				
Entire Hamlet—Current Expenses		233	5	5
Main Drainage Rate		547	10	0
		780	15	5
Balance in hand 25th March, 1863		1967	5	6
		£23,678	13	1

STATEMENT OF IMMEDIATE LIABILITIES AND AVAILABLE ASSETS OF THE BOARD OF WORKS FOR THE LEWISHAM DISTRICT, ON THE 25th MARCH, 1863.

LIABILITIES.

PARISH OF LEWISHAM.

GENERAL PURPOSES.		£	s.	d.
Establishment—				
Rent, rates, &c.	. . . . .	4	1	0
Stationery, &c.	8	16	0
Salaries	165	15	0
Incidental	2	17	0
Office repairs	2	5	10
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	3-4ths of 183 14 10	137	16	1
Highways, materials, &c.	492	10	2
Private roads, Forest Hill	35	7	11
SEWERAGE PURPOSES.				
Current expenditure	. . . . .	612	10	0
Sewerage works	. . . . .	8	5	0
Frontages, &c.	. . . . .	58	3	6
LIGHTING.				
Blackheath and Lewisham	. . . . .	352	0	8
Sydenham	. . . . .	481	0	0
METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—Expenses and debt.				
Greenwich separate sewerage district	. . . . .	75	0	0
Main Drainage Rate	. . . . .	1753	15	0
HAMLET OF PENGE.				
GENERAL PURPOSES.				
Establishment expenses 1-4th of £183 14 10	. . . . .	45	18	9
Highways—Materials, &c.	. . . . .	434	3	10
SEWERAGE PURPOSES.				
Current expenses	. . . . .	288	12	11
LIGHTING.				
Current Expenses	260	15	0
METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.				
Main Drainage Rate	547	10	0
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To balance (surplus)	1773	8	0

ASSETS.

PARISH OF LEWISHAM.

GENERAL PURPOSES.		£	s.	d.
General purposes	. . . . .	2500	0	0
SEWERAGE PURPOSES.				
Frontages, &c.	. . . . .	173	15	11
METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.				
Main Drainage Rate	. . . . .	1753	15	0
HAMLET OF PENGE.				
METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.				
Current expenses	233	5	5
Main Drainage Rate	728	15	0
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Cash in hand	180	10	0

Statement shewing the Financial condition of the Board of Works for the Lewisham District, and of each Separate Head of Expenditure, on the 25th March, 1863.

	Balance in Debt or Credit on the Receipts and Expenditure to 25th March, 1862.		Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 25th March, 1863.		Liabilities and Assets on the 25th March, 1863.		Financial condition on the 25th March, 1863.	
	IN DEBT. £ s. d.	IN CREDIT. £ s. d.	RECEIPTS. £ s. d.	EXPENDITURE. £ s. d.	LIABILITIES. £ s. d.	ASSETS. £ s. d.	IN DEBT. £ s. d.	IN CREDIT. £ s. d.
PARISH OF LEWISHAM.								
GENERAL PURPOSES.								
Current Expenditure	1 18 3	...	2555 17 6	3729 0 5	630 6 3	2500 0 0	...	694 12 7
Private Roads . . . . .	...	...	107 16 0	20 5 0	35 7 11	...	...	52 3 1
SEWERAGE PURPOSES.								
Current Expenditure . . . . .	...	96 16 1	1250 0 0	749 8 1	612 10 0	...	15 2 0	...
Sewerage Works (including Law Expenses in 1856, 7, and 8)	...	1750 11 8	10 0 0	1859 16 4	8 5 0	...	107 9 8	...
Frontages and Private Works . . . . .	...	91 16 3	833 13 0	692 16 10	58 3 6	173 15 11	...	348 4 10
Private Sewers . . . . .	...	...	19 11 2	...	...	...	...	19 11 2
LIGHTING.								
Blackheath and Lewisham Village . . . . .	...	202 3 9	1475 0 0	1500 2 8	352 0 8	...	174 19 7	...
Sydenham . . . . .	...	364 19 10	2025 0 0	2047 7 4	481 0 0	...	138 7 6	...
WATERING ROADS.								
Blackheath . . . . .	...	13 13 7	225 0 0	215 0 0	...	...	...	23 13 7
Sydenham	61 10 11	...	650 0 0	536 7 8	...	...	...	52 1 5
METROPOLITAN BOARD—Expenses, Debt, &c.								
Entire Parish . . . . .	...	...	763 17 6	763 17 6	...	...	...	...
Ravensbourne Separate Sewerage District . . . . .	...	11 6 3	3738 14 1	3300 8 10	...	...	...	449 11 6
Greenwich ditto ditto	115 9 4	...	650 0 0	397 7 1	75 0 0	...	...	62 3 7
Main Drainage Rate . . . . .	...	1360 0 0	...	1360 0 0	1753 15 0	1753 15 0	...	...
HAMLET OF PENGE.								
GENERAL PURPOSES.								
Current Expenses . . . . .	...	136 13 0	1637 3 6	1427 18 2	480 2 7	...	134 4 3	...
SEWERAGE PURPOSES.								
Current Expenses . . . . .	...	93 10 8	650 0 0	518 10 9	288 12 11	...	63 13 0	...
Sewerage Works (including Law Expenses in years 1856, 7, & 8)	...	1141 5 5	12 18 3	478 6 8	...	...	...	675 17 0
LIGHTING.								
The Hamlet—Current Expenses . . . . .	...	823 11 1	800 0 0	1333 18 10	260 15 0	...	...	28 17 3
METROPOLITAN BOARD EXPENSES.								
Current Expenses . . . . .	...	...	...	233 5 5	...	233 5 5	...	...
Main Drainage Rate . . . . .	...	366 5 0	...	547 10 0	547 10 0	728 15 0	...	...
General Deposit Account . . . . .	...	...	4082 12 11	...	...	...	...	...
	A4082 12 11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	B2191 9 2	c0 8 0	B2191 9 2	D1967 5 6	E1773 8 0	D1967 5 6	E1773 8 0	c0 8 0
£	6,453 0 7	6,453 0 7	23,678 13 1	23,678 13 1	7,356 16 10	7,356 16 10	2,407 4 0	2,407 4 0

NOTE—(A) General Deposit Account on the 25th March, 1862. (B) Balance in hand 25th March, 1862. (C) Cash overpaid 25th March, 1857. (D) Balance in hand 25th March, 1863. (E) Surplus on the 25th March, 1863.

The Board of Works for the Lewisham District.

MORTGAGES AND BOND DEBT CONTRACTED BY THE BOARD.

