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FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

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OF THE PARISH OF

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CLERKENWELL,

(For the Year 1860-61.)



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VESTRY OF THE PARISH
OF
SAINT JAMES AND SAINT JOHN,
CLERKENWELL.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

(For the Year 1860-61)

IN accordance with the directions contained in the 198th clause of the Metropolis Local Management Act, the Vestry present to the Parishioners, their Fifth Annual Report of their proceedings, for the year ending 25th March, 1861.

During this period Meetings have been held as follows:—

Vestry Meetings, (General)...	... ..	27
Ditto (Special) ...	... ..	7
Committee of Works ...	... ..	30
Finance Committee ...	... ..	14
Assessment and Appeal Committee ...	... ..	8
Special Committees ...	... ..	21
	107	

THE FOLLOWING WORKS HAVE BEEN EXECUTED AS
SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS.

Sewers Cleansed	- - - -	24
„ Repaired	- - - -	3
Gullies Cleansed	- - - -	212
„ Repaired	- - - -	27

Gullies Trapped	-	-	-	12
„ Constructed	-	-	-	8
Airshafts „	-	-	-	2
12-inch drains laid	-	-	-	1
9-inch ditto	-	-	-	17
6-inch ditto	-	-	-	55
Houses drained	-	-	-	121
House drains trapped	-	-	-	3
Cesspools destroyed	-	-	-	119

PAVING.

The chief work under this head has been that executed in Bagnigge Wells Road. The heavy and constant expense of maintaining the unpaved portion of this Road with Broken Guernsey Granite, in consequence of the great and increasing railway and other traffic, induced the Vestry to consider the propriety of paving the whole with Granite Cubes, at the estimated cost of £2500. With this view the Saint Pancras Vestry were consulted, (one half of the Road lengthways being in that Parish,) and a mutual agreement was come to that the whole should be paved, each Vestry undertaking a certain length of the Road, to pave and maintain it for 5 years at the least, as an equivalent for that paved and maintained by the other. And under the sanction of the Metropolitan Board of Works, the sum of £2500 has been raised by this Vestry by way of a Loan for 5 years, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent interest, and the work has been carried out at the cost, including necessary improvement of the footway in front of Hamilton Row, and Union Terrace; and the carriageway in Guildford Place, of £2864 8s. 4d.

LINE OF FRONTAGE.

During this year it has devolved upon the Vestry to undertake a public duty, important, not only to this Parish, but to the Metropolis at large, viz., to exercise the power vested in them for the preservation of the line of frontage of the public Streets.

from encroachment by buildings being erected without the sanction which the Act requires.

An application having been made to the Metropolitan Board of Works, for its consent to the erection of a Church at the corner of Penton Street and John Street, Pentonville, the proposal was submitted to this Vestry for approval, and it appearing that such building would project 22-feet 3-inches beyond the line of houses immediately adjoining in Penton Street, the Vestry expressed their objection thereto. The Metropolitan Board also refused its consent. Nevertheless, the building was proceeded with, and the Vestry felt bound to take such steps as were calculated to raise the question of right, without however resorting to extreme measures, but which proved of no avail; and the Metropolitan Board having called the attention of the Vestry to the fact that the building was being proceeded with, notwithstanding the refusal of its consent thereto, the Vestry felt they had no alternative but to take the course prescribed by law, and accordingly they caused so much of the building as infringed on the public rights to be demolished, the result of which was a Chancery suit, which was decided by the Vice Chancellor against the Vestry.

The Vestry being advised that such decision was contrary to Law, caused an appeal to be made to the Lord Chancellor, when the judgment of the Vice Chancellor was reversed, and the right of the Vestry established.

Annexed is the Balance Sheet for the Year, and the Medical Officer's Report on the Sanitary State of the Parish, to which attention is directed for further and more general information.

By order,

ROBERT PAGET,

VESTRY HALL, CLERKENWELL,

Vestry Clerk.

November, 1861.

METROPOLIS LOCAL MANAGEMENT ACT.

Statement and Account of all Moneys Received and Expended from 25th March, 1860, to 25th March, 1861,
By the Vestry of the Parish of Saint James and Saint John, Clerkenwell.

