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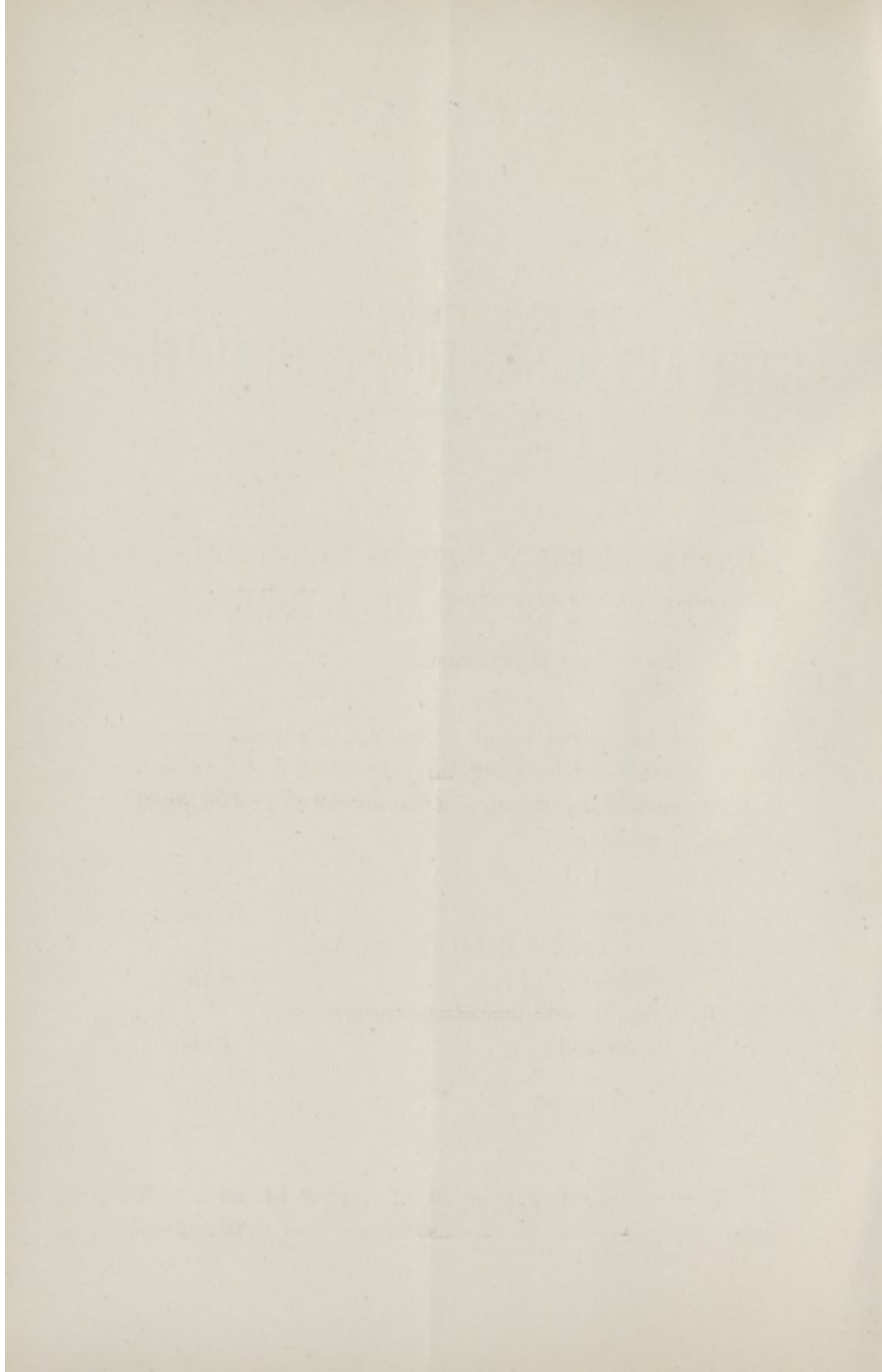


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REPORT.

TO THE

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ILFORD.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my report of the sanitary condition and health of the district during the year 1895, I beg to state that I estimate the population of the district at 18,150, which is made up as follows:—

Ilford, about	..	..	..	14,700
County of London Lunatic Asylum, at Claybury	..	..	..	2,450
Dr. Barnardo's Village Home for Girls, Barkingside	..	..	..	1,000
Making altogether	..	..	..	<u>18,150</u>

I estimate the population of Ilford by adding the estimated population of the district last year to the increase

of births over deaths, and the increase by inhabitants of houses put on the register since my last report.

Estimated population last year	..	12,500
Increase of births over deaths	..	281
Increase by inhabitants of new houses, allowing an average of 5 persons to a house—392 houses	..	1,960
		<hr/> 14,741 <hr/>

Or, in round numbers, about 14,700.

