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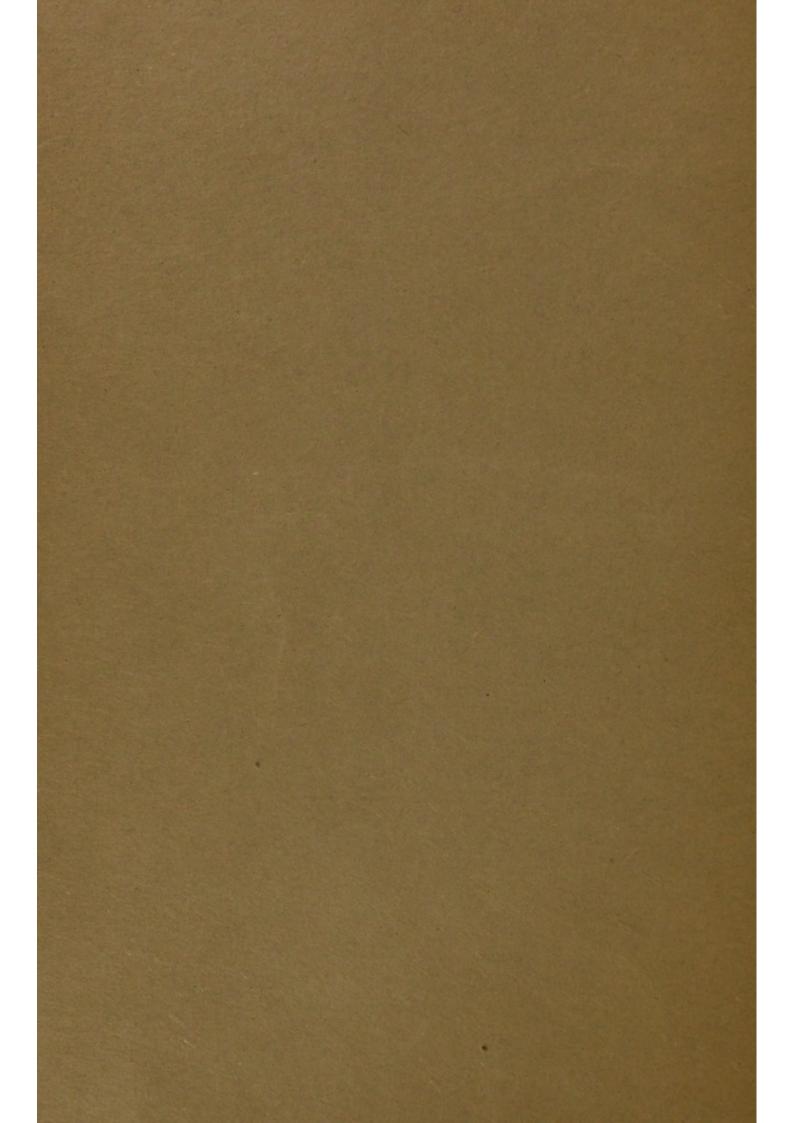
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W. F. W. BETENSON, M.B., D.P.H. County Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the Breconshire GUINO GUA YTURBITA County Council.

I have the honour to submit to you my Seventh Annual Report on the Vital Statistics and Sanitary Conditions of Breconshire for the year 1938.

The Report is drawn up in accordance with the requirements of Circular 1728 (Wales) of the Ministry of Health, dated 25th October, 1938.

The Death Rate for the year was 12.89 compared with 11.6 for England and Wales and 13.30 for the County in 1937.

The Birth Rate for Live Births was 13.96 compared with 15.1 for England and Wales and the Birth Rate for Still Births was 0.92 compared with 0.60 for England and Wales; the corresponding Birth Rates for the County in 1937 being Live Births 13.71 and Still Births 1.02.

The Infantile Mortality Rate for the year was 62.07 compared with 53 for England and Wales and 51.77 for the County in 1937.

The number of deaths of Mothers during childbirth was 7, giving a rate per 1,000 total births of 8.86 compared with 4 deaths and a rate of 5.06 in 1937 and 5 deaths and a rate of 6.24 in 1936. The rate for England and Wales for 1938 being 2.97.

This is the highest rate for the County since 1921 and is the subject of a special note under the Maternity section.

During the year your Assistant Medical Officer, Dr. Hilda R. Hay, resigned and her place was taken by Dr. Doris S. Williams, who commenced duties on 6th February, 1939.

Again I have to express my thanks to the Chairman and Health Committee for the interest taken in the work of the Department and to the General Practitioners throughout the County for the way in which they have co-operated in their sphere of the work.

I have the honour to be, ordens

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Genflemen,

W. F. W. BETENSON,

County Medical Officer of Health.

County Health Offices, Watton, Brecon. 8th December, 1939.

Telephone-Office: Brecon 214.

Home: Brecon 167.

MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH, MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE, AND TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEE.

To the Chairman and Members of the Breconshire

County Councillor E. F. Cockeroft (Chairman). Col. Sir John Lloyd. C. W. Best. W. J. Bevan. James Pritchard. T. Rowley Jones. J. G. Eadie. A. Beckwith. Professor Joseph Jones. Penry J. Murray. Morgan Morgan. 32 John Parry. Joseph Price. Morgan Thomas. Idris Davies. H. H. Williams. L. I. Moses. D. I. Williams. SOME OF PERSONS John Jones. N 101 15 17 17 D. J. Matthews. Thomas Rees. The Rev. H. J. Evans. W. Valentine Jones. County Alderman Principal Thomas Lewis, E. Ll. Jones. ables (C), all (),

Co-opted Members:

County Councillor Mrs. A. Sparrow,

Mrs. E. Beckwith.

Mrs. C. M. Gardner.

Mrs. L. Pugh.

Dr. J. S. Townley.

Dr. F. J. Jayne.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

The Staff of the Public Health Department consists of the following whole-time officers:—

County Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer:

Dr. W. F. W. Betenson, M.B., D.P.H.

Assistant Medical Officer:

Dr. Hilda Russell Hay, M.B., CH.B. (Edin.), D.P.H. (resigned).

Dr. Doris S. Williams, M.B., CH.B. (Edin.), D.P.H. (commenced 6/2/1939).

County Dental Surgeon: Mr. Reginald G. Downes, L.D.s.

Assistant Dental Surgeon: Mr. George A. Elliott, L.D.S. (commenced 1/5/1939).

Dental Attendant: Miss Anthony.

Miss Doris A. Gardner (commenced

10/7/1939).

Orthopædic Sister: Miss Ivy B. Leefe.

Superintendent Nurse and Inspector of Midwives:

Miss Nancy R. Daniels (commenced duties on 1st June, 1938).

Health Visitors and School Nurses:

Nurse H. K. King, S.R.N. and C.M.B. Certificate. Nurse Gladys Rees, S.R.N. and C.M.B. Certificate. Nurse M. J. Downing, S.R.N. and C.M.B. Certificate.

Nurse L. T. Bowen, C.M.B. Certificate.

Clerical Staff:

Mr. Rees Williams.
Mr. Richard Iestyn Jones.
Mr. John Norman Hubbard.
Mr. Carry H. Frances

Mr. Ralph E. Page. Mr. Gerwyn H. Evans.

Chief Inspector under the Food and Drugs and Weights and Measures Acts:

Mr. Gerald E. Bastin.

Part-time Officers:

VETERINARY SURGEON-

Mr. A. J. Cattell, Bishop House, Brecon (Retired 1938); now Mr. John Reid, Boughrood House, Brecon. Telephone: Brecon 254.

ORTHOPÆDIC SURGEON-

Mr. A. O. Parker, 80, Cathedral Rd., Cardiff. Telephone: Cardiff 472 (House); Hospital, Cardiff 611.

OPHTHALMIC SURGEONS-

Mr. R. J. Parry, 28, Newport Rd., Cardiff. Telephone: Cardiff 7224.

Mr. Frank G. Thomas, Maes-yr-haf, Sketty Rd., Swansea. Telephone: Swansea 2229.

PATHOLOGIST-

Dr. A. F. Sladden, General and Eye Hospital, Swansea. Telephone: Swansea 2001.

Obstetric Surgeons—

Dr. J. Lloyd Davies, Granville, St. James' Crescent, Swansea. Telephone: Swansea 3874.

Mr. R. G. Maliphant, 49, Cathedral Rd., Cardiff. Telephone: Cardiff 7473.

Twenty-one part-time Health Visitors and School Nurses are employed (see under the heading "Professional Nursing in the Home", pages 8 and 9.

MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH IN THE COUNTY.

Brecon Urban: Dr. T. L. Davies, Ruperra House, Brecon.

Brynmawr Urban: Dr. S. N. Chopra, Hebron, Brynmawr. Builth Wells Urban: Dr. G. P. Driver, Tyn-y-Berllan, Builth

Wells.

Hay Urban: Dr. W. W. Wilson, 13, Broad St. Hay.

Llanwrtyd Wells Urban: Dr. C. Martin, Abernant Lake Hotel, Llanwrtyd Wells.

Brecon Rural (Defynock

and Llangorse): Dr. D. Leonard Lees, Lion St., Brecon.

Brecon Rural (Merthyr

Cynog): Dr. T. L. Davies, Ruperra House, Brecon.

Builth Rural: Dr. G. P. Driver, Tyn-y-Berllan, Builth Wells.

Crickhowell Rural: Dr. J. S. Townley, Brynrhos, Crick-

howell.