Folio in Ledger.	RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.			Unpaid March 25th, 1860.		Incurred from 25th March, 1860, to 25th March, 1861.		Paid from 25th March, 1860, to 25th March, 1861.		Unpaid at March 25th, 1861.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.					
	Sewer Account.				Sewer Account.															
448	Balance brought forward from 25th March, 1860	-	-	-	93	7	5													
229	Amount collected on Rate made 29th September, 1859	39	0	6																
348 } 534 }	Amount Collected on arrears of above	6	16	2																
232	Amount Collected on Rate made 29th March, 1860	1527	8	7																
534	Amount Collected on arrears of above	8	3	3																
59	Fees for connecting Private Drains with Sewers		1581	3	6	15	0	0												
384	Governors of Charterhouse Estate for Sewer works in Allen Street, Hooper Street, Little Sufton St., and Clark St.		56	14	6															
	Ditto Stamping Agreement		460	10	5															
448	Hullagh, Sewer work done by Vestry in Winchester Street		5	10	0															
			8	16	1															
			2206	1	11	15	0	0												
217	Metropolitan Board of Works towards defraying ordinary Expenses as per precepts									3250	5	3	1532	10	4					
385	Cole, Sewer Works on Charterhouse Estate									131	1	3	131	1	3					
82	Milchamp, Drain Pipes								27	13	3	30	17	8	52	15	0			
89	Wood, Lime, Cement, &c.								1	6	2	10	9	0	9	6	1			
97 & 393	Dodd, Henry, Stocks									8	8	6	7	6	0	1	2	0		
383	Vandy, Chandlery								1	14	2	7	13	6	8	0	11	1	6	9
61	Boulton. stamping agreement in re Charter House Estate								5	10	0		5	10	0					
212	Rydon, Stocks									1	0	0	1	0	0					
347	Summersell, cartage of slop from gullies									5	15	6	5	15	6					
448	Collectors' Commission								6	18	6	26	2	2	32	14	10	0	5	10
103	Surveyor's Salary (one third)								20	16	8	83	6	8	83	6	8	20	16	8
524	Sewermen's Wages									220	10	6	220	10	6					
& 525																				
	Balance in favor of above Account at Lady-day, 1861								63	18	9	3784	9	6	2098	17	1	1749	11	2
															107	4	10			
															2206	1	11			

Fol. in Ledg	RECEIPTS.	Moneys received by the Vestry from March 25th, 1860, to March 25th, 1861.		Fol. in Ledg	EXPENDITURE.	Unpaid March 25th, 1860.	Incurred from 25th March, 1860, to 25th March, 1861.	Paid from March 25th, 1860, to March 25th, 1861.	Unpaid at March 25th, 1861.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.						
	General Account.				General Account.				
286	Amount Collected on Rate made 29th September, 1859	325	6 0		<i>Carting, Dusting, Cleansing, Watering, and Road Materials.</i>				
348 & 534	Amount Collected of Arrears of above -	50	2 5		347 Summersell, Dusting, Cleansing, Watering and Cartage	519	0 0	761 12 0	1280 12 0
287	Amount Collected on Rate made March 29th, 1860	4617	16 9		340 Keates, H., ditto	18	14 8	1046 12 10	4781 10 0
534	Amount Collected of Arrears of above	23	4 3		390 Starkey, Dusting and Cleansing Wards 4 and 5			650 0 0	419 1 0
291	Amount Collected on Rate made October 4th, 1860	2099	10 10		393 Dodd, H., Ballast, &c.	84	16 6	213 3 0	214 12 6
283	Balance of Rate made March, 1859		4 4		371 Stiles, Paving and Broken Granite	238	19 2	5062 0 7	4502 12 6
					380 Stockley, Cartage, Muswell Hill			2 0 0	2 0 0
283	Outstanding on Rate made October 4th, 1860 £457 11s. 11d. gross, recoverable about		6116 4 8		377 Culverhouse, Guernsey Granite	85	1 0	2 7 3	87 8 3
					529 Laborers' Wages			280 5 8	280 5 8
					382 New River Company, water			609 8 9	609 8 9
900	Fines, Starkey		30 0 0						
	Rents.				Rents & Taxes.				
138	No. 56, St. John's Square	27	8 11		382 New River Company, Ground Rent			9 12 9	9 12 9
78	No. 93, Chapel Street	15	10 10		" ditto Water Rate			1 16 0	1 16 0
			42 10 9		" ditto Water and Rent			6 17 2	6 17 2
470	Repairs of Trenches		444 12 9		" of Meters			0 1 0	0 1 0
					" ditto Ground Rent for Urinal, Hardwick Street			1 18 2	1 18 2
58	License fees for removal of pavement and erection of scaffolds		14 17 6		22 Queen's Taxes			3 12 0	3 12 0
					23 Metropolis Local Management Rates				
					108 Hadley Alms Houses, Rent of 56, St. John's Square	23	12 6	30 8 2	30 8 2
					98 Penton, H., Ground Rent	13	4 5	25 17 6	26 3 2
					86 Islington Vestry, repairing portion of Caledonian Road	17	13 3	23 11 0	23 11 0
					30 Poor Rate			6 8 0	6 8 0
	Carried forward	7048	14 8	238 12 6	Carried forward	1001	1 6	8836 11 10	8386 18 1
								1450	15 3

