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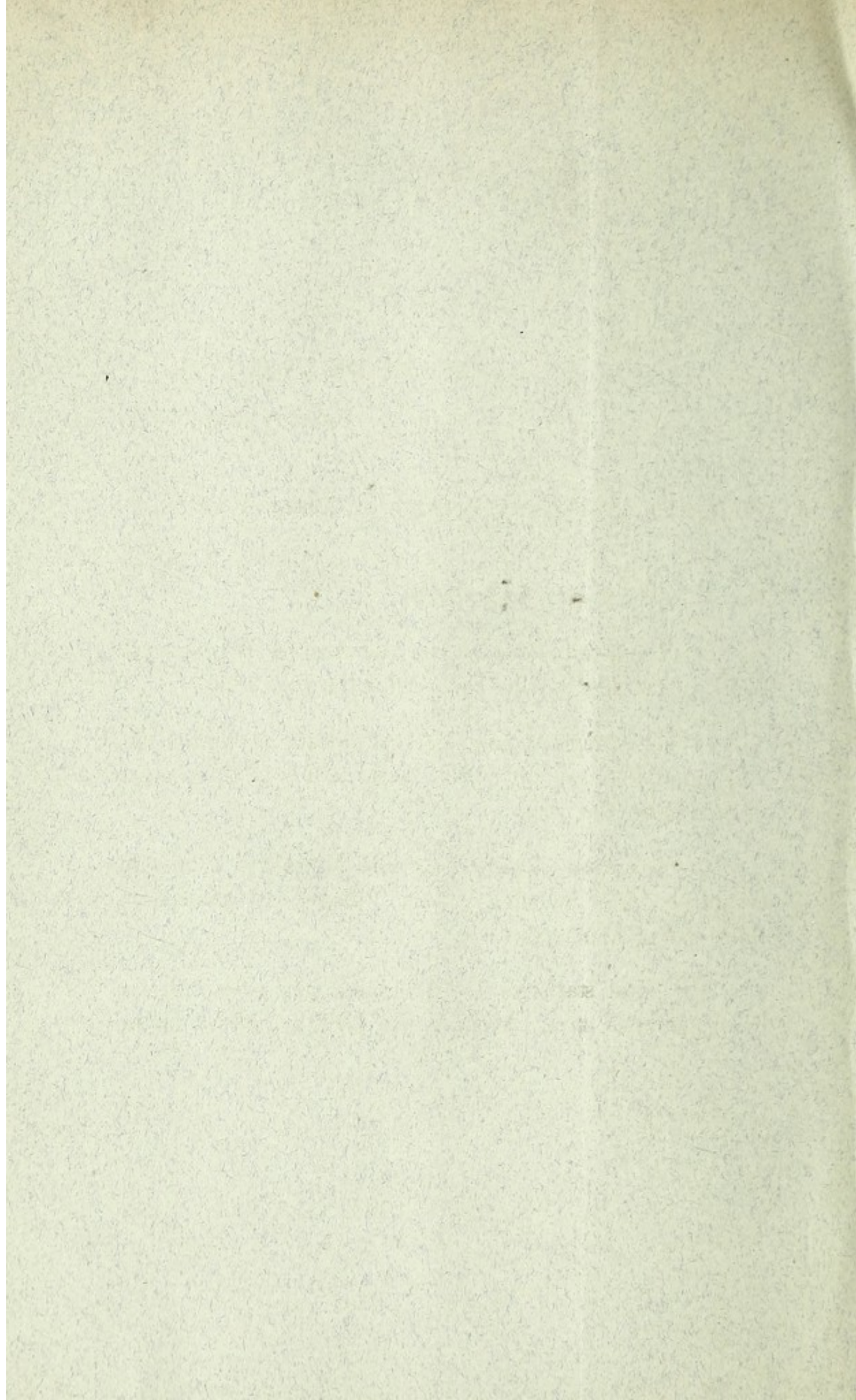
THE
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
OF
ASHBY WOULDLS.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1896.

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Medical Officer of Health.

*January 1897,
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.*



ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH,

January 25th, 1897.

TO THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ASHBY WOULD'S.


MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present to you the Annual Report upon Sanitary matters in your District for the year 1896.

Tables of deaths, new cases of infectious disease and vital statistics are appended, with tables of Inspector's work during the year.

In these tables I have dealt with Moira and Woodville separately, but included Albert Village and Occupation Lane under Woodville.

