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Bewdley,

August 6th 1940.

To the Town Council of Bewdley:

Gentlemen:

Acting on instructions received from the Ministry of Health, I am confining my report for the year 1939 to "essential and urgent matters" affecting the Public Health.

I have received no statistics from the Registrar General, so cannot give the accurate figures for death and birth rates, but they are, approximately, 13 per 1,000 of the population, and 16 per 1,000 respectively.

During the year the work on the new Sewerage Scheme has been begun, and is being proceeded with, in spite of the War.

A campaign for the immunisation against Diphtheria of all the children of the Borough from one year of age to the age of leaving school, was carried out during the early part of the year, with very satisfactory results.

A few children had been immunised privately, or in other districts, and, including these, 88 per cent of the children attending school, and 80.7 per cent of those between one year and school age were immunised, making a total of 86.2 per cent of all the children of the District.

In view of the fact that the Borough is a reception area for evacuated children, it is fortunate that so many of our children are protected against this dangerous disease.

A full report on this subject was included in my report for the second quarter of the year, so I shall not enlarge on it here.

There were notified during the year 12 cases of Scarlet Fever, four of which were removed to the Isolation Hospital, 3 of Erysipelas, 1 of Pneumonia, 1 of Whooping Cough, 7 of Tuberculosis of the Lungs, and 1 of other Tuberculous disease.

The only deaths from infectious disease were one from Influenza, and one from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. N. MILES,

Medical Officer of Health.

