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THIRTIETH

GENERAL REPORT

OF

THE VESTRY

OF THE

PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE,

SURREY,

For the Year ending 25th March, 1886.



PRESENTED TO THE

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.

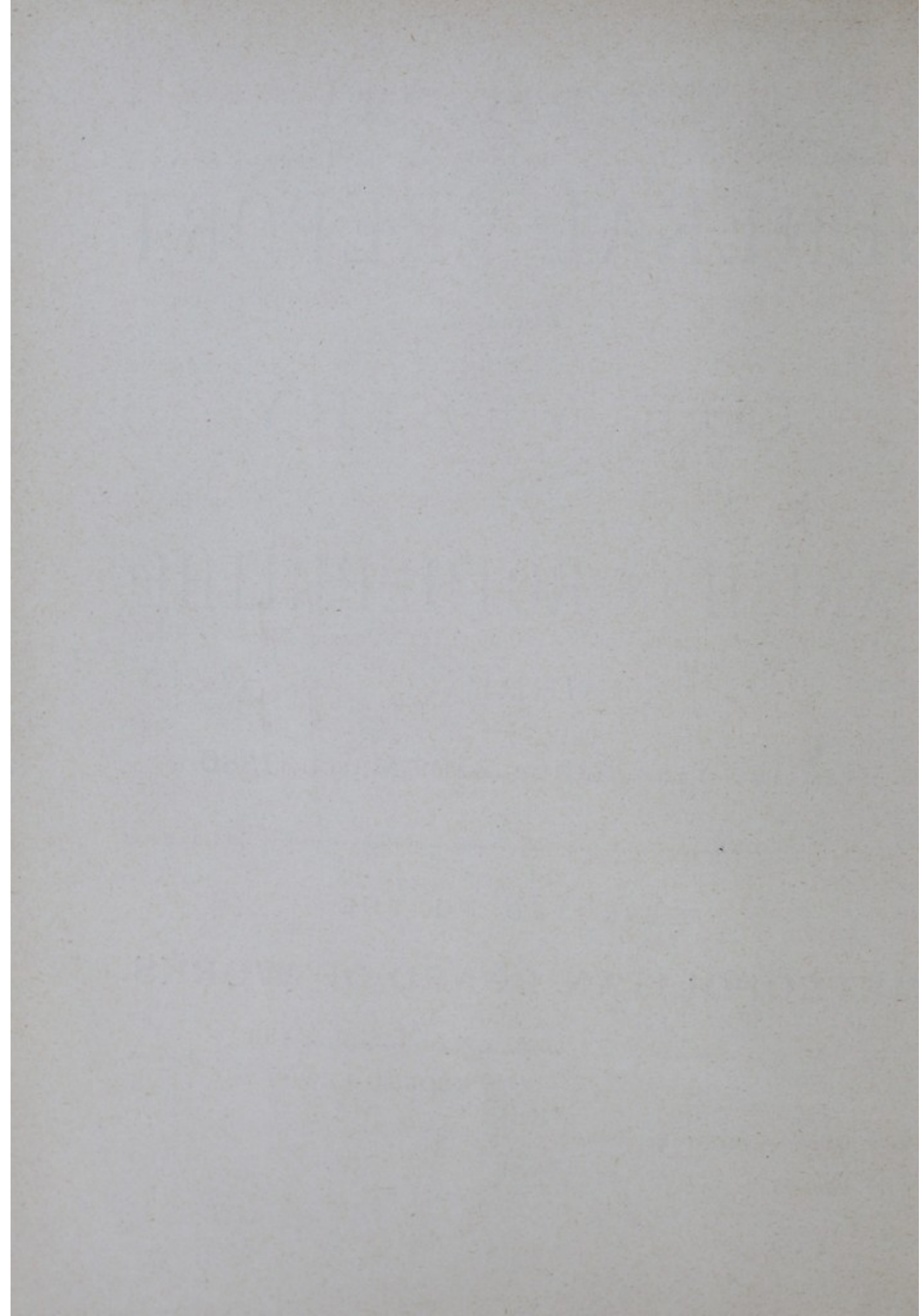


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WE, WILLIAM JOSHUA CARR and GEORGE LEWIS, the Auditors appointed by the Parishioners of the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the County of Surrey, to examine and audit the Accounts of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, aforesaid, for the year ending 25th March, 1886, having carefully and diligently examined and investigated the Accounts of the said Vestry, for the period aforesaid, and the Vouchers in support of the same, and the books, papers, instruments and writings in their custody or control relating thereto, do hereby certify and declare that WE have this day Audited the said Accounts of the said Vestry, at the Vestry Offices, Deptford Lower Road, Rotherhithe, in the County of Surrey, in the presence of the following, viz.:—WILLIAM JOSHUA CARR and GEORGE LEWIS, and that the said Accounts are true and correct in all particulars, and WE do allow the same accordingly, and sign the same in token of such our allowance thereof.

Given under our hands this 24th day of May, 1886.

(Signed) WILLIAM J. CARR, }
GEORGE LEWIS, } *Auditors.*

*Vestry Offices.—Deptford Lower-road,
Rotherhithe, S.E.*

ACCOUNT IN ABSTRACT.

18th and 19th Victoria, cap. 120.

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GENERAL ABSTRACT OF WORKS.

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ABSTRACT OF WORKS.

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REPORT OF THE VESTRY OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.

ABSTRACT OF WORKS.

Executed under Contracts, Agreements, &c., for Special and General Works. One Year ending March 25th, 1886.

CONSTRUCTION BRICK SEWERS.	COST	PIPE SEWERS.						COST. £ s. d.	Openings to Sewers.					COST. £ s. d.	Repairs and Alterations to Sewers, Gulleys, &c. £ s. d.	Cleansing including Flushing, Casting, Lifting, Cartage, and Repairs caused thereby. £ s. d.	Incidental Works. £ s. d.	Improvement Works. £ s. d.	TOTAL £ s. d.	
		Iron.	Stoneware.						Side Entrances.	Air & Flushing Shafts.	Gulleys.	Drain Mouths.	Flaps.							
			18 in.	15 in.	12 in.	9 in.	6 in.													4 in.
				178	..	...	26 14 0											26 14 0
				168	...	...	18 18 0											18 18 0
				322	...	...	20 2 6											20 2 6
									1						7 11 6			7 11 6		
										1					1 7 7			1 7 7		
											16 gul lies 25 gts ings			54 0 0				54 0 0		
												7		21 17 0				21 17 0		
															11 15 0			11 15 0		
																2 17 6		2 17 6		
																Ground Lime 1 4 0		165 3 1		
																		1 4 0		
																		166 7 1		
																	Deduct Contractors per centage.	5 6 8		
																		161 0 5		
																1013 13 2		1013 13 2		
																	Total...	£1174 13 7		

GEORGE LEGG, Surveyor,

King William Street, London Bridge.

VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ALL CONTRACTS

Entered into by the Vestry in the year ending 25th March, 1886, and of all Contracts subsiding at the commencement of that year, and continuing during the same, and of the Works commenced and completed in the year ending 25th March, 1886, and the Works remaining in progress at the termination of the same year.

CONTRACTS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF SPECIAL WORKS.

Rate	Date of Contract	Locality.	Name of Contractor.	Nature of Works to be performed.	Contract Price.	Quantity of work commenced and completed during the Year.	Amount of extra work.	Actual cost of works.
Paving	7th July, 1885.	Martin-terrace Slippers-place Winchester-street Hickling-street Robert-street Glebe-road Stalham-street Matson-street	William Etheridge.	Paving the footways and making up the roadways.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.
					55 10 0			
					225 0 0			
					175 0 0			
					185 0 0			
					95 0 0			
					97 0 0			
					130 0 0			
					30 10 0			
					993 0 0			993 0 0
	26th Jan. 1886.	Eugenia-road	Messrs. R. H. Trehearne & Co.	Paving the footways and making up the roadway.	690 0 0			

VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.
CONTRACTS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF GENERAL WORKS AND SUPPLY OF MATERIALS.
 Existing at the commencement of, or entered into, during the year ending 25th March, 1886.

Rates.	Date of Contract.	Name of Party with whom Contract was made.	Nature of Works to be performed, and Materials to be supplied.	Observations.
Paving and General Purposes.	29th March, 1886.	Mr. William Stotesbury	Dusting (Vestry to pay the Contractor £1200)	Entered into for One Year from 25th March, 1886.
	29th March, 1886.	Mr. William Etheridge	Paving Jobbing Works as per Schedule of Prices	Ditto.
	29th March, 1886.	Mr. Edwin Willoughby	Printing and Stationery as per Schedule of Prices	Ditto.
	29th March, 1886.	Messrs. H. & F. Manuelle	For the supply of broken Guernsey Granite, as per Schedule of Prices	Ditto.
	29th March, 1886.	Messrs. A. T. Hobman & Son	Team hire and Cartage as per Schedule of Prices... ..	Ditto.
Lighting	25th Dec., 1885.	The South Metropolitan Gas Company.	For Lighting the Public Lamps with Gas at £3 9s. 0d. each per annum	...
Sewers	29th March, 1886.	Messrs. John Hoare & Son	Sewers General Jobbing Works as per Schedule of Prices	Entered into for One Year from 25th March, 1886.

VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.

Statement and Account of Arrears of Rates and other Monies owing to, and of the Mortgages, Debts and Liabilities owing by the Vestry on the 25th March, 1886.

Rate.	Monies Owing to the Vestry.					Debts and Liabilities Owing by the Vestry.						Total.
	Cash Balance.	Due from Overseers.	Contributions	Loan.	Total.	Cash Balance.	Assessment by Metropolitan Board of Works.	Loans, Mortgages, &c.		Special Contracts Outstanding	Tradesmen's Bills and Accounts.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Paving.....	2593 8 3	...	...	...	2593 8 3			The London Life Association			4123 15 8	4123 15 8
		438 0 0	...	...	438 0 0			1419 6 0				
			Parfitt Road 8 6 0					Eagle Insurance Company				
			New Streets Slippers' Estate. 108 8 6					3500 0 0				
			Eugenia Road 343 1 4	...	459 15 10			Atlas Assurance Company 4560 0 0				
								Metropolitan Board of Works 1848 0 0				
								Executors of Mr. R. H. Williams 771 8 9				
								Metropolitan Board of Works. 1600 0 0				
Sewers.....	...	405 0 0	...	...	405 0 0			Metropolitan Board of Works. 1620 0 0				
								Metropolitan Board Works 250 0 0				
								...	...	...		15568 14 9
					£3896 4 1							£19,692 10 5

VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.

SUMMARY STATEMENT. ONE YEAR ENDING 25th MARCH, 1886.

Paving and General Purposes Account.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance on 25th March, 1885	911	15	3 ³ / ₄
„ Cash from Overseers on account of Paving Rates ...	19900	0	0
„ Interest on current account with London and Westminster Bank	11	0	0
„ The Metropolitan Board of Works Loan towards cost of forming the footway from Abbeyfield-road to the Wicket gate to Southwark Park, in Dilston Grove ...	250	0	0
„ The Metropolitan Board of Works Contribution towards cost of forming the before mentioned footway from Abbeyfield-road to the Wicket gate to the Park, in Dilston Grove	260	0	0
„ Contributions from Owners towards cost of paving, &c. new streets	568	3	0
„ Sundry Contributions	62	12	6
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	£21,963	11	3 ³ / ₄

	£	s.	d.
By paid Salaries	789	0	0
„ Commission	250	17	10
„ Rent of Vestry Offices	100	0	0
„ „ Stone Yard	49	3	4
„ „ Board-room at Workhouse	5	0	0
„ „ No. 90 Paradise-street	10	0	0
„ Paving Jobbing Works	563	2	3
„ „ New Streets on Slipper's Estate, Southwark Park-road	993	0	0
„ „ Approach to Plough Bridge	108	19	8
„ Day Labour	1599	11	9
„ Cartage	1486	1	5
„ Broken Stone for Roads... ..	576	7	3
„ Watering Roads	596	5	5
„ Loans and Interest	3073	5	8
„ Valuation Committee Expenses... ..	30	0	0
„ Stationery, Printing, &c.	54	17	4
„ Removing Dust	879	10	0
„ Expenses under Sale of Food and Drugs Act	5	6	6
„ Expenses under Nuisances Removal and Sanitary Acts	182	0	10
„ London School Board Precept	7323	13	1
„ Expenses of London School Board Election	72	13	3
„ Expenses of Ballot for Vestrymen	31	7	4
„ Purchase of No. 69 Abbeyfield-road, and cost of forming footway on the site, the Wicket gate to South- wark Park in Dilton Grove	602	14	3
„ Legal Expenses	30	3	10
„ Tradesmen's Bills, &c.	435	17	3
	19848	18	3
Balance	2114	13	0
	£21,963	11	3

SUMMARY STATEMENT—Continued.

