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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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FOR THE YEAR 1898.

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Ashby-de-la-Zouch Urban District Council.

Medical Officer's Report for 1898.

March 13, 1899.

TO THE ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December last, with the usual Tables showing the Births, Deaths and Cases of Infectious Sickness, which have occurred in the Ashby Urban Sanitary District during the year 1898.

The number of registered Births was 138, or a rate of 30·4 per thousand of the population, against 99, or a rate of 21·8 per thousand in 1897. The number of registered Deaths was 96, or a rate of 21·1 per thousand, against 85, or a rate of 18·4 per thousand in the previous year. Of this number 21 were infants under 1 year of age, and 36 occurred at 65 years of age and upwards. Respiratory diseases accounted for 18 Deaths, and 5 Deaths were registered as Phthisis, 4 of these, however, being at the Union Workhouse, the other occurring in the Urban District, which may be considered remarkable for its freedom from Tuberculosis. There were 8 cases registered as having died from Diseases of the Heart. Four deaths occurred from the various Zymotic diseases, namely; 1 Scarlatina, 1 from Typhoid, 1 Measles, and 1 from

Whooping Cough, giving a Zymotic death rate of 0·8. Out of the total number of Deaths, 22 occurred at the Union Workhouse, leaving 74 as the mortality of the Urban District proper. This gives a death rate of 16·3 per thousand, against 12·3 in the previous year. Referring to Table B, it will be seen that there were in all 15 cases of Infectious disease notified during the year, viz., 9 Scarlatina, all of which occurred in the Autumn, 1 Diphtheria, 3 Enteric Fever, and 2 Erysipelas. Influenza again visited the District in the early part of the year, and 4 deaths were registered as having been directly due to this disease.

During the year I made a large number of visits of inspection, especially into the most suspicious parts of the District to search for any insanitary conditions, and I am pleased to be able to report that the sanitary conditions of the poorest class of houses are yearly improving, but it would be more encouraging if the inhabitants of this class of dwellings were to show a little more interest in sanitary matters, as it would greatly help the officers of the Council in carrying out their duties.

I also made inspections from time to time of the various Cowsheds and Dairies in the District, and found them on the whole in a very satisfactory state. The completion of the Water Scheme, by which the District is now continuously and abundantly supplied with good water, is a matter for congratulation to the Council, and of immense benefit to the whole of the Urban District.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

CHAS. R. WILLIAMS.

TABLE A.

TABLE OF
DEATHS during the Year 1898, in the Ashby-de-la-Zouch
Urban District, classified according to Diseases, Ages,
and Localities.

Ashby Urban District (excluding Union Workhouse):—

Under 1 year	...	...	...	...	...	20
1 and under 5 years	...	...	...	...	...	8
5 " " 15 "	...	...	...	...	...	1
15 " " 25 "	...	...	...	...	...	3
25 " " 65 "	...	...	...	...	...	17
65 years and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	25

Union Workhouse:—

Under 1 year	...	...	...	...	...	1
15 and under 25 years	...	...	...	...	...	1
25 " " 65 years	...	...	...	...	...	9
65 years and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	11

At all ages 96

CAUSES OF DEATH.

*Ashby Urban District,
(excluding Union Workhouse):—*

	Under 5 years.	5 years and upwards.
Scarlatina	1	0
Enteric or Typhoid	0	1
Measles	1	0
Whooping Cough	1	0
Phthisis	0	1
Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Pleurisy	3	5
Heart Disease	0	6
Influenza	0	4
Injuries	0	2
All other Diseases	22	27

Union Workhouse:—

Phthisis	0	4
Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Pleurisy	1	4
Heart Disease	0	2
All other Diseases	0	11
	—	—
	29	67

TABLE B.

TABLE OF
POPULATION, BIRTHS, and of New Cases of
INFECTIOUS SICKNESS coming to the knowledge of
the Medical Officer of Health, during the Year 1898,
in the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Urban District; classified
according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities.

POPULATION.

Census, 1891 4,535

BIRTHS.

Registered Births 138

NEW CASES of SICKNESS in each Locality coming
to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health.

*Ashby Urban District,
(excluding Union Workhouse) :—*

	Under 5 years.	5 years and upwards.
Scarlatina	5	4
Diphtheria	0	1
Enteric or Typhoid	0	3
Erysipelas	0	1

Union Workhouse :—

Erysipelas	0	1
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