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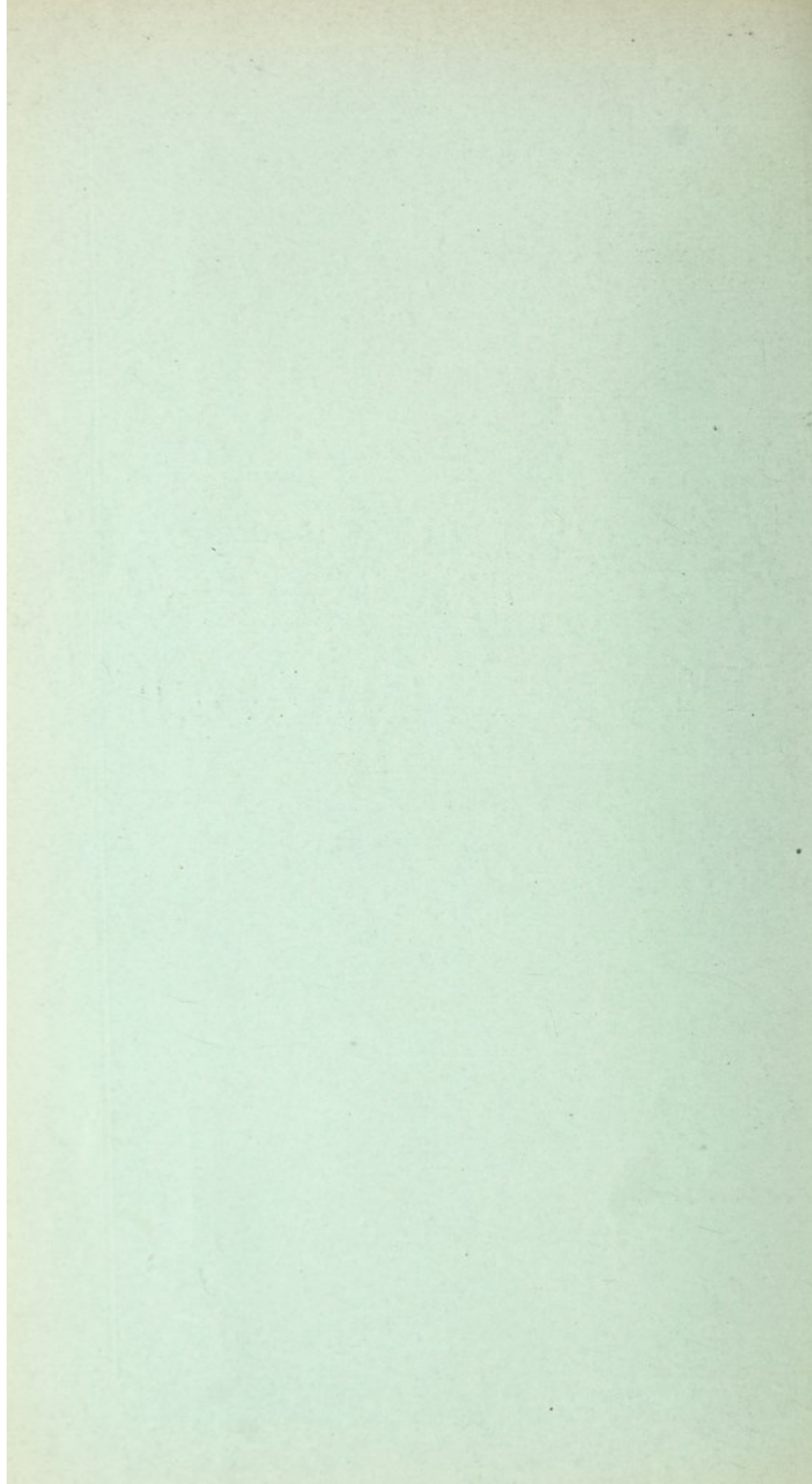
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*To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health and Housing Committee
of the County Council.*

The birth-rate of the County in 1924 was only 15.78 per 1,000 of population, which is lower than in the preceding year and nearly two per 1,000 of population below the average of the last ten years.

The general death-rate and the rate of infantile mortality were both below the average and compare favourably with the corresponding figures for England and Wales. The mortality from pulmonary tuberculosis also showed an appreciable decline.

The amount of notifiable infectious disease in the County as a whole was well below the average, but considerable outbreaks of scarlet fever occurred in the Borough of Windsor, the Rural Districts of East-hampstead, Windsor and Wokingham, and in the town of Faringdon. The cases were generally of a mild type.

Steady progress was made in the work associated with maternity and infant welfare, and I have good reason to know that it is proving helpful and is appreciated.

The usual tabular and other statements are set out in the following report and call for no special comment.

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Shire Hall,

The Forbury,

Reading,

3 October, 1925.

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OF THE SANITARY DISTRICTS IN BERKSHIRE, 1925.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES.	DISTRICTS.
CROFTS, ARTHUR D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Lond., L.D.S., R.C.S. 9, High Street, Windsor (Tel. 334 Windsor).	New Windsor Urban.
PATERSON, JAMES J., B.Sc., M.D., B.S., Lond., D.P.H., R.C.P.S., Lond. Guildhall, Maidenhead (Tel. 64 Maidenhead).	East Berks United Districts, viz., Maidenhead and Wokingham Urban ; Cookham, Easthamp- stead, Windsor and Wokingham Rural.
SISAM, W., B.Sc., M.D., Birm., D.P.H. Camb. Bank Chambers, Cross Street, Reading. (Tel. 647 Reading).	West Berks United Districts, viz., Abingdon, Newbury, Walling- ford and Wantage Urban ; Abingdon, Bradfield, Hunger- ford, Newbury, Wallingford, and Wantage Rural.
SISAM, W.	Faringdon Rural.

DATES OF RECEIPT OF ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 1924.

Faringdon Rural District	14th May, 1925.
West Berks United Districts	21st May, 1925.
East Berks United Districts	4th August, 1925.
New Windsor Urban District	27th August, 1925.

SANITARY INSPECTORS.

BERKSHIRE, 1925.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES.	URBAN DISTRICTS.
LEWIS, WALTER H., Council Offices, The Abbey House, Abingdon.	Abingdon Borough.
HARDING, W. E. Guildhall, Maidenhead.	Maidenhead Borough.
BOWES, N. S. Town Hall, Newbury.	Newbury Borough.
ARNOLD F. Town Hall, Windsor.	New Windsor Borough.
GRAY, A. G. Benson, near Wallingford.	Wallingford Borough.
GREEN, GEO. Town Hall, Wantage.	Wantage.
MARKS, C. W... .. . Town Hall, Wokingham.	Wokingham Borough.
EARWAKER, W. W. 9, Bath Street, Abingdon.	RURAL DISTRICTS. Abingdon.
WINDLE, T. HAROLD Blossom End, Theale.	Bradfield.
COLEMAN, W. J. 1, Park Street, Maidenhead.	Cookham.
YORKE, C. Council Offices, Bracknell.	Easthampstead.
BERESFORD, J. J. Sanitary Inspector, Bromsgrove Place, Faringdon.	Faringdon.
RAINE, W. S. Salisbury Road, Hungerford.	Hungerford.
HAMPSHIRE, E. G. Wash Common, Newbury.	Newbury.
LAY, R. B. Sotwell, Wallingford.	Wallingford.
WESTBROOK, E. R. West Challow.	Wantage.
BURCH, E. A. Sunningdale, Ascot.	Windsor.
LONGHURST, W. L. The R.D.C. of Wokingham, Board Room, Barkham Road, Wokingham.	Wokingham.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE.

AREA AND POPULATION.

The area of the Administrative County is 454,725 acres. The total acreage and the distribution of land and water in the various districts is given in the following table :—

	Area in Statute Acres (Land and Inland Water).	Population.		
		Census, 1921.	Estimate, 1924.	
			For Birth- Rate.	For Death- Rate.
URBAN DISTRICTS.				
1 Abingdon Borough ..	728	7,165	7,302	7,302
2 Maidenhead Borough	2,124	16,730	16,750	16,750
3 Newbury Borough ..	1,829	12,295	12,380	12,380
4 New Windsor Borough	4,616	20,122	20,220	19,240
5 Wallingford Borough	380	2,726	2,735	2,735
6 Wantage	2,478	3,886	3,990	3,990
7 Wokingham Borough	557	4,475	4,383	4,383
Total	12,712	67,399	67,760	66,780
RURAL DISTRICTS.				
1 Abingdon	42,210	10,311	10,660	10,660
2 Bradfield*	52,878	14,563	14,490	14,490
3 Cookham	27,803	13,714	13,680	13,680
4 Easthampstead ..	27,034	18,757	18,840	18,010
5 Faringdon†	55,726	10,101	10,100	10,100
6 Hungerford	44,817	8,320	8,634	8,634
7 Newbury	42,386	10,669	10,630	10,630
8 Wallingford	22,152	8,846	8,386	8,116
9 Wantage	74,498	11,704	11,910	11,910
10 Windsor	8,665	9,690	9,530	9,530
11 Wokingham	43,844	18,469	18,940	18,940
Total	442,013	135,144	135,800	134,700
Administrative County*†	454,725	202,543	203,560	201,480

* Not including portion incorporated in Borough of Reading, November, 1911.

† Not including Lechlade (Gloucestershire) Parish of Faringdon Rural District, which has an area of 3,870 acres, and a population of 1,048 persons (Census, 1921).

For 1924 the Registrar General's estimates of population for each sanitary district with the exception of New Windsor Borough, Easthampstead and Wallingford Rural Districts are the same for birth rate and death rate.

BIRTH-RATE.
(Per 1,000 of the Population).