No. of MORTGAGE DEED.	DATE.	AMOUNT.	RATE OF INTEREST.	MORTGAGEES.	HOW REPAYABLE.	AMOUNT REPAID.	AMOUNT OF SINKING FUND FOR REPAYMENT.	UPON WHAT RATES CHARGEABLE.
		£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
No. 1	1856. July 10	6000 0 0	£5 per cent.	Trustees for the Kent Life Office	No period or notice provided for in the Deed. See below*	750 0 0	} 476 7 4	The Sewers Rates on the entire Parish of Lewisham
2	December 2	2000 0 0	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto. See below*	250 0 0		Ditto
3	1857. May 3.	2000 0 0	£6 per cent.	Edward Eagleton, Esq., deceased	In 9 months after date, or at the end of one calendar month's notice thereafter	2000 0 0	... ..	Ditto
4	1858. October 28	2000 0 0	£5 per cent.	Trustees for the United Kingdom Provident Institution	By 20 equal annual instalments	400 0 0	... ..	The Sewers Rates on the Hamlet of Penge
5	1859. February 17	1500 0 0	Ditto	Mrs. Edward Eagleton's Trustees	No period or notice provided for in the Deed	... ..	300 0 0	The Sewers Rates on the portion of the Parish of Lewisham within the former Greenwich Separate Sewerage District
	May 14	7000 0 0	Varying	The London and Westminster Bank—secured by bond	Repayable in 6 months, but renewed from time to time at varying rates of interest	1400 0 0	... ..	The Sewers Rates on the portion of the Parish of Lewisham within the former Ravensbourne Separate Sewerage District
6	March 31	2000 0 0	Ditto	The Rev. G. and Miss Greenwood	Ditto	... ..	400 0 0	The Sewers Rates on the Hamlet of Penge
7	1861. Nov. 7	2000 0 0	Ditto	Trustees for the Kent Life Office	*At this date the three Mortgages to the Kent Office were merged into one for £9,000, repayable by equal annual instalments of £400 in respect of the Mortgages Nos. 1 and 2, and of £100 in respect of the £2,000 further advance	500 0 0	... ..	The Sewers Rates on the entire Parish of Lewisham
8		1722 12 11	Ditto	Messrs. Daikers, Stanger, and Wright, as Trustees for the Board of the Penge Gravel Allotment Fund	By 20 equal annual instalments	... ..	... ..	The Sewers Rates on the Hamlet of Penge
TOTAL . .		£26,222 12 11				£5,300 0 0	£1,176 7 4	

THE BOARD OF WORKS FOR THE LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

Statement showing the items of Expenditure comprised under the head of "Establishment Expenses," and how they are apportioned among the several heads of Expenditure.

ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE INCLUDED IN ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES.		APPORTIONMENT OF ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Incidental	25 15 3	LEWISHAM.—	
Rent, rates, and taxes	57 13 0	General Purposes, $\frac{3}{4}$ of $\frac{3}{4}$ of £806 6s. 11d.	403 3 5
Office Repairs	8 17 7	Sewerage purposes (current ex- penses) $\frac{1}{3}$ of $\frac{3}{4}$ of same sum . . .	201 11 9
Salaries	663 0 0	Being $\frac{3}{4}$ of the amount of such expenses . . .	604 15 2
Stationery and Printing	85 2 5	PENGE.—General purposes, $\frac{3}{4}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ of £806 6s. 11d.	134 7 10
	840 8 3	Sewerage purposes, $\frac{1}{3}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ of same sum . . .	67 3 11
Cr. Incidental receipts	34 1 4	Being $\frac{1}{4}$ of the amount of such expenses . . .	201 11 9
	<u>£806 6 11</u>	Total . . .	<u>£806 6 11</u>

NOTE.—The Establishment Expenses of the Board are in the first instance apportioned between the Parish of Lewisham, and Hamlet of Penge, in the proportion of three-fourths to the former and one-fourth to the latter, and such expenses are further apportioned between the Expenditure for the year in the Parish and Hamlet respectively under the heads of General Purposes and Sewerage Purposes (current expenses), in the proportion of two-thirds to the former and one-third to the latter.

Examined and found correct,

THOS. H. LAVERS,
B. J. GOODMAN.

THE BOARD OF WORKS FOR THE LEWISHAM DISTRICT. T

The Names and Addresses of the Members of the Board, and of their Officers, in June, 1863.

Members.

- (a) ABBOTT, Mr. JOHN, Limes Grove, Lewisham
- (c) ATKINS, Mr. CHARLES, Cornwall Terrace, Lee
- (c) BAGNALL, Mr. WALTER, Yew Tree House, Lewisham
- (c) BARRETT, Mr. WILLIAM, Lower Sydenham
- (a) BELCHAM, Mr. JAMES, Lewisham
- (c) BRADLY, Mr. WILLIAM TYLER, Blackheath
- (b) BROOKER, Mr. JAMES, Brockley Park, Sydenham
- (a) BROWN, Mr. JOHN, Ravensbourne Park, Lewisham
- (b) CURTIS, Mr. JAMES, Sydenham
- (a) DAIKERS, Mr. JAMES, Dulwich Road, Penge
- (a) DARKE, Mr. WILLIAM, West Kent Park, Sydenham
- (b) DE LA SALLE, Mr. JAMES THOMAS, Sandwell Place, Lewisham
- (c) DODDS, Mr. HILL, Rushey Green, Lewisham
- (b) GROVES, Mr. JOHN, Hither Green, Lewisham
- (a) HOATH, Mr. JAMES, Catford Mills, Lewisham
- (b) HORTON, Mr. BENJAMIN, jun., Loampit Vale, Lewisham
- (c) INGERSOLL, Mr. FREDERICK HENRY, Lewisham
- (a) LYON, Mr. JOHN WEST, Sydenham
- (b) RIDDINGTON, Mr. STEPHEN, Lewisham
- (a) RUTLEY, Mr. WILLIAM, Sydenham
- (b) SHOVE, Mr. WILLIAM SPENCER, River Dale, Lewisham
- (a) SOUTHORN, Mr. SIMON, Blackheath Hill, Blackheath
- (c) STANGER, Mr. WM. W., Belvedere Road, Upper Norwood
- (c) STILLWELL, Mr. EDWARD, Sion House, Lewisham
- (b) TAPLEY, Mr. THOMAS, Lewisham
- (c) WILLOUGHBY, Mr. DAVID, Forest Hill
- (b) WRIGHT, Mr. WILLIAM CONSETT, Belvedere Road, Penge

Officers.

The London and Westminster Bank (Southwark Branch), *Treasurer and Banker*

Mr. O. C. T. EAGLETON, 84, Newgate Street, London, *Clerk Solicitor*

Mr. SAML. EDWARDS, 13, Limes Grove, Lewisham, *Secretary*

Dr. F. E. WILKINSON, Sydenham Park, Sydenham, *Medical Officer*

Mr. W. H. TREVERTON, Grove Place, Lewisham, *Sewers Surveyor*

Mr. JOHN DUNCAN, 2, Alpha Road, New Cross, *Highways Surveyor and Inspector of Nuisances*

Offices.

