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TO the CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS of the
ALTOFTS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you the Annual Report on the health of the District for the year 1921.

The area of the District is 1,838 acres.
Estimated Population (1921) 5,150.
Number of inhabited houses (1921) 1,061
Number of families or separate occupiers 1,140.
Rateable Value £31,346 yielding on a penny
Rate £105.

Water is supplied by the Wakefield Corporation and maintains its good quality. No cases of lead poisoning have occurred.

Drainage and Sewerage are adequate.

Privies with open middens	Number	25
Privies with closed middens	"	572
Pail or tub Closets		16
Water Closets		421
Waste Water Closets		14
Number of Privies converted into Water Closets		6

I would urge the Council to consider the question of speeding up the conversion of privies into Water Closets.

Tipping is still employed for disposal of refuse. The provision of a destructor is more urgently called for than ever.

The Milk supply for the District has again been ample. The Cowsheds have been inspected and reported in moderate condition.

Slaughter houses Number 4 and are old and in bad positions. No prosecutions took place under the Food and Drugs Act.

The Elementary Schools were visited on many occasions. Owing to the prevalence of Whooping Cough the Infant Departments of the Lee Brig and National Schools were closed in July the former for 14 days and the latter 28 days.

The following cases of notifiable Diseases were notified during the year.

	Total cases Notified	Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Diphtheria	7	6	-
Scarlet Fever	18	17	1
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	2	1	1
Puerperal Fever	1	-	-
Pneumonia (all cases)	35	-	8
Erysipelas	3	-	-
Dysentery	1	-	-
Malaria	1	-	-
Tuberculosis :-		Sanatorium	
(a) Pulmonary	(M 6 F 5) 11	7	4
(b) Non-pulmonary	(M 7 F 1) 8	1	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	Treated at home	recovery complete.

The following table shows the cases and deaths

in relation to age groups.

	Under 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-60	60 & over
DIPHTHERIA												
Cases					3	2	1				1	
Deaths					-	-	-				-	
SCARLET FEVER												
Cases					9	4	4	1				
Deaths					1	-	-	-				
ENTERIC FEVER including Paratyphoid												
Cases					1						1	
Deaths					-						1	
PURPERAL FEVER												
Cases								1				
Deaths								-				
PNEUMONIC all cases												
Cases	4	4	3	3	1	5	3	2	2	2	4	2
Deaths	4	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
ERYSIPELAS												
Cases										3		
Deaths										-		
DYSENTERY												
Cases										1		
Deaths										-		
MALARIA												
Cases									1			
Deaths									-			
PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS												
Cases									2	5	3	1
Deaths									-	-	3	1
NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS												
Cases		2	1			3	1		1			
Deaths		1	-			-	-		1			

All deaths occurring from Tuberculosis had been previously Notified. The nursing arrangements for the District are under the control of the Altofts Nursing Association. One District Nurse is provided ; her duties consisting of general nursing and School work, the latter being paid for by the County Council. A resident Midwife (also a trained Nurse) has been appointed and is maintained partly by fees, voluntary contributions and a grant

from the County Council. The present District Nurse is also a Certified Midwife. There are no other resident qualified Midwives.

During the year 2,810 general nursing visits were paid, casual visits 337, School visits 56, Home visits to School children 377.

Midwifery and maternity Cases 80, Monthly Nursing Visits 1,086 Pre Natal visits 222, Notification of Births 118, Infant Health Visits 1, 734.

Hospital accommodation for Infectious Disease is provided by the Ackton Isolation Hospital. So far it has proved adequate to the needs of the District. No corresponding accommodation has been provided should an outbreak of Smallpox occur. Special Ambulances are provided for the removal of infectious cases. Accidents and non-infectious diseases are conveyed to Leeds and Wakefield Hospitals by Ambulances provided by Pope & Pearsons Colliery and the Normanton & District Ambulance League.

Pathological and Bacteriological examinations are carried out at the County Laboratory County Hall Wakefield. No Bye-laws or Acts have been adopted during the year.

The total number of deaths registered in the District was 56. Eight were transferred to other Districts and 10 were transferred from other Districts to Altofts making a net total of 58 and a death rate of 11.2. The death rate for England & Wales for the same period was 12.1.

The Number of births for the year was 126, 79 males including 2 illegitimates and 47 females making a birth rate of 24.4. The rate for England and Wales for the same period was 22.4

No deaths occurred from or in consequence of child birth. There were 12 deaths of infants under one year none amongst illegitimates. Causes :- Pneumonia 4, Atelectasis 1, Malnutrition 1, Marasmus 1, Convulsions 1, Zymotic Enteritis 1, Otitis Media 1, Premature Birth 1, Pertussis 1,

The death rate per 1,000 births was 95.2 compared with 90.1 for 1920. The rate for England and Wales for 1921 was 83. No deaths occurred from Measles. Whooping Cough all ages caused 2 deaths. Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) caused 1 death. Malignant Disease caused 1 death. Influenza 2. Rheumatic Fever 1 Cerebral Hemorrhage 1 Heart Disease 4 Arterio Sclerosis 2 Bronchitis 6 Other Respiratory Diseases 1 Nephritis 2 Suicide 1 Other deaths from violence 3 other defined diseases 12.

