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FEBRUARY, 1902.

GENTLEMEN.

I have the honor of placing before you the Report of the Abergavenny Rural Sanitary District for 1901.

The estimate of the population for this District has been, like most others in the country, considerably over-estimated. The population, according to the Census for 1901, is 8,637; excluding the Asylum the net population is 7,451. This correction will falsify, to some extent, the rates, including, of course, the death-rates. But, as you have necessarily always judged the rate by comparison with that of other places, you will not find anything to disappoint you, as in all, or nearly all, Districts over the country the population has been exaggerated in a greater degree than in our own.

The Area of the District in acres is 64,565.

The total number Births during the year was 206, net 204. The birth-rate (net) was 27.3. There were 105 male and 101 female births.

The total number of Deaths registered for the District at all ages was 198; the net deaths being 117, which is the lowest since the year 1898, the net death-rate being 15.7. The death-rate of infant mortality per thousand (net) was 53.9—the lowest for ten years.

The ages at which deaths occurred were:—Under one year, 11; one and under five years, 10; five and under fifteen, 3; fifteen and under twenty-five, 2; twenty-five and under sixty-five, 40; sixty-five and upwards, 45. There were 88 deaths in Public Institutions.

#### Zymotic Diseases.

Under this heading two deaths were due to scarlet fever, three to diphtheria, one to croup, one to puerpueral fever, three to enteritis, and four were attributed to influenza, one of these latter being under one year of age.

The zymotic death-rate was 1.3.

#### Diphtheria.

Eleven case of diphtheria were notified to me during the year, these were scattered over the District, and I have little doubt that the disease is spread, in many instances, by infection from mild cases in children that have escaped the notice of those in charge of them. Several cases were proved to have been imported from other districts. Three cases were fatal.

#### Croup.

One death occurred from croup.

#### Erysipelas.

Four cases were notified during the year.

#### Scarlet Fever.

There were eleven cases of scarlet fever reported to me during the year. Nine of these cases occurred in the Parish of Llanvihangel Crucorney - a continuance of the epidemic that occurred there in 1900. Although two of these cases were removed to the Sanatorium, after some trouble, I am sorry to say that we were unable to prevail with the parents of others to have them removed to that place, the more so, as two of the houses infected were public-houses. I consider it regretable that in such cases we have no power to enforce either the removal of the patient or the closing of the house. Two of these cases were fatal.

## Enteric or Typhoid Fever.

Three cases were notified to me during the year. Two of these cases occurred in Govilon. None were fatal.

## Puerperal Fever.

One case (fatal) occurred during the year.

#### Enteritis.

Three deaths are reported under this heading.

#### Influenza.

Four deaths were attributed to influenza.

#### Phthisis.

Five deaths were due to phthisis or other tubercular diseases.

#### Cancer.

There were six deaths from cancer.

#### Bronchitis and Pneumonia.

Bronchitis and pneumonia accounted for twenty deaths during the year.

#### Premature Birth.

There were two deaths under this heading.

#### Accidents.

There were two deaths from accidents.

#### Suicide.

There was one suicide during the year.

#### Schools.

The schools generally are in a fairly satisfactory condition, but the absence of a proper supply of water to several of them is, I consider, a very serious thing, and, I hope, will receive consideration from the Council. There have been slight epidemics of chicken-pox and whooping-cough, and children have been excluded from school when it was considered necessary.

#### Water.

Several parts of our District are still, as you are no doubt aware, without a proper supply of water. Some little progress has been made, notably in Govilon, but in other places the schemes have been allowed either to fall through or, at any rate, to remain in abeyance. I hope, gentlemen, to receive from you all the support you can give me in this most important matter.

I append the rainfall for the year in this District, again kindly supplied to me by Dr. Glendinning. It is 32.59, nearly one-fourth below that of last year, and some two inches below the average of the last ten years.

## RAINFALL IN 1901,

At Larchfield, Abergavenny, in the County of Monmouth.

Rain Gauge | Diameter of Funnel, 5 inches. Height | Above Ground, 1 foot. of Top | Above Sea Level, 240 feet.

M	Month.				Greatest fall	Number of days on which 0·1 or more fell	
January				Inches. 3.28	Depth.	Date. 18th	20
February				1.68	.80	26th	8
March	.,			3.97	1.56	29th	13
April				4.27	18 -71	11th	15
May				1.14	.56	30th	10
June				1.89	•47	20th	10
July				2.22	-84	24th	8
August				2.11	•46	14th	13
September		***	I C.	3.05	-66	7th	16
October		7 ber		2.17	-68	17th	13
November	0.			1.45	.58	11th	7
December				5.36	-91	23rd	19
To	tal			32.59			152

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ELMES Y. STEELE.

## Abergavenny Rural District.

# Vital Statistics of whole District during 1901 and previous Years.

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1892	9797	181	20.6	21	116.0	192	19.5	87	85	7 7 5 7 4 8 4	114	12.9
1893	9820	171	19.4	14	81.8	216	21.9	76	74	5	147	16.7
1894	9802	173	19.8	11	63.5	168	17.0	71	71	7	104	11.8
1895	10381	189	20.0	23	121.6	181	17.4	77	75	4	110	11.6
1896	10497	204	21.6	25	122.5	208	19.8	70	70	8	146	14.4
1897	10424	200	21.2	21	105	191	18.3	77	77	4	118	12.5
1898	10564	208	22.0	20	96.1	209	19.7	104	104	6	111	11.7
1899	10462	184	19.5	20	108.6	243	23.2	127	126	5	122	12.9
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<sup>\*</sup> Rates in Columns 4, 8 and 13 calculated per 1,000 of estimated population.