Grove Place, Lewisham, near the Church.

NOTE.—The Members having (a) prefixed to their names will go out of office by rotation in June, 1864; those having (b) so prefixed, in June, 1865; and those having (c) so prefixed, in June, 1866.

MEMBERS

CONSTITUTING THE

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD,

FOR THE YEAR 1863,

OR UNTIL THE FURTHER ORDER OF THE BOARD.

General Purposes.

Mr. BAGNALL.
 „ BARRETT.
 „ BROOKER.
 „ CURTIS.
 „ DODDS.
 „ HORTON.
 „ SHOVE.
 „ SOUTHORN.
 „ STANGER.
 „ TAPLEY.
 „ WRIGHT.

Finance.

Mr. BAGNALL.
 „ BELCHAM.
 „ BROOKER.
 „ BROWN.
 „ DAIKERS.
 „ SHOVE.
 „ TAPLEY.

LOCAL COMMITTEES.

Blackheath.

Mr. BAGNALL.
 „ BRADLY.
 „ DE LA SALLE.
 „ RIDDINGTON.
 „ SHOVE.
 „ SOUTHORN.

Sydenham.

Mr. BARRETT.
 „ BROOKER.
 „ CURTIS.
 „ DARKE.
 „ LYON.
 „ RUTLEY.
 „ WILLOUGHBY.

Lewisham.

Mr. ABBOTT.
 „ ATKINS.
 „ BAGNALL.
 „ BELCHAM.
 „ BROOKER.
 „ BROWN.
 „ DARKE.
 „ DODDS.
 „ GROVES.
 „ HOATH.
 „ HORTON.
 „ INGERSOLL.
 „ RIDDINGTON.
 „ STILLWELL.
 „ TAPLEY.

Penge.

Mr. DAIKERS.

Mr. STANGER.

Mr. WRIGHT.

REPORTS OF DR. WILKINSON,

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

TO

THE BOARD OF WORKS FOR THE LEWISHAM DISTRICT,

FROM APRIL 1862, TO MARCH 1863,

INCLUSIVE.

APRIL, 1862.

DISTRICTS.	BIRTHS.			DEATHS.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Blackheath	7	4	11	5	0	5
Lewisham	13	14	27	5	1	6
Union Workhouse	—	—	—	2	1	3
Sydenham	19	17	36	4	3	7
Penge	6	7	13	4	4	8
North Surrey Dist. School .	—	—	—	1	0	1
Total	45	42	87	21	9	30

GENTLEMEN,

During the four weeks ending upon Saturday, the 19th instant, the births of 87 children have been registered, and during the same period of time 30 deaths have been registered. The mortality of the district is *considerably below* the average for the last seven years, and the general health of the public may be considered good.

No deaths have occurred from epidemic disease.

Four deaths have occurred from pulmonary consumption, and three from inflammation of the lungs.

A few cases of whooping cough have occurred in the district of a mild character; and cases of this disease, and of scarlet fever, have occurred in the North Surrey District School.

The water, obtained from wells, supplied to the Almshouses of the "Fellowship" porters, upon Westow Hill, Upper Norwood, Penge, is of bad quality, and has in one instance been the cause of serious illness to one of the inhabitants. It is important to have a supply afforded from a purer source.

The drainage of some houses situated at the back of the "Rock and Fountain" inn, Sydenham, requires immediate attention.

The open ditch at the back of the "Dolphin" inn, and other houses situated in Lower Sydenham, is in a most offensive state, and requires covering.

The roads in Chaplin Street and Hindsley's Place, Forest Hill, are in a dangerous and offensive state, and require attention.

The ventilation shafts in the sewer at Dartmouth Park still give out a most oppressive odour, which is observable for a long distance. I should suggest that charcoal boxes be fixed under the gratings to remedy this nuisance.

Meteorological tables and tables of mortality are appended as usual.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

Week ending	Weight of air. Barometer corrected. Mean inches.	TEMPERATURE OF AIR. Thermometer.			Prevailing winds.	Rainy days.	Amount of rain in inches.	Amount of Ozone.
		Highest.	Lowest.	Mean of daily readings.				
Mar 29	29.284	63°6	34°9	47°9	Variable.	5	0.84	2.6
April 5	29.606	63.7	41.0	48.6	S.W.	3	0.39	2.6
12	29.964	56.5	30.4	43.8	N.E.	5	1.83	1.6
19	29.861	58.6	26.7	43.5	N.E.&S.W.	3	0.05	0.05

MAY.

DISTRICTS.	BIRTHS.			DEATHS.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Blackheath	5	3	8	1	6	7
Lewisham	12	8	20	6	4	10
Union Workhouse	—	—	—	1	1	2
Sydenham	26	16	42	9	2	11
Penge	9	7	16	4	3	7
North Surrey Dist. School .	—	—	—	1	1	2
Watermen's Asylum . . .	—	—	—	1	1	2
Total	52	34	86	23	18	41

GENTLEMEN,

The Registrar's returns included in the annexed tables, comprise a space of time of five weeks, during which the health of the district may be said to have been in a very good condition. The births of 52 boys and 34 girls (total 86), and the deaths of 23 males and 18 females (total 41), have been registered.

Two deaths only have taken place from zymotic disease, viz.—

26th April. Diphtheria, Central Sydenham.

17th May. Influenza, West Kent Park.

There are several nuisances injurious to the health of parts of the district, some of which I have before brought under your notice, and which I now again annex, with others, for your consideration.

LEWISHAM.

In Hither Green Lane offensive sewage flows into the ditches, and has been a nuisance to the inhabitants there for many months.

PENGE.

The boundary ditch, by the side of the North Surrey School ground, still contains offensive sewage, which it is most important to remove into the sewer. The Board of Management request your interference in this matter.

At 34, Anerly Vale, the pump water is offensive and unfit for use, from sewage contamination; and there is no proper closet supplied to the house. It is important that a proper supply of water should be immediately afforded. (Landlord, Mr. Latter, Brixton Hill).

Open privies upon the large brickfield adjacent to Royal Naval Asylum.

SYDENHAM.

The houses known as Verey's Cottages, situated at the back of the "Bird in Hand" public-house, are dilapidated; and are wet and unhealthy from want of repairs to water-troughs, &c.

At Orchard Place, Perry Hill, there is no water supply, the stinking brook adjacent

being quite dry. It is most important that some means should be taken to supply this unhealthy part of the district with water.