Fol. in Bill book		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward - - -		7648 14 8	238 12 6		1001 1 6	8836 11 10	8386 18 1	1450 15 3
	GENERAL ACCOUNT Continued.								
	Paving, Repairs, &c.								
381	Poland - - - - -	60 3 0			61	Boulton - - - - -	17 16 6	85 19 2	17 16 6 85 19 2
165	F. Gardner - - - - -	0 14 0							
	„ D. Cooksey - - - - -	0 4 3							
164	Williams - - - - -	1 19 7							
141	Pullen - - - - -	0 19 11							
164	Do. - - - - -	0 19 10							
142	Hayward, (Commissioners of Police)	1 6 0							
166	Welsh - - - - -	1 2 0							
166	Headworth - - - - -	0 17 6							
167	Dewsnap - - - - -	0 14 6							
165	Barclay, Perkins & Co. - - - - -	0 7 0							
186	Turner - - - - -	0 14 5							
185	Frost - - - - -	2 10 8							
185	Thompson - - - - -	0 2 6							
184	Bailey & Holden - - - - -	4 8 10							
184	Tomlin - - - - -	0 4 2							
184	C. W. Lovell - - - - -	1 17 8							
1	Treggon - - - - -	1 17 11							
4	Frost - - - - -	2 8 0							
3	Aldridge - - - - -	0 11 9							
4	Redfern - - - - -	0 11 3							
5	Allingham - - - - -	2 18 8							
6	Lovell - - - - -	0 1 7							
2	Greenslade - - - - -	0 10 0							
164	Wells - - - - -	0 1 6							
3	Piper & Son - - - - -	2 6 8							
4	Egan - - - - -	7 10 7							
8	Sturge - - - - -	0 6 0							
7	Edmerton - - - - -	1 15 3							
5	Abbott & Hopwood - - - - -	0 15 9							
380	Bishop - - - - -	25 0 0							
	Carried forward - - -	126 0 9	7648 14 8	238 12 6					
	GENERAL ACCOUNT Continued.								
	Law Expenses.								
	Salaries.								
	Compensations.								
	SUNDRIES.								
	Sundry Bills.								
	Carried forward - - -	1342 19 10	10270 11 10	9783 1 0					1830 10 8

Fol. in Bill book	RECEIPTS.	Moneys received by the Vestry from March 25th, 1860, to March 25th, 1861.		Moneys owing to the Vestry March 25th, 1861.		Fol. in Ledg	EXPENDITURE.	Unpaid March 25th, 1860.	Incurred from 25th March, 1860, to 25th March, 1861	Paid from 25th March, 1860, to 25th March, 1861	Unpaid at 25th March, 1861.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.						
	Brought forward - - - -	126 0 9	7648 14 8	238 12 6			Brought forward	1342 19 10	10270 11 10	9783 1 0	1830 10 8
	GENERAL ACCOUNT <i>Continued.</i>						SUNDRY BILLS <i>Continued.</i>				
		22 0 0					71 Dore, J., Plumber's Work - - -	5 14 8	39 1 8	31 3 7	13 12 9
471	Shore and others - - - -		148 0 9				364 Abbott & Barton, Advertising - -	5 6 11	15 14 0	9 17 3	11 4 5
470							379 Brickhill & Greenwood, Printing -	19 4 0	52 17 1	58 8 1	13 13 0
&		0 8 0					88 Bassil, G., Smith's Work - - -		13 1 0	13 1 0	
471	Summonses, various, (cost of) - -	4 15 8					378 Meayers, Inspectors' Hats - - -		2 16 0	2 16 0	
64	Stock Sold - - - -	0 0 8					94 Pickburn, Advertising - - -		5 11 6	5 11 6	
470	Annual Reports (3) sale of, and postage		5 4 4				354 Summerfield, Inspectors' coats -		19 10 0	19 10 0	
	Corporation City of London - - -			15 12 0			388 Pallant, Level for Surveyor - - -		16 2 6	16 2 6	
	Loan.						205 Fowler, B. & Co., repairing Pump		2 2 0	2 2 0	
							342 Clark, Painting street names - -		34 13 0	20 0 0	14 13 0
							74 Dudley, Repair of Waterposts - -		10 17 0	10 17 0	
							112 Taylor, L. Smith's Work - - -		3 5 6	3 5 6	
							308 Moore, B. & R., winding Clocks -		1 10 0	1 10 0	
							111 Walsham, Bricklayer's Work - -		4 15 4	4 15 4	
							392 Richardson and Wansley, Mortgage deed		10 10 0	10 10 0	
391	Provident Clerks' Mutual Association Mortgage - - - -	2500 0 0					89 Wood, Coals - - - -		16 13 0	12 3 0	4 10 0
							90 Chapman, Smith's Work - - -		2 10 7		2 10 7
							474 Collectors' Returns in re-Assessment of Gas Companies - - - -		25 4 0		25 4 0
							Loans.				
	Balance in favour of Current Expenses Account at Lady-day, 1860 - - -		15 15 11				391 Provident Clerks' Association - -		2500 0 0		2500 0 0
							107 Cook, Principal and Interest thereon	3587 10 0	162 10 0	675 0 0	3075 0 0
	Less balance in Arrears on General Account at Lady-day, 1860 - - -		10317 15 8				Current Expenses £45 17s. 3d.				
			351 18 9				Petty ditto 17 12 2		63 9 5	63 9 5	
			9965 16 11					4980 15 5	13273 6 2	10743 3 2	7490 18 5
	Balance in Arrear on General Account at Lady-day, 1861 - - - -		804 15 7				Cash in Clerk's hands at March 25, 1861			27 9 4	
			10770 12 6	254 4 6						10770 12 6	

ABSTRACT.

