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Borough of Bexhill.

Medical Officer of Health's Annual Report

FOR

Year ended DECEMBER 31st, 1926,

INCLUDING

Report of the Sanitary Inspector,

AND THE

Report of the Medical Inspection of

Children in Elementary Schools.

Borough of Bexhill.

Area of the Borough	...	...	8,013 acres.
Rateable Value	...	...	£250,928
Population, Census returns, 1921	...	...	20,363
„ Estimated year 1926	...	...	23,270
„ Registrar General, corrected	...	...	19,980
Number of Houses in District	...	...	4,311
Death Rate corrected	..	...	9.45
Birth Rate	...	...	12.06
Infantile Mortality Rate	—	...	33.2
Death Rate from Zymotic Diseases	...	...	0.15
Comparative Mortality Figure, <i>i.e.</i> compared with England and Wales, as 1,000	} ...		815

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

November, 1925—November, 1926.

The Mayor—Mr. Councillor F. B. Bending, M.R.San.I.

The Deputy-Mayor—Councillor J. B. Avery.

Mr. Alderman T. Bodle.

„ Councillor Sir E. Birch.

„ „ T. Davis.

„ „ H. P. Farnfield.

„ „ Turner Laing.

„ „ Major Mullens.

Mrs. „ C. I. Meads.

„ „ I. Sansom.

Mr. „ E. Trotman.

In November, 1926, Mr. Alderman G. H. Gray was elected
Chairman.

Staff.

Medical Officer of Health:

G. H. Weston, B.A., M.B., D.P.H., Camb., etc.

Chief Sanitary Inspector:

Alfred Flint, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A., A.M.I.S.E.

Assistant Sanitary Inspector:

E. J. Cumming, A.R.San.I.

Clerk:

MISS H. BUDDEN.

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**TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND
COUNCILLORS OF THE BOROUGH OF
BEXHILL.**

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I submit the Report for the year 1926. By the instruction of the Ministry of Health, the present report is not so full as last year's Survey Report.

It will be seen that the demand for Working Class Houses is increasing. While the Council are endeavouring by a fresh scheme to meet this demand, it is obvious that a return to pre-war conditions (*i.e.* private building) is indicated, if this demand is to be fully met.

The continued low Infantile Mortality rate is satisfactory.

The taking over of the Water Supply by the Corporation has resulted in more economic working with increased efficiency. The water is of exceptional purity, palatable and free from chalk.

The absence of slums, and the careful laying out of the main streets, has given free air currents throughout and greatly assisted the sanitation.

The recording of the Ultra-Violet Rays has shown that Bexhill can compare favourably with any other South Coast town.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

G. H. WESTON.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area, in acres	...	...	...	...	8,013
Population, Census, 1921, and estimated 1926,					
Registrar General	...	...	...	...	19,980
Including Schools, etc., number for whom					
sanitary provision is made	...	...	...	...	23,270
Number of inhabited houses, 1921	...	...	...	...	3,255
Ditto, 1926	...	...	...	...	4,311
Number of families or separate occupiers, 1921	...	...	...	...	3,839
Rateable value	...	...	...	...	£250,928
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	£958

Social conditions, including the chief occupations of the inhabitants, and the influence of any particular occupation on the public health. Residents are mostly of a much higher age than usual. As a Health Resort there are a comparatively large number of Apartment Houses, Hotels, Convalescent Homes and Private Schools. There is no particular occupation or manufacture which could influence Public Health.

Extracts from Vital Statistics of the year.

	M.	F.	Total.			
Births Legitimate	119	112	} 241	Birth Rate	...	12.06
Births Illegitimate	4	6				
Deaths	...	...	103 127	230	Death Rate, Gross	...
					Corrected	11.51
						9.45
Number of women dying, or in					From sepsis	...
consequence of childbirth					From other causes	...
Deaths of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 births—						33.2
Legitimate	7.	Illegitimate	1.	Total	8.	
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	...	...	...	...	0
Case rate of Infectious disease per 1,000 living :—						

		Bexhill.	England and Wales.
Scarlet Fever	...	0.55	2.10
Diphtheria	...	0.05	1.31
Enteric Fever	...	0.05	0.07
Puerperal Fever	...	0.00	0.07
Deaths from		Tuberculosis	Cancer.
1925	...	7	31
1926	...	9	29

Amount of Poor Law Relief, figures given by the Battle Union for the year 1926—£564 2s. 1d.

Admissions to Local Hospitals—	In-Patients.	Out-Patients.
Royal East Sussex Hospital	163	747
Buchanan Hospital, Hastings	96	242

Infantile Mortality Rate.		Deaths under one year per 1,000 Births :	
		Bexhill.	England and Wales.
1925	... ..	52.3	75
1926	... ..	33.2	70
Diarrhoea and Enteritis.		Death Rates per 1,000 Births.	
		Bexhill.	England and Wales.
1926	... ..	0.0	8.7

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or by the County Council.

A. FEVER.—The Borough Council provides a Hospital of 20 beds at Clinch Green. During the year there was very little reported. There were only 11 cases of mild Scarlet Fever and one private school case of Diphtheria notified, and the present accommodation was sufficient. No further steps to increase the accommodation by proceeding with the building scheme were taken.

The Hospital received 9 cases of Scarlet Fever and no case of Diphtheria, the private school case dying before notification. No case was left in the Hospital at the end of the year, all having recovered. Owing to freedom from infection, it was empty for 24 weeks and 4 days.

The average stay in Hospital was :—

Scarlet Fever 42 days.

Diphtheria Antitoxin was issued by the Council for no cases.

Swabs were issued for 2 cases.

A. (2)—SMALL POX.—By arrangement with the Hastings Corporation four beds are retained at their Hospital at Brede.

B (1) TUBERCULOSIS.—The County Council, through their Tuberculosis Officer, provides Dispensary treatment and a Sanatorium at Darvell Bank, Robertsbridge.

Cases have been treated during the year :—

Darvell Bank, Robertsbridge	... ..	11
Royal National Hospital, Ventnor	... ..	1
Treloar Cripples Hospital, Alton	... ..	1

(2) MATERNITY AND CHILDREN.—Under arrangement made by the County Council Maternity cases requiring Hospital treatment after confinement have been received by The East Sussex Hospital, Hastings.

(4) ISOLATION FOR THE LARGE NUMBER OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS.—Only a few of the Private Schools have made any attempt at providing facilities for isolating their pupils when required. Such provision should be made more general.

There is no Institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children in the area as yet, and the numbers are decreasing.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES—

(a) For infectious cases a horse ambulance is provided by the Borough Council.