Hay Rural: Dr. F. J. Jayne, Glanenig, Talgarth.

Vaynor and Penderyn

Rural: Dr. W. Jones, The Hollies, Merthyr

Tydfil.

Ystradgynlais Rural: Dr. H. R. Stubbins, Tyrwaun Surgery, Ystalyfera.

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SANITARY INSPECTORS IN THE COUNTY.

Brecon Urban: Mr. H. L. Griffiths, High St., Brecon.
Brynmawr Urban: Mr. J. J. Quirk, Greenland Rd., Brynmawr.

Builth Wells Urban: Mr. Douglas D. Lloyd, Builth Wells.

Hav Urban: Mr. Wm. D. Morgan, Hay.

Llanwrtyd Wells Urban: Mr. Rhys Williams, Irvon Crescent, Llanwrtyd.

Brecon Rural: Mr. W. L. Pritchard, County Hall, Brecon.

Builth Rural: Mr. John Evans, Tynllan, Llanwrthwl.
Crickhowell Rural: Mr. E. R. Morgan, Pentwyn, Gilwern.

Mr. Garfield G. Evans, Tower House, Talgarth.

Vaynor and Penderyn Rural:

Hav Rural:

Mr. W. G. Bond, "Inglenook," Cefn Coed.

Ystradgynlais: Mr. Griffith J. Rees, C.R.S.I., M.R.S.I., M.I.S.A. (Lond.) by examination, Ddowled, Station Rd., Ystradgynlais.

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE COUNTY.

Population.—The population for the year 1938 estimated by the Registrar General to the middle of the year is—53,060.

The Population Census (1931)—57,775.

Physical Features and General Character of the County.— The area of the Administrative County of Brecknock is 469,281 statute acres (including inland water) and is the fourth largest administrative County in Wales. There are 5 Urban and 6 Rural Districts. The Chief Industries are Agriculture in the Northern part of the County and Coal Mining in the Southern Section, with some Stone Quarrying.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres)	 46	39,2	81
Population (1931) Census	 1	57,7	75
Rateable Value (1st April, 1939)	 £26	3,4	64
Sum represented by a penny ra			
(estimated 1939-1940)	 £1,042	0	0

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

Live Births }	Legitimate Illegitimate	 Total. 698 43	Male. 383 20	Female. 315 23 Rate_13.96
Still Births	Legitimate Illegitimate	 45 4	23	22 2 Rate—0.92
Deaths		 684	356	328 Rate_12:80

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth—
from Sepsis 1
from other causes ... 6

This gives a Maternal Mortality rate of 8.86 per 1,000 births. Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age—

Legitimate, 42; Illegitimate, 4. Total, 46. Rate per 1,000 births, 62.07.

Deaths from-

Measles (all ages) Nil Whooping Cough (all ages) ... 7 Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age) 1

Births.—The number of births registered in the County during 1938 was:—Live Births 741, Still Births 49, as against 734 and 55 in 1937. This gives a Live Birth Rate of 13.96, and a Still Birth Rate of 0.92, as compared with 13.71 and 1.02 in 1937. Further particulars of births will be found in Tables 1 and 1c, appended.

Deaths.—The number of deaths during 1938 was 684, giving a rate of 12.89, as compared with 13.30 for 1937. Further particulars of deaths will be found in Tables 1, 1a, 1b, and 1c, appended.

Transferable Deaths.—During the year, 122 inward Transfers and 97 Outward Transfers were recorded.

Maternal Mortality.—The number of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth during 1938 was 7. This gives a rate per 1,000 births of 8.86 compared with 2.97 for England and Wales, 5.06 for the County for 1937, 6.24 for the County in 1936, and 6.08 in 1935.

Infantile Mortality.—The Infantile Mortality rate per 1,000 nett births for the County during 1938 was 62.07, and in 1937 it was 51.77. The total number of deaths under 1 year for 1938 was 46, and for 1937 it was 38. Of these deaths, 42 were legitimate infants and 4 illegitimate infants, giving a rate of 60.17 per 1,000 legitimate births and 93.02 per 1,000 illegitimate births. Further particulars of Infantile Mortality will be found in Tables 1 and 1c appended.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Table II appended gives the number of these diseases notified during 1938.

Smallpox.—No cases of Smallpox occurred in the County during the year and only 15 cases were notified as follows:—

England 15 Wales Nil

School Closures.—During the year it was found necessary to close 49 departments on account of Infectious Diseases.

CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

There were no outstanding causes of sickness.

SUMMARY (FOR REFERENCE) OF NURSING ARRANGE-MENTS, HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT.

Professional Nursing in the Home.

(a) General Nursing is carried out in the different parts of the County by Local District Nursing Associations. In addition to General Nursing, the nurses employed by these associations, perform the duties of midwife and part-time school nurse and health visitor. For their work as part-time school nurses and health visitors the County Council pay grants ranging from £30 per annum to £50 per annum, and in the districts of Crickhowell and Llanelly where two nurses were employed, the sum of £100.

The names of the Associations carrying out part-time work for the County Council and the financial arrangements made are as follows:—

		9	Annual Grant
	Name of	Part-time	paid by County Council
	Association.		
1	Abercrave	Health Visiting only	
2	Beulah (Llwynmadoc)	Health Visiting and	
100		School Nursing	£50
3	Brecon (Llanfaes, etc.)	do.	£50
4	Builth Wells	do.	£50
5	Cefn Coed	do	£50
6	Crickhowell	do.	£100
7	Cwmtwrch	do.	£30
8	Defynock	do.	£50
9	Erwood and Llyswen	do	£50
10	Hay and Cusop	do.	£50
11	Llanelly (Clydach & Darenfelen)	do.	£100
12	Llangorse	do.	£50
13	Llanigon and Glasbury	do.	£50
14	Llanwrtyd Wells	do.	£50
15	Llanwrthwl	do.	£40
16	Newbridge-on-Wye	40	£30
17	Talybont and Llanfrynach	do.	£50
18	Talgarth	do.	£50
19	Ystradgynlais	Health Visiting only	£50
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(b) For Infectious Diseases.—Generally speaking the above arrangements suffice for the nursing of infectious cases in the separate districts. Arrangements have been made for the admission of Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia cases to the Tydfil Lodge Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, at £3 3s. per week. Serum for Puerperal Fever is supplied to Medical Practitioners.

MATERNITY SERVICES.

1.-Miwives Act, 1936-

In the Report for 1937 a complete outline of the various Schemes considered and the Final Scheme adopted was given in detail.

The Scheme came into operation on 1st April, 1938, and a detailed statement follows showing the arrangements made with the various District Nursing Associations to cover the County for Midwifery purposes and also the areas covered by whole-time midwives together with particulars of the arrangements made with the County Nursing Association for Relief Midwives, including financial arrangements.

At the end of 1938 the whole of the County was covered with the one exception of the Gilwern Area which the Llanelly District Nursing Association had agreed to cover but had not done so. At the time of writing this report, however, a Nurse has been

appointed to cover the area.

The Act has worked smoothly throughout the County, and the only point worthy of mention is that it has been found necessary on one or two occasions to transfer the whole-time midwife at Brecon to another area for relief work, but this has only been done when it has not interfered with her routine work.

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Statement re Midwives Act, 1936—Arrangements made with District Nursing Associations, Etc.

A.—ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATIONS.

Other Remarks.	Existing Nurse.	Existing Nurse.	Area).	Existing Nurses (2).	Existing Nurse.	Existing Nurse (Non (Area).	Existing Nurse.	Existing Nurse.	Existing Nurse.	
Annual To Cover Parishes of: Grant.	Llanafanfawr, Llanlleonfel, Llanafanfechan, and parts of the parishes of Llanfihangel-Abergwesyn, Treflis, and Gwarafog	Builth, Rhosferig, Llanganten, Llanynis, Maesmynis, Llangano, Llanddewi'r Cwm, and Alltmawr	Vaynor and portions of Torpantau in the Parish of Llan- figan, and Dolygaer, and Pontsticill in the Parish of Llandetty, and the southern portion of the Parishes of Cantref and Llanfrynach	Crickhowell, Llanfihangel Cwmdu, Llangynidr, Llangattock, Llangenny, Llanbedr-Ystradwy, Partrishow, and the southern portion of the Parish of Llanelieu	Llyswen, Crickadarn, Gwenddwr, and Gwenddwr detached, and the northern portion of the Parish of Llandefalle. £80	Parishes of Hay Urban and Hay Rural £50	Llangorse, Llanfihangel Talyllyn, Llan-y-wern, Llanham-	Llar	shire County Nursing Association. (See Border Association ations Glynfach No. 20).	Llanwrtyd, Llanwrtyd without, Llanddewir Abergwessin, Llandulas, and Penbuallt, and parts of the Parishes of Llanfihangel Abergwessyn, Treflis, and Gwarafog £80
	Association. 1. Beulah.	2. Builth.	Cefn Coed.	4. Crickhowell.	5. Erwood and Llyswen.	. Hay and Cusop.	Llangorse.	8. Llanigon and Glasbury.		. Llanwrtyd.
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Other Remarks.	Existing Nurse.	Existing Nurse.	Existing Nurse.	Existing Nurse.	2 Nurses. (One additional Nurse has been appointed to cover the Colbren Area).	2 Nurses. (One additional Nurse has been appointed).	2 Nurses. (One additional Nurse has been appointed).	2 Existing Nurses. (One additional Nurse is to be appointed to cover Gilwern Area. The 3rd Nurse has not yet been appointed).
Annual Grant.	€80	€80	083	£80	£250	£250	he £250	nd £100
To Cover Parishes of:-	Llanfrynach, Llanfeigan, and Llandetty, excepting the portions of Torpantau in the Parish of Llanfeigan and Dolygaer, and Ponsticill in the Parish of Llandetty	Talgarth, Bronllys and Llanfillo, together with the southern portion of the Parish of Llandefalle, and the northern portion of the Parish of Llanelieu.	Brecon St. John's, St. Mary's, and St. David's (Within and Without), Aberyscir, Battle, Vennyfach, Llanspyddid, Glyn, Modrydd, and Cantref, and the Village of Aberbran in the Parish of Trallong.	Maescar, Ysclydach, Llanfihangel Nant-Bran, Llandilo'r-fan, Traianmawr, Traianglas, Cray, Senny, Penpont, and the Parish of Trallong with the exception of the Village of Aberbran.	ish of Glyntawe, together stradgynlais Lower Area.	The Urban District of Brynmawr.	is Lower with the exception of t	Parish of Llanelly, including Gilwern, Clydach and Darenfelen.
Association.	Talybont & Llanfrynach.	Talgarth.	Brecon.	13. Defynock.	14. Abercrave.	Brynmawr.	16. Ystradgynlais.	Lianelly.
Ass	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.