At Laurel Brook, near Orchard Place, a ditch contains offensive sewage from a small house, which is the property of the parish, and which might readily be drained into the sewer.

At Raglan Street, Nos. 10 and 13, the Poor Law Medical Officer informs me that they are never without illness. The drains are said to be broken under the floor, and the waste pipe from the cistern is not trapped.

An offensive ditch containing sewage exists between the Rev. Mr. Hind's and Camden Villa, Sydenham Hill.

Offensive sewage still runs along the ditches from Shaw's Cottages, by Meadowcroft, into the ditch on the other side of the road at Bell Green. A small barrel or pipe drain would be sufficient to obviate this nuisance, which has been often complained of by the neighbouring inhabitants with great reason.

Meteorological tables and tables of mortality are appended as usual.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

Week ending	Weight of air. Barometer corrected. Mean inches.	TEMPERATURE OF AIR. Thermometer.			Prevailing winds.	Rainy days.	Amount of rain in inches.
		Highest.	Lowest.	Mean of daily readings.			
April 26	29·729	75°0	43°1	54°2	S.W.	5	0·64
May 3	29·966	77·0	37·8	53·6	Variable.	1	0·11
10	29·667	81·5	46·1	57·5	S.W.	7	1·46
17	29·714	68·5	43·1	51·9	N.E.	3	0·92
24	29·698	75·4	39·1	55·6	S.W.	2	0·19

JUNE.

DISTRICTS.	BIRTHS.			DEATHS.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Blackheath	4	5	9	2	3	5
Lewisham	15	11	26	5	3	8
Union Workhouse	—	—	—	4	2	6
Sydenham	13	15	28	5	4	9
Penge	5	8	13	3	0	3
King Wm.'s Naval Asylum	—	—	—	0	1	1
Total	37	39	76	19	13	32

GENTLEMEN,

During the four weeks ending upon Saturday, the 21st of June, 76 births and 32 deaths were registered. The average death rate for the same period for the last seven years is slightly above 31; therefore, taking into account the increase of population, the mortality has been considerably below the average.

Two deaths have taken place from zymotic disease, viz.—

2nd June. Female, 16 years, typhoid fever, King William Asylum, Penge.

17th ,, Female, 3 months, diarrhoea, Mid Kent Cottages, Lewisham.

Five deaths have taken place from pulmonary consumption, and four from inflammatory affections of the chest.

The health of the district has continued to be in a favourable state, and has been remarkably free from epidemic diseases.

PENGE—

At No. 5, Anerly Vale, a drain has given way, and the contents are flowing under an adjoining house, occupied by Mr. Paddy. There is illness in the house, and therefore

this should be remedied immediately. The system of drainage of all these houses is unsatisfactory.

The boundary ditch of the North Surrey School still receives sewage.

SYDENHAM—

The drainage flowing from Laurie Park, through Messrs. Smith's, Beale's, Dawson's, &c., property, is still very offensive.

The offensive smell from the open sewer at the back of the "Dolphin" inn is extremely prejudicial to the health of the neighbouring inhabitants; and a valuable house in Lower Sydenham remains untenanted in consequence of its proximity to this dangerous nuisance.

LEWISHAM—

In consequence of complaints received from Mr. Brown, St. Mary's house, Woodlands, of illness in his house from insufficient drainage, I have examined the house, which I find to be offensive and prejudicial to health, from a water-closet placed upon the bedroom landing, without any ventilation other than into the house itself, and with no water supply. This should be attended to at once.

The drainage here is into cesspools, which should be more frequently cleansed and deodorized.

Meteorological tables and tables of mortality are appended as usual.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

Week ending	Weight of air. Barometer corrected. Mean inches.	TEMPERATURE OF AIR. Thermometer.			Prevailing winds.	Rainy days.	Amount of rain in inches.	Amount of Ozone.
		Highest.	Lowest.	Mean of daily readings.				
May 31	29.739	71.4	42.1	57.6	Variable.	3	0.16	2.3
June 7	29.766	73.5	45.7	58.6	S.W.	3	0.25	3.0
14	29.540	70.0	43.4	55.3	W.S.W.	5	0.92	4.1
21	29.780	69.3	45.5	54.9	N.W.	5	0.60	0.4

JULY.

DISTRICTS.	BIRTHS.			DEATHS.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Blackheath	2	6	8	—	2	2
Lewisham	14	12	26	7	8	15
Union Workhouse	—	—	—	3	2	5
Sydenham	24	15	39	6	6	12
Penge	12	6	18	5	2	7
North Surrey School	—	—	—	0	1	1
Total	52	39	91	21	21	42

GENTLEMEN,

The mortality during the five weeks ending upon Saturday, 26th of July, has amounted to 42. This number is considerably above the average mortality at this period of the year.

Eight deaths have taken place from zymotic disease, viz.—

- 22nd June. Diarrhœa, the Grove, Lewisham.
- 21st „ Fever, Union Workhouse.
- 30th „ Fever, Rushey Green.
- 12th July. Diphtheria, Southend.
- 13th „ Fever, Willow Road, Sydenham.
- 19th „ Diarrhœa, Union Workhouse.

20th June. Dysentery, Palace Square, Penge.

24th „ Gastric fever, Penge.

Seven deaths have taken place from consumption; two deaths from inflammation of the lungs.

Fourteen deaths have been registered among children under two years of age, and 12 in those above 60 years.

Diarrhoea is slightly prevalent in the district, and a few sporadic cases of measles have occurred, but this disease is not prevalent.

The yard used by a butcher and poulterer at Blackheath, and adjoining the premises of Mr. Wray, stationer, have recently been in an offensive state, from accumulation of decomposing animal and vegetable matter; and although this has been removed in the course of the last two or three days, it is important to prevent its recurrence, as it is prejudicial to the health of the inhabitants of the adjoining premises. Such refuse should be daily removed.

Some plan requires to be thought of for the drainage and water supply of Orchard Place, Perry Vale, which is one of the most unhealthy portions of the district.

Meteorological tables and tables of mortality are appended as usual.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

Week ending	Weight of air. Barometer corrected. Mean inches.	TEMPERATURE OF AIR.			Prevailing winds.	Rainy days.	Amount of rain in inches.
		Thermometer.					
		Highest.	Lowest.	Mean of daily readings.			
June 28	29.762	72.5	43.8	56.2	N.W.	2	0.09
July 5	29.697	76.0	44.4	56.8	Variable.	3	0.35
12	29.600	75.5	44.7	58.2	S.W.	5	0.73
19	29.724	74.8	46.9	59.5	S.W.	3	0.54
26	29.921	79.0	44.6	60.1	S.W.	1	0.11

AUGUST.