(b) For non-infectious cases a Voluntary Association provides a motor ambulance for taking cases to Hospital at Hastings.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

Name.	Situation.	By whom provided.
Maternity and Child Welfare.	23, Amherst Road.	Bexhill Nursing Association with grant from County and Borough Councils.
School Clinics, Medical and Dental.	23, Amherst Road.	Bexhill Education Committee.
Tuberculosis Dispensary.	London Road.	County Council.
Treatment for Venereal Diseases.	East Sussex Hospital, Hastings.	County Council.
Orthopædic.	East Sussex Hospital, Hastings.	By Hospital with charges per treatment. Not yet open.

Public Health Staff.

1. Medical Officer of Health (part-time), M.B., D.P.H., Camb. Also School Medical Officer. Not in private practice.
2. One Inspector (full time), who besides ordinary Sanitary Work has charge of housing, food, factory and workshop inspection. Contributions are made in the case of both Medical Officer and Inspector under the Public Health Acts or by Exchequer Grants.
3. One Meat Sub-Inspector (full time).
4. One man whose duty is to assist with drainage work, disinfection of premises, etc.
5. One School Nurse.
6. One Dental Officer (part time).
One Anæsthetist (part time).
7. The Nursing Staff at the Fever Hospital is composed of one Matron and two Nurses.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.—(a) General; (b) Infectious Diseases, Measles, etc., is carried out by the Bexhill Nursing Association. The Borough Council gives grant of £100 per annum towards cost.

MIDWIVES.—There are three Midwives attached to the Association. The County Council provides the salary of two.

CHEMICAL WORK.—The quarterly analyses of the Water Supply are performed by Dr. Bernard Dyer. Other analyses, Milk, Water, etc., are performed by the County Analyst.

**Work of Nurses of Bexhill Nursing Association for Year
ending December 31st, 1926.**

Midwifery Cases	...	...	...	124
Maternity (with Doctor)	...	...	...	46
Maternity Nursing Visits	...	...	...	2,924
Ante-Natal Visits	...	...	...	410
General Cases	...	...	...	244
Nursing and Casual Visits	...	...	...	7,345
Infectious Cases	...	...	...	9
Nursing Visits	...	...	...	69
Health Visits	...	...	...	1,290

Infant Welfare Centre.

Mothers attending	...	...	...	138
Mothers' Attendances	...	...	...	1,750
Children attending	...	...	...	184
Attendances of Children under two years				1,374
Attendances of Children over two and under five years	...	...	...	986
Nurses' Attendances	...	...	...	132
Nursing Visits to Children of Centre	...	...	...	162

Legislation in Force.

Bexhill Corporation Act, 1925, which came into force April, 1926.

List of adoptive Acts, Byelaws and Local Regulations relating to the public health, in force in the area, with date of adoption.

The Public Health Acts Amendment Act	13th January, 1891.
The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, Parts II, III, IV, V and X	6th August, 1908.
The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, Sections 79, 82, 83, 84, 85 and 86 of Part VII, Sections 87 and 88 of Part VIII and Part IX	14th October, 1909.
BYELAWS WITH RESPECT TO :—	
Cleansing of Footways and Pavements, the removal of House Refuse and Cleansing of Earth Closets, etc.	16th October, 1899.
Drainage of existing buildings	7th September, 1900.
New Streets and Buildings	3rd November, 1893.
Do. Do.	5th March, 1900.
Alteration of Buildings	3rd November, 1893.
The sufficiency of the space about build- ings to secure a free circulation of air.	
Slaughterhouses	16th October, 1899.
Bye-laws for the Regulation of Offensive Trades	13th December, 1915.
Bye-laws for the Regulation of Tents, Vans, Sheds and similar structures used for human habitation	23rd July, 1917.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

WATER.—Under the Bexhill Corporation Bill, 1925, the control of the water supply has been taken over by the Bexhill Corporation. The quarterly analyses have shown a high degree of purity, both chemically and bacteriologically.

Aerial filtration has proved successful in dealing with the Cowbeech supply and is being extended to the other sources of supply in order to relieve the only source of complaint, i.e., the presence of iron in sediment in the pipes at times.

Steps have been taken to reduce wastage which are giving increased house supplies on reduced consumption.

The average daily quantity of water used has been for the year 1926—741,364 gallons.

The number of houses supplied with water has risen from 3,697 in 1925 to 3,958 in 1926.

In addition 263 shops, hotels, stables, etc., were supplied in 1926.

Water was laid on during the year to 164 houses.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.—No drainage into these has been permitted.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.—The alterations and additions to the present system for the urban part of the area which were set out in the Survey Report for 1925 were not commenced during 1926. They will be started in 1927, and should give relief to the low-lying areas.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.—Sanitation of the rural part of the area which is outside the present urban portion served by sewers :—

Water closets with flush	...	...	98
Closets with hand flush	...	...	31
Earth closets	...	...	124
Cesspools	...	...	147
Privies	...	...	7

During the year seven new houses have been built in the rural part of the area.

SCAVENGING.—The Corporation, under a contract with a local brickyard, which has not yet expired, bury their house refuse. In consequence of the drawbacks to such disposal, they have selected a site for a destructor to be erected at a date not yet settled.

The removal of the house refuse by the Pagefield system has been carried out efficiently.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.—This is dealt with in the Inspector's report, which is appended.

SCHOOLS.—Better means for the drying of wet clothes are required in all the Schools, with the exception of the Downs

Council Schools. In St. Peter's Boys' School the wet overcoats are hung up in an unventilated ante-room leading direct into the main classroom with the consequence that in damp wintry weather the damp is drawn into the classroom.

Ventilation, automatic, without draught, is also required in St. Peter's Boys' School. Here the only means of air inlet available is by windows low down at side, which, when opened, cause draught in the lower air of the classrooms, and are, therefore, usually kept shut in winter.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.—All contacts and suspicious cases are referred to the School Clinic, where they are kept under observation, the results being satisfactory.

Housing.

During the year 1926, 24 additional Municipal houses have been built by the Corporation and are now occupied.

The following applications have been received at the Town Hall.

Outstanding 31st December, 1925	...	...	...	300
Received during 1926	...	...	...	184
Number of tenancies granted, 1926	...	...	...	24
Outstanding at 31st December, 1926	...	...	...	460

To assist in meeting the growing demand for houses, 24 are being built at Sidley as part of a scheme.

There are still cases of one room tenancy by husband, wife and family, and in some cases it has not been possible to provide better accommodation. In this Bexhill probably has the same experience as other towns, and the conditions are no worse than those generally found.