Other Remarks.	Existing Nurse. Existing Nurse. Retaining Fee, plus Nurse's travelling expenses or mileage of 2½d. per mile car allow-	Only one Relief Nurse at present employed—if 2nd Nurse is appointed, grant will be increased accordingly.	At a salary of £150 per
Annual To Cover Parishes of:— Grant.	Llysdinam, and Llanfihangel Bryn Pabuan. £20 £20 Farish of Glynfach, together with the tongue of mountain land in the Parish of Tregoyd and Velindre, which juts into the Parish of Glynfach.	ASSOCIATION. To provide Relief Nurses.	C ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHOLE TIME MIDWIVES. 1. A Whole Time Midwife has been appointed to cover the Parishes of:—
Association.	BORDER ASSOCIATIONS. 18. Nantmel & Llanwrthwl. 19. Newbridge-on-Wye. 20. Glynfach.	B.—COUNTY NURSING ASSOCIATION. To provide	C ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHOLE TIME MIDV 1 A Whole Time Midwife has been appointed to

anuum, rising by £10 per annum to £160, plus £10 per annum Uniform allowance.

Merthyr Cynog, Llanfihangel Fechan, Llandefaelog Fach, Garthbrengy, Talachddu and Llanddew.

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Ystradfellte, and Penderyn, and the tongue of mountain land in the Parish of Cantref which juts in between the northern portion of the Parishes of Ystradfellte

and Penderyn.

A Whole Time Midwife has been appointed to cover the Parishes of :-

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2.—Supervision of Midwives—

During 1938, 68 midwives notified their intention to practice in the County, 13 to cease practice, and 3 to leave the County. They are classified as follows:—

> Resident in the County.

Resident outside the County who take cases within the County.

Trained, 46. Bona fide, 1.

Trained, 21. Bona fide, Nil.

The total number of midwives domiciled in the County was 47, of whom 8 were institutional and not subjected to inspection by the Authority. Of the remainder, 12 were in independent practice, 24 were attached to District Nursing Associations, 2 County Council whole-time midwives, and 1 County relief nursemidwife. Of the above 47, 2 were engaged for holiday relief work only.

The following notifications of birth were received from midwives during the year:-

Live Births.

Still Births.

Trained, 639. Bona fide, 1. Trained, 39. Bona fide, Nil.

Live Births, 640. Still births, 39. Total—679.

A further analysis of notified births is given to show that the Still Birth Rate for the County is still high:-

Summary of births notified by:-

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Live	S.B.	Live	S.B.	Live	S.B.	Live	S.B.	Live	S.B.	Live	S.B.
4	1	348	19	251	19	37	-	29	2	669	41

S.B. = Still Births.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

MIDWIFERY SERVICE.

Having been appointed Supervisor of Midwives, commencing duties 1st June, 1939, this is my first opportunity of reporting on the Midwifery Service within the County.

In accordance with the requirements of the Midwives Act, 1936, your Council decided upon a scheme whereby Midwifery within your County was delegated to District Nursing Associations, where such Associations existed, and in addition, to appoint two whole-time Midwives in areas not already covered by Nursing Associations. This scheme is now being developed and there are only two areas in the County, Merthyr Cynog and Penderyn, that have no local Nursing Associations, and in these parts your Council has appointed two Midwives to carry out the work, one Midwife commencing duties on 1/11/38 in Merthyr Cynog, the other Midwife in Penderyn 1/12/38.

It will therefore be seen that when the new appointment at Gilwern is made the whole of the County is now covered for Midwifery Service. The Scheme so far is working in a satisfactory manner, and there appears to be no complaints. (See page 9 for further notes).

Supervision of Midwives-

During 1938, 49 Midwives notified their intention to practice within the County.

- 3 Midwives notified their intention to practice, but left during the year.
- 21 Border Midwives notified their intention to practice within the County.
- 13 Border Midwives notified their intention to cease practice during 1938, and one Midwife surrendered her certificate, and compensation was paid accordingly.

Midwives Employed under the Scheme-

25 District Nurse Midwives and two whole-time Midwives whose duties are confined to Midwifery only.

Age of Midwives-

Over 60 years		a une	11 4.		1
50-60 years					4
40-50 years	SN DEL	THEST	211220	10000	11
30-40 years					8
25-30 years					3

Qualifications-

- 16 District Nurse Midwives are fully trained Nurses.
 - 9 District Nurse Midwives with C.M.B. Certificate only.

Independent Midwives-

1 Fully trained Nurse. 8 with C.M.B. Certificate only.

Experience-

- 16 Midwives have a wide experience of Midwifery.
- 15 Midwives with moderate experience.
- 9 Midwives have recently obtained their C.M.B. Certificate.
- 9 Midwives are due for a Refresher Course, which is necessary under the new Midwives Act.

Routine visits of Inspection were paid, and special visits made as occasion arose, out of the various forms of notifications received at the Office under the C.M.B. rules. These visits afforded me an opportunity of discussing with the Midwives the details of the many aspects of their practice and they were encouraged to discuss matters arising out of their work, and not to look upon the Supervisor as a person appointed to criticise unduly their work, but rather to assist and co-operate.

Total visits paid were—46 to District Nurse Midwives.

22 to Independent Midwives.

2 to County Council Midwives.

2 to Border Midwives.

Homes, Uniform and Equipment-

The homes of all Midwives except two were satisfactory, but the sanitary arrangements in many of the homes are poor, especially when it is understood that it is essential for Midwives to be able to disinfect themselves, their clothing and equipment.

Uniform has been improved generally and several recommendations were made to add or improve equipment, and these are being carried out.

All the Midwives have a working knowledge of the many forms connected with their work.

During my seven months in the County I have been much concerned with the amount of mileage the many Midwives have to travel to cover their work, and although the work as a whole is satisfactory, one would like to see an improvement, particularly in Ante Natal work, the importance of which cannot be overestimated.

Unfortunately the refresher courses, which are being arranged by the Central Midwives Board, are to be carried out in Hospitals.

It would be an improvement if the Central Midwives Board were to prepare a scheme where such refresher courses could be undertaken from District Training Homes, as was formerly done by the Queen's Institute. Such a scheme would improve the general technique of District Nursing—in this respect there is room for improvement within the County.

N. R. DANIELS.

Superintendent Nurse and Inspector of Midwives.

Not fications received from Midwives during 1937 under Section E. 33 of Central Midwives Board Rules—

- (a) 323 Forms of sending for Medical Aid were received:
 Mother—275; Child—48.
- (b) 7 Forms of Notification of Death.
- (c) 20 Forms of Notification of Still Birth.
- (d) 2 Forms of Notification of having laid out a dead body.
- (e) 6 Forms of liability to be a source of infection.
- (f) 27 Forms of Notification of Artificial Feeding.

An analysis of the causes given for summoning medical aid is given below:—

FOR THE MOTHER:

OIL THE THE THE				
Toxamia of pregnar	ncy			 22
Abortions, actual or	r threa	tened		 13
Contracted pelvis				 -
Hæmorrhage, ante	and po	st partum		 17
Prolonged or obstru			********	 100
Prolapse of cord			***	 1
Malpresentation or		sition		 20
Retained or adheren	nt place	enta or mei	mbrances	 6
Ruptured perineun				 58
Unsatisfactory con-		of mother		 25
Inflamed breast				 1
High temperature				 9
Vaginal discharge				 1
White leg				 1
Phlebitis				 1

FOR THE CHILD:

Premature birth			 	-
Still birth			 	-
Premature or feeb	leness	of child	 	19
Deformity or abno	rmalit	y of child	 	6
Eye affections of	child		 	8
Other conditions			 	14
Puerpura neonator	um hæ	emorrhage	 	1

Breaches of Central Midwives Board Rules.—No breaches of the rules occurred in the year.