RECEIPT.	£ s. d.	Moneys Owning to the Vestry.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	Liabilities of Vestry.
		25th March, 1861.			25th March, 1861.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Sewer Account	2206 1 11	Sewer Account	15 0 0	Sewer Account	1749 11 2
Main Drainage Account	5439 13 0	Main Drainage Account	221 0 0	Main Drainage Account	24 5 7
Lighting Account	3213 14 4	Lighting Account	137 0 0	Lighting Account... ..	1622 15 6
General Account	9065 16 11	General Account	254 4 6	General Account	7490 18 5
	20824 6 2		027 4 6	Balance in Bank at Lady-day, 1861	
				29 18 3	
				Cash in Clerk's hands at do. 27 9 4	
				57 7 7	
				20824 6 2	10887 10 8

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, the Auditors appointed by the Parish of Saint James and Saint John, Clerkenwell, to examine and audit the Accounts of the Vestry of the said Parish, for the period from the 25th day of March, 1860, to the 25th day of March, 1861, having carefully and diligently examined and investigated the Accounts of the said Parish 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 that we have audited the said Accounts of the said Vestry, at their offices, known as the Vestry Hall, situate at 23, Upper Rosoman Street, in the County of Middlesex, in pursuance of the provisions of the Act "For the better Local Management of the Metropolis," 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 Twenty-fourth day of November, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-one.

EDWARD LENARD,
JOHN BONE LEWIS,
DANIEL COOKSEY,
HENRY STANTON. } AUDITORS.

VESTRY

OF THE PARISH OF

SAINT JAMES AND SAINT JOHN, CLERKENWELL.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONTRACTS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF GENERAL WORKS & SUPPLY OF MATERIALS.

DATE OF CONTRACT.	NAMES OF CONTRACTORS.	NATURE OF WORKS TO BE PERFORMED AND MATERIALS TO BE SUPPLIED.	PERIOD.	PRICE.
1860 February 23rd.	Emma Summersell ..	Watering Wards No. 1, 2, and 3	From 1st March, to 29th Sept., 1860	£440
Ditto	ditto	ditto ditto 4 and 5	Ditto ditto	£244, extra labour £60
March 22nd.	W. Stiles	Paving and Repairs of Pavement	From 25th March, 1860, to 25th March, 1861	As per Schedule of Prices
Ditto	ditto	Broken Guernsey Granite	ditto ditto ditto	17s. per Cube Yard
Ditto	H. Dodd	Road Materials	Ditto ditto ditto	As per Schedule of Prices.
Ditto	Brickhill & Greenwood ...	Printing	Ditto ditto ditto	Ditto ditto.
June 28th.	H. Keates	Dusting and Cleansing Wards Nos. 1, 2, & 3	From 20th July, 1860, to 20th July 1861	£949.
July 19th.	C. Starkey	ditto ditto 4 & 5	Ditto ditto ditto	£650.

VESTRYMEN

OF THE PARISH OF

ST. JAMES & ST. JOHN, CLERKENWELL.

IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

Elected Pursuant to the Metropolis Local Management Act,

18TH AND 19TH VICTORIÆ, CAP. 120.

To go out
of Office in

WARD No. 1.

	Mr. NICHOLAS WRENALDS	...	...	20, High-street
1862.	Mr. FREDERICK THOMAS TUCKER	...	...	53, Southampton-street
	Mr. WILLIAM MEALS HODSON	...	...	24, Penton-street
	Mr. THOMAS RIODAN	...	...	228, Pentonville-road
1863.	Mr. PETER JAMES	...	...	22, Cumming-street
	Mr. JAMES HUDSON	...	...	5, High-street
	Mr. HENRY PENNY	...	...	1, Mount-row
	Mr. ALEXANDER WRIGHT	...	...	27, Penton-street
1864.	Mr. CHARLES WELLS LOVELL	...	...	14, Rodney-street
	Mr. GILES SILVERSIDE	...	...	172, Pentonville-road
	Mr. JAMES JOHN MILNE	...	...	70, Pentonville-road
	Mr. GEORGE FREDERICK PARSONS	...	...	176, Pentonville-road

WARD No. 2.