Number of new houses erected during year :—				
(a) Total, including numbers given separately under (b)				147
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts :—				
(i) By the Local Authority	...	...	...	24
(ii) By other bodies or persons (subsidy)...	...	...	...	11
Buildings converted into Flats...	...	...	...	1

1. Unfit Dwelling Houses Inspection :—

(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	...	...	213
(2) Number of Dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations	...	...	...	...	149
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	3

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	I
2. Remedy of defects without serving of formal notices :— Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	4
3. Action under Statutory Powers :— A.—Proceedings under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925 :—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	41
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	38
(a) By owners	38
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	—
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declaration by owners of intention to close	2
B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	60
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	59
(a) By owners	59
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	—
C.—Proceedings under Sections 11, 14 and 15 of the Housing Act, 1925 :—	
(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	3
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made... ..	2
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit	0
(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	1
(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	1

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

In consequence of the fact that about 60 per cent of the meat killed in Bexhill is sent outside the amount of inspection required is much greater than if the local trade were only to be

In addition, on other premises 131 lbs. beef, 18 lbs. sweetbread and 68 tins of loganberries were condemned.

(b) MILK SUPPLY.—As the municipal area is being gradually taken up for building and the population is increasing, the number of Dairy Farmers within the Borough is decreasing and more milk is being brought in from outside the area. Many of the outside Dairy Farmers have established their own milk rounds.

The condition of the Dairy Farms within the area is with one or two exceptions satisfactory. There have been two cases where the proper standard of cleanliness have not been maintained, and also two where cows have been milked which showed "not to have been just right in the udder."

Seven samples were referred for analysis as a commencement in dealing with every source of supply. Of these four were reported as very satisfactory and equal to grade A milk, though not sold as such. In the other three streptococci (long chains) were found showing probably insufficient care in the cows. In one case coli organisms were present in two tubes showing contamination by dung. No tubercle bacilli were found. In view of the fact that visible dirt is now being generally removed by straining the presence of coli organisms gives probably the only indication as to want of cleanliness in milking. The number of organisms present per cent. varies, probably due to variations in efficiency of cooling.

(c) ADULTERATION.—The County Council administers the Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

(d) ICE CREAMS.—Under the Bexhill Corporation Act, 1925, Section 167.

Premises inspected, 29. Re-inspected, 15.

In two places premises found unsuitable. In one manufacture was stopped altogether, and in the others arrangements were made to meet our requirements.

In three cases notices were served to provide proper receptacles and keep premises in satisfactory condition.

In the area there is one wholesale manufacturer. In 13 places cream ices only were made. In 15 places ordinary ices were made with a mixture.

Prevalance of, and Control over, Infectious Diseases.

During the year there was very little Infectious Disease notified. Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria, which in the past have shown well marked waves of incidence, have dropped to 11 cases of mild Scarlet Fever and one of Diphtheria.

For dealing with cases of Diphtheria, the Council have undertaken to provide Antitoxin and Swabs free. A supply of

Antitoxin is kept at the Police Station and is available at any hour or time. Eight Swabs have been examined at the Council's expense.

No return cases of Scarlet Fever were found.

One case of Encephalitis Lethargica was notified and removed to Hospital in Hastings. No other cases resulted.

As few of the cases of Pneumonia are notified before death, it has been impossible to attempt any general supervision of such cases.

Pathological and bacteriological specimens, with the exception of Water and Milk, have been examined at the Royal East Sussex Hospital Laboratory, Hastings. Water and milk have been examined by the County Analysts.

Great care has been taken with reference to contacts, and the School Clinic has proved of great value. No carrier cases of Diphtheria were found, though six Swabs were taken.

I have advocated the use of the Schick and Dick tests, but so far have not succeeded in getting the co-operation of the local doctors.

No primary vaccinations or re-vaccinations have been done by the Medical Officer of Health. A lecture and letters in the Press were given as to the need for such, with good results.

The co-operation of the School Authorities has been secured in getting information at once of non-notified acute infectious diseases. Every case so reported has been visited by the School Nurse as to isolation, contacts, etc.

No locally contracted anthrax or rabies have been found. Means have been taken to restrict use of brushes as far as possible to those of English make.

The Bexhill Corporation are considering the need for the establishment of a cleansing and disinfecting station for the cleansing of persons. For articles of clothing, etc., the Corporation Steam Disinfection has been used.

CANCER.—Probably owing to the relatively high age of the majority of the residents the number of deaths from Cancer though less than during the two previous years, is in excess of the average for England and Wales. It is to be hoped that, through co-operation with the British Empire Cancer Campaign, the public may, through educative measures, secure effective treatment of those antecedent conditions associated with causation, and that more knowledge may be forthcoming which may enable it to be traced to its starting point. So far, my personal investigations have suggested that a want of the proper balance of the ductless glands in growing age has been a feature of importance.

**Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)
during 1926.**

DISEASE.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Small-pox ... ..	..	...	...
Scarlet Fever	11	9	...
Diphtheria	1	...	1
Enteric Fever	* ..	1	...
Pneumonia	1	...	...
Erysipelas	1	...	...
Pnerperal Fever ... ..	...	...	...
" Pyrenia ... ..	...	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica...	1	1	...

* Admitted to Hospital at Hastings and there notified.

**An Analysis of the Total Cases notified under the
following Age Groups (other than Tuberculosis):**

Under 1 year.	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 and over.
M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F
...	1	1 ...	3 2	3 ...	... ..	... 2	... 2	... 1	... ..
...	1	1	5	3	...	2	2	1	...

**Housing conditions of cases of Scarlet Fever Notified from
the Working Classes.**

	Age of Patient.	No. in Bedroom	Other Children under 15 years
Scarlet Fever (Home Isolation)	3	3	...
Scarlet Fever (Hospital)	9 } 11 } 12 }	3	1
Scarlet Fever (Hospital)	31	1	...
Scarlet Fever (Hospital)	9	3	3
Scarlet Fever (Hospital)	6 } 4 }	2	1

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

No case has been notified during the year.

An Analysis of the total Deaths registered in Bexhill, and of Deaths registered outside the Borough.

(a) Analysis of Deaths in Bexhill, including Visitors.																	
Under 1 Year	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 Years and over.						
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
5	3	2	2	1	3	1	3	5	26	31	48	68
8	..	2	..	...	2	4	1	4	8	57	116				

(b) Inward Transfers.																			
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
..	1	1	2	4	5	1	4	7	11	7	8
..	1	..	..	..	3	9	5	18	15				

Tuberculosis

New Cases and Mortality during 1926.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.					
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
0	—	—	—	—	—	—		
1	—	—	—	—	—	—		
5	—	—	—	—	—	—		
10	—	—	—	—	—	—		
15	—	1	—	—	—	1		
20	4	3	—	—	—	1		
25	2	3	—	—	1	1		
35	2	3	1	—	1	1		
45	2	1	—	—	—	2		
55	—	1	—	1	1	1		
65 and over	—	—	—	—	—	1		
			10	12	1	1	3	8	1	—

Numbers on Tuberculosis Register, December 31st, 1926.
 Pulmonary. Other.