Lighting Account. One Year ending 25th March, 1886.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance on 25th March, 1885	202	18	8½	By paid Lighting, one year	1679	12	2
„ Cash received from Overseers on account of Lighting				„ Commission, one year	19	0	0
Rate	1949	0	0	„ Tradesmen's Bills	20	16	6
„ Interest on current account with London and West-					1719	8	8
minster Bank... ..	1	13	2				
„ Mr. Day's contribution for lighting Lamp at corner of				Balance	444	16	1½
Warndon-street	10	12	11				
	£2164	4	9½		£2164	4	9½

Sewers Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Cash received from Overseers on account of Sewers				By Balance on 25th March, 1885	84	13	6
Rates	8301	0	0	By paid Salaries, one year	460	0	0
„ Putting in Drains, &c.	95	13	5	„ Commission... ..	100	10	1
„ Interest on current account with London and West-				„ The Metropolitan Board of Works precept ...	6260	7	4
minster Bank	6	15	7	„ Labour	900	19	11
„ Sundry Contributions	59	15	9	„ Cartage	288	5	9
				„ General Drainage Works	151	19	8
				„ Expenses of maintaining & water supply to Urinals	43	9	0
				„ Stationery, Printing, &c.	37	1	3
				„ Tradesmen's Bills, &c.	101	19	2
					8429	5	8
				Balance	33	19	1
	£8463	4	9		£8463	4	9

THE THIRTIETH GENERAL REPORT
OF THE
VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE,
SURREY,
For the Year ending 25th March,

1886.

During the past year, **29** General and Special Meetings and **20** Committee Meetings have been held.

Sewers Works.

The following lengths of Pipe Sewers and Drains have been laid during the year, viz.:—

178	feet of 12-inch pipe.
168	” 9 ”
322	” 6 ”

Total 668 feet.

One side entrance, one air and flushing shaft, 16 gulleys, 25 gratings and seven drain mouths have been formed and constructed, the cost of which in detail is shown in the General Abstract at page 7 hereof.

The following is a statement of applications made to the Vestry to drain houses and premises, and the result consequent thereon:—

Number of Notices received.	No. of houses permanently drained into covered Sewers.	Buildings and premises other than houses drained.	House Drains cleared.	Total number of Houses and Buildings inspected for drainage.
22	34	1	12	47

The following applications for the erection and drainage of new houses and buildings have also been checked and approved:—

Number of Notices.	Number of Houses.	Additions to Houses.	Warehouses and other Buildings.	Total Number of New Buildings.
30	85	14	14	113

Messrs John Hoare & Son are the contractors for sewers jobbing works, at a schedule of prices. For particulars of contract see page 8.

In May, 1885, the Vestry passed a resolution as follows, viz.:

“*Resolved*, that this Vestry consider it is advisable in all cases where it can be carried out, that ventilating shafts or pipes with exhaust cowls on the summit thereof, should be carried up from the sewers above the neighbouring houses or buildings, and that the Metropolitan Board of Works be so informed.”

A copy of the resolution was forwarded to the Metropolitan Board of Works accordingly.

The Vestry sanctioned the carrying out by the owners, the main drainage for the new property in the extension of Silwood-street and Bracton-road, under the supervision of the Surveyor of Sewers, and subject to the owner paying the usual establishment charges of the Vestry in such cases.

Paving Works.

The following materials have been used in repairing roads during the year ending 25th March, 1886, viz.:

Broken Guernsey Granite	...	...	518 cubic yards
Gravel and Hoggin	...	...	218 "
Slop and snow carted	...	...	14500 loads
Water for Watering roads	...	...	10285 van loads
Cartage of materials	...	...	1100 load
Broken stone	...	...	134 "
Hard core	...	...	20 "
Flints	...	...	58 "
Bombay stone	...	...	255 "

Messrs. A. & F. Manuelle are the Contractors for the supply of broken Guernsey Granite for the repair of the macadamized roads at a schedule of prices (for particulars of contract see page 8).

The Streets in Southwark Park Road named Slippers Place, Winchester Street, Robert Street, Hickling Street, Glebe Road, Stalham Street, and Matson Street have been properly made up and paved under a Contract with Mr. William Etheridge, at a cost as follows, viz:—

Slippers Place	...	£225	|	Glebe Road	...	£97
Winchester Street	...	£175	|	Stalham Street	...	£130
Robert Street	...	£95	|	Matson Street...		£30 10s.
Hickling Street	...	£185	|			

The expense, after deducting the usual contributions made by the Vestry, for the number of years the property had been rated, was apportioned amongst the owners of property in and abutting upon the said streets, and the same have been taken to by the Vestry.

The portion of Moreton Terrace, Southwark Park Road, under the jurisdiction of the Vestry, was at the same time paved at the expense of the Vestry, under the said contract with Mr. William Etheridge, at a cost of £55 10s.

Eves Place, Adam Street, having been paved and made up by the owners of the property, the said place was in May, 1885, taken to by the Vestry for the cleansing and repair thereof in future.

The new street named Eugenia Road, and the return roads thereto have been properly made up and paved under a contract with H. N. Trehearne & Co., at a cost of £690 which sum has been apportioned for payment amongst the owners of the property in and abutting upon the said road.

Paving Jobbing Works.

Mr. William Etheridge is the Contractor for Paving Jobbing Works, at a schedule of prices. (For particulars of Contract see page 8).

Lighting.

Five additional ordinary gas Lamps have been set up and lighted during the past year, viz:—one in Rotherhithe-street, one at the Urinal, Lavender Bridge, one in Abbeyfield-road, one in West-lane at Millpond Improvement, and one in Stalham-street, making the Total number of lamps in the parish lighted by the South Metropolitan Gas Company, 461.

From Christmas 1885, the South Metropolitan Gas Company reduced the price of lighting the ordinary public lamps in this parish from £3 12s. 6d., to £3 9s. 0d. per lamp, per annum. The Gas Company from the same date reduced the price of Gas to private consumers from 2/8 to 2/6 per 1000 feet.