1862.	Mr. JAMES PASCALL	...	...	135, Pentonville-road
	Mr. THOMAS DRAYTON	...	...	1, Holford-square
	Mr. PETER SHEDDEN	...	...	7, Claremont-square
	Mr. JOHN VAUGHAN	...	...	14, Lloyd-square
	Mr. GEORGE SAYWELL	...	...	Myddelton-cottage
1863.	Mr. WILLIAM BLOGG	...	...	18, Great Percy-street
	Mr. RICHARD HENRY JONES	...	...	11, Holford-square
	Mr. WILLIAM HENRY SHEEHY	...	...	4, Claremont-square
	Mr. FREDERICK WILLIAM WILLCOCKS	...	...	8, Claremont-square
	Mr. JOHN WALTER CROPLEY	...	...	31, Wilmington-square
1864.	Mr. JOHN PHILLIPS	...	...	3, Vernon-place
	Mr. JOHN WALTER HOPKINS	...	...	51, Exmouth-street
	Mr. THOMAS DIX	...	...	10, Amwell-street
	Mr. JOHN STANTON	...	...	6, Lloyd-street
	Mr. EDWARD DANIEL JOHNSON	...	...	9, Wilmington-square

WARD No. 3.

1862.	Mr. EDWARD LAWRENCE	...	...	84, Goswell-road
	Mr. GEORGE STEVENS	...	...	33, Goswell-road
	Mr. THOMAS GLOVER	...	...	8, Upper Chadwell-st.
	(VACANCY.)			
1863.	Mr. DANIEL TITMUSS	...	...	22, Claremont-square
	Mr. HENRY FLEAR	...	...	69, Goswell-road
	Mr. EDWARD STOKES	...	...	1, Spencer-street
	Mr. JAMES ROSE	...	...	1, Upper Chadwell-st.
1864.	Mr. WILLIAM GILLINGWATER	...	...	96, Goswell-road
	Mr. HENRY WILLIAM JOHNSON	...	...	10, Green-terrace
	Mr. JOHN BALMER	...	...	94, St. John street-road
	Mr. JOHN SYMONDS	...	...	82, Goswell-road

WARD No. 4.

1862.	Mr. EDWARD JOHN THOMPSON	...	...	5, Percival-street
	Mr. FREDERICK WILLIS	...	...	9, Percival-street
	Mr. JOHN MOORE	...	...	44, Cold Bath-square
	Mr. THOMAS CHARLES BLUNDELL	...	...	123, St. John-street
	Mr. GEORGE CROUCHER	...	...	44½, Coppice-row
	Mr. CHARLES ALLBERRY	...	...	18, Goswell-road
1863.	Mr. DENIS McDONNELL	...	...	65, Pentonville-road
	Mr. JOHN GRIFFITHS	...	...	41, Clerkenwell-green
	Mr. JOSEPH CHARLES WEBB	...	...	53, Spencer-street
	Mr. PIERRE STEPHEN POLEY	...	...	36, Clerkenwell-green
	Mr. HENRY HOLLAND	...	...	14, Northampton-square
	Mr. THOMAS BOWYER ARNETT	...	...	31, Sekforde-street
1864.	Mr. CHARLES HILL	...	...	166, St. John-street-road
	Mr. JOSEPH TASKER	...	...	105, St. John-street
	Mr. WILLIAM EUSTACE	...	...	2, Gloucester-street
	Mr. THOMAS PARTRIDGE	...	...	4, Rodney-street
	Mr. JAMES BEST	...	...	42, Rosoman-street
	Mr. WILLIAM EBBETTS BRIDGES	...	...	111, St. John-street

WARD No. 5.

1862.	Mr. WILLIAM JAMES HARRISON	...	...	102, St. John-street
	Mr. GEORGE SWAN	...	...	94, St. John-street
	Mr. BENJAMIN FOSTER	...	...	1, St. John-square
	Mr. CHARLES JAMES HOW	...	...	90, St. John-street
	Mr. JOHN HURREN	...	...	84, St. John-street
1863.	Mr. THOMAS STEVENS BARRINGER	...	...	96, St. John-street
	Mr. JAMES TERRY	...	...	25, St. John-street
	Mr. EDWARD REDFERN	...	...	68, Turnmill-street
	Mr. WILLIAM HOTTEN	...	...	45, St. John-square
	Mr. THOMAS NIXEY	...	...	80, St. John-street
1864.	Mr. WILLIAM MASON	...	...	622, Clerkenwell-green
	Mr. THOMAS PACE	...	...	28, Great Sutton-street
	Mr. JAMES BRADNAM	...	...	31, Aylesbury-street
	Mr. CHARLES CLARK	...	...	37, Little Sutton-street
	Mr. WILLIAM PHILLIPS	...	...	17, Clerkenwell-green

DENIS McDONNELL Esq., Representative at the Metropolitan Board of Works.
Whose term of Office expires by effluxion of time on the second Wednesday in June, 1863.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

ST. JAMES'S.

