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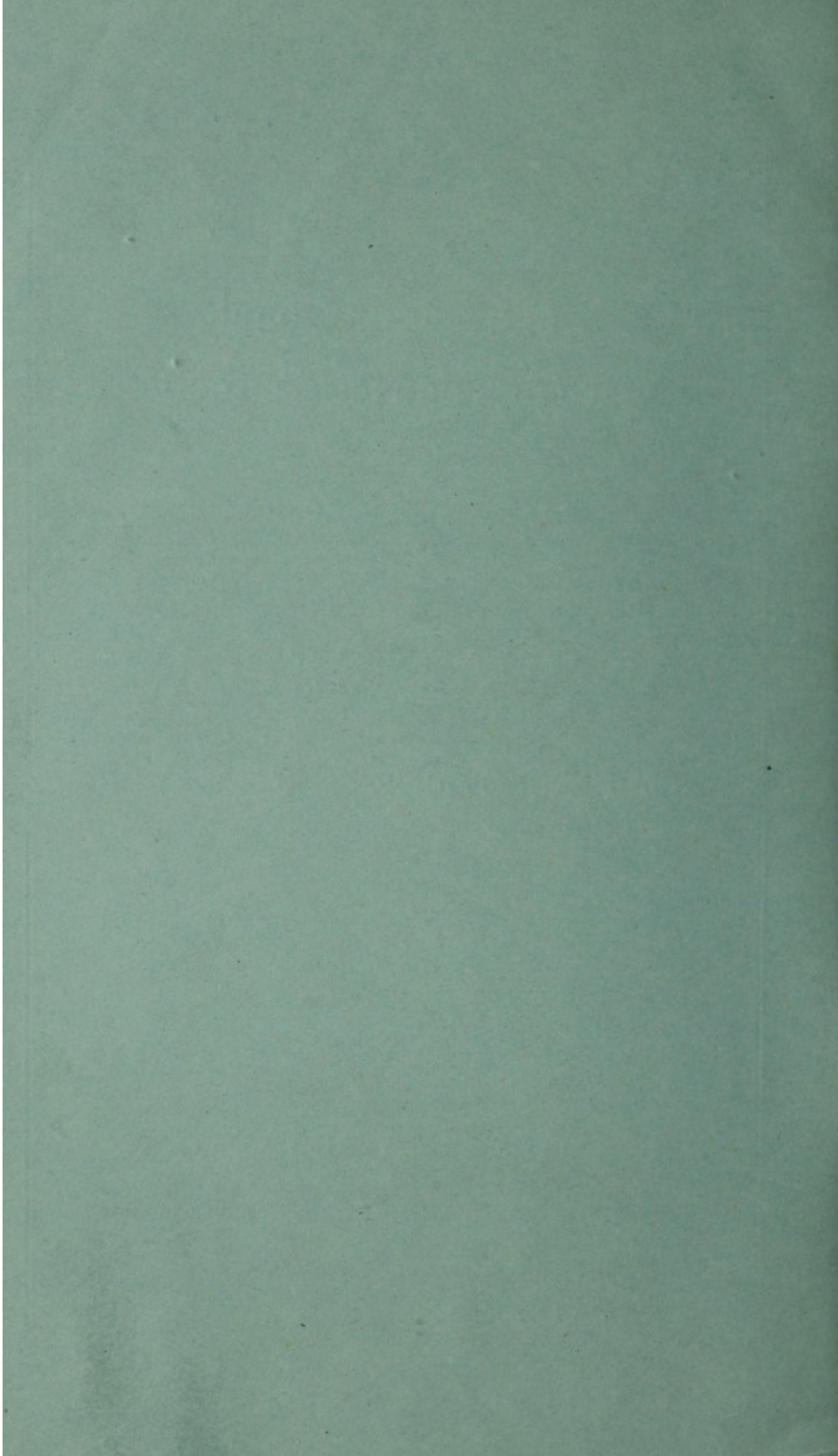