3. Complicated Maternity Cases.—No Maternity Wards are yet provided or subsidised by the County Council. There is a maternity ward in the County War Memorial Hospital at Brecon, and one in the Crickhowell War Memorial Hospital, and Builth Cottage Hospital. A Scheme is in operation for the admission of Complicated Maternity Cases to hospital, and the following arrangements have been agreed upon:—

Cases to be admitted to the-

Brecon County War Memorial Hospital	at an incli	isive fee of	per £3		
Builth Cottage Hospital	do.	do.	£3		0
Crickhowell War Memorial Hospital	do.	do.	£3	3	0
Nantyglo and Blaina Hospital	do.	do.	£3	3	0
Cardiff Royal Infirmary	do.	do.	£3	14	8
Penrhiwtyn Infirmary (Neath)	do.	do.	£3	3	0
Rheanfa Nursing Home (Swansea)	do.	do.	£6	0	0
Tydfil Union, Merthyr Tydfil	do.	do.	£3	3	0

The above institutions, with the exception of the three latter, are Voluntary Institutions.

During 1938 the following cases were dealt with under the Scheme:—

Brecon—12. Builth—12. Penrhiwtyn—14. Tydfil Union—2. Cardiff Infirmary—5. Nantyglo & Blaina—4. Crickhowell—5.

No arrangements are made for the admission to hospital of normal maternity cases.

4. Obstetric Surgeons.—The services of Consultant Obstetric Surgeons are now available, as follows:—

Dr. J. Lloyd Davies, Granville, St. James' Crescent, Swansea (Telephone: Swansea 3874), for the Areas of Builth and Llanwrtyd Wells Urban, and Brecon (Defynock), Builth, and Ystradgynlais Rural.

Dr. R. G. Maliphant, 49, Cathedral Road, Cardiff (Telephone: Cardiff 7473), for the Areas of Brecon, Brynmawr and Hay Urban, and the Rural Districts of Brecon (Llangorse and Merthyr Cynog), Crickhowell, Hay, Vaynor, and Penderyn.

During the year 12 cases were examined as compared with 7 in 1937 and 2 in 1936.

5. Maternal Mortality Investigations.—All cases are investigated by the County Medical Officer or his assistant and a report sent to the Ministry of Health. Cases of Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia are also reported on by the Health Visitors.

Usually Breconshire has to record the deaths of about 4 women every year from causes connected with child birth. Even this number of 4 is about twice as many as we ought to have to be equal to the number in England and Wales taken as a whole.

For this year I have to record the loss of 7 women, which makes the highest total since 1921 when the maternal mortality rate came to 11.33 from 16 deaths.

As we know, statistics worked on small numbers are apt to convey an extremely wrong impression and in Breconshire in consequence the death of one extra woman sends up the mortality rate to an alarming extent. A typical example of this fallacious result has occurred this year in the Infant Mortality Rate of Llanwrtyd Wells Urban District. There were only 3 births, but 1 died and as a result the Infant Mortality Rate for this Urban District comes out at 333.3 compared to 62.07 for the County as a whole and 53 for England and Wales.

One matter of the greatest importance is to be quite clear to what extent any blame for these deaths can lie at the door of the local authority. Considering the intensely rural nature of the County it is not to be expected that facilities can be good. Anything can happen on a farm situated miles from anywhere, and with the best will in the world it really does seem too much for the woman who lives at one of these places to be able to report at an ante natal clinic, visits from the midwife are bound to be somewhat less frequent and attendance of the Doctor often very difficult to obtain. But with all these admitted difficulties and excuses, in the woman's interest I am bound to admit that as often as not we do not receive the help from the patient which

ordinary common sense and modern education ought to entitle us to have. This must not be taken to imply that all our deaths occur on farms, far from it, and I greatly fear that the reason must be to a large extent put down to the desire for secrecy and the fatalistic outlook of the Welsh people about which comment has so often been made in other directions of Public Health.

It is obvious that those concerned in maternal mortality are the patient herself, the Local Authority, the general practitioner and the hospital authorities, and four convenient headings under which death might have been prevented are stated on the official enquiry form for maternal deaths to be by better ante-natal supervision, better obstetric facilities at delivery, specialist treatment in hospital and intelligent co-operation of the patient. these four categories the first is entirely a matter between the patient and the local authority; it requires the good will of the woman, and it is essential that the authority shall have kept abreast of modern public health standards. Better obstetric facilities at delivery and specialist treatment in hospital must be largely outside the province of the local authority, and responsibility passes to the general practitioner and the hospital, provided that the local authority has given the practitioner facilities for obtaining specialist advice when required. At this point one of the flaws in the scheme becomes evident, and it is all the more evident in a rural county served in the main by small cottage hospitals. In Breconshire three of the hospitals are of this type, the medical staff are general practitioners who are not expected to have more than an ordinary normal knowledge of obstetrics, and it takes hours to obtain the specialist's attendance. To put the matter in a nutshell, Wales is short of obstetric specialists who can serve the interior of the country at a moment's notice. As a result, when the case arrives at hospital the practitioner on duty more often than not has to do his best in a desperate emergency. The larger type of hospital has a resident medical officer serving as a jack of all trades in the medical line, whose duty it is to do his best for the patient immediately on arrival, and indeed that is what he is there for and not to wring his hands helplessly while panicking at the telephone for the specialist to come and do something. Breconshire lies too far from the largest base hospitals where expert assistance for any case can be immediately forthcoming and as a result we have to do the best we can in the ways already mentioned, but it must be borne in mind that many cases sent to hospital never have an obstetric specialist's advice and treatment at all even though the local authority has made provision for this to be given. With regard to the fourth category, namely, the intelligent co-operation of the patient, reference has already been made to some extent, though I am inclined to think that this voluntary business of being able to please yourself against the advice of those who know better is

often fraught with real peril to the nation's welfare. If removal to hospital in cases dangerously ill could be insisted upon everybody concerned would be happier and the patient saved the worrying task of having to make up her mind against conflicting opinions expressed by the doctor and midwife on the one hand and friends and relatives on the other.

Breconshire has been credited this year with 7 maternal deaths by the Registrar General, and therefore we must accept this figure—actually, one of these we have no knowledge of at all and another was a transferable death which did not occur in this county. In the light of the foregoing remarks, let us analyse these six deaths absolutely impartially.

CASE 1:

Patient refused to allow the midwife to summon a doctor but ultimately a doctor attended some days later. He advised removal to hospital on two successive days and patient did not consent to go till the third day. Attended at the hospital by the resident medical officer but no specialist.

CASE 2:

Patient had her confinement, which was perfectly normal, in this County. Later, in a fortnight's time, some inflammation of breasts developed, and while still suffering from these but not living in the County, she went for a long ride in a commercial van, caught a chill and died.

CASE 3:

Patient was of poor physical and mental type and suffered from epilepsy. It was a case of abortion which received no medical or nursing attention. Later she was so ill that a doctor was called in. The doctor advised removal to hospital but patient refused to go till the case became so bad that removal was not deemed expedient.

CASE 4:

This woman lived on a most remote and inaccessible farm. She had never booked a midwife and had no ante-natal care at all. She woke on morning of confinement feeling unwell, and went into a fit. There was considerable delay before the doctor arrived and she could be admitted to hospital. She did not regain consciousness and died the next day.

CASE 5:

A most unfortunate occurrence—the case was wrongly diagnosed by a young practitioner resident outside the County

on two visits. The senior partner came and instead of sending the case into hospital dealt with it in the home. Ultimately the case reached hospital, where it was attended by the practitioner on duty with no specialist.

CASE 6:

Before residing in this County there is some evidence that this woman saw a doctor but later in pregnancy she obtained no advice. On coming to reside in this County she did not book a midwife and thus her condition was unknown. She complained of headache when labour came on, went into a fit and died. There was very considerable delay before the doctor attended and it was then too late to remove her to hospital.

CASE 7:

We have no particulars whatever of this case. It is evident that no midwife was booked in this County and probable that the death occurred outside the County from some emergency.

After a thorough survey of all the evidence obtained on these six cases the following classification sums them up:—

1. Death might have been prevented by better ante-natal supervision.

Case 6 partly. Case 4 to a very great extent.

2. Death might have been prevented by better obstetric facilities at delivery.

Case 4 secondarily. Case 5 entirely.

3. Death might have been prevented by specialist treatment in hospital.

Case 1 secondarily. Case 6 primarily.

4. Death might have been prevented by intelligent co-operation of patient.

Case 1 primarily. Case 2 entirely. Case 3 entirely. Case 4 primarily. Case 6 secondarily.

6. Maternity and Nursing Homes.—There are no Maternity Homes in the County registered under the Midwives and Maternity Homes Act, 1926. One Nursing Home is registered under the Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927. No application for registration of any new Homes was received in the year.

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7. Notifi	cation of Bi	rths.—The	numbe	r of	births	notified
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COUNTY OF BRECKNOCK

Notification of Births Act, 1907.

Notice to County Medical Officer of Health of Birth of Child.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF MOTHER (Mrs. or Miss to be stated).

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State if more of these forms are required. "Yes" or "No."

If other forms are required state here.

Address Note.-The Actual size of form is 104 in. x 84 in.

Signed.....Reg. No....

The County Medical Officer of Health
Public Health Department,
Watton Offices,
Brecon.

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(B) Notified by Local Registrars (not previously notified): 2.

For some years now considerable attention has been paid in the County to the Notification of Births. The form now being used, a copy of which is enclosed herein, has printed on the reverse side the office address and is stamped before issue for return postage. It requires the Midwife to give very full details of all circumstances of the birth and is probably more complete in that respect than for any other area in the country. It will be seen that the information required falls under no less than 17 headings, most of which can be quite simply answered by a number or "yes" or "no" in the appropriate column. Abbreviations, so long as they are legible, are always encouraged and the midwives must be congratulated on the excellent way in which the forms are filled up.

