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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health,

FOR THE

Year ending December, 1896.

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REPORT ON THE

Sanitary Condition and Health

OF THE

Urban District of Ilford,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 1896.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my report on the Sanitary condition and health of the District of Ilford during the year 1896, I beg to state that I estimate the population of the district at 21,450, which is made up as follows:—

Ilford, about	18,000
County of London Lunatic Asylum at Claybury ..	2,450
Dr. Barnardo's Village Home for Girls at Barkingside	1,000
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Making altogether ..	21,450

I estimate the population of Ilford by adding the estimated population of 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	14,700
Increase by births over deaths	313
Increase by inhabitants of new houses, allowing 5 persons to a house—600 houses	3,000
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	18,013

Or in round numbers 18,000.

The density of the population of the whole district is about 2·524 per acre.

The number of persons per house in the district, excluding the County of London Lunatic Asylum, and Dr. Barnado's Village Home, is about 4·828.

The total number of deaths which occurred in the district during the year was 483; of which 296 were at Claybury, and 5 at Dr. Barnado's Village Home, leaving 182 for Ilford, or at the rate of 10·111 per 1,000 per annum of the population: this death rate compares favourably with that for the year 1895, which was 11·836 per 1000 per annum.

The number of births during the year in the district was 496, or at the rate of 27·555 per 1000 per annum of the population.

The number of cases of infectious diseases notified during the year was 324—26 of which occurred at Claybury Asylum, and 17 at Dr. Barnado's Village Home, leaving 281 for Ilford, namely—

Scarlet fever	..	..	140
Diphtheria ..	..	..	45
Membranous croup	..	..	1
Typhoid fever	33
Continued fever	1
Puerperal fever	2
Erysipelas	23
Measles	36
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			281

The cases of infectious diseases reported from Claybury Asylum were—

Scarlet fever	6
Erysipelas	20
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			26

The cases of infectious diseases reported from Dr. Barnado's Village Homes, were—

Scarlet fever	11
Erysipelas	4
Measles	2
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			17

Of the infectious diseases notified, 23 terminated fatally, 4 of which were at Claybury Asylum, from Erysipelas; leaving 19 for the rest of the district, or at the rate of 1·055 per 1000 per annum from infectious diseases.

Of the cases of Typhoid fever, 5 terminated fatally; and I sent a special report on this outbreak to the Local Government Board.

The remaining fatal cases from infectious diseases were—

Diphtheria	..	..	7
Scarlet fever	..	..	3
Puerperal fever	..	..	2
Measles ..	..	..	2

There was an epidemic of scarlet fever in the autumn which necessitated closing the Beehive schools, and the Gordon Club, which at that time was being used as a temporary board school. I am of opinion that scarlet fever was spread by children who had had it being sent back to school whilst they were still in an infectious condition; in these instances the cases were probably slight and not recognized or notified by the parents.

Eighteen deaths from phthisis occurred, or at the rate of 1·00 per 1,000 per annum of the population.

Bakehouses are in good sanitary condition with the exception of the one mentioned in my last report, which is still impregnated with the effluvium from an adjoining stable.

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

Slaughterhouses are in the same condition as last year, which was satisfactory, as are also cowsheds.

Measles was, in October, added to the list of infectious diseases requiring notification.

The number of houses closed during the year was two,—in Cottage Row, High Street.

A Hospital for infectious diseases is being built, and will be available for use, I hope, in a short time.

I remain, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES SHIMELD,

Medical Officer of Health.

Area and Population of the District to which this Return relates.

Area in Acres 8,492

Population (1891) 10,913

„ Estimated to middle of 1896 18,000

Death rate, General 10·111 per 1,000 Population, estimated to middle of 1896.

„ Infants under one year of age, 122·98 per 1,000 Births Registered.

TABLE OF DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1896 IN THE ILFORD URBAN DISTRICT.

Place.	Mortality from all causes at subjoined ages.							Mortality from subjoined causes, distinguishing Deaths of Children under Five Years of Age.														
	At all ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Enteric or Typhoid Fever.	Puerperal Fever.	Erysipelas.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Diarrhoea and Dysentery.	Rheumatic Fever.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis, Pneumonia, and Pleurisy.	Heart Disease.	Injuries.	All other Diseases.	TOTAL.
Ilford	182	61	18	12	4	46	41	2	3				2	2	16		1	14		2	34	76
Dr. Barnardo's Village Homes at Barkingside...	5			3	2		5	1	4	5	2				3	2	17	13	14	3	42	106
City of London Lunatic Asylum at Claybury ..	296			1	6	228	61					4			21		30	30	35		176	296
Totals	483	61	18	16	12	274	102	2	3				2	2	16		1	14		2	34	76
								1	4	5	2	4			24	2	50	44	49	3	219	407

TABLE OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, AND OF NEW CASES OF
INFECTIOUS SICKNESS, coming to the knowledge of the
Medical Officer of Health during the year 1896, in the
Ilford Urban District.

Place.	Census 1891	Census middle 1896	Registered Births	Age	Scarlatina	Diphtheria	Membranous croup	Enteric or Typhoid	Continued Fever	Puerperal	Erysipelas	Measles
Ilford	10913	18000	496	Under 5 5 upwds.	39 101	14 31	1	33	1	2	2 21	13 23
City of London Lunatic Asylum, Claybury		2000		5 upwds.	6						20	
Dr. Barnado's Village Homes at Barkingside		1000		5 upwds.	11						4	2
TOTALS.....	10913	21000	496	Under 5 5 upwds.	39 118	14 31	1	33	1	2	2 45	13 25

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