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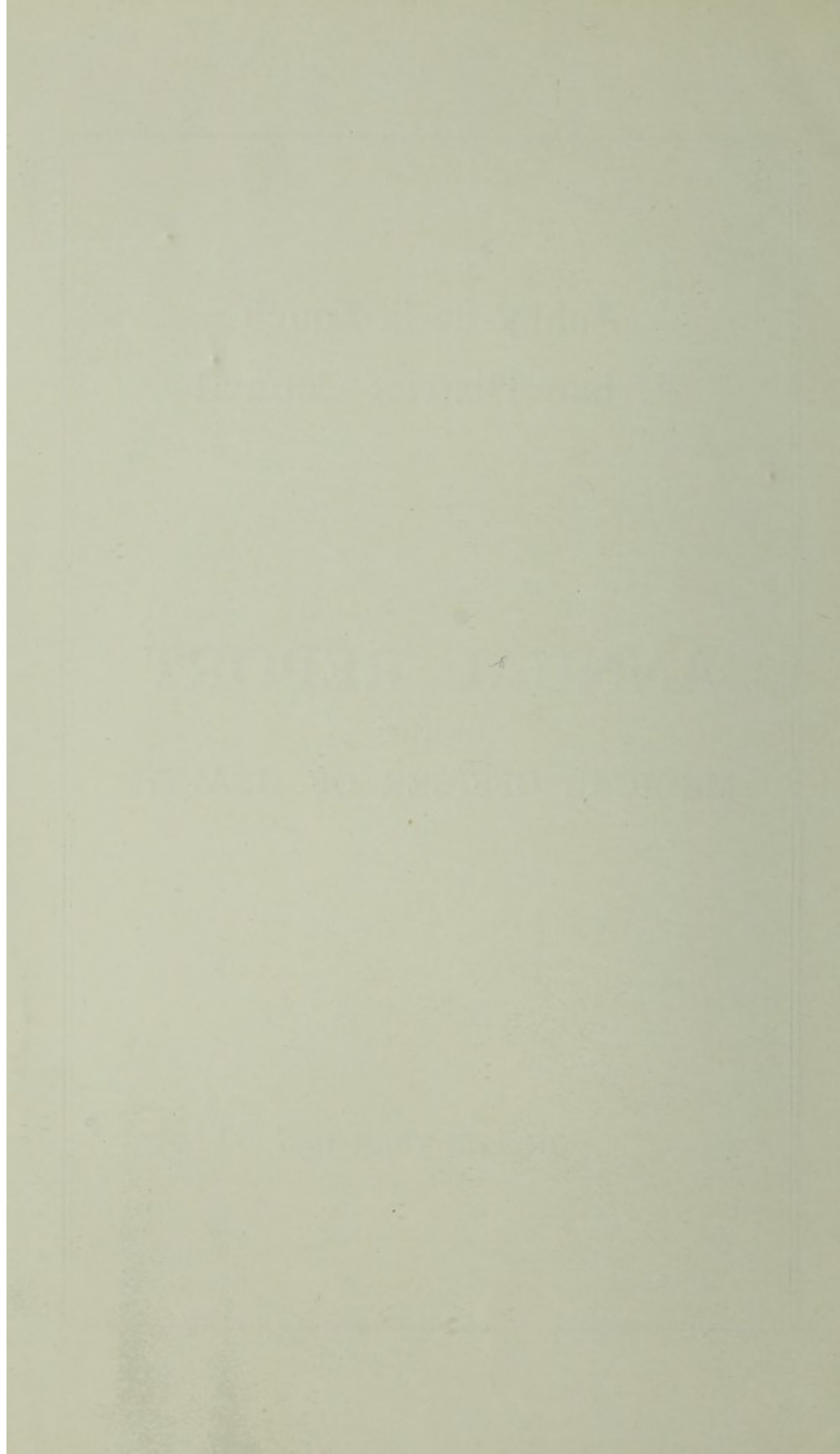
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*To the Chairman and Members of the Ashby-de-la-Zouch
Urban District Council.*

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the Year 1950.

According to the Registrar General's estimate the population has increased from 6,382 in 1949 to 6,552 in 1950.

The birth rate (19.2) is higher than last year (16.4) and higher than England and Wales (15.8)

The death rate is lower than 1949, 11.6 compared with 13.6, and exactly the same as that for England and Wales.

The chief causes of death are from diseases associated with elderly people, and the numbers in this group are proportionately higher than last year.

It will be noted under Section B that a Diabetic Health Visitor has been appointed.

During the year there has been a serious and sustained shortage of water. The work on the Derwent Valley Water Scheme is in progress and will supply the Urban area with suitable and sufficient supply of water.

The sewerage to Blackfordby Village has been completed and the scavenging of Blackfordby Village from April 5th, 1950, is carried out by direct labour, being formerly carried out by contractors. The extension of Willesley Sewage Works has been practically completed. No further progress has been made with the scheme submitted to the Ministry of Health for the sewerage of New Packington.