DISTRICTS.	BIRTHS.			DEATHS.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Blackheath	—	—	—	—	1	1
Lewisham	8	7	15	1	2	3
Union Workhouse	—	—	—	—	1	1
Sydenham	21	19	40	5	6	11
Penge	10	5	15	1	2	3
North Surrey School	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	39	31	70	7	13	20

GENTLEMEN,

The mortality registered during the past four weeks is considerably below the average for the present month, only 20 deaths having taken place in the district.

Four deaths have taken place from epidemic disease, namely—

Scarlet fever, Wells Road, Sydenham.

Measles, Bell Green, Sydenham.

Diphtheria, Carlton Villas, Sydenham.

Fever, Upper Sydenham.

Measles have been very prevalent in the district during the past few weeks.

A case of typhoid fever, depending upon the offensive state of the house, has occurred

at Bell Green, in a house occupied by Mr. Palmer, grocer, &c. The sewage from the adjoining houses, belonging to Mr. Sugden, empties into a cesspool, which, I am informed, occasionally overflows into the cellars and basements of the adjoining houses. In this instance it found its way into the cellar of Mr. Palmer, from which it had to be baled; and no doubt has caused the disease from which he is suffering.

A number of pigs, and accumulations of manure and refuse, exist at the backs of houses in the High Street, Sydenham, which require your order for the removal.

A heap of cinders and offensive decomposing animal and vegetable refuse lies exposed in a garden at Park End, and is a source of annoyance to the neighbouring inhabitants. This has been several times complained of.

As cinder heaps contain a quantity of vegetable matter and refuse of various descriptions from dwelling-houses, it is important that they should be enclosed in covered receptacles, in which the presence of the carbonaceous matter of the cinders in a dry state tends to retard decomposition; but when exposed to moisture and air, these heaps decompose rapidly, and become an offensive nuisance and one dangerous to health.

Meteorological tables and tables of mortality are appended as usual.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

Week ending	Weight of air. Barometer corrected. Mean inches.	TEMPERATURE OF AIR. Thermometer.			Prevailing winds.	Rainy days.	Amount of rain in inches.
		Highest.	Lowest.	Mean of daily readings.			
Aug. 2	29.898	79.9	46.0	61.3	S.W.	1	0.03
9	29.587	76.8	48.7	59.7	S.W.	5	0.50
16	29.778	74.0	47.5	58.7	S.W.	3	0.94
28	29.803	74.8	46.8	59.6	Variable.	3	1.57

SEPTEMBER.

DISTRICTS.	BIRTHS.			DEATHS.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Blackheath	5	4	9	2	1	3
Lewisham	13	10	23	7	6	13
Union Workhouse	—	—	—	2	1	3
Sydenham	16	11	27	9	8	17
Penge	4	8	12	2	0	2
Total	38	33	71	22	16	38

GENTLEMEN,

During the four weeks from 23rd August to 20th September, 71 births and 38 deaths have been registered.

The amount of mortality is in excess of that registered last year, but considerably below the average calculated for the corresponding month during the last seven years.

Nine deaths have taken place from epidemic disease, viz.:

25th August.	Diarrhoea, Dartmouth Terrace, Blackheath.
31st "	Diarrhoea, Grote's Place, Blackheath.
8th Sept.	Diarrhoea, Cross Street, Lewisham.
21st August.	Diarrhoea, Lower Sydenham, Sydenham.
3rd Sept.	Scarlet fever, Sydenham Park, Sydenham.
3rd "	Fever, Edney Street, Wells Road.
4th "	Scarlet fever, Wells Road.
14th "	Typhoid fever, Ivy Cottage.
1st "	Typhus, Maple Road, Penge.

Scarlet fever has been rather prevalent, and a few cases of measles have occurred.

Diarrhoea has been less prevalent than usual during the autumnal season, but four deaths are registered from this cause.

The drainage of a portion of the Canal Road, Forest Hill, requires to be entered into the main sewer. At present it runs by the side of the road in an offensive manner.

Fever has been prevalent in parts of the Wells Road, Sydenham, for some time.

In Windsor Terrace, Wells Road, several cases have occurred; and at the last house nearly the whole family have suffered from it. These houses are drained into a cess-pool, without ventilation to remove the sewer gases.

In Bath Place, Wells Road, cases have also occurred; also cases of scarlet fever.

In Nelson Terrace, Wells Road, the second house is in an offensive state.

The Inspector has personally visited and inspected the several cow-houses and slaughter-houses in the district, which he reports to be in good order, with one or two exceptions.

Mr. Samuel, cow-keeper, Blackheath Hill, occupies a cow-house which is in a most dirty and dilapidated condition, but which contained no cows upon my visit of inspection.

The slaughter-house at the back of Mr. Walters's, butcher, in Blackheath village, is clear, but refuse matter, consisting of a mixture of stable manure and refuse substances from butchers', fishmongers', and poulterers' shops occasionally give forth a most intolerable stench. This accumulation should not be allowed to exist, or should be daily removed from the locality.

Meteorological tables and tables of mortality are appended as usual.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

Week ending	Weight of air. Barometer corrected. Mean inches.	TEMPERATURE OF AIR.			Prevailing winds.	Rainy days.	Amount of rain in inches.
		Thermometer.					
		Highest.	Lowest.	Mean of daily readings.			
Aug. 30	29.941	76°0	44.7	58°6	N.E.	0	0.00
Sept. 6	29.702	71.9	45.6	57.0	N.E. & S.W.	4	0.39
13	29.981	73.4	40.4	58.0	S.W.	1	0.36
20	30.045	73.8	43.6	58.6	N.E.	1	0.06

OCTOBER.

DISTRICTS.	BIRTHS.			DEATHS.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Blackheath	2	5	7	3	2	5
Lewisham	13	16	29	6	7	13
Union Workhouse	—	—	—	1	3	4
Sydenham	24	15	39	10	7	17
Penge	10	5	15	4	5	9
Total	49	41	90	24	24	48

GENTLEMEN,

During the five weeks ending upon Saturday, the 25th of October, 90 births and 48 deaths have been registered.

The mortality is the same as that which took place last year, and is not above the average for a corresponding space of time at this season of the year.

Eleven deaths have taken place from epidemic disease, viz.—In

Lewisham, 20th September.	Diarrhoea, Loampit Hill.
„ 23rd „	Ditto Lewis Grove.
„ 25th „	Ditto Hanover Street.
„ 4th October.	Ditto Sophia Place.
Sydenham, 22nd September.	Scarlet fever, Bath Place, S.
„ 2nd October.	Measles, West Kent Park.

Sydenham, 4th October	Measles, Railway Cottages.
" " "	Ditto " "
" 8th "	Ditto " "
" 17th "	Fever, Brickfields, S.
Penge, 7th "	Gastric fever, Penge.