The population of the County of London Asylum, at Claybury, fluctuates between 2,400 and 2,500, or is an average of about 2,450.

The population of Dr. Barnardo's Village Home keeps at about 1,000.

The density of the population of the whole district is about 2·138 per acre.

The number of persons per house in the district, excluding the County of London Asylum and Dr. Barnardo's Village Home, is about 4·699.

The total number of deaths which occurred during the year was 532, of which there were 350 at Claybury Asylum, and 8 at Dr. Barnardo's Village Home, leaving 174 for Ilford, or at the rate of 11·836 per 1,000 per annum of the population.

The number of births which occurred in the district was 455, or at the rate of 30·95 per 1000 per annum of the population.

The death-rate, although not so low as that of last year, is still very low, and may be accounted for, to a certain extent, by the great bulk of the immigrants being adults and not old, as stated in my last annual report.

The number of cases of infectious diseases notified during the year was 104, twenty-six of which were at Claybury Lunatic Asylum and five at Dr. Barnardo's Village Home, leaving 73 for the district, namely:—

Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	30
Diphtheria	..	..	..	24
Typhoid Fever	..	..	..	10
Erysipelas	..	..	..	9
				—
				73
				—

The cases of infectious diseases reported from Claybury Asylum were:

Small Pox	1
Scarlet Fever	2
Typhoid Fever	1
Erysipelas	32
				—
				36
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The cases of infectious disease reported from Dr. Barnardo's Village Home were:—

Erysipelas	5
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There were no cases of Membraneous Croup, Typhus Fever, continued Fever, Puerpural Fever, or Cholera notified, these being the other infectious disease scheduled to be notified if they occur.

Of the infectious diseases notified, two terminated fatally, both of which were cases of Typhoid Fever, making a death rate for Ilford of 0.137 per 1,000 per annum from infectious diseases.

Twenty deaths occurred from Phthisis, making a death-rate from this disease of 1.37 per 1,000 per annum of the population.

The number of cases of Diphtheria reported was slightly lower than that of last year, which, considering the increase in the population, makes the proportion per 1,000, considerably less than it was last year.

The number of cases of Scarlet Fever was also less, being 30 compared with 85 in the year 1894.

There has been no epidemic during the year, so that none of the Schools have had to be closed.

Bakehouses are in good sanitary condition with one exception, this one has, since my last visit, had a stable built in such close proximity to it, and the entrances to the bakehouse and stable are so arranged that the effluvium from the stable impregnates the air in the bakehouse, thereby causing a nuisance, which Mr. King, the Sanitary Inspector, is taking steps to have abated.

Burial Grounds are in a satisfactory condition from a sanitary point of view.

Slaughterhouses are kept in such a condition as to meet with the requirements of the Sanitary Authority. The one I mentioned in my last report as not meeting with the requirements has since been improved, and has been granted

a license. Slaughterhouses are licensed annually, so that if they are not kept in a proper condition the license can be with-held until regulations are complied with.

Cowsheds are kept clean, and fairly comply with requirements.

Removal of Dust has been satisfactorily carried out during the year, and is disposed of in the manner described in one of my former reports.

Streams are in a satisfactory condition, not being polluted.

Ditches, those in Bennett's Castle Lane, Padnal's Corner, Horns Road, opposite the "Horns" public house, and the one running from the Diggings to Reform Place, Bee Hive, Barkingside, are all in a foul condition from sewage.

The Sanitary Improvements effected during the year are sewerage of Cranbrook Road, from Valentine's to High Street, Barkingside, and Bee Hive Lane, Diggings, and Reform Place, whereby these districts are connected with the main sewer.

The Roads on St. Mary's Estate and Victoria Road, Barkingside, have been sewered, surface-water drained, paths paved, and roads made up, thereby completing the work begun in 1894.

The Roads on the Tyne Estate, Ilford, and the Essex Estate, Chadwell, have also been drained, paved, and made up.

The Sanitary requirements of the district are a Hospital for Infectious Diseases, and in the immediate future a system of sewerage for the Birkbeck Estate, Barkingside, which, at the rate of its development, will soon be unable to dispose of its sewage by the means now existing,

A better water supply for Bennett's Castle Lane and the Green Lane, near the "White Hart." The South Essex Water Works Company ought to keep on more pressure, as there are certain times in the day when houses, which are supplied directly from the main, are not able to have flushing cisterns or baths filled sixteen feet above the level of the street.

Two samples of water have been examined during the year, and found to be unfit for drinking purposes.

Eight Houses were closed as unfit for human habitation—Five in Philpot's Court, two at Toms Wood Hill, and one on the Freehold, Barkingside. There was one case of overcrowding in Roden Street.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES SHIMELD, M.O.H.