Rev. ROBERT MAGUIRE M.A.	...	...	39, Myddelton-square
<i>Churchwardens.</i>			
Mr. ALEXANDER WRIGHT	...	...	27, Penton-street
Mr. THOMAS PARTRIDGE	...	...	4, Rodney-street

ST. JOHN'S.

Rev. HUGH HUGHES, D.D.	...	...	27, Baker-street
<i>Churchwardens.</i>			
Mr. JOHN DIX	...	...	3, Aylesbury-street
Mr. GEORGE JOHN OLIPHANT	...	...	39, Red Lion-street

Auditors of Accounts.

Mr. T. B. FENDICK	...	...	21, High-street
Mr. H. STANTON	...	...	9, Amwell-street
Mr. D. COOKSEY	...	...	52, Amwell-street
Mr. J. B. LEWIS	...	...	19, Gloucester-street
Mr. E. LENARD	...	...	76, St. John-street

OFFICERS

UNDER THE

Metropolis Local Management Act.

Mr. ROBERT PAGET	60, Pentonville-road
<i>Vestry Clerk.</i>			
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MEDICAL OFFICER'S

R E P O R T

1860.

With a Table of causes of Deaths.

TO THE VESTRY OF ST. JAMES AND ST. JOHN, CLERKENWELL.

GENTLEMEN,

I now do myself the honor of laying before you my Fifth Annual Report, upon the Sanitary condition of the District, consisting mainly of a summary of the Reports submitted periodically to your ordinary Meetings.

The number of deaths which occurred from all causes during the year was 1383 ; the average of the last 10 years being 1396 ; so that the deaths were 13 fewer than the average.

In 1857, the deaths were 1406 ; in 1858, 1477 ; and in 1859, 1374 ; so that in 1860, the deaths were 9 more than in 1859.

Every year, a certain number of the Inhabitants of the District die in General and Special Hospitals, and Lunatic Asylums. The estimated number of these for the past year, amounts to 93, thus producing a total of 1476.

The births which took place during the year were 2279 ; the natural increase of the population thus amounting to 896.

In 1859, the births were 2175, and the increase arising from the excess was 801 ; hence 95 less than in the past year.

The total number of deaths from Zymotic diseases, according to the old arrangement, was 277 ; that for 1859, being 331 ; for 1858, 336 ; and for 1857, 348.

The deaths from the principal Zymotic diseases were 226 ; against 301 in 1859 ; 285 in 1858 ; and 295 in 1857. The comparative numbers of each disease for these years is shown in the following Table :—

	Small Pox.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Hooping Cough	Diarrhœa.	Typhus.	TOTALS.
1857 -	6	51	42	84	65	47	295
1858 -	5	69	64	61	55	31	285
1859 -	9	24	82	87	68	31	301
1860 -	10	39	50	62	38	27	226

Hence these diseases produced 96 fewer deaths than in 1859 ; in fact, this is the least mortality from these diseases which has been recorded during the existence of the Vestry.

The deaths from Measles were 39, being 15 more than in 1859 ; in which year, the mortality from Measles was unusually small.

The deaths from Scarlet Fever were 50, being 32 fewer than in 1859 ; of these deaths, 9 were registered as arising from Diphtheria.

The deaths from Hooping Cough were 62, being 25 less than in the previous year. Those from Diarrhœa were 38, being 30 less. And those from Typhus, 27, being 4 less than in 1859. To the deaths from Typhus must be added 6 which took place in the Fever Hospital.

624 deaths occurred in infants and children under 5 years of age. In 1859, there were 628 ; in 1858, 656 ; in 1857, 663.

229 deaths took place at and above 60, including 41 at and above 80.

253 deaths arose from Tubercular or Consumptive diseases.

328 deaths arose from Pulmonary diseases.

137 deaths took place in the Workhouse.

15 deaths took place in the House of Correction, the number for the preceding year being 16. 1 death occurred in the House of Detention.

These are the most important particulars to be considered in regard to the mortality, upon which I may make a few comments.

Further details of the causes of deaths will be found in the table appended to this Report.

The mortality from Zymotic diseases, both collectively and from those especially fatal, has been reduced considerably as shown above.

Of the 10 deaths from Small Pox, all occurred in unvaccinated persons, except one—that of a male, age 38, who had been vaccinated in early life, but had not been re-vaccinated; at the same time, this death was probably accelerated by the occupation of an underground kitchen, not habitable according to the Act. 19 cases of Small Pox were sent to the Small Pox Hospital, but no deaths occurred among them; in 1859, 15 cases were sent to the Hospital, and 1 death took place.

The deaths from Typhus again exhibit a diminution, which has been progressive during the last 5 years; the deaths registered in the District being respectively for these years, 51, 47, 31, 31, and 27. 26 cases were sent by the Guardians of the Poor to the Fever Hospital. In 1859, 23 cases were sent to the Hospital, and of these, 6 died; of the 26 cases sent during the past year, 5 died.