Males	23	6
Females	28	6
Number of deaths from Tuberculosis in Bexhill, excluding visitors	...	...	...	5
“ “ “ “ outside Bexhill (inward transfers)	...	...	...	7
“ “ “ “ of Visitors in Bexhill	...	...	...	2

Notified previous to death	...	...	...	...	...	3
Notified after death	...	...	...	...	...	3
Not notified	...	...	...	...	...	1

Notifications to other Authorities are not included.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925

No action was found necessary within the Borough area.

Public Health Act, 1925, Section 62.

No case required compulsory removal to Hospital. In every case where home isolation was not practicable the consent of the parents to removal was readily obtained.

Unemployment Figures, 1926.

Highest month, December	...	...	...	...	90
Lowest month, August	...	...	...	...	15
Average for year	...	...	...	...	50

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S 29th ANNUAL REPORT.

The following report gives particulars of inspections made and notices served in tabulated form under the Public Health Act and Housing Acts, Milk and Dairies Order and Factory and Workshops Act, for the abatement or suppression of nuisances or for carrying into effect other Sanitary work as regards cleanliness of premises, preparation and storing of food, etc.

Complaints received during the Year.

No. of complaints received from :—

Drains and closets choked or in defective condition	17
Foul state of closets, urinals, privies, or waste pipes	4
Offensive smells from sewer grids or street gullies or cesspools overflowing	1
House or Workroom overcrowded, walls damp or leaky roofs, or in an insanitary condition	26
Animals kept in such a state as to be a nuisance	14
Accumulation of garden, trade refuse or manure	19
Houses or premises without a proper water supply	0
Closets without a proper water supply or flushing apparatus defective	2

Pond, ditch, or watercourse in a foul state	...	2
Premises without dust receptacles or defective	...	6
House refuse not removed	... ..	15
Stables, yards, or back passages, etc. in an insanitary condition	... ..	10
Discharge of black smoke	... ..	2
Accumulation of water in cellars	... ..	1
Temporary buildings used for sleeping purposes	..	1
Back flooding from sewers	..	8
Rats	... ..	11
Complaints made and found not to be a nuisance or injurious to health	... ..	32
Total	... ..	<u>171</u>

Complaints attended to and Inspections made.

No. of complaints attended to	... ..	171
Inspections :—		
„ houses or premises	... ..	626
„ re dust receptacles	... ..	4116
„ cowsheds, dairies, etc.	... ..	191
„ bakehouses	... ..	61
„ slaughter houses	... ..	1104
„ factories, workshops, or workplaces	... ..	395
„ butchers, grocers, greengrocers and fish shops	... ..	1564
Samples of water taken for analysis	... ..	1
Visits <i>re</i> work in hand, serving notices, and sundry purposes	... ..	1146
Letters written in connection with drainage and other matters	... ..	458
Public Health Acts Statutory Notices, etc. :—		
Served on Owners	... ..	63
Dust Bins	... ..	187
Letter Form or Verbal	... ..	155
Served on Occupiers	... ..	<u>95</u>
Letter Form or Verbal	... ..	95
Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Regulations :—		
Notices Served	... ..	50
Notices Verbal	... ..	87
Bakehouses :—		
Notices Served	... ..	1
Notices Letter Form or Verbal	... ..	7
Slaughter Houses :—		
Notices Served	... ..	5
Notices Verbal	... ..	4
Manufactured Ice Creams :—		
Premises Inspected	.. ..	29
„ Re-inspected	... ..	15

Housing and Town Planning Acts, 1909 and 1919, and Housing Act, 1923 and 1925:—	
Notices Served on Owners	31
Notices Served on Owners or occupiers under Sec. 36, Act 1909, and Sec. 127 of the Housing Act, 1925, for Survey or Examination ...	31
Rent Restrictions Act, Section 5, 1923:—	
Certificates issued	1

Sanitary Certificates.

During the year the drainage system and Sanitary arrangements of 8 houses were examined and tested by request of Owners or occupiers for Sanitary Certificates.

Certificates issued as follows:—

„ Special granted bearing seal of Local Authority conditions for issue of same complying with regulations	Nil.
„ (not special) in consequence of certain sanitary arrangements not complying with the regulations but complying with Bye Laws	6
„ Issued (written form)	2
„ Amount of Fees received	£7 7 0

Drainage Work.

PARTICULARS.	
To Drains opened for examination, <i>re</i> complaint ...	19
„ Drains opened for examination, <i>re</i> certificates ...	5
„ Visits to examine or *test old drains or sanitary fittings	314
„ Visits to test by water, drains or portions of drains relaid, or examine sanitary fittings ...	526
„ Smoke test applied to drains or soil pipes ...	35
„ Notices served on Occupiers under Sec. 41 P.H.A. to enter on premises to examine drain ...	8

NATURE OF WORK EXECUTED BY OWNERS.		Verbal or Written Notice.
Drains...	... Re-laid and connected to sewer ...	10
„ ...	... Repaired and made watertight ...	14
„ ...	... Portions repaired and made watertight ...	10
„ ...	.. Provided to closet, cellar, motor garage, stable, or surface water...	13
„ ...	... New provided and connected to cesspool ...	—
„ ...	... Surface water intercepted from sewage system, or disc fixed to traps ...	3
„ ...	... Cleared or cleansed ...	44
Soil Pipes or Ventilators	Old removed and new 4in. L.C.C. pattern fixed, joints repaired or pipe carried up to form a safe outlet for sewer air ...	79
Closets...	... Defective pattern removed and efficient form fixed ...	33
„ ...	... Closets, new provided ...	19
„ ...	... Urinals „ „ ...	1
„ ...	... New pans or traps fixed ...	17
„ ...	... External ventilation or light provided	2
„ ...	... Cleared or cleansed ...	7
„ ...	... Provide and fix new seats...	6
„ ...	... To repair joint to fall pipe ...	13
Earth closets...	... New pails provided ...	2
Anti-Syphonage pipes	... Provided to closets, urinals or waste pipes ...	6
Inspection Chambers	... New provided, repaired, covered or sealed down ...	49
Lavatory Basins	... Defective removed and new provided	3
F.A. inlets	... New provided, repaired, or sealed off	15
Waste pipes	... New provided, trapped, lengthened, or repaired ...	32
	Carried forward ...	378