- 8. Sequence of Births.—The Table inserted opposite shews the Sequence of Births during 1938.
- 9. Health Visiting.—The Health Visiting Service in the County consists of 4 whole-time Health Visitors who also do School Nursing, and 21 part-time Health Visitors and School Nurses.

Particulars of the number of visits paid to mothers and babies are as follows:—

Visits to Expectant Mothers: (1) First Visits: 21. (2) Total Visits: 29
Visits to Infants under 1 : (1) First Visits: 661. (2) Total Visits: 7297.
Visits paid to Children 1 to 5: (1) Total Visits: 9484.

Further particulars of Health Visiting will be found in Table V appended.

10. Clinic and Treatment Centres, Maternity and Child Welfare—

The following Table shows the Maternity and Child Welfare Centres in existence in the County during the year:—

Centre and Place of Meeting.		en in
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One new Centre was opened at Hay during 1 ...

No change of any note occurred in the working of the Infant Welfare Centres during 1938.

REPORT ON THE CEFN COED ANTE NATAL CLINIC, 1938.

The number of expectant mothers who attended this Clinic during 1938 was 28, and was once more a high proportion of all pregnant women in the district during the same year. These series included 5 who had commenced attending the Clinic during 1937, and were confined during 1938; 17 who commenced attending during 1938 and were confined before the end of the year; and 6 who commenced attending during 1938 and were due to be confined in 1939.

The total attendances were 104, 94 ante-natal and 10 post-natal.

There were several interesting cases in even such a small series, and where complications occurred it was the practice to refer the patient to her own doctor and enlist his co-operation in further treatment. Eight cases were thus referred, three of whom were X-rayed in the Merthyr General Hospital and thereafter successfully confined in their own homes with the Private Practitioner assisting the midwife. One case was transferred to the Tydfil Lodge by the General Practitioner for early toxemia of pregnancy under the County Scheme for Complicated Maternity Cases.

Two complicated cases, who were not in the care of a private doctor, were dealt with directly by the Department. One, a case of contracted pelvis, was sent direct to the County Consultant Obstetrician and underwent a trial labour in Cardiff Royal Infirmary with successful result. Another was transferred direct to Tydfil Lodge as a case of pre-existing nephritis and advanced pregnancy.

11. Ante-Natal Scheme.—The following Ante-Natal Scheme has been adopted and came into operation early in 1935:—

"Scheme of arrangements to be made for the Ante-Natal examination by a doctor of necessitous expectant mothers (who do not come under the National Health Insurance Acts or for whom the doctor is under no contract to give an examination) at his surgery or at the patient's home, and will only apply to participating cases in which the services of a midwife have been engaged.

In the instructions to be given to the midwives in the County it will be made clear that they are not to make enquiries in regard to the financial circumstances and that no patient should be referred for examination who obviously could afford to pay the ordinary doctor's fee.

Classification of Ante-Natal Visits Showing Time of First Visit.

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METHOD OF PROCEDURE.

- (a) Form A, containing the name and address of the patient, is sent by the midwife to the general practitioner which informs him that the patient named thereon desires to have an examination and asks for an appointment. The midwife also gives the details of name and address to the practitioner who records the results of the examination made by him and returns the form to the County Medical Officer of Health;
- (b) Form B is also filled in by the midwife, giving the name and address of the patient, and is sent to the County Medical Officer of Health;
- (c) Form D, containing an account of the practitioner's recommendation after examining the case, is sent to the midwife;
- (d) That no time be fixed for the examination relative to the period of pregnancy, but it is suggested that it should take place between the 26th and 32nd week;
- (e) Generally one examination to be allowed but provision to be made on Form C for the practitioner to state whether in his opinion he considers a further examination to be necessary, but it will be made clear in the instructions to the practitioners that the second examination can only be permitted after reference to the County Medical Officer of Health. Permission has also been obtained for a third examination in special cases and a post-natal examination in all cases.

FINANCIAL DETAILS.

- (a) That a fee of 5s. be paid for each examination;
- (b) That medical practitioners be paid a mileage allowance if the patient has to be visited at her own home by reason of being unfit or unable to travel the distance to the surgery, at the rate of 6d. per mile each way, subject to a maximum of 5s., this allowance, together with the examination fee of 5s., not to be recoverable by the Council from the patient.

During 1938, 254 examinations were made under this

scheme, as follows:-

- 158 First Examinations;
- 37 Second Examinations;
 - 2 Third Examinations;
- 57 Post-Natal Examinations; at a total cost of £76 19s. 6d., compared with 214 examinations in 1937 at a cost of £68 10s. 3d.
- 12. Ante-Natal Visits.—The Table inserted opposite shews visits paid by Health Visitors in 1938 and period of visit.

13. Supply of Milk to Expectant and Nursing Mothers and Infants.—A scheme for the supply of free milk is in force whereby Mothers and Infants are granted monthly supplies, where the family income does not exceed the scale adopted. Tables shewing cases allowed from 1928 to 1938, together with income scales and cost of scheme, are given below.

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B.—Classification of above:—

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Nursing Mothers	32	153	223	221	172	154	167	332	230	281	403
Children over 3	10	37	88	91	32	68	125	206	345	358	
Other Children	59	369	930	117	645	781	1327	1637	2115	1731	3190

C.—Income Scale in force since commencement of Scheme on April 1st, 1928 (after deducting house rent).

Number in Family.	Scale up to 31/3/30	Scale up to 31/4/31	Scale up to 31/12/35	Scale up to 6/8 37	Scale up to 31/1/38	Present Scale
1	7/-	8/-	7/-	10/-	12/-	13/-
2	14/-	16/-	14/-	18/-	20/-	21/.
3	18/-	24/-	18/-	21/-	23/-	25/6
4	24/-	32/-	24/-	25/-	25/-	30/-
5	25/-	40/-	28/-	28/-	28/-	35/-
6	30/-	48/-	33/-	33/-	33/-	39/-
7	35/-	56/-	37/-	37/-	37/-	45'6
8	40/-	64/-	43/-	43/-	43/-	51/-
9						58/6
10						65′-
11						71/6
12						78/-

D.-Cost of Scheme:-

	Year.				Amount.
	1928-29	17.4.1Y			£74
	1929-30				£240
	1930-31				£422
	1931-32				£651
	1932-33				£325
	1933-34				£399
	1934-35				£611
	1935-36				£880
	1936-37		GIOLET IN	1 1115	£755
	1937-38				£1,128
	1938-39				£1,439

Since the adoption of the new Scale from 1st February, 1938, the following amendments to the Scheme have also been allowed:—

- (a) Children over 3 years of age up to the age of 5 years are now included in the Scheme and not treated as exceptional cases; and
- (b) Expectant mothers are allowed milk from notification of pregnancy and not only during the last three months of pregnancy.
- 14. Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers, Illegitimate Infants, and Homeless Children in the District.—No provision is made by the County Council.
- 15. ORTHOPÆDIC WORK.—The treatment of Orthopædic cases is now undertaken and the services of Mr. Parker, Prince of Wales' Hospital, Cardiff, are available. An orthopædic sister, Miss Ivy B. Leefe, is also engaged as a Part-time Office.

Table of Classifications of all Crippling Defects on the Register at the end of the year. Age Group—Under School age.

			Degree of Crippling.			
			Slight	Moder- ate	Severe	Total
Infantile Paralysis	of hick			2	Mary I	2
Infantile Hemeplegia					2	2
Birth Palsy	100			1	2	3
Congenital Malformities	100 11 70	1 991	12	2	2	16
Spina Bifida	1			1	2	3
Trauma						
Rickets-Knock Knees	Harana .		14	2	1	17
Row Loca	The state of	1000	12	2	1	15
Tuberculosis (non-active)		1	10 1 . Do	The state of	1 6 To 1	
Scoliosis (non-active)			1	2 1 4		i
Defective Posture						
Metartarsus varus			6	3	100	9
Flat Feet		••	15	4		19
Schlatters disease		1 14.		î	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1
Claw Feet	olitica also		1	1		2
Calcaneous	••		8	2	100	10
				ī	·;	2
Spastic Coxa vara	To Street			6	100000	6
Torticollis				333		5
	••			2		2
Osteomyelitis Others	William St. St. A.		5	3		8
Others		ot etc	0	•		•
Totals	1		787	81	11	128
	1937		54	36	24	114

Table shewing Cases referred to Orthopædic Surgeon.

	TE OF EXAMINATION .	Bryn- mawr 3/5/38	3/5/38	Brecon 25/11/38	Total
1.	Number of children calle up for examination	d 16	16	20	52
2.	and avaminad	at .	11	19	39
3.	treatment	e 3			3
4.	Number found to require Domiciliary or Clinic treatment		11	19	35
5.	Number found to require Hospital treatment				
6.	For X-Ray	. 1		10.01	1

DAY NURSERIES AND SCHOOL CLINICS.—At present there are no Day Nurseries in existence in the County.

TUBERCULOSIS.—The Treatment of Tuberculosis in the County is carried out by the Welsh National Memorial Association to King Edward VII, and Table III appended shows the work of the Association in the County during the year 1938. Table IIIa shows the number of cases notified on Form "A" during the year.