The total number of applicants for Council houses at the end of the year was 341, and the total number of applications received during the year was 110. 39 houses were completed during the year, 34 by the local authority and 5 by local enterprise. The total number of post war houses completed is 161.

28 cases of Infectious Diseases were notified, 3 of these were Acute Poliomyelitis (Infantile Paralysis). I regret that one of these, an adult, died. There were no Pneumonia deaths during the year.

There was no Diphtheria notified during the year.

Again I must report that the number of children being immunised is falling and we may soon get a dangerously high percentage of the child population un-immunised against Diphtheria.

5 cases of Tuberculosis, all Pulmonary, were notified during the year and the numbers on the Tuberculosis Register has showed a slight rise again for the fourth year in succession. During the year there were 2 deaths from Tuberculosis.

I should like to express my thanks to the Public Health Department of the County Council for their help and co-operation.

Finally, it remains for me to express my appreciation to Mr. T. H. Farrell, Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, for his invaluable help during the year, and to you, Ladies and Gentlemen, for your kindness and co-operation.

I remain, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

L. McM. W. SEGERDAL, M.D., D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A

General Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Area	...	...	...	...	...	6,190 acres
Population (Registrar General Estimate)	...	...	...	...	...	6,552
Number of Inhabited Houses	...	...	...	...	...	1,971
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£38,213
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£147
Comparability factor —Births	...	...	...	...	...	1.08
—Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	1.00

Ashby-de-la-Zouch is a market town, the chief industries of the District are :—Agriculture, Biscuit making, Soap Manufacturing and Glove Manufacturing. A number of workers engaged in Coalmining, Earthenware and Brickmaking are residents in the town. There is a camp for Displaced Persons. There are also two Public Parks and an Open-Air Swimming Bath in the town. No industry was noted as having a specially injurious effect on the health of the population.

Vital Statistics

LIVE BIRTHS :		<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Legitimate	...	125	64	61
Illegitimate	...	1	0	1
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		126	64	62
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Live Birth Rate—19.2 per 1,000 population.

England and Wales Birth Rate—15.81 per 1,000 population.

STILL BIRTHS :		<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Legitimate	...	2	1	1
Illegitimate	...	0	0	0
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total	...	2	1	1
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>

Still Birth Rate—.30 per 1,000 population.

England and Wales Still Birth Rate—0.37 per 1,000 population.

DEATHS :		<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
		76	32	44

Death Rate—11.6 per 1,000 population.

England and Wales Death Rate—11.6 per 1,000 population.

Causes of Death in 1950

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	1	1	2
Acute Poliomyelitis	0	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	2	3
Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	2	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	3	5
Vascular lesions of nervous symptoms ...	8	11	19
Coronary disease, angina	4	1	5
Hypertension with heart disease	2	1	3
Other heart disease	7	11	18
Other circulatory disease	1	3	4
Bronchitis	1	3	4
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	0	2
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	2	4	6
All other accidents	1	0	1
	<hr/> 32	<hr/> 44	<hr/> 76

Death Rate from Total Maternal Causes per 1,000 Live and Still Births—7.8. (England and Wales) 0.86.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age :—

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Legitimate	2	1	1
Illegitimate	1	0	1
	<hr/> 3	<hr/> 1	<hr/> 2

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age—23.8 per 1,000 Live Births. (England and Wales)—29.8 per 1,000 Live Births.

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age :—

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Legitimate	2	1	1
Illegitimate	1	0	1
	<hr/> 3	<hr/> 1	<hr/> 2

Chief Causes of Death in 1950 :—

Heart Disease	26
Vascular lesions of nervous symptoms ...	19
Malignant neoplasm (all forms)	10

SECTION B

General Provisions of Health Services for the Area

HOSPITALS

All hospitals are under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board, with the exception of a few private Maternity and Nursing Homes. The County Homes for aged and infirm people are under the County Council. When they become ill they are the responsibility of the Hospital Board.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS

Infant Welfare Clinics are held every Thursday afternoon at the Baptist Schoolroom, Ashby. An Ante-natal Clinic and Tuberculosis Clinic is held at the Health Centre, Bridge Road, Coalville. The Tuberculosis Clinic is under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

After July 4th, 1950, the County Council is responsible for all ambulance facilities in the County. Colliery accidents are removed by Ambulances provided by the National Coal Board stationed at Nailstone Colliery and Moira Colliery.

NURSING IN THE HOME

All District Nursing and Midwifery in the Home is under the County Council.