I wish again to call your attention to the fact that the deaths from these epidemic diseases are quite out of proportion to the deaths from all causes in this very healthy district; that these diseases are known to take their origin from local poison, arising from want of efficient drainage and water supply; and by referring to the list of localities in which these deaths occur, it may be observed that almost all of them have been from time to time reported to you as suffering from some deficiency either as to drainage, of water supply, or both.

Cases of measles have been somewhat prevalent in the district, as above enumerated. Three children have died from this cause in one family, residing in Railway Cottages, Forest Hill.

Cases of fever have occurred in Bath Place, Wells Road, and in Church Grove, Lewisham, &c.

Two cases of smallpox (one in a child not vaccinated) have occurred in Hanover Street, Lewisham.

The state of the roads in Hanover Street, Lewisham, are likely to be productive of disease. They are in a wet and filthy state; and the water in a part of this locality runs into the houses.

Church Terrace, Lewisham, is still undrained; and from the thickness of the population in this locality, and from a case of fever being reported there, it is most important to have this attended to at once. The road here is also wet and undrained.

At Hindsley's Terrace, Sydenham, what should be a road is a muddy undrained swamp, and most unwholesome to the neighbourhood.

Chaplin Street, which is nearly as bad, I have before brought under your notice.

Meteorological tables and tables of mortality are appended as usual.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

Week ending	Weight of air. Barometer corrected. Mean inches.	TEMPERATURE OF AIR.			Prevailing winds.	Rainy days.	Amount of rain in inches.
		Thermometer.					
		Highest.	Lowest.	Mean of daily readings.			
Sept. 27	29·871	69°8	39·2	56°6	Variable.	3	0·17
Oct. 4	29·937	71·7	43·7	58·1	S.W.	4	0·64
11	29·980	70·4	49·3	56·9	N.E.	3	1·22
18	29·608	71·4	40·3	53·9	S.W.	6	1·61
25	29·416	60·0	33·4	47·4	S.W.	2	0·70

NOVEMBER.

DISTRICTS.	BIRTHS.			DEATHS.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Blackheath	4	2	6	3	0	3
Lewisham	12	17	29	7	1	8
Union Workhouse	—	—	—	1	1	2
Sydenham	14	21	35	8	6	14
Penge	4	6	10	0	3	3
North Surrey School	—	—	—	0	1	1
Total	34	46	80	19	12	31

GENTLEMEN,

During the month ending upon Saturday, the 22nd of November, 80 births and 31 deaths have been registered in the district.

The mortality which has taken place in that time is less than that of the last three years, and is below the average of the last seven years (33), *without* taking into consideration the increase of the population of the district; so that the state of health of the inhabitants, as derived from the above source of information, may be said to be extremely favourable.

Five deaths have taken place from epidemic disease, viz.—

30th October.	Typhoid fever,	Loampit Vale,	Lewisham.
12th November.	Measles,	Rushey Green,	Lewisham.
7th	„	Malignant sore throat,	Hither Green, Lewisham.
10th	„	Scarlatina,	Russell Street, Sydenham.
22nd	„	Ditto	Upper Sydenham.

Five deaths have taken place from inflammation of the air passages, and five from consumption of the lungs.

Scarlet fever and measles have been very prevalent in the district.

Thirty-five children at the North Surrey District School, Anerly, have been afflicted with measles, but are at present doing well.

Meteorological tables and tables of mortality are appended as usual.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

Week ending	Weight of air. Barometer corrected. Mean inches.	TEMPERATURE OF AIR.			Prevailing winds.	Rainy days.	Amount of rain in inches.
		Thermometer.					
		Highest.	Lowest.	Mean of daily readings.			
Nov. 1	29.682	58°0	28°5	46°8	S.W. & S.E.	4	0.54
8	29.967	57.0	31.4	44.9	Variable.	3	0.69
15	29.659	53.1	24.9	37.3	S.W. & N.	2	0.18
22	30.029	47.3	30.6	38.3	N.E.	1	0.01

DECEMBER.

DISTRICTS.	BIRTHS.			DEATHS.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Blackheath	5	1	6	2	4	6
Lewisham	10	10	20	12	6	18
Union Workhouse	—	—	—	3	5	8
Sydenham	21	16	37	15	10	25
Penge	9	3	12	2	4	6
North Surrey School	—	—	—	1	1	2
Total	45	30	75	35	30	65

GENTLEMEN,

Last month I had to comment upon the diminished mortality of the district; but I am sorry to say that this month (from Saturday, 22nd November, to Saturday, 20th December) it has increased considerably.

Sixty-five deaths have been registered during the above space of time—a number which would not be much above the average estimated for the increase of the population of the district, but still a larger mortality than we have before witnessed during the same space of time.

The average mortality of the district for the December month would be 40.

Thirteen deaths have taken place from epidemic disease in the undermentioned localities:—

28th November.	Measles, King Street	Lewisham.
6th December.	Ditto Loampit Vale	"
11th "	Ditto Hanover Street	"
30th November.	Typhoid fever, Stanstead Lane	Sydenham.
7th December.	Scarlet fever Wells Road	"
8th "	Ditto	"
10th "	Ditto	"
13th "	Ditto	"
" "	Measles Upper Sydenham	"
14th "	Ditto Raglan Street	"
19th "	Scarlet fever Hawthorn Grove	Penge.
11th "	Typhoid fever North Surrey School	"
19th "	Measles	"

Eight deaths have taken place from consumption of the lungs, and twelve from inflammation of the air passages.

In *Wells Road, Sydenham*, in one family, three children and one adult have died from scarlet fever, and the remaining members of the family have barely escaped. It appears that in this district mortality attributed to epidemic disease seldom takes place but in those localities which are remarkable for their want of drainage and attention to sanitary measures; and this circumstance is no exception to this rule—a fact to which I have before called your attention. The whole of the *Wells Road* is unhealthy from its want of sewer accommodation, &c.

Scarlatina and measles are prevalent in the district.

Sixty children have been affected by measles in the North Surrey District School.

Meteorological tables and tables of mortality are appended as usual.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

Week ending	Weight of air. Barometer corrected. Mean inches.	TEMPERATURE OF AIR. Thermometer.			Prevailing winds.	Rainy days.	Amount of rain in inches.
		Highest.	Lowest.	Mean of daily readings.			
Nov. 29	29·543	51°5	24°8	37°1	N.E. & S.E.	1	0·10
Dec. 6	29·647	56·0	33·7	44·8	Variable.	4	0·24
13	29·870	57·1	33·7	44·1	S.W. & W.	5	0·81
20	29·977	52·0	33·7	42·1	S.W.	2	0·22

JANUARY, 1863.