Matters in connection with the treatment and prevention of Tuberculosis are dealt with by the Health, Maternity and Child Welfare and Tuberculosis Committee of the Breconshire County Council, which meets quarterly, and considers the Housing conditions, etc., of each patient notified. Cases of overcrowding are referred to the district Medical Officers of Health for consideration by the Local Sanitary Authorities with a view to the better housing of such patients.

The following is a list of the Dispensaries in the County where patients are seen by the Tuberculosis Officers of the Welsh National Memorial Association:—

Centres attended by Dr. N. T. K. Jordan:

Brecon-Fridays, 10 to 1, at No. 2, Bulwark, and by appointment.

Brynmawr—Thursdays, 11.30 to 1, at No. 10, Orchard Street.

Builth Wells——1st and 3rd Mondays in month, 12 to 1, at Haulybryn, Castle View.

Crickhowell-By appointments, Thursdays.

Hay—2nd Tuesday in month, at Mr. H. Batts, Castle Street, by appointment.

Ystradgynlais——Alternate Wednesdays, 2 to 2.30 p.m., at Brodawel, Church Road.

Craig-y-nos Hospital, Abercrave—Wednesdays.

Centre attended by Dr. J. Glyn Cox:

Merthyr Tydfil—Memorial Institute, No. 4, Church Street: Mondays and Wednesdays, 2 p.m.

The Institutions of the Welsh National Memorial Association for the treatment of Tuberculosis in the County are at the South Wales Sanatorium, Talgarth, the number of beds available at this Institution being 286 for adult male patients only; and the Adelina Patti Hospital, Craig-y-nos, with accommodation for 126 patients of either sex.

Patients from Breconshire are also treated at other Institutions of the Welsh National Memorial Association outside the County.

VENEREAL DISEASES.—The Breconshire County Council have an agreement with the General and Eye Hospital, Swansea, for the treatment of these cases. The figures relating to patients treated at this Institution and others during 1938 are as follows:—

 Number of persons dealt with for the first time and found to be suffering from—

		Swan- sea	New-	South Shields	Here- ford	Mer- thyr
Syphilis		 4	1	A TO SHE	1	
Soft Chancre		 	-	-		No
Gonorrhoea		 10	7	1	3	reply
Conditions other than	Venereal	 8	1	WY - 32	-	

- 2. Total number of attendances of all patients residing in the area—Swansea: 199. Newport: 127. Hereford: 23.
- 3. Aggregate number of "in-patient days" of all patients residing in the area—

Swansea: 48. Newport: Nil. Hereford: Nil.

4. Number of doses of salvarsan substitutes given— Swansea: 94. Newport: Nil. Hereford: Not given.

HOSPITALS PROVIDED OR SUBSIDISED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY OR BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

- 1. Tuberculosis.—See page 32.
- 2. Hospitals for Children.—None are yet provided or subsidised by the County Council. A children's ward of 4 beds is provided in the County War Memorial Hospital at Brecon.
- 3. Fever and Small pox.—No hospitals are provided or subsidised by the County Council. The number of Isolation Hospitals in the County is 2, being 1 for the Brecon Urban District, with 3 wards and accommodation for 32 beds; and 1 in the Hay Urban District, with 2 wards and accommodation for 8 beds. An extension of the Isolation Hospital at Hay has been made by the joint Councils of the Hay Union in the form of a separate building containing 2 wards. A new Joint Hospital is to be erected at Brecon to serve all the areas of the County with the exception of Hay Urban and Hay Rural. The Hospital will be under the control of the joint local Sanitary Authorities of Brecon Urban and Rural, Brynmawr Urban, Builth Wells Urban and Rural, Llanwrtyd Wells Urban, Crickhowell Rural, Vaynor and Penderyn Rural and Ystradgynlais Rural, and not the County Council. Work on the new hospital has been suspended owing to the outbreak of the war.

The Breconshire County Council is the authority for the prevention and treatment of smallpox throughout the County, under an Order issued by the Ministry of Health, Cardiff, dated 31st July, 1928. Cases of smallpox which occur are isolated at the Fedw Hir Isolation Hospital, Llwydcoed, under an arrangement with the Aberdare Urban District Council. No cases occurred during the year.

- 4. **PUBLIC INSTITUTION HOSPITALS.** Under the Local Government Act, 1929, the following four Institutions were taken over by the County Council on 1st April, 1930:—
 - 1. Brecon.
 - 2. Crickhowell (Llangattock).
 - 3. Hay.
- 5. **MENTAL HOSPITAL**, **TALGARTH**.—There is a Mental Hospital at Talgarth, with accommodation for males and females. The Hospital is jointly used by the Counties of Brecon, Mont gomery and Radnor.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

(a) For Infectious Diseases; and (b) Non-Infectious Diseases. Provision is made by the Hospital Authorities at Fedw Hir for an ambulance for cases of Smallpox. The Hay Urban District Council have made arrangements whereby a horse-drawn convey ance is kept at the Isolation Hospital for use in infectious cases, and for non-infectious cases and accident a motor-ambulance is available. St. John Red Cross Ambulances now serve the County for non-infectious cases.

LABORATORY WORK.

The Breconshire County Council and nearly all the separate District Councils have made arrangements with the Clinical Research Association Ltd., Watergate House, York Buildings, Adelphi, London, W.C., for bacteriological work.

The County Council have also made arrangements for consulting Dr. A. F. Sladden, Pathologist and Director of the Laboratory of the Swansea General and Eye Hospital, in connection with any exceptional cases of infectious diseases occurring in the County. It was not found necessary to call on the services of Dr. Sladden during the year.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

The Sanitary Administration of the County is carried out by the separate Urban and Rural Sanitary Authorities, and for further information with regard to Water Supplies, Rivers and Streams, Sewage and Drainage, Sanitary Inspection, Closet Accommodation, Scavenging, etc., reference should be made to the Annual Reports of the District Medical Officers of Health.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

The duties under these Acts are carried out by Mr. Gerald E. Bastin, who is also Inspector of Weights and Measures.

Table IV appended gives the number of samples taken for analysis during 1938, and the results of same, and Table IVa gives particulars of samples taken under the Public Health (Milk and Cream) Regulations.

MILK SUPPLY.

The number of producers' licences authorising the use of the Special Designation accredited in respect of which the milk is not bottled on the farm, under the Milk Special Designation Order, 1936, was 59 Accredited and 8 Tuberculin Tested on the 31st December, 1938.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1929.

This Act, which brought about many changes in the administrative work of a County Council, came into operation on 1st April, 1930. Under the Act the following Poor Law Institutions were taken over by the County Council:—

Institution and Medical Officer.	Areas served.	Master.	Sick	s availa , Mater Mental	nity &	
Brecon Dr. D. Leonard Leos, Cantre Solyf, Brecon	Brecon Borough Brecon Rural Vaynor Ystradgynlais	Mr J. P. Davies	11	19	2	32
Hay Dr. W. W. Wilson, Broad Street, Hay	Hay Urban Hay Rural					
	Builth Urban Builth Rural Llanwrtyd Urba	Mr A. H. James	12	7	4	23
Llangattock Dr. J. S. Townley, Brynrhos, Crickh'll	Brynmawr Urbar Crickhowell Rural	Mr T. R. Howells	19	16	-	35
1	M—Men W—V	Vomen C-Child	ren.			

The work in connection with the above Institutions and Poor Law Relief comes under the Public Assistance Committee and the respective District Committees. The Public Assistance Officer is Mr. G. D. Rees, Watton Mount Offices, Brecon.—Telephone Brecon 175.

The County of Brecon comprises one area for Public Assistance, divided into the following Relief Districts:—

	District.	Medical Officer.	Relieving Offier.	Area.	Pop.
1,	Brynmawr & Llanelly Hil	Dr. S. N. Chopra, Hebron, Brynmawr.	Mr. D. G. Jones, Trafalgar House, Brynmawr.	2,594	
		Dr. W. Farrington,		(4,404
2.	Crickhowell	Dr. W. Farrington, Dlydach House, Gilwern Dr. J. S. Townley, Rrynrhos, Orickhowell.	Mr D. W. Bevan, Bank Buildings, Crickhowell.	45,000)	
3.	Penderyn	Dr. S. Bloom, 16, Church Street, Merthyr Tydfil.	Mr T. Lewis, Frondeg, Cefn Coed.	39,272	5,871
		Dr. B. Thomas, Moylegrove, Hirwaun. Dr. S. McClure, Boddfeddyg, Glynneath. Dr. D. J. Jones, 36, Union Street, Dowlais.			
4	Ystradgynlais	Dr. H. R. Stubbins, Tyrwaun, Ystalyfers.	Mr G. Williams, Council Offices, Ystradgynlais.	24,803	12,069
5.	Brecknock	Dr. D. Leonard Lees, Cantre Selyf, Brecon. Dr. James Powell, Hill Crest, Sennybridgs.	Mr H. King, 13, Castle Street, Brecon.	177,859	12,823
6	Hay and Talgarth	Dr. R. F. Jayne, Park View, Talgarth. Dr. W. W. Wilson, Broad Street, Hay. Dr. H. W. Powell, Pemberton House, Hay.	Mr G. P. Weale, 1 West View Tce, Talgarth.	51,460	6,157
7.	Builth	Dr. S. H. Pugh, Maesycoed, Builth Wells. Dr. C. Martin, Abernant Lake Hote Llanwrtyd Wells. Dr. G. P. Driver, Tyn-y-Berllan, Builth Wells.	Mr T. P. Lewis, Holmesleigh, Park Road, Builth Wells.	128,293	6,651

VACCINATION.—Under the Local Government Act, 1929, the County Council became responsible for Vaccination throughout the County, and the following lists shew the Public Vaccinators and Vaccination Officers engaged.