				Average Rate, 1914-1923.	Rate, 1924.	Number of Births, 1924.
URBAN DISTRICTS.						
1	Abingdon Borough	..	..	18.78	16.43	120
2	Maidenhead Borough	..	..	17.62	14.80	248
3	Newbury Borough	..	..	16.54	17.12	212
4	New Windsor Borough	..	..	19.59	16.66	337
5	Wallingford Borough	..	..	18.64	11.33	31
6	Wantage	..	..	18.20	17.54	70
7	Wokingham Borough	..	..	16.45	19.62	86
RURAL DISTRICTS.						
1	Abingdon	..	..	18.58	16.41	175
2	Bradfield	..	..	16.60	14.42	209
3	Cookham	..	..	16.60	13.08	179
4	Easthampstead	..	..	16.38	12.95	244
5	Faringdon (Berks)	..	..	19.72	18.51	187
6	Hungerford	..	..	20.09	17.14	148
7	Newbury	..	..	15.34	16.93	180
8	Wallingford	..	..	17.66	15.14	127
9	Wantage	..	..	18.84	19.14	228
10	Windsor	..	..	17.61	13.74	131
11	Wokingham	..	..	17.56	15.89	301
Urban Districts				17.99	16.29	1,104
Rural Districts				17.54	15.53	2,109
County				17.69	15.78	3,213

The average birth-rate in the County as a whole during the ten years, 1914 to 1923, was only 17.69, whilst the rate in 1924 was 15.78 per 1,000 of population. Of the various Districts, Hungerford Rural shows the highest average rate, i.e., 20.09.

The birth-rate for England and Wales was 18.8.

NET DEATH-RATE.
(Per 1,000 of Population).

				Average Rate, 1914-1923.	Rate, 1924.	Number of Deaths, 1924.
URBAN DISTRICTS.						
1	Abingdon Borough	..	..	13.72	11.63	85
2	Maidenhead Borough	..	..	12.09	11.82	198
3	Newbury Borough	..	..	14.36	13.00	161
4	New Windsor Borough	..	..	13.38	11.28	219
5	Wallingford Borough	..	..	14.03	13.52	37
6	Wantage .. ..	..	..	13.21	11.52	46
7	Wokingham Borough	..	..	14.64	16.42	72
RURAL DISTRICTS.						
1	Abingdon .. ..	..	..	12.24	10.31	110
2	Bradfield .. ..	..	..	12.35	12.07	175
3	Cookham .. ..	..	..	11.42	11.98	164
4	Easthampstead ..	..	..	11.90	9.00	162
5	Faringdon (Berks) ..	..	..	13.58	11.78	119
6	Hungerford .. ..	..	..	13.69	14.47	125
7	Newbury .. ..	..	..	12.77	11.10	118
8	Wallingford .. ..	..	..	11.39	9.36	76
9	Wantage .. ..	..	..	13.19	10.41	124
10	Windsor .. ..	..	..	11.70	9.66	92
11	Wokingham .. ..	..	..	12.47	11.56	219
Urban Districts				13.37	12.27	820
Rural Districts				12.39	11.00	1,482
County				12.69	11.42	2,302

CORRECTION OF DEATH-RATES FOR DIFFERENCES IN
THE AGE AND SEX CONSTITUTION OF POPULATION.

It has been customary to insert a table of the death-rates of the County and of the constituent districts standardized to compensate for differences in the age and sex constitution of the various populations, but since 1914 the factors for correction have not been available.

The death-rate for England and Wales was 12.2.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

By *Rate of Infantile Mortality* is understood the ratio of the annual number of deaths of infants under one year of age to every thousand births during the same period.

	Average Rate, 1914-1923.	Rate, 1924.	Number of Deaths, 1924.
URBAN DISTRICTS.			
1 Abingdon Borough	63.22	25.00	3
2 Maidenhead Borough	72.99	76.61	19
3 Newbury Borough	57.39	56.60	12
4 New Windsor Borough	57.21	65.28	22
5 Wallingford Borough	60.48	32.25	1
6 Wantage	66.95	71.42	5
7 Wokingham Borough	57.21	58.13	5
RURAL DISTRICTS.			
1 Abingdon	70.88	57.14	10
2 Bradfield	50.64	38.27	8
3 Cookham	60.39	44.69	8
4 Easthampstead	60.24	40.98	10
5 Faringdon (Berks)	61.89	42.78	8
6 Hungerford	64.11	114.86	17
7 Newbury	57.05	61.11	11
8 Wallingford	58.64	70.86	9
9 Wantage	55.42	48.24	11
10 Windsor	51.59	45.80	6
11 Wokingham	58.43	56.47	17
Urban Districts	62.87	61.59	68
Rural Districts	58.71	54.05	114
County	60.34	56.64	182

Since 1896, the rate of infantile mortality in this County, though subject to annual fluctuations of considerable range, has shown on the whole a steady fall. The quinquennial rates were 107 for 1896-1900, 90 for 1901-1905, 78 for 1906-1910, 71 for 1911-1915, 62 for 1916-1920, 52 for 1921, 55 for 1922, while the rate for 1923 was 51.

The rate of infantile mortality in England and Wales during 1924 was 75.

In the 105 great towns, 80. In London, 69.

In the 157 smaller towns, 71.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

By the middle of 1918 arrangements were made for carrying out a scheme of Maternity and Child Welfare work in those parts of the Administrative County not already covered by independent municipal or voluntary action, and shortly afterwards a commencement had been made throughout the greater part of the county.

The arrangements sanctioned by the Berkshire County Council provided for :—

1. Home visitation of
 - (a) Expectant mothers.
 - (b) Infants and children under school age.
2. Hospital accommodation for lying-in. (Rescinded 18th June, 1921.)
3. Grants to Nursing Associations providing midwives or monthly nurses.
4. Payment of midwives in necessitous cases.
5. Treatment in Hospitals and Convalescent Homes of children under school age.
6. Extra nourishment for expectant and nursing mothers and children under school age, if necessitous. (Rescinded 1st April, 1921.)
7. Maternity and Infant Welfare Centres and Clinics.

In areas where there are nurse-midwives working for the County Nursing Association the Health Visiting is done by these women, and their Superintendent reports to me each week. Whole-time Health Visitors have been appointed by the County Council for the greater portion of the remainder of the County.

The Maidenhead, Newbury and New Windsor Borough schemes have each been established several years, and comprise systematic home visiting and medical consultations at a centre.

In the remainder of the County there were eight Infant Welfare Centres in 1924 managed by voluntary committees, at each centre a medical officer attends, usually twice a month ; the centre may be opened weekly for other welfare purposes.

Abingdon : Parish Institute every Friday, 2.30—4 p.m.

Crowthorne : Oddfellows Hall, second Wednesday in the month, 2.30 p.m.

Sandhurst : Mission Hall, third Wednesday in the month, 2.30 p.m.

Faringdon : Mission Hall, second Tuesday in the month, 2.30 p.m.

Thatcham : Parish Hall, every Monday, 2.30—4 p.m.

Wantage : Town Hall, every Friday, 2.30 p.m.

Ascot : St. Michael's House Gymnasium, second Thursday in the month,
2—4 p.m.

Finchampstead : First Friday in the month, 2.30 p.m.

Kingston Lisle : Centre opened February, 1925.

Childrey : Centre opened February, 1925.

Sunninghill and South Ascot : Centre opened March, 1925.

The home visiting in connection with the centres is carried out by the County whole-time Visitors or by the District Nurses, except in the case of Ascot, where lady members of the Committee undertake home visiting to ensure regular attendance at the Centre. In the case of Crowthorne and Sandhurst, a special Health Visitor was employed by the local committee, but she left in July, 1925, and the work will in future be carried out by the District Nurses.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Notification.—Lists of notifications are received weekly from the District Medical Officers of Health. The total number of primary notifications of all forms of tuberculosis during the year was 234, viz. :—Pulmonary tuberculosis 188, non-pulmonary tuberculosis 46. The figures show a reduction in the number of notifications of pulmonary tuberculosis as compared with the previous year, but the notifications of non-pulmonary disease are the same.

PRIMARY NOTIFICATIONS OF TUBERCULOUS DISEASE.

	Pulmonary.	Other.	Total.
1914	254	61	315
1915	244	45	289
1916	194	54	248
1917	256	55	311
1918	263	44	307
1919	297	49	346
1920	226	55	281
1921	182	45	227
1922	187	53	240
1923	228	46	274
1924	188	46	234

The notification of the disease is not carried out in a satisfactory manner ; this is shown by the death returns. Notices of 161 deaths were received from the local Registrars ; of which 31 had not been notified ; 28 died within 1 month of notification ; 34 died within 6 months of notification.

Of the 161 deaths, there were 119 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis and 42 from other forms of tuberculosis. The figures for pulmonary tuberculosis show a decrease as compared with the previous years.

DEATHS FROM PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.

		Average for 10 years, 1914-1923.		1924.	
		Number of Deaths.	Rate.	Number of Deaths.	Rate.*
URBAN DISTRICTS.					
1	Abingdon Borough ..	6.2	.93	3	.41
2	Maidenhead Borough ..	13.6	.85	12	.71
3	Newbury Borough ..	9.5	.79	7	.56
4	New Windsor Borough ..	13.0	.93	12	.62
5	Wallingford Borough ..	2.6	1.01	1	.36
6	Wantage	3.0	.82	1	.25
7	Wokingham Borough ..	4.2	.98	1	.22
RURAL DISTRICTS.					
1	Abingdon	8.2	.86	4	.37
2	Bradfield	10.3	.76	11	.75
3	Cookham	7.7	.62	8	.58
4	Easthampstead	10.8	.66	8	.44
5	Faringdon (Berks) ..	7.5	.75	6	.59
6	Hungerford	5.8	.71	8	.92
7	Newbury	5.8	.56	3	.28
8	Wallingford	5.2	.73	4	.49
9	Wantage	10.0	.89	8	.67
10	Windsor	10.4	.82	6	.62
11	Wokingham	15.9	.96	16	.84
	Urban Districts	52.1	.88	37	.55
	Rural Districts	97.6	.76	82	.60
	County	149.7	.80	119	.59

* Rate per 1,000 of Estimated Population.