Cleansing, Watering, &c.

Messrs. A. T. Hobman & Son contract for the supply of men, horses, and carts, and for the removal of sweepings and scrapings from the whole of the roads and streets, after the same have been swept by the labourers employed by the Vestry, to a shoot provided by the contractors, at a specified price per cubic yard.

Messrs. Hobman & Son also contract for the supply of horses, harness, and drivers for the Vestry's water vans.

Two new Wells and pumps for watering have been executed at the following sites, viz:—one at Aspinden-road, and one at West-lane, near Union-road.

The wells were carried out by Mr. A. White, Builder, at a cost of £59 13s. 6d., and the pumps supplied and fixed by Messrs. Shand, Mason & Co., at a cost of £39 18s.

Under a contract with Messrs. W. Oakley & Son, the seven watering vans were repaired at a cost of £39 10s.

Dusting.

Mr. William Stotesbury is the contractor for removing dust, ashes, &c., from the dwellings of the inhabitants of the parish.

The Contractor also agrees to remove, when required, from mills, factories, and premises, trade refuse, &c., upon payment to him by the occupiers thereof of 2s. 6d. per cubic yard. (For particulars of contract see page 8.)

Removal of Nuisances, &c.

Inspector's Report for the Year ending 25th March, 1886.

Houses and premises inspected	...	...	1059	Dust complaints received	...	...	...	117
Complaints received	...	...	1382	Summonses issued	...	...	...	3
Notices served	...	...	744	Magistrate's orders obtained	...	...	...	2
Infectious cases removed to hospital	...	...	139	Bakehouses	} regularly inspected.			
Houses, &c., disinfected	...	...	147	Slaughterhouses				
Bedding and clothes purified	...	...	93	Cow-sheds				
Bedding destroyed and compensation allowed	...	...	21					

J. EDWARDS, *Inspector.*

Slaughter Houses.

Six notices were received in September, 1885, from Butchers, of their intention to apply to the Special Sessions for Licenses for Slaughterhouses, and they having been severally inspected by the Medical Officer of Health, five of the Slaughterhouses were duly licensed by the Magistrates in October, 1885, one of the applications having been withdrawn.

Cow Houses.

Seven Cow Houses were licensed by the Magistrates in October, 1885, they having been previously inspected by the Medical Officer of Health.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875.

The following are copies of Dr. John Muter's (the Analyst) Report:—

Report of the Public Analyst appointed by the Vestry of Rotherhithe, Surrey, upon the articles analysed by him, under the above Act, during the quarter ending 31st March, 1885:—

Articles submitted for Analysis.	By whom submitted.	Result of Analysis.	The sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	Observations.
Milk.	Local Authority	Genuine	10/6	

Dated 1st April, 1885.

(Signed) JOHN MUTER, *Public Analyst.*

Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed by the Vestry of Rotherhithe, Surrey, upon the articles analysed by him, under the above Act, during the quarter ending 30th September, 1885:—

Articles submitted for Analysis.	By whom submitted.	Result of Analysis.	The sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	Observations.
Milk	Local Authority.	Genuine	10/6	
Milk	ditto	10 per cent. of added water	10/6	
Milk	ditto	Genuine	10/6	
Milk	ditto	ditto	10/6	
Milk	ditto	ditto	10/6	

Total number of samples analysed during the quarter, 5.

Dated 1st October, 1885.

(Signed) JOHN MUTER, *Public Analyst.*

Financial.

£8,042 14s. 0d. have been paid off the Loan of £9,462 borrowed in 1868 of Mr. Robert Lawrence (since transferred to the London Life Association) for paving the carriageway, Union-road, and part of Deptford Lower-road; leaving £1,419 6s. 0d. to be paid within a period of three years, with interest at the rate of £5 per cent. per annum.

£6,500 has been paid off the Loan of £10,000 borrowed in the year 1872 of the Eagle Insurance Company, for paving the carriageway, Deptford Lower-road, from the Surrey Commercial Dock entrance to the "Red Lion" public-house, leaving £3,500 to be repaid by equal annual instalments within a period of seven years, with interest at £5 per cent. per annum.

£3,350 have been paid off the Loan of £6,700 borrowed in the year 1875 of the Atlas Insurance Company, for paving the carriageways of Plough-road and Rotherhithe-street from Lavender Bridge eastward, leaving £3,350 to be repaid by ten annual instalments, with interest at £4 5s. per cent. per annum.

The Loan of £3,300 borrowed in the year 1875 of the Atlas Assurance Company, for paving the footways of the main roads, was paid off in June, 1885.

£990 have been paid off the further Loan of 2,200 borrowed in the year 1876 of the Atlas Assurance Company, for paving the carriageway at Broadway, Paradise-street also the carriageway Church-street from Paradise-street to Elephant-lane, leaving £1210 to be repaid by eleven annual instalments of £110, with interest at the rate of £4 5s. per cent. per annum

£252 have been paid off the Loan of £2,100 borrowed in August, 1880 of the Metropolitan Board of Works, towards repaying the expenses of the purchase of the ground required for the improvement of Rotherhithe-street at the Gas Works, and at Carolina Wharf; leaving £1848 to be repaid by 44 consecutive annual instalments of £42 each, with interest at the rate of £3 15s per cent. per annum.

£1928 11s. 3d. has been paid off the Loan of £2,700 borrowed in January, 1880, of Mr. Reuben Henry Williams, for defraying the cost of paving works executed in Union-road, Deptford Lower-road, Rotherhithe New-road, Plough-road, and Commercial Dock-road; leaving £771 8s. 9d. to be repaid by two annual instalments, with interest at the rate of £4 4s. 6d. per cent. per annum.

£400 has been paid off the Loan of £2,000 borrowed in November, 1881, of the Metropolitan Board of Works, towards defraying the expense of paving the carriage-ways and footways, Rotherhithe-street, at the Gas Works and Carolina Wharf, leaving £1,600 to be repaid by 16 consecutive annual instalments of £100 each on the 31st day of October in each year, with interest at the rate of £3 15s. per cent. per annum.

£180 has been paid off the Loan of £1,800 borrowed in November, 1883, of the Metropolitan Board of Works, towards defraying the expenses of paving Commercial Dock-road from the Engineer's Office, Surrey Commercial Docks, to the east corner of Elgar-street; leaving £1,620 to be repaid by 18 consecutive annual instalments of £90 each on the 1st day of October in each year, with interest at the rate of £3 10s. per cent. per annum.