A .- Public Vaccinators, and Districts covered-

- 1 Dr. D. Leonard Lees, Cantre' Selyf, Lion Street, Brecon. Brecknock Urban and Rural (Merthyr Cynog and Llangorse) and Public Assistance Institution.
- 2 Dr. James Powell, Hill Crest, Sennybridge.—Brecknock Rural (Defynock).
- 3 Dr. G. P. Driver, Tyn-y-Berllan, Builth Wells.—Builth Urban and Parts of Builth Rural.
- 4 Dr. C. Martin, Abernant Lake Hotel, Llanwrtyd Wells.—Llanwrtyd Urban and Parts of Builth Rural.
- 5 Dr. S. Bloom, 16, Church Street, Merthyr Tydfil.—Vaynor Rural.
- 6 Dr. S. N. Chopra, Hebron, Brynmawr.-Brynmawr Urban.
- 7 Dr. Benjamin Thomas, Moylegrove, Hirwaun.—Penderyn Rural.
- 8 Dr. R. F. Jayne, Park View, Talgarth.-Hay Rural.
- 9 Dr. J. S. Townley, Brynrhos, Crickhowell.—Crickhowell Rural and Public Assistance Institution.
- 10 Dr. H. R. Stubbins, Tyrwaun Surgery, Ystalyfera.—Ystradgynlais Rural.
- 11 Dr. S. H. Pugh, Maesycoed, Builth Wells.—Llanwrthwl and Parts of Builth Rural.
- 12 Dr. S. McClure, Bodfeddyg, Glynneath.—Ystradfellte Rural.
- 13 Dr. H. W. Powell, Pemberton House, Hay.—Hay Urban and Part of Hay Rural.
- 14 Dr. W. W. Wilson, Broad Street, Hay.—Hay Rural (Llanigon) and Public Assistance Institution.
- 15 Dr. W. Farrington, Clydach House, Gilwern.—Crickhowell Rural (Llanelly).

B.—Vaccination Officers, and Districts covered—

- 1 H. King, 13, Castle Street, Brecon.—Brecknock.
- 2 W. E. Davies, Castle House, Sennybridge.-Defynock.
- 3 D W. Bevan, Bank Buildings, Crickhowell.—Crickhowell.
- 4 D. G. Jones, Trafalgar House, Brynmawr.—Brynmawr and Llanelly.
- 5 T. P. Lewis, Holmesleigh, Park Road, Builth Wells.—Llanwrtyd, Llanwrthwl, and Abergwessin.
- 6 G. Williams, Council Offices, Ystradgynlais.—Ystradgynlais (Higher and Lower).
- 7 William Walsh, 18, New Road, Dowlais.-Vaynor.
- 8 Thomas Lewis, Frondeg, Cefn Coed.—Ystradfellte and Penderyn.
- 9 G. P. Weale, 1, West View Terrace, Talgarth.-Hay and Talgarth.
- 10 D. J. Pugh, Abbotsford, Builth Wells.—Builth.

The Table inserted opposite gives figures of Vaccination as rendered to the Registrar General by Vaccination Officers on forms M.379.

It will be seen that for the Calendar Year 1938 there were 340 objections to 229 vaccinations, in other words, 67 per cent of the infants born during the year are not vaccinated.

BLIND.—A scheme for assisting Blind Persons has been adopted.

The cost to the County, the whole of which is borne by the rates with no Government Grant whatever, of the Blind Pension Scheme has increased so much that a few words must be said a explanation and attention is therefore drawn to the Tables, which shew very completely the present position in the County and the progress made since 1928. It is worthy of note that in 1928-29 the cost was £108 and this has increased each year as the finding of blind cases became more thorough to the present cost for 1938-39 of £3,462.

There is nothing to indicate from this increased cost that blindness is on the increase in the County but rather that all ascertainable cases have now been found and are in receipt of pensions where eligible and for this reason the annual cost is not expected to rise much more and may, in fact, decrease slightly from now on.

VACCINATION.	

	Number of Births	814	Number of to it January, 1939, "Vaccination Re	hese Births dul in Columns I, gister" (Birth I	y entered by H, IV. and V. of thists Sheets), viz.;	the	January, 18	ese Births whice 139, remain une on Register'' on to by "Report Bo	ntered in the	Number of these Births remaining on the 31st Jan., 1939.	Total number of Certificates and	Number of Statutory Declaration of Conscientions
Registration Sub-Districts comprised in he Vaccination Officer's District	roturned in the "Birth List Sheets" as registered from 1st January to 31st Dec.	Col. I.	Col.	н.	Number in respect of whom Postponement by Districts the Vaccination of Concientious Objection Died Certificate Deep duly Special Cases no Case no Cases no Case	or which cannot be	neither duly entered in the "Vaccination Register" columns 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of this Return) nor temporarily accounted for in the	copies of Certificates of Successful Primary Vaccination of Children under 14 received during the	Objection actually received by the Vaccination Officer irrespective of the dates of birth of the children to which they relate.			
	1937	Successfully Vaccinated	Insusceptible of Vaccination	Had Small Pox		Died Unvaccinated		been duly	Cases not having been	"Report Book" (columns 8, 9 and 10 of this Return)	Calendar Year, 1938	during the Calendar Year, 1938
1	2	3	4	6	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	18
Brecknock , (Glyntawe) , (Llandefalle & Llanfillo) Builth (a) Builth (b) Brynmaw Cefn Coed and Vaynor Crickhowell Defynock Hay and Talgarth Llanelly Hill Penderyn Ystradgynlais	10 31 58 79 32 45 45 61 37	61 8 12 21 2 3 18 28 11 19 51			37 6 12 29 50 25 22 14 41 18 6 80	4 2 1 8 8 2 2 1 1 1 1	 4 1 3 1	3 2 1 2	3 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 5	1 4 18 1 1 1 16 20	66 5 26 25 9 4 19 11 12 15 39	52 7 26 27 57 13 14 10 40 21 16 78
Totals	200	229 211	2		340 373	30 29	9 7	8 9	17 9	61 62	231 200	361 310

Blind Persons.

A.—Blind Persons on Register in 1929, 1932 and 1936, in age groups.

TOTALS	38 28—66	62 65—127	79 92 —171	nd found to	Number. 2 1 10 11 5 7 7 445 445
70 and over	10	31 28	42	D.—Cases examined and found be NOT Blind.	
60-70	6.9	16	11 19	D.—Cases	Year. 1928 1929 1930 1931 1933 1934 1935 1935 1935 1935
9-09	5.6	9 %	9		
40-50	202	900	98	dividual rom 1928	Cases added each year. 24 29 29 29 29 29 21 31 31 31 31
30-46	1"	eo ++	6	sons.—In Register f	Q as
21-30	1 33	1.2	61.63	Blind Persons.—Individual cases added to Register from 1928.	Year. 1928 1929 1930 1931 1933 1634 1935 1935 1936
16-21		- 1	- 2	0	
5-16	* 0	4.6	2 - 2	Pensioners.—Individual ed pensions from 1928.	Cases added each year. 12 19 17 27 27 24 13 20 28 29 21
0-5	1-	1-	11	aionere.— ensions fr	Cases each 12 12 12 24 24 23 22 23 22 23 22 23 24 23 24 24 24 24 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25
Sex	Male Female	Mala Female	Male Female	40	Year. 1928 1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1935 1936 1936
Year	1929	1932	March 1936	B.—County Cases gran	M

E.—Blind Persons on register and number of same in receipt of a County Pension, in districts at end of 1938.

District.			er of Blind I		Number of Blind Persons or Register and in receipt of a County Pension.			
	_	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Brecon Urban		7	4	11	6	2	8	
Brynmawr Urban		19	23	42	16	14	30	
Builth Wells Urban			1	1		1	1	
Hay Urban		4	8	7	2	2	4	
Llanwrtyd Weils Urb	an					-		
Brecon Řural		9	8	17	3	3	6	
Builth Rural		3	1	4	2	***	2	
Crickhowell Rural		25	22	47	16	13	29	
Hay Rural		3	3	6	1	1	2	
Vaynor & Penderyn I	Rural	6	6	12	1	6	7	
Ystradgynlais Rural		16	29	45	10	15	25	
Totals		92	100	192	57	57	114	
Totals 1937		98	93	191	52	52	104	

F.—Table of Costs of Blind Pension Scheme. (Taken from County Abstracts, etc.).

1928-1929	 =	 108
1928-1939	 	 108
1929-1930	 	 653
1930-1931	 	 1,051
1931-1932	 	 1,743
1932-1933	 1	 2,110
1933-1934	 F	 2,315
1934-1935	 	 2,301
1935-1936	 	 2,400
1936-1937	 2	 2,373
1937-1938	 	 3,052
1938-1939	 1	 3,462

CHILDREN ACTS, 1908-1933.—The Health Visitors supervise all children nursed for reward and send in reports periodically. There were 5 cases on the register at the end of year.

MENTAL DEFECTIVES.—Certified male defectives are cared for at the Forden Institution, Montgomeryshire, the number there at the end of the year being 3.