The average annual mortality from pulmonary tuberculosis in the Berkshire Registration County, which includes the Borough of Reading, was 2.37 per 1,000 of population during the decennial period 1861-70. Since then the mortality from pulmonary tuberculosis in the same area has declined to under 1 per 1,000 of population, and a similar fall in the rate of mortality has taken place in England and Wales as a whole.

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOUS DISEASES OTHER THAN PULMONARY.

			Average for 10 years, 1914-1923.		1924.	
			Number of Deaths.	Rate.	Number of Deaths.	Rate.*
URBAN DISTRICTS.						
1	Abingdon Borough	..	2.0	.30	5	.68
2	Maidenhead Borough	..	2.7	.16	2	.11
3	Newbury Borough	..	2.4	.20	1	.08
4	New Windsor Borough	..	3.9	.28	6	.31
5	Wallingford Borough	..	.8	.31	2	.07
6	Wantage	.. ..	1.0	.27	..	..
7	Wokingham Borough	..	.8	.18	2	.04
RURAL DISTRICTS.						
1	Abingdon	.. ..	1.6	.16	4	.37
2	Bradfield	.. ..	2.9	.21	2	.13
3	Cookham	.. ..	1.8	.14	1	.07
4	Easthampstead	.. ..	2.6	.16	3	.16
5	Faringdon (Berks)	.. ..	2.1	.21	3	.29
6	Hungerford	.. ..	1.5	.18	1	.01
7	Newbury	.. ..	1.1	.10	3	.28
8	Wallingford	.. ..	.4	.05	3	.03
9	Wantage	.. ..	2.8	.24	2	.16
10	Windsor	.. ..	3.2	.25	..	..
11	Wokingham	.. ..	3.3	.19	2	.10
Urban Districts			13.6	.23	18	.26
Rural Districts			23.3	.18	24	.17
County			36.9	.19	42	.20

* Rate per 1,000 of Estimated Population.

Institutional Treatment.—The Council has made provision for the treatment of cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and specially selected cases of other forms of tuberculosis at their Sanatoria at Peppard Common and Abingdon.

Berks & Bucks Joint Sanatorium at Peppard Common. The accommodation available for Berkshire patients is 31 beds for men, 19 beds for women and 40 beds for children.

Medical Officer in charge	...	Dr. Esther Carling.
Assistant Medical Officer	...	Dr. W. Tozer.
Superintendent	... ..	Mr. H. Carling.

Provision is made for the training of patients in horticulture, pig, poultry and rabbit rearing, carpentry, weaving, rug and fancy basket making.

During the year 79 adults were admitted and 80 were discharged, viz. :—Improved 45, no material improvement 20, quiescent 9, died 6.

The children's block is a residential open-air school. The education given is approved by the Board of Education. The children sent are those who have been exposed to infection in their own homes, and are in a debilitated condition, also children who have been referred to the Tuberculosis Officer by the School Medical Inspectors as suspect or pre-tubercular. The number admitted was 43. The results obtained are very good. The children are kept under observation at the clinics on their discharge. It has been noted in the case of several adults admitted to the Sanatorium, and whose school medical records were available, that at the time they were examined at school they were marked down as suspect or pre-tubercular, and did not develop definite physical signs of disease until they went into employment.

Abingdon Sanatorium.—There are 20 beds, 12 being for males and 8 for females. This Institution is used mainly for advanced cases. Dr. Challenor, Medical Officer to the Isolation Hospital, attends daily. The number of patients admitted was 42. The number of patients discharged was 42, viz. :—Improved 23, no material improvement 7, died 12.

Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis.—Treatment has been provided by the County Council for 9 new cases at the following Special Hospitals :—8 at the Wingfield Orthopaedic Hospital, and 1 at Heatherwood Hospital.

A number of cases attended the Orthopaedic Clinics which are established at Windsor, Wantage, Wallingford, Newbury, Wokingham, Sandhurst and Reading, and the Tuberculosis Clinics.

Surgical appliances were supplied to 13 patients.

Dispensaries are established at the following places :—

Reading, Shire Hall, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in the month and every Saturday, 10—4 p.m.

Abingdon, Sanatorium, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the month, 1—4 p.m.

Maidenhead, Town Hall, 4th Monday in the month, 1—4 p.m.

Newbury, Oddfellows' Institute, 2nd Thursday in the month, 1—4 p.m.

Wantage, Town Hall, 1st Tuesday in the month, 1—4 p.m.

Windsor Labour Hall, 1st Thursday in the month, 1—4 p.m.

Wokingham, Town Hall, 3rd Thursday in the month, 1—4 p.m.

A clinic has been held at Faringdon, The Savings Bank, Gloucester Road, once a quarter during the year, or as occasion arises.

The number of patients examined at the dispensaries was 860, and the total number of attendances was 2,371.

Home Visiting.—The Tuberculosis Officer made 909 visits to patients in their homes. The Health Visitors and District Nurses made 1918 visits to the homes of patients. The District Nurses also undertake the daily nursing of patients on request of the Tuberculosis Officer, payment being made by the County Council.

Shelters.—There are 49 shelters available for patients in the County. All the shelters were in use during the year, being greatly appreciated by the majority of patients.

Sputum Examination.—311 specimens were examined, 82 with a positive result. The practitioners are supplied with outfits and the examination made free of charge. Some of the urban districts make their own arrangements for the sputum examination.

DEATHS FROM CANCER.

			Average for 10 years, 1914-1923.		1924.	
			Number of Deaths.	Rate.	Number of Deaths.	Rate.*
URBAN DISTRICTS.						
1	Abingdon Borough	..	10.1	1.51	10	1.36
2	Maidenhead Borough	..	20.7	1.30	27	1.61
3	Newbury Borough	..	19.9	1.66	17	1.37
4	New Windsor Borough	..	20.8	1.49	27	1.40
5	Wallingford Borough	..	4.0	1.56	6	2.19
6	Wantage	.. ..	4.8	1.31	3	.75
7	Wokingham Borough	..	7.8	1.83	14	3.19
RURAL DISTRICTS.						
1	Abingdon	.. ..	12.5	1.31	10	.93
2	Bradfield	.. ..	20.9	1.55	27	1.87
3	Cookham	.. ..	18.5	1.49	35	2.55
4	Easthampstead	.. ..	22.1	1.37	18	.99
5	Faringdon (Berks)	.. ..	15.7	1.57	12	1.08
6	Hungerford	.. ..	11.2	1.38	8	.92
7	Newbury	.. ..	16.9	1.63	13	1.22
8	Wallingford	.. ..	7.5	1.05	8	.98
9	Wantage	.. ..	18.4	1.63	15	1.25
10	Windsor	.. ..	17.1	1.35	13	1.36
11	Wokingham	.. ..	28.9	1.75	25	1.31
Urban Districts			88.1	1.49	104	1.55
Rural Districts			189.7	1.49	184	1.36
County			277.8	1.49	288	1.42

* Per 1,000 of Estimated Population.

EPIDEMIC DEATH-RATE, 1924.

(PER 1,000 OF ESTIMATED CIVIL POPULATION).

Prior to 1910 the diseases grouped together in the Registrar General's Annual Summary under the term "Principal Epidemic Diseases," were smallpox, measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough, diphtheria, "fever" (including typhus, enteric, and simple continued fever), and diarrhoea. In 1910 enteric fever was substituted for the heading "fever," and in the Annual Summaries for 1911 and subsequent years the mortality figures for these diseases considered as a group, have been omitted. Another alteration which was made in the Summary for 1911 was the substitution of deaths from diarrhoea and enteritis under 2 years for deaths from diarrhoea at all ages, and in the Annual Summaries since 1912 the mortality figure for diarrhoea and enteritis calculated upon the population of all ages is not given, but a rate per 1,000 births.

For purposes of comparison it is convenient to group the commoner epidemic diseases in a single table, and for the same reason I have given the total epidemic death-rate for each District.

	Principal Epidemic Diseases.	Small- pox.	Measles	Scarlet Fever.	Diph- theria.	Whoop- ing Cough.	Enteric Fever.	Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under 2 years).
URBAN DISTRICTS.								
1 Abingdon Borough ..	·68	..	·41	..	·13	..	..	·13
2 Maidenhead Borough ..	·29	..	·05	..	..	·05	·11	·05
3 Newbury Borough ..	·56	..	·32	..	..	..	..	·24
4 New Windsor Borough ..	·15	..	..	·05	..	·10	..	..
5 Wallingford Borough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6 Wantage .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7 Wokingham Borough ..	·22	..	·22	..	..	..	..	..
RURAL DISTRICTS.								
1 Abingdon	·28	..	..	..	·09	..	·18	..
2 Bradfield	·27	..	·13	..	·06	·06	..	..
3 Cookham	·21	..	..	..	·07	..	·14	..
4 Easthampstead .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5 Faringdon (Berks) ..	·19	..	..	..	..	·09	..	·09
6 Hungerford .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7 Newbury	·18	..	·18	..	..	..	..	..
8 Wallingford	·12	..	..	·12	..	..	..	..
9 Wantage	·25	..	·16	..	..	..	..	·08
10 Windsor .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
11 Wokingham	·36	..	·26	..	·05	·05	..	..
Urban Districts	·31	..	·13	·01	·01	·04	·02	·07
Rural Districts	·18	..	·08	·007	·02	·02	·02	·01
County	·22	..	·09	·009	·02	·02	·02	·03
* { England and Wales								
* { 105 Great Towns (inc. Lon.)								
* { 157 Smaller Towns								
	Not stated	0·00	0·12	0·02	0·06	0·10	0·01	Not stated.
		0·00	0·18	0·03	0·08	0·12	0·01	
		0·00	0·08	0·02	0·06	0·09	0·01	

* From the Annual Summary of the Registrar-General.

EPIDEMIC MORTALITY DURING TEN YEARS, 1914-1923.

TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS.										DEATH-RATE PER 1,000 OF POPULATION.							
										Principal Epidemic Diseases.	Small-pox.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Whooping Cough.	Enteric Fever.	Diarrhoea.*
										Principal Epidemic Diseases.	Small-pox.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Whooping Cough.	Enteric Fever.	Diarrhoea.*
URBAN DISTRICTS.																	
1	Abingdon Borough	..	52	..	9	9	22	9	..	3	..	.13	.13	.33	.13	..	.04
2	Maidenhead Borough	..	67	..	11	3	7	31	2	13	..	.06	.01	.04	.19	.01	.08
3	Newbury Borough	..	31	..	2	2	10	4	1	12	..	.01	.01	.08	.03	.008	.10
4	New Windsor Borough	..	64	..	23	..	6	19	1	15	..	.16	..	.04	.13	.007	.10
5	Wallingford Borough	..	4	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	.07	..	..	.07	..	..
6	Wantage	..	17	..	1	2	5	4	..	5	..	.02	.05	.13	.10	..	.13
7	Wokingham Borough	..	12	..	4	1	3	2	2	..	..	.19	.02	.07	.04	.04	..
RURAL DISTRICTS.																	
1	Abingdon	..	64	..	8	4	30	11	2	9	..	.08	.04	.31	.11	.02	.09
2	Bradfield	..	33	..	6	2	6	9	2	8	..	.04	.01	.04	.06	.01	.05
3	Cookham	..	42	..	8	2	7	14	2	9	..	.06	.01	.05	.11	.01	.07
4	Easthamstead	..	61	..	6	5	19	23	..	8	..	.03	.03	.11	.14	..	.04
5	Faringdon (Berks)	..	42	..	4	7	8	8	..	15	..	.04	.07	.08	.08	..	.15
6	Hungerford	..	30	..	5	..	7	14	2	2	..	.06	..	.08	.17	.02	.02
7	Newbury	..	24	..	1	1	7	7	4	4	..	.009	.009	.06	.06	.03	.03
8	Wallingford	..	22	..	2	1	3	5	1	10	..	.02	.01	.04	.07	.01	.14
9	Wantage	..	48	..	9	2	17	14	1	5	..	.08	.01	.15	.12	.008	.04
10	Windsor	..	60	..	18	3	5	19	2	13	..	.14	.02	.03	.15	.01	.10
11	Wokingham	..	62	..	13	2	15	17	3	12	..	.07	.01	.09	.10	.01	.07
Urban Districts										247	..	52	17	53	71	6	48
Rural Districts										488	..	80	29	124	141	19	95
County										735	..	132	46	177	212	25	143

* In 1911 and subsequent years, deaths from Diarrhoea at ages above 2 years have been excluded, but deaths from Enteritis under 2 years have been included.

CASE MORTALITY.

i.e., RATIO OF DEATHS TO NOTIFICATIONS.

	No. of Notifications.		No. of Deaths.		Ratio per cent.	
	Ten years, 1914-1923.	1924.	Ten years, 1914-1923.	1924.	Ten years, 1914-1923.	1924.
<i>Urban Districts.</i>						
Smallpox	3	..	..	..	..	..
Scarlet Fever ..	1,556	75	17	1	1.09	1.33
Diphtheria	654	36	53	1	.81	2.77
Enteric Fever ..	35	4	6	2	17.14	50.00
Puerperal Fever* ..	19	1	16	..	84.21	..
Erysipelas	155	11	7	..	4.51	..
<i>Rural Districts.</i>						
Smallpox .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Scarlet Fever ..	2,735	256	29	1	1.06	3.90
Diphtheria	1,247	68	124	4	9.94	5.88
Enteric Fever ..	126	6	19	4	15.07	66.66
Puerperal Fever* ..	61	8	30	4	49.18	50.00
Erysipelas	255	19	10	1	3.92	5.26
<i>County.</i>						
Smallpox	3	..	..	..	..	..
Scarlet Fever ..	4,291	331	46	2	1.07	.60
Diphtheria	1,901	104	177	5	9.31	4.80
Enteric Fever ..	161	10	25	6	12.73	60.00
Puerperal Fever* ..	80	9	46	4	57.50	44.44
Erysipelas	410	30	17	1	4.14	3.33

* On examining the Notification and Mortality Tables for the past eleven years, it appears that several cases of puerperal fever and one case of enteric fever, which proved fatal, were never "notified": where this has obviously occurred an addition has been made for the purpose of this Table to the number of notifications given in the District Reports, and the figures thus corrected are given above.

SMALLPOX.

No case of smallpox was notified during the past year. Three cases were notified in 1923 and one case in 1911. Prior to this no case of smallpox had been notified in Berkshire since 1905, when there was one case. In 1904 no case was notified. The number in 1903 was 13, and in 1902, 33.

MEASLES AND GERMAN MEASLES.

In accordance with the provisions of the Public Health (Measles and German Measles) Regulations, 1915, the notification of both measles and German measles became compulsory from 1st January, 1916, and remained in force until 31st December, 1919, from which date it was rescinded.

DIPHTHERIA.

The number of cases notified during 1924 was 104 ; the average in the preceding ten years was 190.

The distribution of the cases amongst the various districts is set out on page 26 of this report.

SCARLET FEVER (SCARLATINA).

The number of cases notified during 1924 was 331 ; the average in the preceding ten years was 430.

The distribution of the cases amongst the various districts is set out on page 26 of this report.

ENTERIC (TYPHOID) FEVER.

The number of cases notified during 1924 was 10 ; the average in the preceding ten years was 16.

The distribution of the cases amongst the various districts is set out on page 26 of this report.

CEREBRO-SPINAL FEVER (CEREBRO-SPINAL MENINGITIS).

This disease was made compulsorily notifiable as from September 1st, 1912. Up to the end of 1914 only one case had been notified, but 23 cases, 18 of which were fatal, were notified during 1915, 10, including 8 fatal cases, during 1916, 11, including 5 fatal cases in 1917, 6, including 4 fatal cases in 1918 ; one other death was certified during 1918 as due to cerebro-spinal fever, but the case was not notified, and 4, including 1 fatal case in 1919, 1 case which proved fatal was notified in 1920, 4 fatal cases in 1921, of which only 2 were notified, 3 fatal cases in 1922, of which only 1 was notified, 2 fatal cases in 1923, neither of which was notified, and 1 fatal case in 1924 which was not notified.

INFLUENZA.

During 1924, 72 deaths were certified as due to influenza ; the average number in the preceding 10 years was 107.

The severe epidemic of 1918-19 was of world-wide distribution and a high rate of mortality, due to pneumonia, appears to have been generally recorded. The last pandemic of influenza occurred in 1889-90.

DIARRHŒA.

During the ten years 1914 to 1923 the average number of deaths under two years of age from diarrhœal diseases was 14 per annum in the whole County, giving a rate of 4.17 per 1,000 births. In 1924 there were 7 deaths.

PUERPERAL FEVER.

Six cases were notified and 3 patients who were not notified were certified as having died from puerperal fever, making a total of nine, compared with an average of eight during the preceding ten years.

ERYSIPELAS.

Thirty cases of this disease were notified during 1924, the average number of notifications during the preceding ten years was 41.

TUBERCULOUS DISEASES.

These have been referred to earlier in the Report, page 14, et. seq.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum (inflammation of the eyes of newly-born infants) was made compulsorily notifiable from 1st April, 1914.

During the year 1924 nine cases were notified in the County, compared with fourteen cases in the previous year, nine cases in 1922, sixteen in 1921, fifteen in 1920, twenty-three in 1919, twenty-six in 1918, nineteen in 1917, twenty-one in 1916, and thirteen in 1915.

ACUTE POLIOMYELITIS.

The notification of this disease became compulsory from September 1st, 1912. One case was notified in 1912, two in 1913, one in 1914, none in 1915, and five in 1916. There were no cases notified during 1917, although one death from the disease was recorded. In 1918 two cases were notified. In 1919 seven cases were notified. In 1920 one case was notified. In 1921 six cases were notified. In 1922 six cases were notified. In 1923 no cases were notified. In 1924 three cases were notified.

VENEREAL DISEASES.

Arrangements made by the Berkshire County Council include free treatment at centres established by the Royal Berkshire Hospital and the Radcliffe Infirmary. At each institution the centre is open on two afternoons and two evenings a week, the days and hours having been chosen to suit the convenience of the majority of patients.

The hours arranged are as follows :—

ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL, READING.

Men.—Wednesdays 2 p.m. Saturdays 5 p.m.

Women.—Wednesdays 5 p.m. Saturdays 3 p.m.

THE RADCLIFFE INFIRMARY, OXFORD.

Men.—Wednesdays 6 p.m. Saturdays 3 p.m.

Women.—Mondays 6 p.m. Wednesdays 3 p.m.

Specimens are examined at the Pathological Laboratory of the Royal Berkshire Hospital and the Radcliffe Infirmary for the purpose of diagnosis and of judging the effects of treatment. Salvarsan, or its substitutes, is supplied from the treatment centres to medical practitioners under certain restrictions. The provision of free treatment at the centres has been advertised in the local papers, circulars explaining the scheme and asking for co-operation to ensure full advantage being taken of its diagnosis and curative functions have been sent to medical practitioners, certified midwives, social workers, etc., in the County, and leaflets, supplied by the Local Government Board and drawing attention to the dangers of venereal diseases and the imperative need for early and efficient treatment, have been issued to persons in a position to distribute them with good effect.

TABLE OF NOTIFICATIONS AND REMOVALS TO HOSPITAL.

The number of Cases treated in Hospital is in each instance inserted in brackets.