In July, 1885, £240 was borrowed of the Metropolitan Board of Works, towards defraying a portion of the expense of the purchase of a house No. 69, Abbeyfield-road for the formation, on the site thereof, of a passage way from the said Abbeyfield-road to the Wicket Gate Entrance to Southwark Park, in Dilston-grove; to be repaid by 30 consecutive annual instalments on the 1st day of April in each year, each of the first ten of such instalments to be the sum of £9, and each of the remaining twenty of such instalments to be the sum of £8, the first of such annual instalments to be paid on the 1st day of April, 1886, with interest at the rate of £3 10s. per cent. per annum.

Charity Estates, &c.

The accounts of Messrs. Robert Foottit and Joseph Blake Oake, 1885-86, have been audited, and the following is a copy of the Charities Account, viz.:—

					£	s.	d.
To balance received from late Churchwardens	...	...	...	...	56	0	11
To cash received from Stratford Estate to Lady-day, 1885	...	...	...	...	35	13	7
" " Plaistow Estate (Norris) to Lady-day, 1885	...	...	...	...	7	16	0
" " " " (Moore) " " " "	...	...	...	...	16	11	6
" " " " (Norris) to Midsummer, 1885	...	...	...	...	3	17	4
" " " " (Moore) to Michaelmas, 1885	...	...	...	...	8	4	4
" " Stratford Estate to Michaelmas, 1885	...	...	...	...	35	10	6
" " Plaistow Estate (Norris) to Michaelmas 1885	...	...	...	...	3	17	4
" " " " (Moore) to Christmas, 1885	...	...	...	...	3	17	4
" " Stratford Estate to Lady-day, 1886	...	...	...	...	35	10	6
" " Hill and Bell's Charity	...	...	...	...	6	0	0
" " Smith's Charity	...	...	...	...	47	0	0
" " Sprunt's Charity	...	...	...	...	5	7	8
" " Bennett's Charity	...	...	...	...	9	0	0
" " Coat and Cloak Charity	...	...	...	...	6	0	0
" " Mrs. Embleton's Charity	...	...	...	...	5	0	10

£285 7 10

By cash paid for Bread, viz.—

					£	s.	d.
F. Spillman	...	...	...	...	10	16	0
Matthews Bros.	...	...	...	...	10	16	0
H. Schmitt	...	...	...	...	10	16	0
A. J. Johnson	...	...	...	...	10	16	0
J. A. Johnson	...	...	...	...	10	16	0
G. F. Muller	...	...	...	...	10	16	0
F. Larenz	...	...	...	...	10	16	0
G. F. Mantz	10	16	0
P. Wolf	10	16	0
E. Menold	10	16	0
G. Wood	10	16	0
H. Schmitt	10	16	0
W. Herwig	10	16	0

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By cash paid Treasurer of Charity School	3	0	0
" E. Willoughby, printing tickets for distribution of Bennett's Charity, 1885	0	8	6
" Sprunt's Charity distributed to six Widows	...	...	...	...	5	7	8
" Bennett's Charity distributed in 1/- tickets	...	...	...	...	9	0	0
" Coat and Cloak Charity	...	...	...	...	6	0	0
" Mrs. Embleton's Gift	...	...	...	...	5	0	10
" Repayment to Rotherhithe Vestry on account of monies advanced <i>re</i> Charity Estate	...	...	...	...	70	0	0
Balance paid to new Churchwardens	...	...	...	...	46	2	10

£285 7 10

At the request of Mr. William Stotesbury, who in January, 1885, entered into an agreement with the trustees for building upon the Charity Estate at Plaistow. Leases of houses completed upon the Estate have been granted as follows, viz.:—No. 13, Redriff-terrace, Plaistow-road, to Mr. Frederick John Ovenden, for 81 years from 24th December, 1884, at a rental of £4 10s. per annum; No. 8, Redriff-terrace, to Mr. George Major Cripps, for 81 years from 24th December, 1884, at a rental of £4 15s. per annum; No. 12, Redriff-terrace, to Mr. Sidney Richard Suffield, for 81 years from 24th December, 1884, at a rental of £4 10s. per annum; No. 4, Redriff-terrace, to Mr. Frank Hamshire, for 81 years from 24th December, 1884, at a rental of £4 4s. per annum.

On the 3rd November, 1885, the Vestry, upon the report of the Charity Estates Committee, who had visited the Plaistow Charity Estate, passed resolutions as follows, viz.:—

“*Resolved*, that the Vestry lease to Mr. William Stotesbury, not only the house and land (No. 13, Redriff-terrace, Plaistow) coloured red and green in the plan produced, but also the strip on the south side marked on the said plan “Old Ditch filled in,” and also that the Surveyor be instructed to colour the said strip green, on the said plan.”

“*Resolved*, that the Vestry require that the boundary line on the south side of the Estate at Plaistow be set out the whole length at 3 feet from the outside of the Hedge on the site of the old ditch, and as far as possible, according to the plan of the Estate dated 1817, and notices be served upon the owners of the adjoining property, requiring them to set back the fences where they encroach upon the Charity Estate.

The Committee having reported they had inspected the boundary on the north side of the Plaistow Estate, and that they considered the fences of the houses on the adjoining estate had been set out at a fair line, a space being left between the fences and the old hedge there, it was “*Resolved* that the same be approved.”

Baths and Wash-houses.

At a meeting of the Vestry held on the 3rd November, 1885, Messrs. Ralph Westall Walker and Thomas William Clarke were re-elected Commissioners for Public Baths and Wash-houses, to carry out the provisions of the Baths and Wash-houses Acts in this parish, in conjunction with Messrs. Francis John Bisley, John Bulmer, Edward James Talbot, Samuel Brownfield, and Lawrence Stevens.

At the same meeting of the Vestry, Messrs. Henry Lovell Bartlett and George Mabbs were re-elected Auditors of the accounts of the Commissioners for Public Baths and Wash-houses for the ensuing year.

Improvements.