NATURE OF WORK.		Verbal or Written Notice.
	Brought forward ...	378
Flushing cisterns ...	New provided or flushing apparatus repaired	54
Scullery sinks	New provided or repaired ...	15
Dustbins ...	New provided	283
Wells or cisterns	Closed, repaired, cleansed, covered, or new pumps fixed	12
Cesspools ...	Emptied, cleansed, repaired, or new pumps fixed, filled up, or over- flow pipes disconnected ...	2
Garages, stables, yards, scullery, etc. ...	Repaved, repaired, or cleansed ...	73
Water supply...	Provided to closets or urinals ...	15
House or rooms	Cleansed or whitewashed ...	114
.. ..	Repaint woodwork	14
.. ..	Ceiling or wall plastering repaired ...	39
.. ..	Overcrowded	2
Doors or win- dow frames or sashes ...	New provided, repaired, new sash lines, or fasteners	63
.. ..	Replace broken squares of glass ...	5
Staircase, floors, etc. ...	New relaid, repaired or through ventilation provided, or site covered with concrete	18
Grates ...	Provide new or repair same ...	11
Coppers ...	Provide new pan, furnace, or repair brickwork	5
Walls, external	Rendered in cement, repaired, or damp courses provided ...	7
Guttering, stack pipes, etc. ...	New provided, repaired, cleared, or lengthened	47
Roofs, ceilings, etc. ...	Repaired	36
Workshops or rooms ...	Provide external ventilation ...	1
Vacant plots of land ...	Cleanse site or remove refuse ...	11
Pond, ditch etc.	Emptied or cleansed	2
	Total	2207

Work Executed by Occupiers,

PARTICULARS,	Verbal or Written Notice
To Abate overcrowding	2
„ Clear drain	8
„ Cleanse interior of house or rooms or shops ...	21
„ Discontinue discharging black smoke	3
„ „ keeping animals so as to be a nuisance	9
„ „ conveying offensive matter through public streets during prohibited hours	5
„ Empty or cleanse cesspools, ditch, water closets, earth closets, urinals, privies, yards, stables, cellars, drains, waste pipes, pigsties, etc. ...	41
„ Remove accumulation of manure, vegetable matter, fish offal or trade refuse	32
„ Repair flushing apparatus	4
„ Pave Pigsty	5
„ Destroy Rats	16
Total	146

Visits, Particulars of Work Executed, and Notices Served.

Visits in respect of sickness	93
No. of rooms disinfected or sprayed	60
„ Notices sent to Schools, <i>re</i> sickness ...	13
„ Visits to Isolation Hospital or Disinfector	74
To Cleanse, purify, strip, and whitewash rooms by Owner	11
To strip and whitewash rooms by Occupiers ...	2
„ Cleanse rooms	13

Disinfector.

The Steam Disinfector has worked satisfactorily during the year.

The number of articles disinfected after Infectious diseases were as follows:—

Feather Beds	...	...	..	5
Mattresses	...	...	..	21
Bolsters	...	...	...	12
Pillows	...	...	...	62
Sheets, Blankets, etc.	...	...	...	47
Cushions, Eiderdowns and Rugs	41
Wearing Apparel, etc.	13
Miscellaneous	25
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Total	226
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Articles destroyed	33

Disinfector Expenditure.

			£	s.	d.
Insurances	2	0 6
Removal of Bedding	11	2 0	
Repairs and Wages	1	14 9	
Coal and Coke	3	2 9	
Sundries	16 0	
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			£18	16 0	
				<hr/>	
Amount recovered for year					
ending 30th Sept., 1926	£17	1 6	

For the purpose of inspecting the Cowsheds, Dairies, or Milkstores, 191 visits were made during the year.

During the year the following changes took place.

One Cowkeeper and one Cowkeeper and Purveyor gave up owing to Farm Land having been sold for building purposes.

Cowkeeper, new premises registered	...	...	1
„ change of occupier	...	...	1
„ and Purveyor, change of occupier	...	...	1
Dairies, change of occupier	...	...	1
Purveyors of milk given up	...	...	3

A building was found used as a Cowshed, the tenant of which had not applied to be registered. Owing to the unsuitability of the premises the occupier, after notice from the Local Authority, ceased to sell milk.

The following notices were served to remedy defects or to cleanse premises:—

Particulars.	Found or Complied with.
To cleanse & limewash cowsheds, dairy, or milk store	26
„ Thoroughly cleanse floors or walls or roofs of cowshed, dairy, or milk store	18
„ Repair defective roofs, walls, or paving of cowshed, dairy, or milk store ...	28
„ Provide proper light and ventilation to cowshed, dairy, or milk store ...	5
„ Provide drain to cowshed or dairy or clear or cleanse same	8
„ Cleanse out water storage tank ...	1
„ Cleanse udders or hindquarters of cows or hands of cowman	6
„ Remove accumulations of manure ...	8
„ Provide a proper water supply	1
„ Cleanse milking utensils	5
„ Register premises or register	13
„ Discontinue using sheds for cows which do not comply with Byelaws	1
„ provide suitable building for storing milk or cans	5
„ provide copper for heating water ...	1
„ provide suitable receptacle for scalding and washing milk utensils ...	2
„ Repair cribs	2
„ provide receptacles for washing hands	7

At the end of the year there were on the Register 14 Cow-keepers, 8 Cowkeepers and Purveyors, 12 Dairy men, 3 Purveyors, and 18 Tea Shops from which milk is sold.

Slaughter Houses.

During the year 1,119 visits were made to inspect Carcases of Animals killed for wholesale or retail sale.

The three Slaughter Houses in use have been kept as regards cleanliness in good condition. It was only necessary in 4 instances for verbal notices to be given for matters which required attention.

Particulars.	Found.
To thoroughly cleanse or lime-wash Slaughter-house... ..	1
„ Repair or cleanse floors of Slaughter-house or lairs	1
„ Renew Licences	2
Total	4

Bakehouses.

The Bakehouses and Tea Shops in which either bread or small goods are made have been inspected under the Factory and Workshops Act at least twice during the year.

In certain cases it was necessary to serve notices on the occupiers to cleanse or limewash the premises as required by the Act.

Inspections made 61

The following notices were served:—

Particulars.	Found.	Remedied.
To Cleanse or whitewash Bakehouses or Flour Stores and clean paint work	5	5
To Cleanse floor of Bakehouse or Flour Store	2	2
To provide suitable receptacle for Fuel	1	1
Total	8	8

Factory and Workshops Act, 1901.