	Smallpox.			Scarlet Fever.			Diphtheria and Membranous Group.			Enteric Fever.			Totals.		
	1922	1923	1924	1922	1923	1924	1922	1923	1924	1922	1923	1924	1922	1923	1924
URBAN DISTRICTS.															
1 Abingdon Borough	221(202)§	58 (56)§	5 (5)§	21 (19)§	41 (40)§	27 (27)§	..	1	2 (2)§	242 (221)	100 (96)	34 (34)
2 Maidenhead Borough	19 (18)d	4 (4)d	2 (2)d	2 (2)d	8 (8)d	..	2 (1)	2 (1)d	1	23 (21)	14 (13)	3 (2)
3 Newbury Borough	14 (5)b	4 (4)b	14 (12)b	11 (6)b	8 (1)b	7 (4)b	..	..	..	25 (11)	12 (5)	21 (16)
4 New Windsor Borough	19 (13)f	20 (13)f	42 (31)f	6 (3)f	1 (1)f	1 (1)f	..	2 (1)f	1 (1)f	25 (16)	23 (15)	44 (33)
5 Wallingford Borough	27 (26)g	1 (1)g	5 (5)g	1 (1)g	2 (2)g	1 (1)g	..	1 (1)g	..	28 (27)	4 (4)	5 (6)
6 Wantage	22 (22)§	3	..	3 (2)§	3 (2)§	..	..	..	..	25 (24)	6 (2)	..
7 Wokingham Borough	1	10	4	..	5 (3)d	..	..	..	..	1	18 (3)	4
Total	323 (286)	100 (78)	72 (55)	44 (33)	68 (57)	35 (33)	2 (1)	6 (3)	4 (3)	369 (320)	177 (138)	111 (91)
RURAL DISTRICTS.															
1 Abingdon	101 (91)§	114(111)§	18*(17)§	17 (17)§	57 (54)§	12 (12)§	..	1	2 (2)§	118 (108)	172 (165)	32 (31)
2 Bradfield..	36 (3)§	45 (4)§	14 (3)§	11	4 (1)§	4 (3)§	..	..	1 (1)§	47 (3)	49 (5)	19 (7)
3 Cookham	30 (23)d	15 (11)d	5 (2)d	16 (16)d	10 (10)d	4 (4)d	1	..	2 (2)d	47 (39)	25 (21)	11 (8)
4 Easthampstead	70 (34)d	24 (18)d	69 (51)d	36 (26)d	7 (5)d	3 (3)d	..	1	..	106 (60)	32 (23)	72 (54)
5 Faringdon (Berks)	54 (21)§	3 (3)§	24 (21)§	13 (11)§	4 (3)§	7 (5)§	..	..	..	67 (32)	7 (6)	31 (26)
6 Hungerford	21 (10)§	4 (4)§	6 (4)§	5 (3)§	3 (2)§	6 (4)§	..	..	..	26 (13)	7 (6)	12 (8)
7 Newbury	28 (18)b	10 (7)b	12 (9)b	20 (7)b	6 (5)b	3 (3)b	..	1	1 (1)§	48 (25)	17 (12)	16 (13)
8 Wallingford	46 (37)g	30 (25)g	15 (12)g	21 (20)g	6 (6)g	..	..	..	..	67 (57)	36 (31)	15 (12)
9 Wantage	18 (11)§	23 (11)§	5 (3)§	11 (4)§	7 (7)§	1	..	..	..	29 (15)	30 (18)	6 (3)
10 Windsor	38 (1)d	5 (5)d	41 (33)d	4 (2)d	20 (20)d	11 (11)b	..	..	..	42 (6)	25 (25)	52 (44)
11 Wokingham	19 (1)c	42 (12)d	47 (40)d	10 (2)c	12 (7)d	19†(17)d	..	..	..	29 (3)	54 (19)	66 (57)
Total	461 (253)	315 (211)	256 (195)	164 (108)	136 (120)	70 (62)	1	3	6 (6)	626 (361)	454 (331)	332 (263)

* Including 1 case admitted to Oxford Isolation Hospital.

† Including 8 cases which occurred at a private institution.

§ To Abingdon Isolation Hospital.

b To Isolation Hospital, Newbury.

c To Reading Isolation Hospital.

d To Maidenhead Isolation Hospital.

f To Crippenham Hospital.

g To Wallingford and Crowmarsh Isolation Hospital.

h All these were cases occurring at the United Services Hospital, Heatherwood, and treated in the Sanatorium there.

ISOLATION HOSPITALS—OTHER THAN SMALLPOX.

URBAN DISTRICTS	Area Served.	Acres.	Popn. Census, 1921.	Buildings.	Beds.	Dis- eases.	FOR SMALLPOX.
Abingdon Borough ..	Abingdon U.D. & R.D., Wantage U.D. & R.D., Faringdon R.D., Bradfield R.D., Hungerford R.D., Newbury R.D., & the Oxfordshire Districts of Wheatley U., Witney U., Witney R., Goring R., Culham R., and the Rural District of Ramsbury in Wilts	472,074	110,266**	Mainly permanent ..	54	three	Temporary building. Abingdon U. & R. Districts.
Maidenhead Borough	Maidenhead U.D., Cookham R.D., Easthampstead R.D., two parishes of Windsor R.D. and Wokingham U. and R. Districts	105,707	78,641	Permanent administrative, temporary ward buildings	32	two	Tents.
Newbury Borough ..	Newbury U. and R. Districts ..	44,216	22,960	Temporary ..	28	two	Small isolated house could be used (Site for new Hospital secured). Temporary building. 12 beds. Permanent building. 4 beds. Henley and Wallingford, Smallpox Hospital District. U. and R. Districts.
New WindsorBorough	See footnote c ..	4,616	20,115	Permanent administrative, temporary ward buildings	15	three	
Wallingford Borough	Wallingford U. and R. Districts and Crowmarsh R.D. (Oxon) ..	42,696	17,276	Permanent administrative, temporary ward buildings	..	..
Wantage	See Abingdon Borough ..	..	..	..	..	..	Tents. Urban and Rural Districts.
Wokingham Borough	See Maidenhead Borough	..	..	..	..	..
RURAL DISTRICTS							
Abingdon	See Abingdon Borough ..	..	..	..	..	..	See Abingdon Borough. Henley and Wallingford Joint Smallpox Hospital
Bradfield	See Abingdon Borough ..	..	..	..	..	..	See Maidenhead Borough. See Maidenhead Borough. Berthon hospital tents. Temporary building.
Cookham	See Maidenhead Borough	..	..	..	..	..	See Newbury Borough.
Easthampstead ..	See Maidenhead Borough	..	..	..	..	..	See Wallingford Borough.
Faringdon*	See Abingdon Borough ..	..	..	..	..	..	See Wantage Urban.
Hungerford	See Abingdon Borough ..	..	..	..	..	..	Temporary building. 8 beds.
Newbury	See Newbury and Abingdon Boroughs ..	..	..	..	..	..	See Wokingham Borough.
Wallingford	See Wallingford Borough ..	..	..	..	..	..
Wantage	See Abingdon Borough ..	..	..	..	..	..
Windsor	See footnote † ..	..	..	..	..	..
Wokingham	See Maidenhead Borough	..	..	..	..	..

* Including Lechlade parish in Gloucestershire.

† Patients from Parish of Old Windsor received into Egham (Surrey) Isolation Hospital and from Parishes of Sunninghill and Sunningdale into Maidenhead Isolation Hospital.

c Eton R.D.C. Isolation Hospital available.

** Only enteric cases admitted from Newbury Rural District, the population of which, 10,669, is included in this total.

ADULTERATED FOODS AND DRUGS.

In the following table the work carried out in the County during 1924, under the Sale of Foods and Drugs Acts, is summarised. For the particulars I am indebted to the quarterly reports of the Chief Constable, Lt.-Colonel A. F. Poulton, and of the County Analyst, Sir William Smith, and also the reports of the Medical Officers of Health of the Boroughs of Newbury and New Windsor.

	Number of Samples.	Number Genuine.	Number Adulterated.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.
Newbury Borough ...	46	38	8	2	2
New Windsor Borough	46	41	5	5	5
Remainder of County	320	316	4	4	2
Total	412	395	17	11	9

The percentage of adulterated samples to the total number taken was 4·12 for the whole County, compared with 2·40 in 1923, 1·23 in 1922, 3·79 in 1921, 3·48 in 1920, 5·39 in 1919, 8·67 in 1918, 6·70 in 1917, 4·34 in 1916, 10·5 in 1915, 4·33 in 1914, 4·77 in 1913, 4·20 in 1912, 5·69 in 1911, 2·11 in 1910, 4·01 in 1909, 4·40 in 1908, 1·64 in 1907, and 4·99 in 1906.

An extended table giving the list of articles examined is printed at the end of this report (Table 7).

THE MIDWIVES ACTS, 1902 AND 1918.

INSPECTION OF MIDWIVES.

During the year ending 31st December, 1924, 156 women gave notice of their intention to practise as Midwives in the County ; of this number, 8 ceased practising and 11 moved out of the County, leaving 137 on the register at the end of the year.

Of these, 120 were working under Nursing Associations or for individual estate owners and 36 were working on their own account. Of the 120 association midwives, all had been certified after examination, whereas out of the remaining 36 midwives, 32 had been certified after examination, 4 having been placed on the roll as bona-fide practising midwives at the time the Midwives Act came into force.

The routine inspections numbered 405.

Midwives belonging to the County Nursing Association are inspected by their own Superintendent, Miss G. R. Skinner, who has been appointed by the County Council as " Superintendent of Health Visitors and Midwives throughout the area of the County covered by the Association."

All other Midwives are inspected by Miss A. E. Dutton, one of the whole-time Health Visitors on the County staff.

During the year the following notices were received :—

Stillbirth	28
Sending for medical help	423
Death of infants before attendance of a doctor ...	7
Laying out dead bodies	28
Liability to be a source of infection	8
Artificial feeding	39
Death of mother	2

Sixty-five per cent. of the births registered in the County during the year 1924 appear to have been attended by certified midwives, a rather higher proportion than in previous years.

The following list, corrected to August, 1925, shows the distribution of the Midwives who have given notice of their intention of practising in the County.