HEALTH VISITING

This work is provided as before by the County Council, and is very ably carried out in the Area. A Diabetic Health Visitor was appointed in 1950 and she attends the Diabetic Clinic at the Leicester Royal Infirmary and visits the patients in their homes.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The Public Health Laboratory at Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester.

The examinations performed on behalf of the district in the County Laboratory are as follows :—

Throat and Nose	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sputum	...	...	...	...	...	5
Water	...	...	...	...	...	3
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	1
						—
Total	...	...	...	...	...	10
						—

SECTION C

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply.

The whole District is supplied by the Ashby and Swadlincote Joint Water Board from the Milton Water Works.

There still a few wells in use.

Number of Wells closed—None.

Number of Wells cleansed—One.

Number of cases in which piped supply was substituted for Well Water—None.

Number of parishes with piped water supply :—

(a) From Public Mains—Whole area.

(b) From Private Reservoirs—Nil.

Number of houses without a piped water supply—35.

The quality of the existing supplies is satisfactory. The water exhibits no plumbo-Solvent properties. It has been necessary to continue night time restrictions during the year owing to a shortage of water at the source of supply. Steps are being taken to obtain an additional supply of water from Leicester Corporation, Derwent Valley Water Main.

During the year 150 yards of 3 inch Main was laid down Heath Lane, Blackfordby, linking up with the Repton R.D.C. Main, to supply nine dwellings in this Council's Area.

Drainage and Sewerage

Number of Cesspools constructed during the year—Nil.

Number of cesspools abolished during the year—12.

Total number of cesspools in District on 31st December, 1950—88.

Particulars of any extension during the year :—

(a) Sewerage.—The Sewerage Scheme for Blackfordby was completed during the year.

(b) Sewage Disposal.—With the exception of New Packington the whole of the Urban Area is provided with sewage Disposal Works.

- (c) New Schemes.—The enlargement of Willesley Sewage Works is proceeding and will be completed during the next six months.

Post-War Proposals

No further progress has been made with the Sewerage Scheme for New Packington.

Closet Accommodation

Total number in District on 31st December, 1950 :—

(a) Privies	...	...	...	...	41
(b) Pail closets	...	...	...	...	35
(c) Water closets	...	...	...	...	1,360

Number of closets converted to the water carriage system during the year :—

(a) Privies	...	...	...	...	None
(b) Pail closets	...	...	...	...	4

Number of privies (middens) converted to pail closets during the year : Nil.

Public Cleansing

House refuse is collected weekly by Council workmen with a covered motor vehicle, and conveyed to a tip where it is deposited in shallow layers and covered with earth.

Earth closets, privies and ashpits are cleansed by Council workmen, the contents being disposed of on arable land and ploughed in.

From April this year the removal of house refuse and the cleansing of earth closets at Blackfordby, was carried out by direct labour instead of by contract as formerly.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

Total number of complaints received during 1950	219
Total number of defects and nuisances discovered	308

Particulars of Inspections Made

<i>Type of Inspection</i>	<i>Number of Inspections</i>	<i>Number of Revisits</i>
Animal Keeping	18	9
Bakehouses	1	2
Dairies and Cowsheds	23	15
Drainage Works	26	11
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	156	—
Food Premises	8	3
Offensive Trades	Nil	Nil
Rats and Mice Destruction	30	33
Refuse Collection and Disposal	48	20
Schools	3	6
Shops	14	8
Slaughter Houses and Meat Inspection... ..	—	—
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	4	3
Verminous Premises and Scabies	3	8
Water Supplies	58	19
Workshops, etc.	12	7
Other Inspections	240	56
Totals	662	295

Results of Notices Sent

Preliminary Notices

	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Public Health</i>
Outstanding on 1st January, 1950	10	9
Issued during year	13	22
Complied with during year	19	29
Statutory action necessary	Nil	2
Outstanding 31st December, 1950	4	2

Statutory Notices

		<i>Housing</i>	<i>Public Health</i>
Outstanding on 1st January, 1950	...	0	2
Issued during year	... ..	0	5
Complied with during year	... ..	0	3
Outstanding 31st December, 1950	...	0	4
Summary Action : Number of summonses issued	...		2
Number of convictions obtained	...		2

Shops

Particulars of action taken during year under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934.

	<i>Outstanding 1st Jan., 1950</i>	<i>Defects found</i>	<i>Defects remedied</i>	<i>Outstanding 31st Dec. 1950</i>
Sanitary				
Conveniences	—	1	1	0
Temperature	... —	—	—	—
Ventilation	... —	Nil	Nil	0
Cleansing	... —	2	2	0

Camping Site. Nil.