Administration of the Factory and Workshops Act, 1901 and 1907, in connection with **Factories, Workshops, Laundries, Workplaces, and Homework.**

1.—Inspection.

Inspections made by Sanitary Inspector.

Premises.	Inspections.
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	19
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries)	330
Workplaces other than Outworkers' Premises included in this report	46
Total	395

2.—Defects Found.

Particulars.	Found.	Re-medied.
Want of Cleanliness	18	18
Overcrowding	—	—
Want of Drainage of Floors	2	2
Other Nuisances	5	5
Sanitary Accommodation Unsuited or Defective	3	3
Total	28	28

3.—Home Work—Out Workers.

Nature of Work.	Lists received from Employers.				Notices served on occupiers as to keeping or sending Lists.	Outwork in infected Premises Instances
	Sending twice in the year.		Sending once in the year.			
	Lists.	Work-men.	Lists.	Work-men.		
Wearing Apparel— Making, etc. ...	—	—	3	5	7	—
Furniture, & Upholstery, Curtains, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—

4.—Factories, Registered Workshops and Workplaces.

Workshops on the Register (s. 131) at the end of the year.	Number
Bakehouses (not Factories)	19
Boot Makers „ „	13
Dressmakers and Milliners	21
Tailors	14
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	14
Others	120
Total number of Workshops on Register	199

5.—Other Matters.

Class.	Number
Matters notified to H.M. Inspector of Factories:—	
Failure to affix Abstract of the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 133)	—
Action taken in matters referred by H.M. Inspector as remediable under the Public Health Acts, but not under the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 5)	3
Notified by H.M. Inspector	—
Reports (of action taken) sent to H.M. Inspector	1
Underground Bakehouses (s. 101)	
Certificates granted during the year	—
In use at the end of the year	1

Rats and Mice Destruction Act, 1919.

During the year 16 complaints were received as to nuisance caused by Rats, where necessary, instructions were given to the owner or occupier as to the most suitable way for the destruction of same.

The Dust Tip in occupation of the Local Authority in Turkey Road has been visited and poison put down of various kinds.

Visits to Tip, putting down poison, etc., 25.

ALFRED FLINT,

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

Meteorological Report, 1926.

During 1926 work in connection with the Meteorological Station was carried out as in former years. Daily telegraphic reports and monthly returns of observations were transmitted to the Meteorological Office, London; weekly extracts from the records and various reports and statistics were also supplied to the press. On April 20th the Station was inspected by a representative of the Meteorological Office; the instruments were tested with official standards, and a certificate of approval was issued. To meet the requirements of the Meteorological Office, the glass sphere used in connection with the Campbell-Stokes Sunshine Recorder was submitted to the Instruments Department (M.O.), where it was tested and certified to be of correct diameter and focal length.

In addition to the usual records of the Station, daily observations of Ultra-Violet Rays were carried out by means of the Acetone Methylene Blue Gauge. These records were transmitted to the National Institute for Medical Research (Medical Research Council), and Bexhill was included in the monthly charts and reports on Ultra-Violet Rays issued by this Department.

Table I. is a summary of observations on sunshine, rainfall, air pressure and temperature during the year 1926.

Table II. is a summary of cloud amount, visibility and wind direction, based on daily observations at two fixed hours.

Table III. is a summary of daily values of Ultra-Violet Rays recorded by the Acetone Methylene Blue Gauge.

H. J. SARGENT,

Meteorological Recorder.

The Museum,

Egerton Park, Bexhill.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. TABLE I.

1926	SUNSHINE.				RAINFALL						AIR PRESSURE AT M.S.L.					TEMPERATURE.															
	Total.	Most in a Day		Number of Days		Total.		Most in a Day.		Number of days.		Means.		Mbs.			Means.			Absolute Max & Min.				Means.			Grass Min.				
		Hrs.	Date.	With Sun.	Without Sun.	Mm.	Ins.	Mm.	Ins.	Date.	0.2 Mm. or more.	1.0 Mm. or more.	Mbs.	Ins.	Highest Value.	Date.	Lowest Value.	Date.	Max. A.	Min. B.	Means of A. & B.	Max.	Date	Min	Date.	Dry.	Wet.	Earth (1 foot)	Means	Absolute Min.	Date.
January	57.6	6.5	20th	22	9	74.0	2.91	14	0.55	28th	17	14	1012.5	29.90	1025.4	12th 26th	996.3	3rd	45.3	36.6	40.9	51	2nd 3rd 6th	20	15th	41.2	40.1	42.0	32.5	18	15th
February	55.6	8.5	22nd	16	12	68.0	2.67	22	0.87	3rd	11	9	1011.3	29.86	1031.1	28th	991.2	3rd	48.8	42.0	45.4	53	22nd	29	14th	45.9	44.8	43.0	39.1	26	14th
March	132.2	10.0	17th	27	4	8.1	0.32	3	0.12	3rd	5	3	1018.1	30.07	1034.5	1st 11th	996.9	28th	49.8	38.7	44.3	59	7th	30	31st	45.7	42.9	45.6	34.3	25	31st
	245.4			65	25	150.1	5.90				33	26																			
April	135.8	12.1	12th	24	6	79.3	3.12	14	0.55	15th	17	16	1011.3	29.86	1024.7	5th	988.1	20th	54.5	42.7	48.6	65	2nd	33	1st	50.4	48.0	50.8	38.2	27	1st
May	193.0	12.9	3rd	29	2	54.3	2.14	18	0.71	5th	12	12	1011.7	29.87	1021.0	25th	1002.7	31st	57.6	46.3	51.9	70	26th	56	7th 10th	53.6	49.9	54.6	42.8	29	7th
June	195.9	14.3	30th	28	2	65.4	2.57	12	0.47	17th	11	10	1013.0	29.92	1028.1	28th 29th	997.9	2nd	62.2	51.0	56.6	70	30th	44	25th	58.4	54.8	61.0	48.1	30	25th
	524.7			81	10	199.0	7.83				40	38																			
July	193.9	14.3	1st	29	2	50.4	1.98	14	0.55	24th	11	9	1016.4	30.01	1027.1	31st	1004.0	25th	68.6	56.5	62.5	79	13th 18th	48	27th	63.6	59.9	65.3	54.1	44	27th
August	213.9	13.1	5th	29	2	35.0	1.38	19	0.75	16th	9	7	1018.9	30.09	1030.5	1st	1009.8	11th 21st	68.0	56.3	62.1	76	30th	49	27th	63.6	60.1	64.7	51.9	43	5th
September	156.3	11.3	19th	27	3	15.3	0.60	5	0.20	1st	10	5	1019.5	30.11	1029.8	30th	1007.4	26th	67.0	54.4	60.7	80	20th	37	26th	62.2	59.2	64.0	48.9	32	26th
	564.1			85	7	100.7	3.96				30	21																			
October	114.8	9.8	3rd 18th	23	8	75.4	2.97	19	0.75	14th	17	13	1012.7	29.91	1034.9	4th	989.5	29th	56.1	44.3	50.2	66	6th	31	27th	51.1	48.2	53.9	39.5	24	27th
November	44.0	5.9	25th	18	12	173.8	6.84	36	1.42	13th	22	21	1004.1	29.65	1025.4	16th	969.2	20th	51.4	42.8	47.1	57	12th	31	1st	47.9	46.4	48.5	38.9	26	1st
December	73.3	7.0	25th	22	9	24.4	0.96	9	0.35	22nd	7	5	1025.1	30.27	1038.6	10th	1008.1	3rd	44.5	35.9	40.2	49	9th 29th	27	28th	40.6	39.1	42.0	31.2	21	16th 28th
	232.1			63	29	273.6	10.77				46	39																			
Totals	1566.3			294	71	723.4	28.46				149	124																			
Means													1014.5	29.96					56.1	45.6	50.8					52.0	49.4	52.9	41.6		