DISTRICTS.	BIRTHS.			DEATHS.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Blackheath	4	4	8	3	4	7
Lewisham	19	12	31	11	7	18
Union Workhouse	—	—	—	3	2	5
Sydenham	15	16	31	7	10	17
Penge	7	8	15	11	3	14
North Surrey School	—	—	—	2	1	3
Total	45	40	85	37	27	64

GENTLEMEN,

A space of five weeks has elapsed since I last reported to you upon the health of the district. During that period 85 children have been born, and the deaths of 64 persons have been registered.

The mortality still continues to be greater than usual.

Epidemic disease has been prevalent, and thirteen deaths have been registered as occurring from this class of disease, viz.—

In BLACKHEATH—

Male, 18 days. Diarrhœa, King Street.

In LEWISHAM—

Male, 1 year. Hooping cough, Avenue Road.

" Measles, Hanover Street.

" Ditto Loampit Hill.

Male, 3 years. Ditto "

Female, 2 years. Ditto Hanover Street.

In SYDENHAM—

Male, 5 years. Measles, West Hill, Brickfield.

Female, 1 year. Diphtheria, Bath Place.

In PENGE—

Male, 22 years. Fever, Penge Village.

Male, 39 years. Bilious fever, Clifton Villas.

Male, 6 weeks. Hooping cough, Dulwich Road.

Male, 5 months. Diarrhœa, Penge Village.

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Female, 4 years. Measles.

Cases of smallpox have occurred in Russell Street and Willow Road, Sydenham; apparently taking their origin from a case of that disease imported from Poplar.

Cases of scarlatina and measles have occurred during the month, but this epidemic is abating.

I have to direct your attention to two houses situate in Lewisham, in the occupation of Mr. Henry Heath and Mr. Smith, which are quite out of repair, and which still have old offensive closets and no water supply. This was reported upon some months back.

Also to the dreadful state of Springfield, Wells Road; Hindsley's Place, Chaplin Street.

During the month two fatal accidents have occurred: one at the Anerly Station of the London and Brighton Railway, and another upon the Chatham and Dover Railway, now in course of construction through Penge.

Meteorological tables and tables of mortality are appended as usual.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

Week ending	Weight of air. Barometer corrected. Mean inches.	TEMPERATURE OF AIR.			Prevailing winds.	Rainy days.	Amount of rain in inches.
		Thermometer.					
		Highest.	Lowest.	Mean of daily readings.			
Dec. 27	30·094	50°0	33°4	42°2	S.W.	3	0·08
Jan. 3	29·607	52·3	33·5	43·8	S.W.	3	0·57
10	29·258	48·6	29·6	40·1	S.W. & N.E.	6	0·77
17	29·965	46·8	27·7	38·1	N.E.	4	0·74
24	29·430	53·8	37·5	43·8	S.W.	3	0·32

FEBRUARY.

DISTRICTS.	BIRTHS.			DEATHS.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Blackheath	4	8	12	2	1	3
Lewisham	15	7	22	5	5	10
Union Workhouse	—	—	—	0	0	0
Sydenham	22	19	41	8	3	11
Penge	7	4	11	1	3	4
Total	48	38	86	16	12	28

GENTLEMEN,

During the past month, the mortality of the district has amounted to 28. This is a number considerably below the average for the month, and very different to that of last year, when 59 deaths were registered during the same space of time.

The health of the district has considerably improved within the last five weeks.

Five deaths have taken place from epidemic disease, viz.—

22nd January. Hooping cough, Avenue Road, Lewisham.

29th " " Limes Villa "

10th February. " Ladywell "

17th " Typhus fever Loampit Vale "

2nd " Fever Windsor Terrace, Sydenham.

Five deaths have taken place from inflammation of the lungs. Hooping cough is very prevalent, and in some cases very severe in character.

Sporadic cases of smallpox have also occurred, but there has been no fatal case.

Complaints have been received respecting the state of the yard at the back of the "Rock and Fountain" public-house, Sydenham, occupied by Mr. Austen, and in which cows and pigs are kept. I have examined the locality, and find that it requires paving and draining.

Meteorological tables and tables of mortality are appended as usual.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

Week ending	Weight of air. Barometer corrected. Mean inches.	TEMPERATURE OF AIR. Thermometer.			Prevailing winds.	Rainy days.	Amount of rain in inches.
		Highest.	Lowest.	Mean of daily readings.			
Jan. 31	29·857	55°2	32°2	44°5	S.W.	2	0·60
Feb. 7	29·897	55·1	32·6	45·3	S.W.	4	0·11
14	30·170	49·1	29·7	40·7	Variable.	2	0·09
21	30·332	53·0	27·2	39·0	S.E. & S.W.	1	0·19

MARCH.

DISTRICTS.	BIRTHS.			DEATHS.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Blackheath	6	3	9	1	4	5
Lewisham	7	7	14	4	3	7
Union Workhouse	—	—	—	2	2	4
Sydenham	22	13	35	3	7	10
Penge	5	8	13	8	7	15
Total	40	31	71	18	23	41

GENTLEMEN,

The mortality of the district, although in excess of the average, is less than that registered during the same period last year, when 46 deaths took place. This year the deaths of 41 persons are recorded. Fifteen deaths have been registered for the hamlet of Penge—an unusually large number for that ward.

Eight deaths have taken place from epidemic disease, five of which occurred in Penge, one in Blackheath, and two in Sydenham, viz.—

In PENGE—

Male, 5 months. Diarrhœa, Penge.
 Male, 2 years. Measles „
 Female, 18 months. Ditto, Heath Place.
 Female, 21 months. Ditto, Penge.
 Male, 5 years. Malignant scarlet fever, Penge.

In BLACKHEATH—

Female, 7 months. Measles, Regent Street.

In SYDENHAM—

Female, 7 months. Hooping cough, Chaplin Street.
 Male, 2 years. Measles, Hanover Street.

A newly born infant was found dead in the Canal at Anerly Bridge, decomposed and mutilated.

A gentleman was killed by being thrown from his horse at Anerly Vale.

A coachman dropped dead from the box of a private carriage at the Crystal Palace entrance.

Epidemic diseases are still prevalent in the neighbourhood—measles, hooping cough, and scarlatina—and a few sporadic cases of smallpox, which may be all traced to infection. The greater prevalence of this disease during the past few months indicates the great importance of *vaccination*, and that of *re-vaccination* when years have elapsed since the first vaccination.

The yard occupied by Messrs. Hopkins and Kember, at Bath Place, *Blackheath*, is occasionally offensive from an accumulation of manure. It is most important that, as the summer approaches, no accumulation of this kind should be allowed.

In *Paxton Park*, Lower Sydenham, fifty houses are drained into cesspools which overflow into the gardens and road. The new sewer runs at the end of the road, and it is of importance that a branch should be laid from the main to drain this now populous locality.