The Metropolitan Board of Works having formed a Wicket Gate entrance to Southwark Park from Dilston-grove, the Vestry found, that in order to obtain a communication therefrom through to Abbeyfield-road (urged by the inhabitants of the neighbourhood), it was requisite to make a passage-way on the site of one of the houses in the said road; negotiations were thereupon entered into with the Freeholder (Mrs. Carr Gomm,) and with the Leaseholders of the house, No. 69, Abbeyfield-road, when arrangements were made for the purchase of the property by the Vestry, upon the following terms, viz.:—

For the Freehold of the site	...	...	...	...	£120	0	0
For the Leasehold Interest	...	...	...	...	£400	0	0
				Total	...	£520	0 0

The Metropolitan Board of Works, on the application of the Vestry, agreed to contribute the sum of £260 towards the cost of the purchase of the said premises, and to lend the Vestry on Mortgage the sum of £250 on further account of such cost, to be repaid by thirty consecutive annual instalments. The purchase of the property was then completed, the house No. 69 Abbeyfield-road taken down and a passage-way carried out on the site.

The said passage way was formally opened to the public by John Tolhurst Esq., at a Special Meeting of the Vestry and Parishioners held on the spot, on the 5th September, 1885.

A Memorial from certain ratepayers of this parish in favour of setting back the "Royal Oak" P.H., and two or three adjoining shops at the junction of Union Road and Deptford Lower Road, having been received by the Vestry, in September, 1885, the Vestry forwarded the Memorial to the Metropolitan Board of Works. In December, 1885, a reply was received from that Board, stating that, although the setting back of the buildings referred to would doubtless be an improvement, the advantages of it would be purely local, and it is therefore one which should be undertaken by the Vestry, and not by the Board at the cost of the Metropolis at large,

The Vestry caused a letter to be addressed to the Metropolitan Board of Works as follows, viz.:—

THE VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.

Offices—Deptford Lower Road, S.E.

15th December, 1885.

SIR,

I am directed by the Vestry to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst., with reference to the suggested improvement, by setting back the buildings at the junction of Union-road and Deptford Lower-road, and stating that the Metropolitan Board of Works regard the matter as one of purely local interest, and therefore to be undertaken by the Vestry and not by the Board at the

cost of the Metropolis at large. I am to state that the Vestry regret the Board should have arrived at this decision, inasmuch as they consider that in order to render the improvements carried out under the Acts of 1877 and 1882 perfect, and to open a direct communication between London Bridge and Woolwich, as originally contemplated, it is necessary that the roadway at this corner should be widened. The Vestry therefore trust that in this view of the matter, the Metropolitan Board of Works will reconsider their determination, and accede to the request of the Memorialists.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) JAMES J. STOKES,
Clerk to the Vestry.

To the Clerk,
The Metropolitan Board of Works.

To which the following reply was received :

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS,
Spring Gardens, S.W.
10th March, 1886.

SIR,

The Board has had under consideration your letter of 15th December last, expressing the regret of the Vestry of Rotherhithe at the Board's decision, that the setting back of the buildings at the junction of Union-road and Deptford Lower-road, is not an improvement which should be carried out at the cost of the Metropolis at large, and asking the Board for the reasons stated in the letter to reconsider its determination.

In reply, I have been directed to state for the information of the Vestry, that the Board having again given its best attention to the matter, is unable to depart from its previous decision, that the improvement is not one which should be carried out at the cost of the Metropolis at large.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) J. E. WAKEFIELD,
Clerk to the Board.

To the Clerk of
The Vestry of Rotherhithe.

In November, 1885, the Vestry presented a Memorial to the Metropolitan Board of Works, as follows :—

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Memorial of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe,
in the County of Surrey.

Sheweth,

That your Memorialists are of opinion that increased means of communication between the South Eastern and North Eastern districts of the Metropolis are urgently required, and that such communication should be by means of a low level free Bridge, to be erected across the River Thames, either in continuation of the Deptford Lower-road in your Memorialists' parish, or at some other point not far distant therefrom.

That your Memorialists disapprove of the proposal to construct a Tunnel under the Thames, at an angle from the Commercial-road to this parish, believing that the requirements of the Eastern and South Eastern portions of the Metropolis would not thereby be satisfactorily provided for, but that such Tunnel would be very inconvenient for the passage of the heavy timber traffic from the Surrey Commercial Docks to the opposite side of the river.

Your Memorialists therefore pray that your Honourable Board will be pleased to take into your favourable consideration the propriety of constructing a low-level Bridge over the River Thames, either in continuation of the Deptford Lower-road, or at such other point within your Memorialists' parish as your Honourable Board may consider more suitable, and

Your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

Sealed by order of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, (Seal of Vestry)
this 27th November, 1885.

(Signed) JAMES J. STOKES,
Clerk to the Vestry.

The Memorial was referred by the Metropolitan Board of Works to their Works and General Purposes Committee for consideration.

In June, 1885, on the application of the Remembrancer of the Corporation of the City of London, the Vestry presented a Petition to the House of Lords in support of the London Tower Bridge Bill, and appointed the following gentlemen to give evidence before the Committee of the House of Lords in favour of the scheme, viz.: Messrs. John Bulmer, Robert Footitt, Francis John Bisley, Henry Hayward and Ralph Westall Walker.

Miscellaneous.

A communication dated 5th June, 1885, was received from the Superintending Architect of the Metropolitan Board of Works, stating that the Board had approved a plan submitted by Messrs. Stock, Page and Stock for the formation of a new road out of Bracton-road, Rotherhithe, to be named "Eugenia Road," S.E. (in continuation) upon the usual conditions.

In September, 1885, the Vestry in cooperation with the Vestry of St. Pancras and other Vestries and District Boards in the Metropolis, appointed delegates to attend a conference of the representatives of the Metropolitan Local Boards, on the subject of the Management and Expenditure of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, viz.: Messrs. Henry Hayward, Francis John Bisley and Lawrence Stevens, those gentlemen attended a conference of the delegates at the Mansion House, London, on the 19th October, 1885, and reported to the Vestry that a resolution had been passed at the meeting as follows, viz.:

"That in the opinion of this meeting, the evidence taken by the Local Government Board Inspectors, with reference to the expenditure, &c., at the Eastern (Homerton) Hospital of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, discloses a lack of efficient control over the affairs of the Hospital, a loose and careless mode of conducting the

“the business of the establishment and an extravagant outlay of public moneys, and
 “necessitates a searching enquiry, not only into the management and expenditure of
 “this Hospital, but also the other establishments of the Board, and the affairs of the
 “Board generally; and that it is expedient such enquiry should be conducted by a
 “Parliamentary Committee or a Royal Commission.”