Females were chiefly at Pantglas Hall Institution, Carmarthenshire, where there are 13 patients, one at Forden, one at Chasefield, Bristol, one at Etloe House, Leyton, one at Hampton House, Plymouth, and one male on licence.

CANCER.—During the year, 87 deaths were recorded, giving a death rate of 1.63 per 1,000. The three Voluntary Hospitals in the County have made no provision for co-ordination with the national or radium centres as regards diagnosis and treatment.

APPENDIX

Tables of Vital Statistics, &c.

Tables of Vital Statistics, &c.

Table 1.-Vital Statistics for Various Districts for 1938.

	ot		Births	se		Nett Deat	hs belong	Nett Deaths belonging to the District	District	De	Deaths of Mothers	Mothe	rs
	sted syes		1		1	At all	ages	Under 1 y'r of age	'r of age	•1	ı		rtps
Name of District.	estim	Live I	Births	Still Births	Sirths	1		7	stribs	Sepsi	crpera	Is	ia oo
	Population the middle	Mumber	Rate	Mumber	Rate	Numbe	Rate	Number	Rate pe	Puerpera	Other pu	oT	Rate per to
Brecon Urhan	5136	, u	7.01		0.2	. 07	7.11	v	6.06		:		:
Brynnawr Urban		100	0.91	+10	1.0	101	15.5	0.00	28.2	:	2	2	0.81
Builth Wells Urban		20	13.2			19	12.5	: '	0.94		:	:	: :
Llanwrtyd Wells Urban	1302	3 70	45.3	. :		ç, r.	75.5		333.3	: :	: :	: :	:
&Llangors	S	200	10.4	4	4.0	70	12.5	4	6.89	:	-	1	1.91
Ruilth Rural	1858	31	0.91	1 2	5.0	31	10.0	N N	28.1	: :	::	: :	: :
Crickbowell Rural		98	13.2	n +	9.0	16	13.6	ı ıo	58.1		:	1	1.11
Hay Rural	3507	40	4.11	0.00	0.5	32	1.6	10	75.0	:	: "	: 2	9.92
Vstradgynlais Rural	-	178	15.7	1,1	1.5	117	10.3	12	4.49	: :	-	-	2.1
	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-			1	
Brecon County	53060	741	96. £1	64	26.0	684	68.21	46	62.07	-	9	-	8.8
*England and Wales	:	:	1.51	:	09.0	:	9.11		53.	:	:	:	16.2
			-	1	-					-			
Brecon County, 1937	53500	734	13.71	55	1.05	712	13.30	38	51.77	:	+	+	2.0
	-			١	1		-	-	-				

· Provisional figures.

Table 1 (a)—Yital Statistics. Causes of and Ages at Death, during the Year 1938. WHOLE COUNTY.

		100				_							-
CAUSES OF DEATH.		All Ages	Under 1 year	1 and under 2 years	2 and under 5 years	5 and under 15 years	15 and under 25 years	25 and under 35 years	35 and under 45 years	45 and under 55 years	55 and under 65 years	65 and under 75 years	75 years and over
ALL CAUSES—Males Females		356 328	25 21	3 4	4 2	77	8 9	13 14	14 19	34 26	54 55	99 61	95 110
Total		654	46	7	6	14	17	27	33	60	109	160	205
1 Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever 2 Measles	ers					/							
3 Scarlet Fever 4 Whooping Cough 5 Diphtheria		7 3	3	3	1 1	1 2			•••			***	
6 Influenza 7 Encephalitis Lethargica 8 Cerebro-spinal Fever		7 2		. 2		1				1	1	2	1
9 Respiratory Tuberculosis 10 Other Tuberculosis 11 Syphilis		24					5	3	6	6	3	1	
12 General Paralysis of the In-	sane,									9	29	23	22
13 Cancer 14 Diabetes 15 Cerebral Hæmorrhage, etc.		9 48		••				1	1	2 2	3 6	20	1 19
16 Heart Disease 17 Aneurysm 18 Other Circulatory Diseases		1 32				2	1	1		15 	30 4	52 1 11	80 15
19 Bronchitis 20 Pneumonia 21 Other Respiratory Diseases		21	6	1			1		1	3 1	3 1	5 2 2	11 4
22 Peptic Ulcer 23 Diarrhœa, under 2 years 24 Appendicitis		2 1 5	i			2	2			1	1 2	 1	
25 Cirrhosis of the Liver 26 Other Liver Diseases 27 Other Digestive Diseases		1 4					1		1 1	2	1	1 2	
28 Nephritis 29 Puerperal Sepsis		28					1	2	1	5	5	8	7
31 Congenital Causes 32 Senility		23	21			1		5		1		11	36
34 Other Violence 35 Other Defined Causes		28 56	2 11		2	3 2	2	6 7	2 2 5	5 1 5	6 8	1 14	3 3
36 Ill-defined Causes 37 Diarrhoea, 2 years and over		5							1		1	1	2
Totals, 1937		712	38	4	6	14	24	32	40	68	93	181	212

Courses of and Ages at Denta, during the Year 1905.

Table 1 (b)—Vital Statistics.

Causes of Death in the Separate Districts of the County during the year 1938.

			U	RBA	N			R	URA	L			
	Causes of Death.	Brecon	Brynmawr	Builth Wells	Нау	Llanwrtyd Wells	Devynock & Llangorse Merthyr	Builth	Crickhowell	Hay	Vaynor and Penderyn	Ystradgyn- lais	TOTAL
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fevers Measles Scarlet Fever Whooping Cough Diphtheria Influenza Encephalitis Lethargica Cerebro-spinal Fever Respiratory Tuberculosis Other Tuberculosis Syphilis General Paralysis of the Insane, etc Cancer Diabetes Cerebral Hæmorrhage Heart Disease Aneurysm Other Circulatory Diseases Bronchitis Pneumonia Other Respiratory Diseases Peptic Ulcer Diarrhœa, etc. (under 2 years)	1	2 1 1 9 1 3 21 9 4 2 1	 1 1 1 7 1 	 1 3 9 1 1 1 1			 1 2 7 1 1 16 3 1				2 1 1 3 1 11 10 38 2 3 3 2 1	1 7 3 7 2 24 3 1 87 9 48 186 1 32 23 21 4 2 1
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Public 2 (b) -- Vital Statistics.

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	Diphtheria.	12 : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	33	21
	Scarlet Fever.	11 : 1 : 2 : 2 : 2 : 2 : 2 : 3 : 3 : 3 : 3 : 3	79	178
	Small Pox.		:	:
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· Only applies in the districts where the disease is notifiable.

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Table III.-Tuberculosis.

Summary of Results of Treatment, etc., during 1938.

Welsh National Memorial Association.

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These figures are furnished by the Welsh National Memorial Association.

Table III (a)-Tuberculosis.

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Table IV.— Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act.

Table showing the Number of Various Samples taken for Analysis, Number found to be Genuine, etc., by the Inspector under the above Act, in the County of Breconshire, during the year ending December 31st, 1938.

						Num	ber.			- 3	
Nature of Sa	imple.		Samples taken for Analysis.	Found to be gannine.	Found to be adulterated.	Found deficient in fat or solids.	Warned	Prosecuted	Cenvieted	Dismissed.	Amount of fees imposed
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Baked Beans			2	2							
Datas			1	1							
Brisling			î	1							
Butter			8	8							
,, colour Cheese		***	1	1							
Cherries, Glace			1	1							
Coffee with Chico Corn Beef	ry		2 2	2 2							
Cream			8	8							
Currants Custard Powder			1 2	1 2							
Egg Substitute			1	1							
Flour			1 2	Unfi	t for h	uma	n co	nsu	mpti	on	
,, Self Raising Gravy Browning	3		1	1							
Ground Ginger			1	1							
Jam-Apricot ,, Black Curr	ant.		1 3	1 3							
,, Raspberry			1	1							
Daenhaum			1	1							
Ketchup—Tomate			1	1							
Lard	***		15	14	one	not	gen	uine			
Lobster			1	1 1							
Margarine			8	8			1				
Milk-New , Condensed			109	103		6					
Marmalade			5	5							
Mustard Mincemeat			2	2							
Nutmeg			1	î							
Oats (Scotch) Orange Curd			1	1 1							
Paste-Bloater			2	2							
" Chicken			3 2	3 2							
D I	nd Shrimp		1	1					1		
Pears			2	2							
Peas Pepper			1 4	1 4							
Pickles			2	2							
Pineapple Chunks Pork Pie	s 		1	1							
Prawns			1	1				4			
Raisins Raspberrys (tinne	d)		1	1							
Rice			4	4							
Rum Sandwich Spread			1	1 1							
Salmon (Tinned)			4	4				1			
" (Smoked) Sardines			1 2	1 2							
Sauce-Fruit			1	1		1					
,, Others			2 3	2 8							
Sausages Sild			1	1							
Soup. Tomato			1	2							
, Oxtail Spice (mixed)			0	1 2							
Strawberries (tin	ned)		1	1			7 1	7			
Sugar Taploca			5	5							
Tea			15	15		1					
Tongue (tinned) Trex			1	2							
Vinegar, Malt			1	1							
Whiskey Xmas Pudding			1	2							
Totals	***		270	262 252	2	6	-	-	_		

N.B -In addition to the figures given above 8 samples of New Milk were submitted to Butyrometer Tests by the Inspector during the year and 11 in 1937.

Table IV. (a) Frod and Drugs [Adultoration) Act.

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Table Y.-Showing the Work of the Health Visitors during the Year 1938.

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