The mortality in children under 5 years of age is still enormous, the deaths amounting to 624, not far from half the total mortality; some share of this mortality is unquestionably beyond the control of the Vestry. The greatest number of deaths in children, both absolutely and relatively, occur among the poorer classes, and arise from want of proper care and management in regard to exercise, diet, and free ventilation, yet protection from cold. Those from brain disease, Convulsions, Atrophy, and Pulmonary diseases, arise mostly from an impaired state of nutrition of the body thus produced, which renders children unable to withstand any malady, and renders medical treatment almost helpless. At the same time, it appears to me, that the dwellings of the poor are not sufficiently required by the Vestry to be cleansed; nor is the overcrowding sufficiently interfered with; and these are two potent causes of infantine mortality especially.

The deaths from Pulmonary disease were 328, against 229 in 1859. The extremely severe winter was quite sufficient to account for this very considerable increase.

Tubercular diseases were not so fatal in the last year as in 1859, the numbers being respectively 253, and 269.

The deaths in the Workhouse were 137, being 17 more than in 1859.

The accidental deaths were 22, against 18 in 1859; 7 arose from "accidental suffocation," 3 from burns and scalds, and 9 from fractures and contusions.

Four infants were murdered, the number in 1859 being 5. 9 deaths arose from suicide, against 8 in the preceding year.

The deaths from intemperance were 5, against 6 in 1858; although this by no means represents the true number directly and indirectly arising from that cause.

Small Pox having been very prevalent throughout the metropolis during the preceding year, the deaths having risen from 247 in 1858, to 1156 in 1859, it was deemed desirable at the suggestion of the Lords of the Privy Council to use every means to prevent the ravages of that terrible disorder. Accordingly hand-bills were ordered by the Vestry to be printed, and everywhere distributed, drawing special attention to the importance of taking advantage of the protective influence of vaccination. Notices of the same kind were also circulated throughout the District by the Board of Guardians of the Poor, and 2 extra vaccinators were appointed. In furtherance of this object, I visited some of the public and private schools, and examined the children to ascertain whether or not they had been vaccinated; in this way, 986 children were examined.

19 cases of Small Pox were sent to the Small Pox Hospital, but no deaths occurred among them.

POPULATION.—The census having been taken this year, we are now in a position to be able to determine accurately the relative mortality of the District to the population, or the death-rate.

According to the census of 1851, there were 64,778 persons living in the District, these being distributed through the sub-districts as shown in the following table, which exhibits also the population and its distribution in 1861, with the difference in the populations at the two periods:—

		Population in		
		1851.	1861.	Difference.
St. James	-	21,529	19,152	— 2,377
Amwell	-	15,720	17,250	× 1,530
Pentonville	-	11,904	13,079	× 1,175
Goswell	-	15,625	16,200	× 575
		64,778	65,681	× 903

Thus it is seen that in St. James's Sub-district, there is a diminution of 2377, whilst in each of the other sub-districts, there is an increase—in all of 3280; when the diminution is subtracted from the total increase, the true increase of 903 remains.

Hence the population has not increased to the extent which was to have been expected; for during the ten years, 1851-61, 22,404 births took place in the entire District; the deaths for the same period amounting to 14,166, leaving a natural increase of 8238, 903 or about one-ninth only of which have remained in the District. The results of the census showed also, that the number of inhabited houses had diminished by 176; this diminution probably arises from the houses forming the Street and Courts on the west side of Turnmill Street having been pulled down in or about 1854.

Taking the present average of 9.3 persons in each house, there must now be 2560 more inhabitants in the same number of houses, than in 1851.

The death-rate for the entire district was 2.2 per cent of the population. For the separate sub-districts, the comparative rate in the preceding year was as follows: St. James's, 2.4; Amwell, 1.8; Pentonville, 2.0; and Goswell, 1.9.

Having shown that the number of Inhabitants in the District has increased in the last ten years by 903 only, it might appear that my previous remarks upon the existence of overcrowding were not correct; they are so however, in consequence of the very unequal distribution of the Inhabitants through the houses. Very few of the families living in single or even two rooms, so very common an occurrence in the District, have their 300 cubic feet of air-space for each person, as should be the case; hence their health is in danger, more or less according to the extent of time they are confined within the apartments. But should any Zymotic disease make its appearance, then comes a hard struggle for life. This may be illustrated by a case which occurred in the year, although similar ones are common. Five children lived with their parents in a room having only 180 cubic feet of air space each; one child taken suddenly ill, became insensible and died. An inquest was held, as there was nothing apparently to account for death. Shortly, however, the other four and an adult became ill, one after the other, with malignant Scarlet Fever: Two died, and it became evident that the first death had arisen from the overpowering or malignant influence of the morbid poison upon the body preventing the natural signs of the disease from manifesting themselves; or perhaps more truly, from the influence of the morbid poison upon a malignant state of the body, rendered so by living in an atmosphere loaded with impurity.