Regulated Buildings

<i>Class of Building</i>	<i>No. in District</i>	<i>No. in Inspections</i>	<i>Action Taken</i>	<i>General Conditions</i>
Common Lodging				
Houses	... Nil	0	0	0
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	... 1	1	0	satisfactory
Canal Boats	... Nil	0	0	0
Offensive Trades	... 1	1	0	satisfactory

Eradication of Bed Bugs

Particulars of action taken :—

Number of Council Houses infested	...	...	2
Number of other dwelling houses infested	...	...	1
Number of houses disinfested	...	...	3

The disinfection was carried out by the Local Authority by spraying with D.D.T. fluid and dusting with D.D.T. powder.

Rat and Mice Destruction

All properties found to be infested with rats were dealt with by the Councils Rodent Operator. The refuse tip and sewers and Sewage Disposal Works received attention during the year.

Schools

All the Schools are supplied with Water from the Public Main and all are on the Water Carriage System except Blackfordby

Church of England School.

Schools Disinfested	0
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Swimming Baths and Pools open to the Public

No. in Area :—

(a) Publicly owned	1
(b) Privately owned	1

SECTION D

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Milk Supply

Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk (other than cowkeepers)—

Number on Register	...	...	...	...	14
Number of Inspections made	...	...	...	...	10
Number of contraventions outstanding from previous year	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of contraventions found during year	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of contraventions remedied during year	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of contraventions on 31st December, 1950	...	...	...	...	Nil

Milk Sampling

<i>Class of Milk</i>	<i>Total samples taken for bact. exam'n.</i>		<i>Number Satisfactory</i>	<i>Number Unsatisfactory</i>
Tuberculin Tested	...	0	0	0
Accredited	...	0	0	0
Pasteurised	...	0	0	0
Ordinary	...	0	0	0

The Milk (Special Designations) Regulations 1949

Two licenses were issued during the year, one for a Pasteurising Plant, one for Supplementary Retail Distribution of Pasteurised Milk.

The pasteurising Plant for which the Licence was issued is a Cherry Burrell Superplate H.T.S.T., 500 gallons per hour, automatic temperature control.

Number of Plants for heating milk not licenced as Pasteurising Plants—Nil.

Ice Cream

Number of Premises registered :—

Manufacture	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Retail	...	...	...	...	...	5

Number of Samples—Nil.

Meat and Other Foods

No. of Regional Slaughter Houses in Area	...	Nil
No. of inspections of meat at time of slaughter	...	Nil
No. of Knackers Yards in Area	...	1
No. of visits to Knackers Yards	...	1

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

Number inspected	...	Nil
Number condemned	...	Nil

Meat Stalls. Nil.

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.

Number of Inspections	...	10
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**Places where food (other than meat)is kept or
prepared for sale**

Number of Inspections 18

Action taken :—

The following is a list of food condemned and destroyed :—

Meat	...	...	...	...	...	62 lbs.
Meat	...	...	...	...	...	20 tins
Sausage	...	...	...	...	...	48 lbs.
Bacon	...	...	...	...	...	48 lbs.
Fish	...	...	...	...	...	13 tins
Jam	...	...	...	...	...	8 jars
Soup	...	...	...	...	...	3 tins
Vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	2 tins
Fruit	...	...	...	...	...	41 tins
Tomatoes	...	...	...	...	...	59 tins
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	71 tins
Peas	...	...	...	...	...	20 tins

SECTION E

Housing

1.—Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year.

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	...	...	...	156
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...					238
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	...	...	...	...		0
(b)	Number of Inspections made for the purpose	...					0

(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	0
(4) Number of dwelling houses(exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	146

2.—Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	128
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3.—Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16, of the Housing Act, 1936	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	0
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By Owners	0
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	0
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	5
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By Owners	3
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	0
(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	0
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	1

(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made							0
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit							0
4.—Housing Act, 1936—Part 4—Overcrowding :							
(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year							15
(2) Number of families dwelling therein	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	...	...	...	...	...	...	75
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

Post War Housing

Total number of applicants for Council Houses at end of year	341
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Houses completed during the year

By Local Authority	39
By Private Enterprise	5

Houses in course of erection at end of year

By Local Authority (Permanent traditional type)	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
By Private Enterprise	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

Total number of Post-War Houses completed

By Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	...	149
By Private Enterprise	...	...	...	...	...	...	17

SECTION F

Prevalence of, and control over, Infectious Diseases Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1950

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Final numbers after correction</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital</i>	<i>Total Deaths</i>
Scarlet Fever	2	0	0
Measles	6	0	0
Pneumonia	5	0	0
Erysipelas	2	0	0
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic) ...	2	2	1
Poliomyelitis (Non-paralytic)	1	1	0
Whooping Cough ...	9	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	0	0
	—	—	—
	28	3	1
	—	—	—

Analysis Under Age Groups according to Registrar Generals' Return 118d.