Abingdon	4	Newbury	7
Aldermaston	1	Old Windsor	3
Appleton	1	Pangbourne	1
Ardington	1	Remenham	1
Ashbury	1	Shinfield	1
Ashmore Green	1	Shrivenham	1
Aston Tirrold	2	Sonning	1
Basildon	1	South Ascot	4
Binfield	1	South Moreton	1
Boar's Hill	1	Spencer's Wood	1
Botley	1	Stanford-in-the-Vale	1
Bracknell	2	Steventon	1
Bradfield	3	Stockcross	1
Braywood	1	Streatley	1
Brimpton	2	Sulhamstead	1
Buckland	1	Sunningwell	1
Bucklebury	1	Sutton Courtenay	1
Burchett's Green	1	Thatcham	1
Burghfield	1	Theale	1
Chieveley	1	Twyford	1
Cholsey	1	Wallingford	4
Crowthorne	3	Waltham St. Lawrence	1
Curridge	1	Wantage	4
Cumnor	1	Warfield	1
Dideot	1	Welford	1
East Hanney	1	Westcott	1
East Hendred	1	West Hagbourne	1
Englefield	1	White Waltham	1
Faringdon	2	Windsor	9
Farnborough	1	Winkfield	1
Grazeley	1	Wokingham	4
Great Shefford	1	Woodlands	1
Hampstead Norris	1	Yattendon	1
Hare Hatch	1	*Camberley	2
Harwell	1	*Caversham	1
Holyport	1	*Clifton Hampden	1
Hungerford	2	*Dorchester	1
Hurst	1	*Eynsham	1
Inkpen	1	*Highworth	1
Kintbury	1	*Lechlade	1
Longworth	1	*Marlow	1
Maidenhead	10	*Oxford	1
Marcham	1	*Reading	4
Marlston	1	*Wolvercote	1
Mortimer	1		

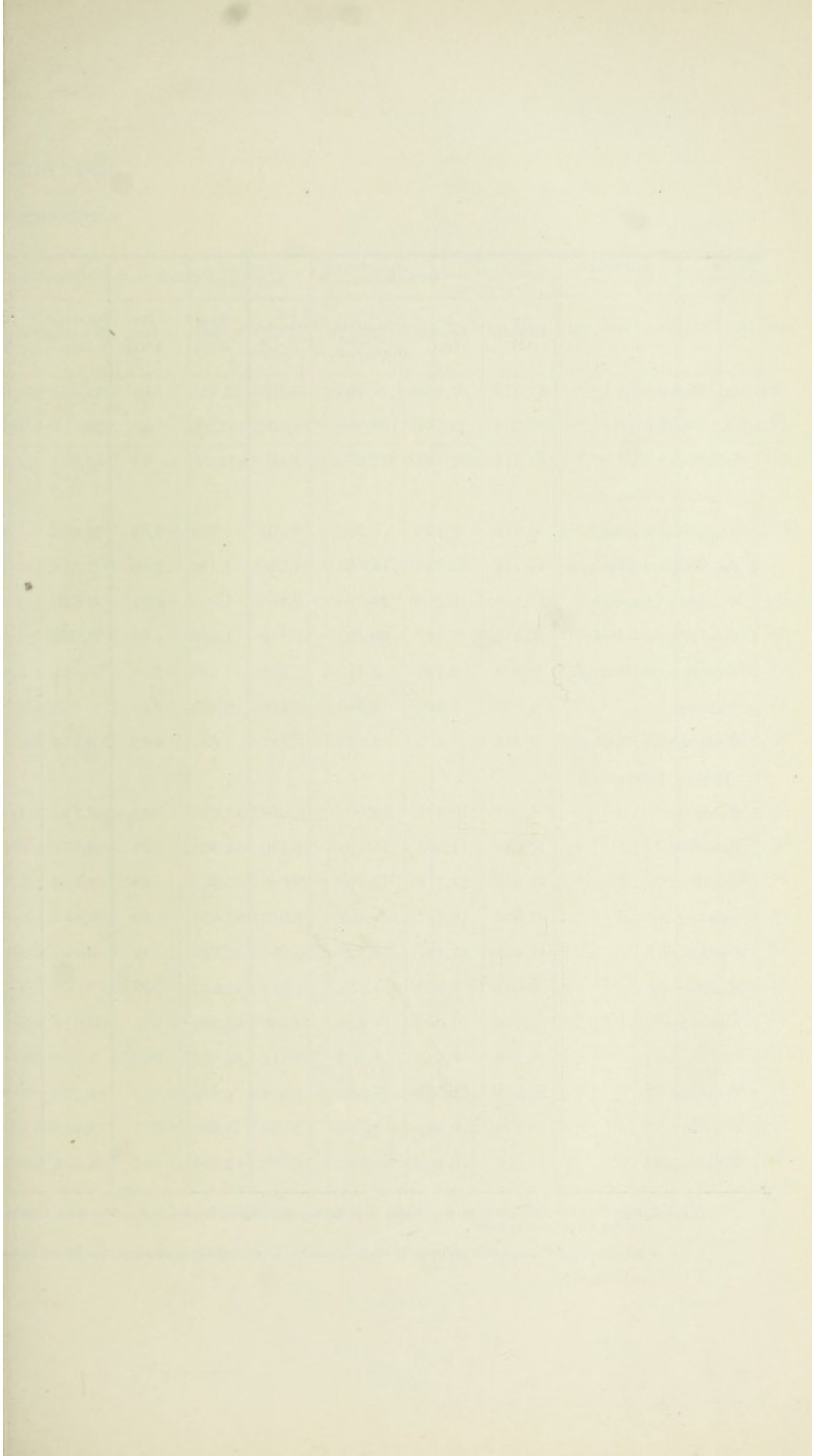


TABLE 1.—CH

ADMINISTRATIVE

	Population.				Population.		Population.		1921
	By Census, 1911.	By Census, 1921.	By Estimate, 1924, for Birth-Rate.	¶ By Estimate, 1924, for Death-Rate	Area in Acres.	Per Acre, 1921.	Inhabited Houses, 1921.	Per House, 1921.	
URBAN DISTRICTS ..	57,513	67,399	67,760	66,780	12,712	5.30	14,657	4.62	18.4
RURAL DISTRICTS† ..	138,301	135,144	135,800	134,700	442,013	.30	29,974	4.50	17.4
COUNTY† ..	195,814	202,543	203,560	201,480	454,725	.44	44,631	4.53	17.4
URBAN DISTRICTS—									
1 Abingdon Borough	6,810	7,165	7,302	7,302	728	9.84	1,639	4.36	20.4
2 Maidenhead Borough	15,218	16,730	16,750	16,750	2,124	7.88	3,528	4.74	19.4
3 Newbury Borough ..	12,108	12,295	12,380	12,380	1,829	6.71	3,070	4.00	17.4
4 New Windsor Boro'	12,681	20,122	20,220	19,240	4,616	4.35	3,952	5.08	19.4
5 Wallingford Borough	2,716	2,726	2,735	2,735	380	7.16	631	4.32	17.4
6 Wantage ..	3,628	3,886	3,990	3,990	2,478	1.56	758	5.12	16.4
7 Wokingham Borough	4,352	4,475	4,383	4,383	557	8.02	1,079	4.14	15.4
RURAL DISTRICTS—									
1 Abingdon ..	9,251	10,311	10,660	10,660	42,210	.24	2,316	4.45	19.4
2 Bradfield ..	17,059	14,563	14,490	14,490	52,878	.27	3,327	4.37	16.4
3 Cookham ..	12,301	13,714	13,680	13,680	27,803	.49	3,156	4.34	16.4
4 Easthampstead ..	17,550	18,757	18,840	18,010	27,034	.69	3,466	5.41	14.4
5 Faringdon† ..	11,075	10,101	10,100	10,100	55,726	.18	2,460	4.15	20.4
6 Hungerford ..	9,009	8,320	8,634	8,634	44,817	.18	2,018	4.12	21.4
7 Newbury ..	10,759	10,669	10,630	10,630	42,386	.25	2,671	3.99	13.4
8 Wallingford ..	7,246	8,846	8,386	8,116	22,152	.39	1,522	5.81	18.4
9 Wantage ..	12,028	11,704	11,910	11,910	74,498	.15	2,929	3.99	23.4
10 Windsor ..	15,370	9,690	9,530	9,530	8,665	1.11	1,920	5.04	14.4
11 Wokingham ..	16,653	18,469	18,940	18,940	43,844	.42	4,189	4.40	11.4

α The Epidemic Death-Rate refers to the Deaths from Smallpox, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough, Diphtheria, and Tetanus under 2 years are included.

† The Rural District of Faringdon is partly in the Administrative County of Gloucestershire, the figures given refer to the part in the County of Berkshire.