WATER-SUPPLY.—I regret that I cannot announce any improvement in the water-supply, many of the Courts have the old stand-pipes, with the water turned on for half or three quarters of an hour daily, and the underground cisterns; the Inhabitants, who cannot possibly be clean, having to fetch the water at stated and often inconvenient times, and to store it in their miserable dwelling rooms. It is to be hoped that the Local Management Act Amendment may soon pass, when this evil will be remedied.

Neither can I congratulate the Vestry upon the erection of Baths and Wash houses; in fact, the idea seems quite abandoned. All who are in the habit of visiting the dwellings of the poor, must have observed the great deficiency in accommodation for washing and drying linen; this being mostly effected in very small living rooms, which are thus rendered damp and unhealthy, in addition to the operation being very imperfectly done.

One drinking fountain has been erected by the New River Company, at the end of Garnault Place.

UNDERGROUND KITCHENS.—No steps have been taken either by the District Surveyor or the Vestry to prevent the occupation of underground kitchens or cellars as dwelling rooms; this is a serious evil, especially where children are brought up in them. I cannot think that there would be any hardship in insisting that no children should be allowed to sleep underground.

In a large number of houses in the District, brick drains run beneath the basements, these are in most instances old and decayed, often being rendered pervious by rat-holes. The sewage thus escapes into the soil, and the noxious effluvium is drawn into the room by the heat of the fire, being especially evident in the morning, after the rooms have been shut up during the night. This evil can only be remedied by laying down impervious pipe-drains; but even when this has been done, the noxious emanations are often still evolved; and this, from the old soil saturated with the sewage not having been removed. This is, likewise, a very important point to be attended to, for these emanations are eminently prejudicial to health.

HOUSE CLEANSING.—I wish I could induce the Vestry to insist more upon having the poorer dwellings cleansed—lime-whited. In the reports of the other Medical Officers of the Metropolis, I read that hundreds of these dwellings are cleansed and purified in this way every year, and scarcely a day passes, but what I see in this District, numerous houses which are extremely dark and dirty from the walls and ceilings not having been cleansed for many years. To bring up families amidst this filth and dirt, is to train them to discard the first element of health—cleanliness. Moreover, there is no doubt that infectious matters may be retained and imparted to new occupants by the foul walls of apartments; and as the poor very frequently change their habitations, there is great reason to believe that diseases are often propagated in this way.

VAULTS OF CHURCHES.—Early in the year, an Order in Council was issued to the effect that the coffins in the vaults of St. James's, St. John's, and St. Mark's Churches, and Pentonville Chapel should be distributed over the floors of the vaults, and be covered with charcoal and fresh earth.

There has been considerable delay in attending to this order, which has only been carried out as far as concerns St. James's Church, and Pentonville Chapel.

It is to be hoped, that the necessary improvements will soon be made in the vaults of the remaining Churches, especially St. John's, where the coffins are very numerous, crowded, and in a state of decay, and where the Church is small; for it is painful to think that the inhabitants in their attendance at a place of worship, should be subjected to the danger of imbibing the seeds of disease, by respiring the noxious effluvia from vaults, which are readily drawn into a heated Church by the rarified state of the air within.

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS.—The following sanitary improvements have been effected during the year:—

24 sewers have been cleansed, 3 repaired ; 212 gullies cleansed, 27 repaired, 12 trapped, and 8 new ones constructed ; 2 new air-shafts have been built ; 1 12-inch, 17 9-inch, and 55 6-inch drains have been laid ; 121 houses have been drained ; 3 house-drains have been trapped ; and 88 cesspools destroyed.

In conclusion, I may remark, that the year—in a sanitary point of view—has been favourable. The mortality is below the average, and the number of deaths from Zymotic diseases has been reduced. Undoubtedly had not the winter been so unusually severe, the mortality would have appeared in a still more favourable light.

The amount of rain which fell in the year, 32-inches, was considerably above the average of the last 21 years, viz. : 23-inches. This has—no doubt—had a beneficial effect, in washing and purifying the air, as also the sewers.

I think then, that the Vestry have reason to be satisfied that real sanitary progress has been made ; that their labors have not been in vain ; and that the Local Management Act has conferred important benefits upon the community.

I have the honour to remain,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. GRIFFITH, M.D.

November 15, 1861.

The first part of the report is devoted to a description of the work done during the year. It is divided into three main sections: the first deals with the general work of the office, the second with the work of the various departments, and the third with the work of the individual members of the staff.

In the first section, I have endeavored to give a general impression of the work of the office as a whole. I have tried to show the position of the office in relation to the other departments of the Government, and to indicate the progress made during the year.

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I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
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