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. TABLE II.

1926.	Hrs of Obs	CLOUD AMOUNT.					VISIBILITY.								WIND DIRECTION.																		
		Mean Amount.	No. of Observations.					No. of Observations.								No. of Observations.																	
			0	1-3	4-6	7-9	10	Fog.		Mist.	Poor Vis.	Mod. Vis.	Good Visibility.	Calm.	N.	N.N.E.	N.E.	E.N.E.	E.	E.S.E.	S.E.	S.S.E.	S.	S.S.W.	S.W.	W.S.W.	W.	W.N.W.	N.W.	N.N.W.			
			0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
January ..	9	7.7	4	1	3	2	21	0	0	0	2	8	8	13	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	4	3	0	2	6	4	2	1	2	0	
February ..	17	6.7	7	1	3	4	16	0	0	0	1	10	9	10	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	8	8	4	3	2	2	1	1	0		
March ..	9	8.0	3	1	2	3	19	0	0	0	2	2	8	14	2	0	7	1	0	0	3	1	0	1	3	3	2	2	0	0	0		
April ..	17	7.6	3	1	3	6	15	0	0	0	1	3	5	12	7	0	5	0	0	3	0	1	0	3	2	0	1	9	2	1	0		
May ..	9	6.2	8	0	5	6	12	0	0	0	0	3	8	14	6	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	2		
June ..	17	5.2	9	5	2	3	12	0	0	0	0	2	4	9	14	2	4	0	0	1	5	2	2	1	0	0	1	5	7	2	0		
July ..	9	6.2	5	2	6	6	11	0	0	0	3	3	8	6	8	2	4	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	3	0	1	5	4	0	3	0	
August ..	17	7.1	2	4	2	8	14	0	0	0	1	4	5	7	6	7	6	1	1	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	3	5	0	5	1	
September ..	9	5.4	5	0	6	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	11	13	0	4	0	2	2	3	0	0	4	1	1	1	5	3	1	2	2	
October ..	17	5.9	4	5	8	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	4	9	11	7	4	1	3	2	0	3	0	2	2	0	1	5	5	1	1	1	
November ..	9	5.4	6	5	7	7	10	0	0	0	0	1	6	14	9	0	4	0	1	2	1	0	2	2	0	0	3	7	3	4	0	1	
December ..	17	6.0	6	2	6	6	10	0	0	0	0	5	8	12	5	5	5	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	5	6	2	2	0	
Totals ..			142	68	97	108	315	0	0	0	12	63	146	273	198	18	113	11	21	54	35	31	17	39	29	6	26	121	85	65	20	35	16