Total population at all ages, 8,637, at Census of 1901.

Area of District in acres (exclusive of area covered by water), 64,565.

## Table 1.—Vital Statistics, &c.—(Continued.)

Institution District and infirm outside	receiv	ring sick	Distri	utions	outside ceiving ersons istrict.	sick	Other Institutions, the deaths in which have been distributed among the several localities in the District.								
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TABLE II.

#### ABERGAVENNY RURAL DISTRICT.

Vital Statistics of Separate Localities in 1901 and previous Years.

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## Vital Statistics of Separate Localities in 1901 of

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TABLE III.

#### ABERGAVENNY RURAL DISTRICT.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1901.

			Cases		ed in W			t.	Total Cases Notified in each Locality.						No. of Cases Removed to Hospital from each Locality.							
Notifiable Disease.		At all ages	Under 1	1 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 55	65 and up- wards	Llandeilo R. Sub-District	Llanvihangel Crucorney & Sub-District	Llanvetherine Sub-District ω	Llanarth Sub-District	FLlanfoist or Sub-District	Grosmont &	Monmouth- shire	Llandeilo R Sub-District	Llanvihangel Crucorney & Sub-District	Llanvetherine Sub-District	Llanarth Sub-District	Llanfoist Sub-District	Grosmont Sub-District	Monmouth- shire
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Isolation Hospital-Sanatorium, Llanfoist Parish.

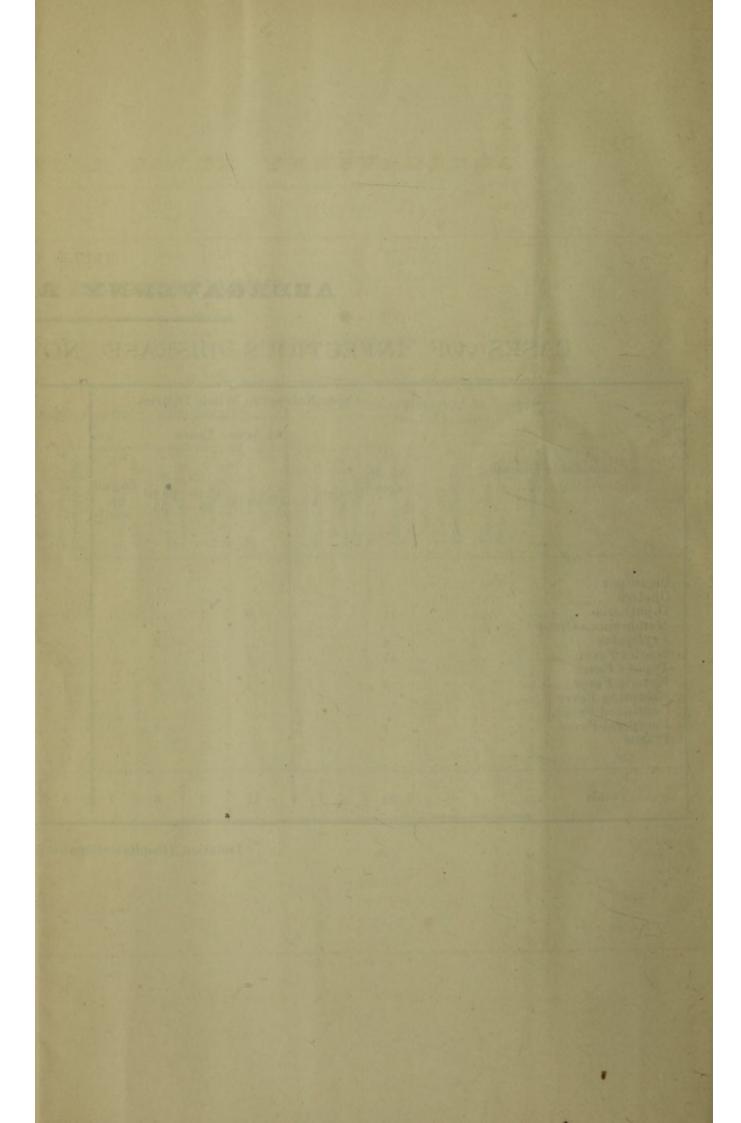


TABLE IV.

#### ABERGAVENNY RURAL DISTRICT.

CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATH DURING YEAR 1901.

	Des	aths in	or belo	onging ojoined	to who	le Dist	rict	Dea	Total Deaths					
Causes of Death.	All Ages	Under 1 year				25 and under 65		ile	Elanvihangel ECrucorney Sub-District	Llanvetherine Sub-District	Llanarth Sub-District	Llanfoist Sub-District	Grosmont Sub-District	Public Institu- tions in the District.
Small: Pox Measles Scarlet Fever Whooping: Cough Diphtheria and Membranous Croup. Croup  Typhus Fever - Enteric (Other continued Epidemic Influenza Cholera Plague Diarrhœa Enteritis Pnerperal Fever Erysipelas Other Septic Diseases Phthisis Other Tubercular Diseases Cancer, Malignant Diseases Bronchitis Pneumonia Pleurisy Other Diseases of Respiratory Organs Alcholism, Girrhosis of Liver Venereal Diseases Premature Birth Diseases dents of Parturition Heart Diseases	3 1  4 1 6 7 14  3	1	2	3								1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		1
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