<i>Age Period</i>	<i>Scarlet Fever</i>	<i>Whooping Cough</i>	<i>Measles</i>	<i>Paralytic Poliomyelitis</i>	<i>Non-Paralytic Poliomyelitis</i>
Under 1 ...	0	0	0	0	0
1 - 2 ...	0	2	2	0	0
3 - 4 ...	0	3	2	0	0
5 - 9 ...	1	4	1	1	0
10 - 14 ...	0	0	0	0	1
15 - 24 ...	0	0	1	0	0
25 and over ...	1	0	0	1	0
	—	—	—	—	—
	2	9	6	2	1
	—	—	—	—	—

<i>Age Period</i>	<i>Pneumonia</i>	<i>Erysipelas</i>	<i>Ophthalmia Neonatorum</i>
Under 5	0	0	1
5 - 14	1	0	0
15 - 44	3	0	0
45 - 64	1	2	0
65 and over ...	0	0	0
Age unknown ...	0	0	0
	—	—	—
	5	2	1
	—	—	—

Immunisation against Diphtheria

Number of Children who were immunised during the period
1st January—31st December, 1950

<i>Age at</i> 31/12/50 <i>i.e. born in year</i>	<i>Under</i>	1	2	3	4	5
1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	
Primary Immunisation	-	31	7	4	2	-
Booster Dose	-	-	-	-	1	7
<i>Age at</i> 31/12/50 <i>i.e. born in year</i>	6	7	8	9	10	Total
1944	1943	1942	1941	1940		
Primary Immunisation	-	-	-	-	-	44
Booster Dose	6	-	-	1	-	15

Estimated mid-Year Child Population, 1950 :

0 - 4 years (inclusive) ... 555

5 - 14 years (inclusive) ... 916

Statement of Particulars appearing in the Tuberculosis Register for the year 1950

	<i>Pulmonary</i>			<i>Non-Pulmonary</i>			<i>Total</i>
	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Total</i>	
Number of cases on the Register at commencement of year	7	5	12	4	2	6	18
Number of cases notified during the year	3	2	5	0	0	0	5
Number of cases restored to the Register	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of cases added other than by formal notifi- cation	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Number of cases removed from Register during the year	0	1	1	2	0	2	3
Number of cases remaining on the Register at end of year	11	8	17	2	2	4	21

Causes of Removal

			<i>Pulmonary</i>		<i>Non-Pulmonary</i>	
			<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
Died ...	...	...	0	1	1	0
Cured ...	...	...	0	0	1	0
			—	—	—	—
			0	1	2	0
			—	—	—	—

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948.

Resume of Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the Year 1950, previously sent to the Director of Statistics, Ministry of Labour and National Service, Headquarters, Orphanage Road, Watford, Herts.

Part I of the Act

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors)

<i>Premises</i>	<i>M/c. Line No.</i>	<i>No. on Register</i>	<i>Inspections</i>	<i>Written notices</i>	<i>Occupier prosecuted</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Factories in which 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	45	12	4	Nil
	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	—	45	12	4	Nil
	—	—	—	—	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more Cases).

				<i>Number of cases in which defects were found</i>			
						<i>Ref. to H.M.</i>	<i>Ref. by H.M.</i>
<i>Particulars</i>				<i>Found</i>	<i>Remedied</i>	<i>Inspector</i>	<i>Inspector</i>
Want of Cleanliness ... ..	...	...	...	2	2	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)							
(a) Insufficient ... ..	...	...	...	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective				1	1	0	0
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ... ..	...	...	...	1	1	0	0
				—	—	—	—
				4	4	0	0
				—	—	—	—

Part VIII of the Act
Outwork (Sections 110 and 111)

<i>No. of Outworkers in August list required by Section 110.</i>	<i>No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.</i>	<i>No. of pros for failure to supply lists.</i>
Nil	Nil	Nil
<i>No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises</i>	<i>Notices Served</i>	<i>Prosecutions</i>
Nil	Nil	Nil