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Net Death-Rate.			α Epidemic Death-Rate.			α Death-Rate from Diarrhoea.			Death-Rate from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.			Death-Rate from Cancer.			Infantile Mortality.		
1922.	1923.	1924.	1922	1923	1924	1922	1923	1924	1922	1923	1924	1922	1923	1924	1922	1923	1924
13.0	12.0	12.2	.5	.4	.3	.02	.1	.07	.7	.7	.5	1.4	1.6	1.5	59	54	61
12.2	10.5	11.0	.2	.3	.1	.05	.05	.01	.6	.6	.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	53	50	54
12.4	11.0	11.4	.3	.3	.2	.04	.07	.03	.6	.7	.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	55	51	56
15.5	12.3	11.6	1.8	1.6	.6	..	.2	.1	.9	.4	.4	1.1	1.2	1.3	68	36	25
11.5	11.4	11.8	.5	.6	.2	..	.1	.05	.8	.8	.7	1.2	1.9	1.6	66	67	76
14.7	14.1	13.0	..	.1	.5	..	.08	.2	.5	.8	.5	1.6	1.7	1.3	42	63	56
12.3	11.2	11.2	.5	.05	.1	.1	.05	..	.5	.8	.6	1.4	1.3	1.4	59	55	65
11.1	9.1	13.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	.3	.7	.3	2.2	1.1	2.1	41	60	32
10.9	8.8	11.5	1.0	.5	..	..	.2	..	1.0	.5	.2	1.0	1.2	.7	93	16	71
16.1	15.9	16.4	..	..	.2	..	..	..	.6	1.3	.2	1.8	2.5	3.1	43	35	58
12.3	10.4	10.3	.7	1.8	.2	.09	.2	..	.5	.6	.3	.8	1.9	.9	53	62	57
13.1	10.6	12.0	.06	..	.2	..	..	..	.4	.4	.7	1.4	1.3	1.8	62	35	38
11.6	9.1	11.9	.1	.2	.2	.07	.07	..	.4	.2	.5	1.6	1.4	2.5	48	52	44
11.5	8.6	9.0	.2	.4	..	..	..	..	.7	.8	.4	1.5	1.0	.9	50	50	40
13.3	14.0	11.7	.1	.5	.1	.09	.1	.09	.4	1.0	.5	2.0	1.1	1.0	71	93	42
12.3	11.9	14.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.0	.5	.9	1.4	1.2	.9	38	12	114
11.7	11.3	11.1	.2	.09	.1	..	..	..	.4	.4	.2	1.8	1.4	1.2	12	63	61
10.9	7.7	9.3	.3	..	.1	.3	..	..	.5	.4	.4	1.2	.7	.9	48	32	70
16.3	10.7	10.4	.3	.4	.2	.08	.08	.08	1.2	1.0	.6	1.8	1.6	1.2	59	54	48
8.8	10.9	9.6	.2	.3	..	..	..	..	.4	.4	.6	.7	1.2	1.3	42	22	45
11.7	11.2	11.5	.2	.1	.3	.05	..	..	.7	.8	.8	1.8	2.0	1.3	73	58	56

g Enteric) and Diarrhoea. Deaths from Diarrhoea at ages above 2 years are excluded, but deaths from Enteritis

only.

Date	Description	Amount	Balance	Total	Remarks	Page
1891	Jan 1					1
1892	Feb 1					2
1893	Mar 1					3
1894	Apr 1					4
1895	May 1					5
1896	Jun 1					6
1897	Jul 1					7
1898	Aug 1					8
1899	Sep 1					9
1900	Oct 1					10
1901	Nov 1					11
1902	Dec 1					12
1903	Jan 1					13
1904	Feb 1					14
1905	Mar 1					15
1906	Apr 1					16
1907	May 1					17
1908	Jun 1					18
1909	Jul 1					19
1910	Aug 1					20
1911	Sep 1					21

TABLE 2.—VITAL STATISTICS FOR ENGLAND AND WALES, 1924.

The following Table issued by the Registrar-General gives the principal vital statistics during the year 1924 for England and Wales, London, the 105 great Towns and the 157 smaller Towns.

The corresponding figures for the County of Berks (calculated on the 1924 population) are appended for purposes of comparison.

TABLE X:—**Birth-rate, Death-rate, and Analysis of Mortality** during the year 1924.

(Provisional figures. The rates for England and Wales have been calculated on a population estimated to the middle of 1924, while those for the towns have been calculated on populations estimated to the middle of 1923. The mortality rates refer to the whole population as regards England and Wales, but only to civilians as regards London and the groups of towns.)

	BIRTH-RATE PER 1,000 TOTAL POPULA- TION.	ANNUAL DEATH-RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION.								RATE PER 1,000 BIRTHS.		
		All Causes.	Enteric Fever.	Small-pox.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Whooping Cough.	Diphtheria.	Influenza.	Violence.	Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under Two years).	Total Deaths under One year.
England and Wales	18.8	12.2	0.01	0.00	0.12	0.02	0.10	0.06	0.49	0.44	7.3	75
105 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London	19.4	12.3	0.01	0.00	0.18	0.03	0.12	0.08	0.45	0.40	9.2	80
157 Smaller Towns (1921) Adjusted	18.9	11.2	0.01	0.00	0.08	0.02	0.09	0.06	0.50	0.36	6.2	71
Populations 20,000-50,000	18.7	12.1	0.01	—	0.29	0.03	0.11	0.12	0.36	0.44	8.4	69
London												
Berkshire	15.78	11.42	0.02	0.00	0.09	.009	0.02	0.02	0.35	0.22	2.1	56

TABLE 3.—NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE, 1924.

DISEASES NOTIFIED.	Cases notified in Urban Districts.							Cases notified in Rural Districts.													
	Abingdon Borough.	Maidenhead Borough.	Newbury Borough.	New Windsor Borough.	Wallingford Borough.	Wantage.	Wokingham Borough.	Total Urban Districts.	Abingdon.	Bradfield.	Cookham.	Easthampstead.	Faringdon (Berks portion).	Hungerford.	Newbury.	Wallingford.	Wantage.	Windsor.	Wokingham.	Total Rural Districts.	Total County.
1 Smallpox .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2 Cholera .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3 Plague	27	..	7	1	..	..	1	36	13	4	4	3	2	6	3	..	1	11	21	68	104
4 Diphtheria and Membranous Croup ..	1	..	..	9	..	..	1	11	2	5	..	1	..	..	4	1	3	2	1	19	30
5 Erysipelas	5	2	13	43	5	..	7	75	18	16	5	69	21	6	12	16	5	41	47	256	331
6 Scarlet Fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7 Typhus Fever	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	4	2	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	10
8 Enteric Fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9 Relapsing Fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	5	6
10 Continued Fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
11 Puerperal Fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
12 Cerebro-spinal Meningitis .. ..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	3
13 Poliomyelitis .. ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	3	6	9
14 Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	5	..	10	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	15	20
15 Pneumonia .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
16 Dysentery	13	11	8	21	5	6	2	66	9	20	7	13	9	13	13	7	18	11	24	144	210
17 Pulmonary Tuberculosis	5	..	4	5	2	1	..	17	5	4	2	4	5	5	8	4	2	..	7	46	63
18 Tuberculosis other than Pulmonary ..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	4	..	1	1	3	..	2	..	..	1	2	2	12	16
19 Encephalitis Lethargica .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	54	16	33	82	15	12	11	223	49	62	21	96	38	33	42	29	34	70	105	579	802