Housing

	Year 1921
Number of new houses erected during the year	0
(a) Total	6
(b) As part of a municipal housing scheme	-

1 Unfit dwellinghouses.

Inspection (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	51
(2) Number of dwellinghouses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations 1910	14
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	23

2. Remedy of Defects without Service of formal Notices

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	65
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3. Action under Statutory Powers.

A- Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing Town Planning & Act 1919.

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| (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. | Nil |
| (2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit :- | |
| (a) by owners | Nil |
| (b) by Local Authority in default of owners. | Nil |
| (3) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close | Nil |

B - Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

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|---|-----|
| (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | 2 |
| (2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied :- | |
| (a) by owners | 2 |
| (b) by Local Authority in default of owners | Nil |

C - Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of the Housing Town Planning & Act 1909

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| (1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders | Nil |
| (2) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made | Nil |
| (3) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwellinghouse having been rendered fit | Nil |
| (4) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | Nil |
| (5) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders | Nil |

I am,

Yours faithfully,

H. SCHOLEFIELD.

ALTOFTS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Council Office, Altofts

9th May 1922.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

for

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1921.

TO the Chairman and Members of the
ALTOFTS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen :

I have much pleasure in presenting to you my Annual Report of the work carried out in the Sanitary - Department for the year ended 31st December 1921.

There has been a further improvement this year over the several preceding years in the carrying out of necessary repairs to Cottage properties.

NUISANCES :

A number of nuisances were found and dealt with during the year.

There were 6 unabated nuisances in hand at the close of 1920 and 115 nuisances were found in 1921 making a total of 121. Of this number 117 were abated leaving four outstanding at the close of the year.

The following Summary describes the nature of the said nuisances :

Water in Cellar.	1
Choked drains.	40
Defective roofs.	15
Defective drainage	4
Yard paving.	1

Defective spouting.	9
Houses without a sufficient drain	1
Privy middens.	4
Open ashes places abolished	5
Miscellaneous.	35

Most of the above mentioned nuisances were abated without having to compel the abatement by legal notices but in two cases Statutory Notices were served and legal proceedings taken in two cases in which the defendants promised to carry out the necessary repairs.

PRIVIES:

Six foul privies and four privy middens have been abolished and six water closets and sanitary bins provided to replace same viz :

1 W C.	42 Church Road.	Owner	J P White.
1 W C.	165 Church Road.	"	W. Clegg
4 W Cs	George Street.	"	P. Eccles.

COWSHEDS SLAUGHTER HOUSES AND BAKEHOUSES :-

All the above premises have been visited and most of them were kept in a cleanly state. Most of the Slaughter houses are unfortunately in very close proximity to dwellinghouses and of the old type.

SCAVENGING.

The whole of the refuse of the District is disposed of by tipping upon land.

This method is not considered satisfactory especially for night-soil - from a Sanitary standpoint - and is sometimes the cause of complaints. The Council should therefore consider the advisability of dealing with the refuse of the District by means of a Destructor.

The total number of loads removed during the

year was 2817 as compared with 2710 loads last year.

1875 loads were deposited on land belonging to Farmers and 942 taken to the tip in Lock Lane.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS.:

A fair effluent has been maintained during the year.

The land was ploughed up and used to its utmost capacity which materially relieved and helped the bacterial filters in their work of purification.

The Colliery spoil heap adjoining the Sewage Works which was on fire has now practically burnt itself out.

PUBLIC HEALTH & HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING etc ACTS :

During the year 37 houses were inspected under the former and 14 under the latter Acts . 28 of these were found to be satisfactory and 23 with defects requiring attention.

The Council's Housing Scheme has been delayed owing to the Ministry of Health refusing to sanction the Tenders for the 39 Parlour houses and the later policy of the Ministry in refusing to give permission to Local Authorities for any further schemes except under special circumstances.

Further Plans etc for a Scullery Type house were prepared, Tenders obtained and submitted to the Ministry of Health who accepted them and gave sanction for the erection of Ten houses in five blocks of two each as a first instalment of our scheme and it is -

intended to apply to the Ministry of Health at a
later date for permission to erect more houses
upon the same site.

I am, Gentlemen.

Yours faithfully.

T. H. HAILSTONE.