The Vestry resolved to support the said resolution of the delegates for an enquiry into the matters referred to therein.

The Report of the Special Committee of the City of London proposing the division of the Metropolis into Ten Municipalities, of which the City of London would form one for the Local Government thereof, having been fully considered by the Vestry at a Special Meeting held on the 8th December, 1885, a resolution was passed as follows, viz. :—

“*Resolved*, that this Vestry approve of the general principle of the scheme
 “promoted by the Corporation of the City of London, for the Local Government of
 “the Metropolis, but are of opinion that the areas of the proposed Municipalities
 “should be extended, so as to diminish the number as far as possible.”

A copy of the resolution was forwarded to the Corporation of the City of London.

In January, 1886, the Vestry having had under consideration a communication received from the Metropolitan Board of Works, to the effect, that the Board proposed to introduce into Parliament a Bill to Regulate the Stacking of Firewood in the Metropolis, and in connection therewith were desirous of obtaining information with regard to the places at which firewood is stacked in different parts of London, and asking the Vestry to instruct their Surveyor to furnish the Board with information as to the dimensions of the larger stacks of firewood in their district, and the nearness of any such stacks to adjacent dwelling houses or other buildings, a resolution was passed as follows, viz. :—

“*Resolved* that this Vestry do not approve of the Bill brought in by the Metro-
 “politan Board of Works for the safe keeping of firewood within the limits of the
 “Metropolis, believing that it will have the effect of curtailing the business of firewood
 “merchants, and of driving the store yards out of the Metropolis, thus depriving an
 “exceedingly numerous, and very poor and deserving class of people of their only
 “means of livelihood, and causing them to become chargeable to the parish, and that
 “the Vestry do petition the House of Commons against the said Bill.”

A copy of the resolution was sent to the Metropolitan Board of Works; copies of the resolution were also sent to the several Vestries and District Boards in the Metropolis with a request that they would co-operate with the Vestry in opposing the Bill.

The Metropolitan Board of Works ultimately withdrew the said Bill from Parliament.

In April, 1886, the Vestry presented a Petition to the House of Commons through Colonel C. E. Hamilton, M.P., for the Rotherhithe Division of the Borough of Southwark, praying that the law should be amended so as to confer power on Local Authorities to rate the ground rents of London for all Municipal and Local purposes, so that local burdens may be fairly divided between Owners and Occupiers.

By the formal orders of the Metropolitan Board of Works the houses in the following streets have been re-numbered, viz.:—Nelson-street, Debnams-road, and Forsyth-street.

The Valuation (Metropolis) Act, 1869.

Under the provisions of the above Act, the total assessment of properties in the parish of Rotherhithe at the quinquennial valuation in 1885, is as follows, viz.:—

Gross Value.
£254,387 0s. 0d.

Rateable Value.
£205,250 0s. 0d.

APPENDIX No. 1.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

During the Year, March 25th, 1885, to March 25th, 1886.

GENTLEMEN,

The bases upon which the calculations embodied in the following report are founded, are first, the number of inhabitants in my last report, and secondly, the *natural* increase which has been registered from week to week.

I speak of natural increase, for it is not in my power to ascertain the increase due to the greater accommodation from the building that has been going on during the period of this report. This could only be got at by a fresh census. As I have not that basis to go upon, and as I would rather not make a guess as to what it might be, it will be more reasonable, though perhaps it may not be absolutely correct, to proceed upon the first method of calculation. Of course, this mode of procedure is open to one serious objection, that is, it is not a mathematically correct basis, but it will only show an approximation to the total number of persons living in the parish.

First then; the total number of inhabitants in the parish, on March 25th, 1885, was 40,343. Since then the entire natural increase has been—

			Males.	Females.	Totals.
In first quarter	...	...	78	68	146
In second quarter	...	...	89	111	200
In third quarter	...	...	99	76	175
In fourth quarter	...	...	66	36	102
Total natural increase	...	...	332	291	623

This raises the number of inhabitants in the parish approximately to 40,966.

The number of births registered is:—

			Males.	Females.	Totals.
In first quarter	...	...	176	139	315
In second quarter	...	...	188	192	380
In third quarter	...	...	222	185	407
In fourth quarter	...	...	189	151	340

The number of deaths registered is:—

			Males.	Females.	Totals.
In first quarter	...	...	98	71	169
In second quarter	...	...	98	82	180
In third quarter	...	...	125	107	232
In fourth quarter	...	...	122	116	238

The birth rate per thousand per annum is 36.2.

The death rate per thousand per annum is 17.9.

Zymotic Diseases.

The deaths due to the principal Zymotic diseases, with rate per thousand per annum:—

Typhus fever	...	...	none	Diphtheria	...	1	...	·025	
Typhoid fever	...	7	...	·175	Diarrhœa	...	28	...	·69
Scarlet fever	...	8	...	·198	Small-pox	...	7	...	·175
Measles	...	15	...	·37	Whooping-cough	13	...	·32	

Diseases of Respiratory Organs.

The number of deaths from these diseases, which unfortunately, I have not been able satisfactorily to classify into their distinct orders, has been 334, giving a death rate of 8·27 per thousand per annum.

Inquests.

During the twelve months fifty-four inquests have been held.

Uncertified Deaths.

Three deaths only have not been certified. These were infants who lived but a few hours.

Bake Houses.

These houses were visited by your Medical and Sanitary Officers. Many of them were found in very fair condition. To some of the proprietors, suggestions were made in order to secure greater cleanliness.

Slaughter-houses and Cow-sheds.

Upon the application for renewal of the licenses for these places, they were visited by your officers. Most of them were found in a satisfactory condition, or undergoing such repairs as would render them so.

Water Supply.

Not to enter minutely into the reports which have been received from the Local Government Board relative to this matter, I may state generally, that the condition of the water supplied has been satisfactory.

Houses in Cow Lane.

During the year, the unsanitary condition of certain dwellings in Cow Lane, which had undergone alterations, occupied the attention of the Medical Officer in conjunction with the Vestry Clerk. The then owner, not having complied with the requirements of the Vestry, although he had given a verbal and written promise to do so, was obliged by a magistrate's order to close them. They were condemned as not fulfilling the needs of healthy habitations.

Railway Arches.