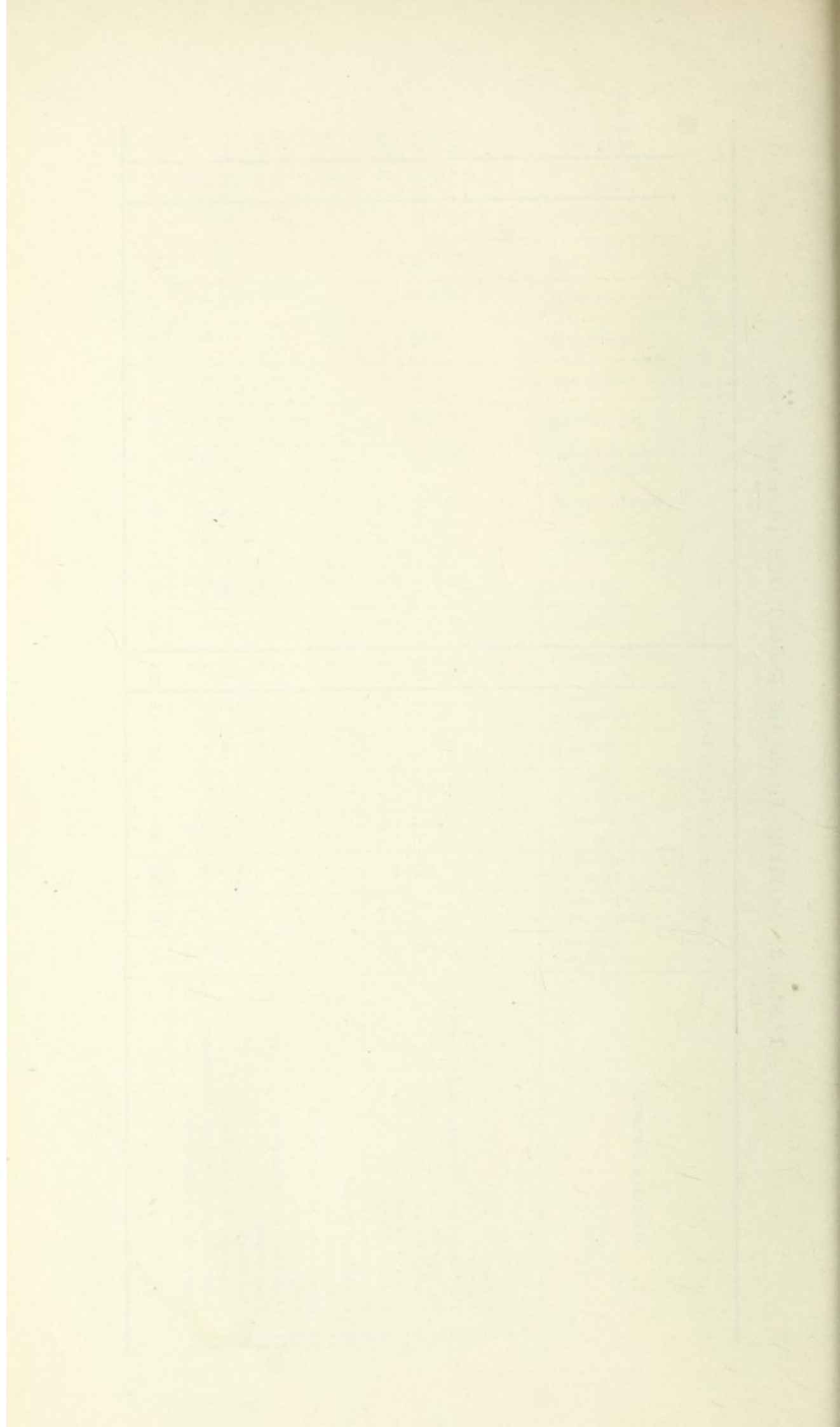


TABLE 4.—CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATH, 1924.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF BERKS.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Net Deaths at the subjoined Ages of "Residents," whether occurring within or without the County.									
	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 45 years	45 and under 65 years	65 and under 75 years	75 and upwards.
Fever	6	..	..	..	1	2	2	1	..	..
Ex .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fever	20	3	6	7	4	..	..	..	..	..
Fever	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
g Cough	6	1	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
ia	5	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..
.. ..	72	1	3	2	2	2	8	10	21	23
litis Lethargica	5	..	1	..	..	2	..	2	..	..
roccal	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Meningitis ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
losis of	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
ratory System	119	1	..	1	5	17	58	30	5	2
berculous	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diseases	42	3	5	5	7	9	5	4	1	3
Malignant	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Disease	288	..	..	..	1	..	13	107	83	84
ic Fever	7	..	..	2	1	1	2	1	..	..
.. ..	18	..	..	..	..	2	2	6	5	3
Hæmorrhage,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
.. ..	201	..	..	..	..	..	4	42	67	88
isease	303	..	..	..	1	1	17	67	110	107
clerosis	115	..	..	..	..	..	1	14	35	65
is	186	15	3	2	..	..	..	14	48	104
ia (all forms)	112	32	13	9	2	2	15	17	13	9
espiratory	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diseases ..	25	1	..	1	1	..	1	9	4	8
Stomach or	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
uodenum	11	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	3	2
a, etc.	7	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
itis and	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Typhlitis	11	..	..	1	3	4	1	1	1	..
of Liver	10	..	..	..	..	1	..	6	3	..
d Chronic	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nephritis ..	58	..	..	..	1	1	5	20	15	16
d Sepsis	4	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..
Accidents and	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
es of Pregnancy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
arturition ..	15	..	..	..	..	3	12	..	..	..
al Debility	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Malformation,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
nature Birth ..	94	90	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..
.. ..	16	..	..	..	..	1	6	7	2	..
Deaths from	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
ence	45	2	1	2	5	11	3	16	3	2
efined Diseases	482	26	9	5	4	12	38	79	69	240
ill-defined or	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
wn	16	1	1	..	..	1	1	9	3	..
es	2302	182	46	43	42	75	199	468	491	756

TABLE 5.—CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATH, 1924.

URBAN DISTRICTS.

Cause of Death.	Deaths belonging to all Urban Districts.										Deaths belonging to each District (at all ages).						
	All Ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 2.	2 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 45.	45 and under 65.	65 and under 75.	75 and upwards.	Abingdon Borough.	Maidenhead Borough.	Newbury Borough.	New Windsor Borough.	Wallingford Borough.	Wantage.	Wokingham Borough.
Ver	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
.. .. .	9	1	4	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	4	..	..	..	1
Ver	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Cough	3	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..
.. .. .	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
.. .. .	23	1	1	1	1	..	3	3	8	5	1	9	6	4	2	1	..
is Lethargica	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
ccal	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Meningitis..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
sis of	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
ory System..	37	..	..	1	1	9	14	10	2	..	3	12	7	12	1	1	1
erculous	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diseases..	18	2	2	4	1	4	2	3	..	..	5	2	1	6	2	..	2
alignant	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Disease..	104	..	..	..	..	..	4	42	33	25	10	27	17	27	6	3	14
c Fever	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
.. .. .	7	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	..	..
æmorrhage etc	79	..	..	..	..	..	2	21	24	32	8	23	10	18	8	5	7
ease	94	..	..	..	..	..	8	20	27	39	3	28	16	27	4	7	9
lerosis	51	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	13	34	3	4	12	29	2	1	..
.. .. .	66	8	1	1	..	..	..	7	19	30	10	15	12	14	2	7	6
a (all forms)..	46	13	4	7	1	1	6	5	6	3	3	12	13	14	1	3	..
piratory	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diseases..	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	3	..	2	3	3	..	..	1
tomach or	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Duodenum..	8	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	2	1	2	4	1	..	..	..	1
, etc.	5	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	..	..	..	..
tis and	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Typhlitis..	5	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	..
of Liver	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	2	1	1	..	..	..
l Chronic	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nephritis..	24	..	..	..	1	..	2	10	4	7	3	4	3	7	1	..	6
Sepsis . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
ccidents and	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
s of Pregnancy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
rturition	7	..	..	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	..	..	1
l Debility and	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
nation, Prema-	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
rth	32	32	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	4	12	1	2	5
.. .. .	6	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	1	..	..	3	2	1	..	..	..
aths from	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Violence..	16	..	..	2	3	5	..	3	2	1	3	4	3	3	..	1	2
efined Diseases	150	5	3	3	2	3	12	30	22	70	23	30	33	29	6	14	15
defined or
unknown..	8	..	1	1	6	1	1	2	2	..	1	1
s	818	67	18	26	12	29	67	178	170	251	85	198	161	219	37	46	72

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TABLE 6.—CAUSES OF

RURAL

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Deaths belonging to all Rural						
	All Ages	Under 1 year	1 and under 2	2 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and over
Enteric Fever	4	..	..	..	1	1	..
Small Pox .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Measles	11	2	2	4	3	..	..
Scarlet Fever	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Whooping Cough	3	1	1	1	..	..	..
Diphtheria	4	..	..	1	3	..	..
Influenza	49	..	2	1	1	2	..
Encephalitis Lethargica	4	..	1	..	..	2	..
Meningococcal Meningitis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	82	1	..	..	4	8	..
Other Tuberculous Diseases	24	1	3	1	6	5	..
Cancer, Malignant Disease	184	..	..	..	1	..	..
Rheumatic Fever	5	..	..	1	1	..	..
Diabetes	11	..	..	..	..	1	..
Cerebral Hæmorrhage, etc.	122	..	..	..	..	..	..
Heart Disease	209	..	..	..	1	1	..
Arterio-sclerosis	64	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bronchitis	120	7	2	1	..	..	..
Pneumonia (all forms)	66	19	9	2	1	1	..
Other Respiratory Diseases	16	..	..	1	1	..	..
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diarrhœa, etc. (under 2 years)	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
Appendicitis and Typhlitis	6	..	..	1	2	2	..
Cirrhosis of Liver	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	34	..	..	..	..	1	..
Puerperal Sepsis	4	..	..	..	..	1	..
Other Accidents and Diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition	8	..	..	..	..	2	..
Congenital Debility and Malformation, Premature Birth	62	58	1	1	..	2	..
Suicide	10	..	..	..	..	1	..
Other Deaths from Violence	29	2	1	..	2	6	..
Other Defined Diseases	332	21	6	2	2	9	..
Causes ill-defined or unknown	8	1	..	..	..	1	..
All causes	1484	115	28	17	30	46	..

ES AT, DEATH, 1924.

Deaths belonging to each District (At all Ages).												
Under 75 and upwards	Abingdon	Bradfield	Cookham	Easthampstead	Faringdon (Berks Portion)	Hungerford	Newbury	Wallingford	Wantage	Windsor	Wokingham	
..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..
..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	5	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
..	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
18	3	6	5	5	4	1	6	3	2	8	6	..
..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..
..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2	4	11	8	8	6	8	3	4	8	6	16	..
3	4	2	1	3	3	1	3	3	2	..	2	..
59	10	27	35	18	12	8	13	8	15	13	25	..
..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..
2	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	2	..
56	15	11	13	9	17	4	11	5	11	4	22	..
68	14	28	28	16	14	16	15	9	18	17	34	..
31	3	16	6	9	2	3	10	4	2	2	7	..
74	11	9	12	19	7	7	9	4	9	10	23	..
6	6	6	5	6	4	16	2	3	6	5	7	..
5	1	..	2	1	..	3	3	1	1	1	3	..
1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..
..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	1	..	..	1	..
9	..	3	2	4	6	3	2	..	2	5	7	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..
..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
..	5	3	3	6	6	10	4	9	5	4	7	..
..	..	1	2	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	..
1	2	3	6	1	1	3	3	4	3	2	1	..
170	25	39	30	49	30	33	29	15	31	12	39	..
..	2	1	..	..	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
505	110	175	164	162	119	125	118	76	124	92	219	..

TABLE 7.—SAMPLES ANALYSED DURING 1924.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

ARTICLES.	No. of Samples taken.	No. Genuine.	No. Adulterated.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	No. of Samples taken		
						Newbury Borough.	New Windsor Borough.	Remainder of County.
Arrowroot	14	14	..	..	..	..	..	14
Baking Powder	14	14	..	..	..	..	..	14
Bicarbonate of Soda	15	15	..	..	..	..	..	15
Boric Acid	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	8
Calcium Powder	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
Corn	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Dead	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	5
Butter	19	19	..	..	..	2	8	9
Castor Oil	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	4
Cocoa	11	11	..	..	..	..	4	7
Coffee	14	14	..	..	..	..	2	12
Corned Beef	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	6
Cream	5	5	..	..	..	2	3	..
Cream, Preserved	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	5
Egg Powder	13	13	..	..	..	1	..	12
Epsom Salts	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	8
Fish Paste	14	14	..	..	..	..	..	14
Flour	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	4
Glauber Salts	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	7
Glycerine	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	8
Gregory Powder	9	7	2	2	1	..	..	9
Lard	6	6	..	..	..	1	..	5
Lemon Squash	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	5
Liquorice Powder	13	13	..	..	..	..	..	13
Magnesia	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	7
Margarine	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	7
Milk	111	96	15	9	8	36	25	50
Mustard	7	7	..	..	..	..	2	5
Pepper	13	13	..	..	..	..	2	11
Potted Meat	10	10	..	..	..	..	..	10
Sausage Meat	3	3	..	..	..	3	..	..
Self-Raising Flour	19	19	..	..	..	..	..	19
Sugar	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	8
Vaseline	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	4
Vinegar	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	5
Whisky	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Yeast	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	6
Totals	412	395	17	11	9	46	46	320