In *Anerly Grove*, *Penge*, the drains are burst and overflowing, to the danger of the health of this thickly populated neighbourhood; and No.'s 1 to 10 have no dustbins.

Complaints have been received several times respecting a cow-yard at the back of the "Rock and Fountain," *Sydenham*. It is at times in a most offensive state, and requires both paving and draining.

The state of Springfield, Wells Road, Sydenham, also urgently requires attention. Meteorological tables and tables of mortality are appended as usual.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

Week ending	Weight of air. Barometer corrected. Mean inches.	TEMPERATURE OF AIR.			Prevailing winds.	Rainy days.	Amount of rain in inches.
		Thermometer.					
		Highest.	Lowest.	Mean of daily readings.			
Feb. 28	30·167	55°7	32°2	43°4	S.W.	1	0·01
March 7	29·561	57·8	35·2	47·3	S.W. & S.E.	3	0·24
14	29·285	54·0	28·9	38·1	Variable.	4	0·21
21	29·774	57·9	30·6	41·0	N.E.	2	0·23

DEATHS DURING THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE YEAR 1862.

CLASSES OF DISEASE.	CAUSES OF DEATH.	AGES AT DEATH.							Total.	Males.	Females.
		Under 1 year.	Under 10.	Under 20.	20 and under 40.	40 and under 60.	60 and under 80.	80 and upwards.			
I. ATOMIZYMOTIC DISEASES.	ORDER 1.— <i>Miasmatic.</i>										
	Measles	2	10	1	—	—	—	—	13	8	5
	Scarlatina (Scarlet Fever)	6	9	5	1	—	—	—	21	8	13
	Diphtheria	3	4	3	—	—	—	—	10	6	4
	Croup	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	5	3	2
	Hooping Cough	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	7	3	4
	Typhus Fever	—	2	3	10	1	—	—	16	7	9
	Erysipelas (Rose)	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	3	1	2
	Puerperal Fever (Metria)	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	0	3
	Influenza	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	0
	Dysentery	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	2	0
	Diarrhœa (Bowel Complaint)	10	—	—	—	—	1	1	12	7	5
	ORDER 2.— <i>Enthetic.</i>										
	Syphilis	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	0	2
	ORDER 3.— <i>Dietic.</i>										
	Want of Breast Milk	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	0	2
	Alcoholism—D. Tremens	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	0	1
	ORDER 4.— <i>Parasitic.</i>										
	Thrush	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	0	1
II. CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.	ORDER 1.— <i>Diathetic</i>										
	Gout	—	—	1	2	—	—	3	2	1	
	Dropsy	—	—	—	3	2	2	3	10	4	6
	Cancer	—	—	—	1	6	2	—	9	2	7
	Abscess	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	0	1
	Mortification	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	0	1
	ORDER 2.— <i>Tubercular.</i>										
	Tabes Mesenterica	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	0
	Phthisis (Consumption)	2	3	8	40	13	6	—	72	42	30
	Hydrocephalus (Water on the Brain)	10	3	2	—	—	—	—	15	8	7
III. LOCAL DISEASES.	ORDER 1.— <i>Nervous System.</i>										
	Cephalitis	1	1	—	—	—	2	—	4	3	1
	Apoplexy	—	—	—	5	1	8	—	14	8	6
	Palsy (Paralysis)	—	—	—	1	16	5	—	22	13	9
	Epilepsy	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	3	2	1
	Convulsions	12	5	—	—	—	—	—	17	9	8
	Brain Disease, &c.	1	3	1	—	1	4	—	10	7	3
	ORDER 2.— <i>Organs of Circulation.</i>										
	Pericarditis	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	3	2	1
	Heart Disease, &c.	1	—	—	3	4	8	—	16	10	6
	Aneurism	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	0
	Hæmorrhage	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	2	0
	ORDER 3.— <i>Respiratory Organs.</i>										
	Laryngitis	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	1	1
	Bronchitis	7	3	—	1	5	16	5	37	18	19
	Pleurisy	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	0	1
	Pneumonia	14	7	2	3	3	2	1	32	17	15
	Asthma	—	—	—	1	1	3	—	5	2	3
	Carried forward	85	62	29	78	56	63	11	384	204	180

DEATHS—CONTINUED.

CLASSES OF DISEASE.	CAUSES OF DEATH.	AGES AT DEATH.							Total.	Males.	Females.	
		Under 1 year.	Under 10.	Under 20.	20 and under 40.	40 and under 60.	60 and under 80.	80 and upwards.				
III. LOCAL DISEASES (CONTINUED)	Brought forward	85	62	29	78	56	63	11	384	204	180	
	ORDER 4.— <i>Digestive Organs</i>											
	Gastritis	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	2	
	Peritonitis	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	2	1	1	
	Ulceration of Intestines	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	1	1	
	Hernia (Rupture)	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	0	1	
	Stomach Disease, &c.	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3	2	1	
	Jaundice	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	0	
	Liver Disease, &c.	—	1	—	1	6	2	—	10	6	4	
	ORDER 5.— <i>Urinary Organs</i>											
	Nephritis	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	0	
	Nephria (Bright's Disease)	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	4	3	1	
	Diabetes	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3	1	2	
	Kidney Disease, &c.	—	1	—	1	—	3	1	6	4	2	
	ORDER 6.— <i>Organs of Generation.</i>											
	Uterus Disease, &c.	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	3	0	3	
	ORDER 7.— <i>Organs of Locomotion.</i>											
	Arthritis	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	0	1	
	Joint Disease, &c.	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	0	
	ORDER 8.— <i>Integumentary System.</i>											
	Skin Disease, &c.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	0	1	
	IV. DEVELOP- MENTAL DISEASES.	ORDER 1.— <i>Diseases of Children.</i>										
		Premature Birth	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	4	1
Spina Bifida		2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	0	2	
Other Malformations		1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	0	
Teething		2	3	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	3	
ORDER 3.— <i>Diseases of Old People.</i>												
Old Age		—	—	—	—	—	9	12	21	9	12	
ORDER 4.— <i>Diseases of Nutrition.</i>												
Atrophy and Debility	17	1	—	—	—	—	—	18	13	5		
V. VIOLENT DEATHS.	ORDER 1.— <i>Accidents or Negligence.</i>											
	Fractures and Contusions	—	1	1	4	3	—	1	10	9	1	
	Burns and Scalds	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	
	Suffocation	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	0	2	
	ORDER 4.— <i>Suicide.</i>											
	Hanging	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	0	
	NOT SPECIFIED OR ILL DE- FINED	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	4	2	2	
Total	119	74	32	85	80	81	26	497	268	229		