In November, 1885, and February, 1886, your officer's attention was directed to the unhealthy condition of certain of the railway arches in the parish, and an offensive effluvium emanating from some works on a plot of land held from the S.E.R.Co. It is only necessary for me to remind you of the rather lengthy correspondence which took place between me and the medical adviser of the Co., who in the instance now spoken of, was the first to call attention to the matter. No good came of it. I regret that the condition of the places remains very much as it was prior to the discussion of the affair, and it appears likely to remain in abeyance until the hot season calls forth what I now begin to look upon as an annual summer complaint, or until something more serious than complaint arises. The Railway Co., have shown themselves either unwilling or afraid to set earnestly to work to get rid of the nuisances upon their own premises. I beg therefore most sincerely and anxiously to direct the attention of the Railway Co. to the fact, that the land on both sides of their lines is being covered with houses, and yet they allow these offensive and injurious manufactures to be carried on, not only to the detriment of the health of their own men and to the annoyance of their passengers, but also to the risk of the surrounding inhabitants.

In the judgement of many eminent health officers, the best method of testing the health of any district, is by taking the zymotic diseases as a criterion, since these diseases in a great measure point to the localities which are badly drained, overcrowded, illventilated and filthy, and where the inhabitants mostly are poor, insufficiently nourished, or else indifferent as to the conditions requisite to good health, under which they live. There has been no special epidemic in any one particular locality, which has indicated a worse plague-spot than usual in our parish. The cases of various kinds of fever, small-pox, measles and diarrhœa have been sporadic rather than epidemic—that is, these cases have been scattered over the parish as isolated cases, rather than as taking whole streets, alleys, or courts. But even in these distinct cases, much aid might be afforded the Medical and Sanitary Officers, by an early notification of them from the medical attendant; and I think no undue interference, or officious display of power would be shown, if your officers could by any means induce the medical practitioners to help them in this matter, which they deem of such vast importance to the health of every parishioner. We desire to render help as to matters of disinfecting and purifying, by which, if life be not absolutely saved in the cases attacked, the help might at least be useful in checking the spread of these direful complaints. We therefore make what we deem a humane appeal to the practitioners to help us in these infectious cases, by notifying to the Sanitary or Medical Officer, at the Public Offices, Lower Road, the occurrence of cases wherein useful aid may be rendered, by disinfection of house, or room, or bedding, or clothing, or by any other means.

I am, Gentlemen,

Truly yours,

J. SHAW.

Medical Officer of Health.

APPENDIX No. 2.

VESTRYMEN, AUDITORS, AND OFFICERS OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.

Under The Metropolis Local Management Act, 1855.

1886.

Vestrymen.

The Rev. EDWARD JOSSELYN BECK, M.A., <i>Rector</i> , The Rectory, Church Street.									
Mr.	E. RUMNEY SMITH,	Limetree Lodge, Deptford Lower-road,	} Church-wardens.						
	FRANCIS THOMAS TALBOT,	198, Rotherhithe Street.							
Mr.	JOHN BULMER,	34 Deptford Lower-road		-	-	-	-	-	To go out of Office in 1887
"	FRANCIS JOHN BISLEY,	68 Union-road		-	-	-	-	-	"
"	HENRY HERBERT HOBBS,	46 Gomm-road		-	-	-	-	-	"
"	RALPH WESTALL WALKER,	14 Rebecca-terrace, Gomm-road		-	-	-	-	-	"
"	SAMUEL WARD COPPING,	99 Deptford Lower-road		-	-	-	-	-	"
"	WALTER BEASLEY,	228 Deptford Lower-road		-	-	-	-	-	"
"	WILLIAM HENRY MONK,	19 Plough-road		-	-	-	-	-	"
"	THOMAS ALDRIDGE,	34 Albion-street		-	-	-	-	-	"
Mr.	SAMUEL CHAFEN,	20 Deptford Lower-road		-	-	-	-	-	1888
"	FRANCIS THOMAS TALBOT,	198 Rotherhithe-street		-	-	-	-	-	"
"	THOMAS MUNDAY,	44 Abbeyfield-road		-	-	-	-	-	"
"	HUGH YOUNG,	17 Deptford Lower-road		-	-	-	-	-	"
"	STEPHEN RANSON,	39 Ainsty-street		-	-	-	-	-	"
"	CHARLES CAPPER,	Swedish Yard Gate, Surrey Commercial Docks		-	-	-	-	-	"
"	HENRY HAYWARD,	50 Copelstone-road, Choumert-road, Rye-lane, Peckham		-	-	-	-	-	"
"	HENRY LOVEL BARTLETT,	129 Hawkstone-road		-	-	-	-	-	"
Mr.	LAWRENCE STEVENS,	191 Deptford Lower-road		-	-	-	-	-	1889
"	EDWARD JAMES TALBOT,	72, Union-road		-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ROBERT FOOTTIT,	31 Union-road,		-	-	-	-	-	"
"	JOSEPH DOWN,	89 Deptford Lower-road		-	-	-	-	-	"
"	JOHN HENRY MORRIS,	56 Plough-road		-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ROBERT LEISHMAN STUART,	194, Deptford Lower-road		-	-	-	-	-	"
"	THOMAS WM. CLARKE,	90 Union-road		-	-	-	-	-	"
"	WILLIAM WILLIAMS,	4 Bush-road.		-	-	-	-	-	"

Auditors of Accounts.

Mr. William Marillier, Mr. Joseph Blake Oake, Mr. William Joshua Carr,
Mr. Edward Charles Talbot, Mr. William Greenwood.

Officers of the Vestry.

JAMES JOHN STOKES, Clerk, Vestry Offices, Deptford Lower-road.
WILLIAM BURLEY, Assistant Clerk, 72 Deptford Lower-road.
Dr. JOSEPHUS SHAW, 151 Deptford Sower-road.
GEORGE LEGG, Surveyor of Sewers, 61 King William-street, E.C.
EDWARD THOMAS, Surveyor of Pavements, 159 Deptford Lower-road.
JOSEPH DAY, Collector, of Paving, Lighting and Sewer Rates, 48 Union-road.
JOSEPH EDWARDS, Inspector of Nuisances, Street Keeper, and Inspector under the "Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875," Vestry Office, Deptford-road.
JAMES EDWARD POOLE, Clerk of the Works for Sewers, Bush-road.

Representative of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

JOHN TOLHURST, Esq., Tooley-street, Southwark.

