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*With Charles J. Renshaw  
Compliments*

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ASHTON-upon-MERSEY URBAN AUTHORITY.  
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Year - 1907.

Medical Officer of Health - Charles J. Renshaw, M.D.

Population Census 1901 - 5,563.

Estimated population middle 1907 - 6,200.

Area in acres - 1,622.

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Death rate from seven principal Zymotic diseases - .9

Deaths under one year per 1,000 births - 86 (12)

The health of the district for 1907 has been good.  
In a population of about 6,200 there have been from all causes

75 deaths, giving a death rate of 12 per 1,000 persons.

There have been only 12 deaths of children under twelve months of age, the chief cause seems to have been premature births, there having been four of such, debility being registered of three, the remaining five of diverse causes.

The birth rate is still low, being only a little better than last year, namely, 22.4 against 21.7, and our population being about two hundred more.

Year - 1907.

Medical Officer of Health - Charles J. Hennessy, M.D.

Population Census 1901 - 8,363.

Estimated population middle 1907 - 8,300.

Area in acres - 1,622.

Death rate per 1,000 living persons - 12.

Death rate from seven principal zymotic diseases - 9.

Deaths under one year per 1,000 births - 60 (12).

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German Measles ..	1
Scarlet fever ..	5
Whooping Cough ..	31
Measles .. ..	143

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Ashpit repairs	.. .. .	6
Houses re-drained	.. .. .	6
Stopped up drains attended to	..	4
Drains taken out of cellars	.. ..	5

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