The vital statistics are calculated per 1,000 persons living, and the infant mortality per 1,000 registered births.



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Population The Population of the District estimated to the middle of 1896 is 3,508.

Births The number of births for the year is 136,—including 62 males and 74 females. This gives a birth-rate of 38·7 per 1,000 of the above population.

1894	-	-	-	46·5
1895	-	-	-	44·6
1896	-	-	-	38·7

Deaths The deaths at all ages and from all causes number 51, giving a death-rate of 14·8 per 1,000 of the population.

1894	-	-	-	18·5
1895	-	-	-	13·4
1896	-	-	-	14·8

Infantile Mortality The deaths under one year of age number 12, giving an infantile mortality rate of 88 per 1,000 registered births.

1894	-	-	-	179
1895	-	-	-	78
1896	-	-	-	88

The Deaths from Infectious Sickness including Measles and Whooping Cough, number 5, giving a Zymotic death-rate of 1·4.

1894	-	-	-	2·3
1895	-	-	-	0·8
1896	-	-	-	1·4

One death has been caused by Influenza, 1 under the age of 5 by Diarrhœa, 5 by Bronchitis Pneumonia and Pleurisy, 7 by Heart Disease, and 5 by Injuries.

Thirty-four cases of infectious disease have been notified.

1894	-	-	-	52
1895	-	-	-	32
1896	-	-	-	34

The various diseases have been prevalent to the following extent during the last 3 years—

	1894	1895	1896
Scarlet Fever	- 26 -	22 -	22
Diphtheria	- 3 -	1 -	2
Typhoid	- 17 -	6 -	7
Puerperal Fever	- 0 -	0 -	1
Erysipelas	- 9 -	3 -	2

In Woodville—

	1895	1896
Scarlet Fever	- 7 -	16
Diphtheria	- 1 -	1
Typhoid	- 1 -	1
Puerperal Fever	0 -	0
Erysipelas	- 1 -	1

In Moira—

Scarlet Fever	- 15 -	6
Diphtheria	- 0 -	1
Typhoid	- 5 -	6
Puerperal Fever	0 -	2
Erysipelas	- 2 -	2

Outbreak of Typhoid

There has again been a limited outbreak of Typhoid Fever in the district, and at Moira.— This was limited to one family in one house, and

involved 6 cases, 5 of which were at once removed to the Isolation Hospital. The house is a new one—the drains were found on careful examination to be in perfect order—the water from a well in the yard was analysed and reported quite pure. One of the family worked at a neighbouring Pipe Works. The water supply at the Works was examined by me and no cause whatever for suspicion discovered; moreover no other case has occurred amongst the hands at these Works. I am therefore unable to give any cause for this outbreak. None of the cases were fatal, though they were all typical of the disease and somewhat severe. No member of the family had been away from home so it cannot be considered to have been imported.

I am glad to be able to report no further cases in Newfields since the drainage was thoroughly re-laid at the end of last year, consequent upon repeated outbreaks during many years past as reported in my last Annual Report.

Isolation
Hospital

Five cases of Typhoid Fever have been treated in the Hospital during the year. No other case of Infectious Disease has been admitted.

Scarlet Fever has been present in Woodville during most of the year, but no serious outbreak has occurred, and there has been no need to close any school in the district for this or any other infectious disease.

I have systematically inspected the district during the year. In Woodville many minor defects have been remedied, but the drainage remains in the same very unsatisfactory condition and no

permanent scheme can be undertaken until the final settlement of the Boundaries Question. In Moira I have found very few defects even of a minor character—but a plan for the treatment of the sewage effluent from Stone Row and adjoining properties at present passing into the adjacent brook is necessary to prevent pollution of the brook.

**Sanitary
Work**

Three bakehouses and 3 slaughter-houses have been regularly inspected.

The Canal boats have been regularly inspected.

One sample of water has been sent for analysis and reported perfectly fit for domestic use,—namely, that from Daybell Cottage, Moira.

671 privies and 373 ashpits have been regularly cleansed and the refuse of 974 cottages regularly removed under your Authority. Disinfectants have been supplied to all infected houses, and all cases have been visited and precautionary advice given.

In conclusion I have to state that with the exception of the condition of the drainage in Woodville, the general sanitary condition of the district is decidedly satisfactory and has been so throughout the year. The most important suggestion I have to make to your Council for the ensuing year is the provision of better treatment of the sewage effluent from Stone Row, as above mentioned.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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