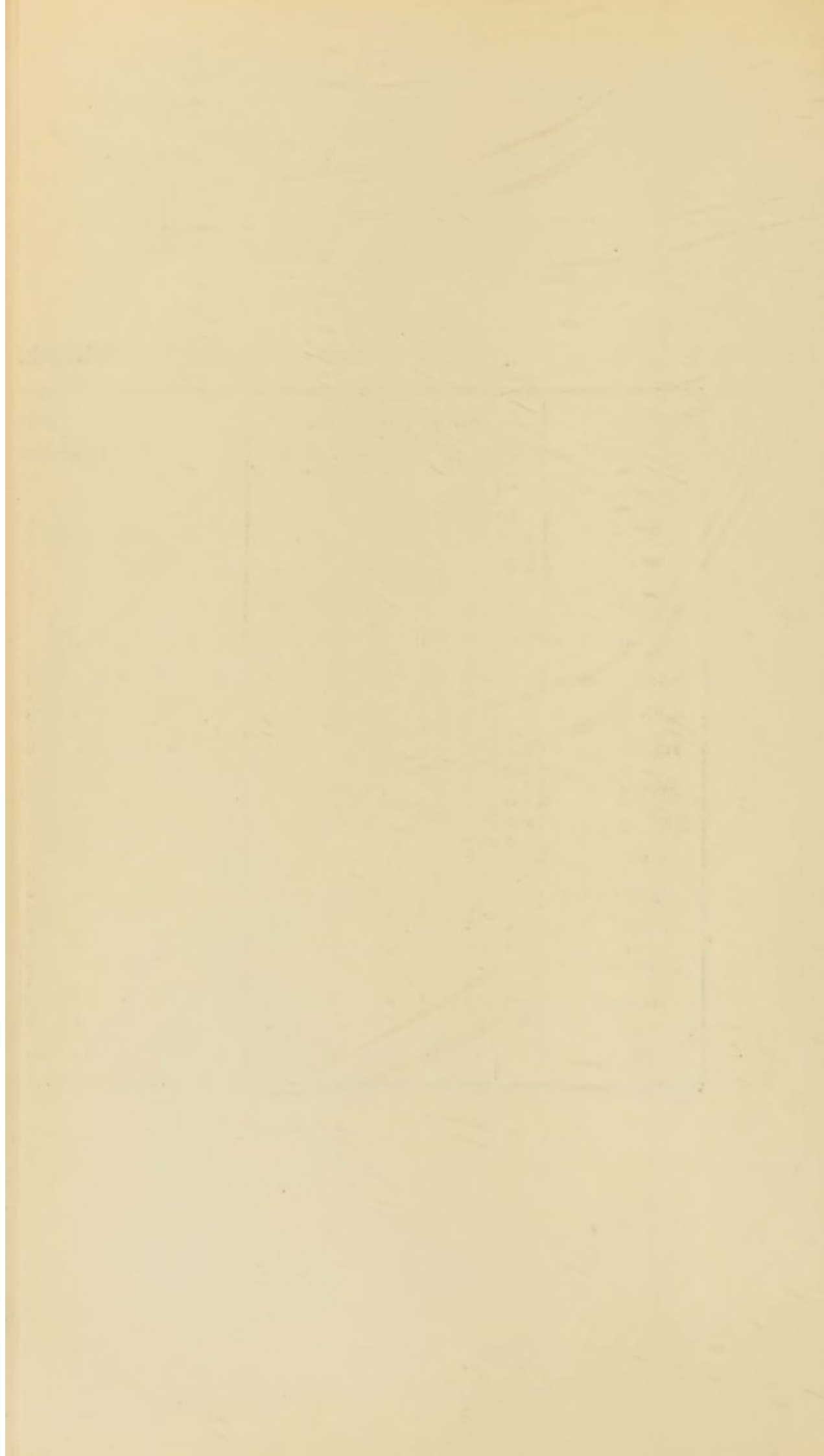
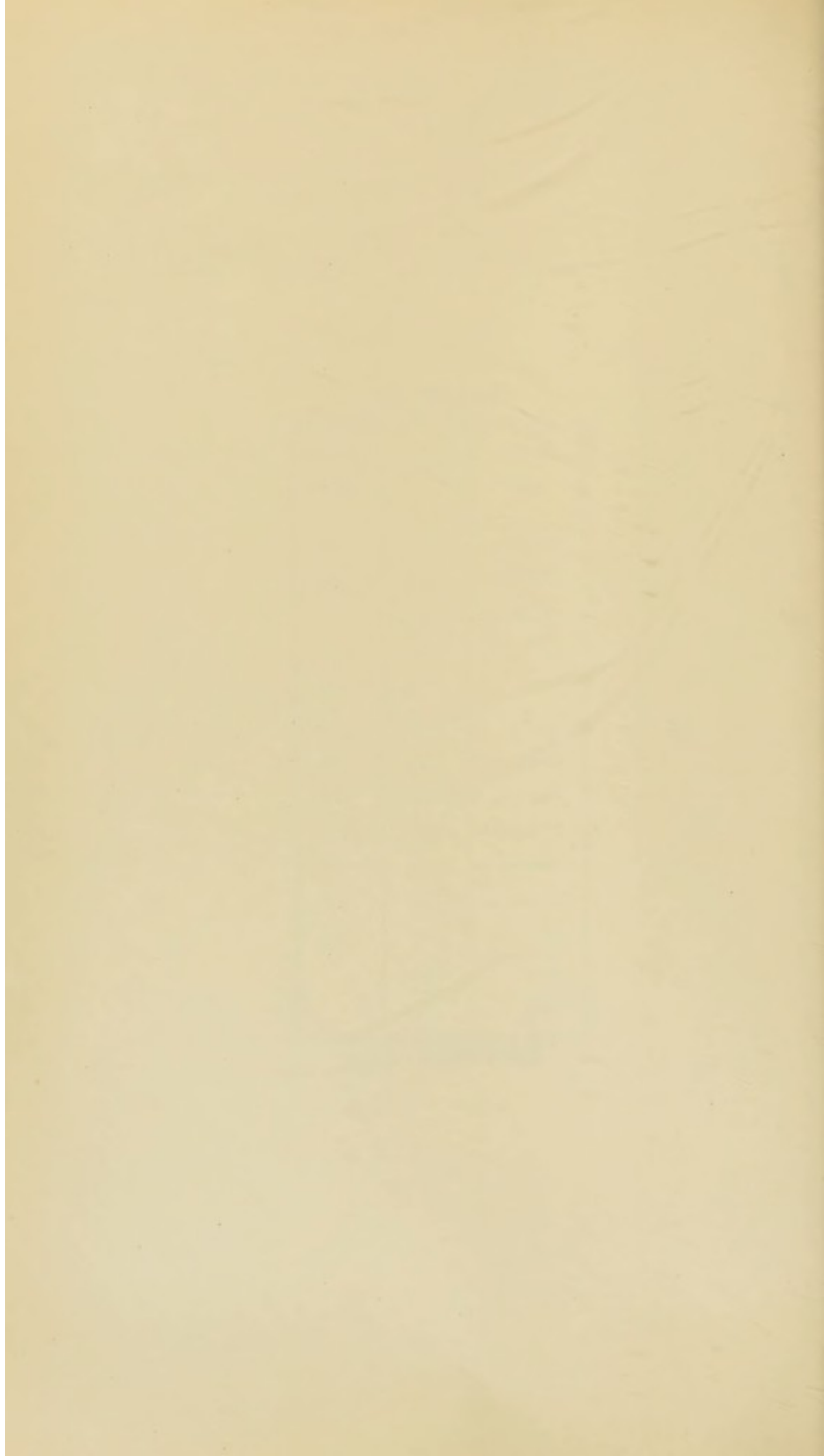


TABLE III.

MONTH 1926	TOTAL	DAILY MEAN
January ..	22.5	0.72
February	34.5	1.23
March ..	67.5	2.17
April ..	79.5	2.65
May ..	95.5	3.08
June ..	143.0	4.76
July ..	114.5	3.69
August ..	194.0	6.25
September	142.5	4.75
October ..	61.5	1.98
November	46.5	1.55
December	60.5	1.95
Total ..	1062.0	
Mean ..	88.5	

Ultra-Violet Rays.



Borough of Bexhill.

REPORT

OF THE

School Medical Officer

TO THE

Education Committee

FOR

Year ended December 31st,

1926.

To the Chairman and Members of the Education Committee.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I present herewith Annual Report for 1926.

1. STAFF.

School Medical Officer.
School Dental Officer.
Anaesthetist.
Ophthalmic Surgeon.
School Nurse.

2. CO-ORDINATION.

- (a) S.M.O. is also M.O.H. An M.O. chosen from the medical practitioners of the Borough has charge of Infant and Child Welfare Centre, which meets weekly, and admits children up to three years.

3. THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE IN RELATION TO PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

- (a) School Hygiene.—While the improvement noted last year is being maintained generally, there are certain exceptions where the parents fail in carrying out our requirements in cleansing.

A Cleansing Station should be provided in order to conform with The Bexhill Corporation Act, Section 158, which came into force last year.

4. MEDICAL INSPECTION (ROUTINE).

646 children were inspected, including Admissions, Age Groups, Specials sent up by Teachers and Leavers.

- (a) Age Groups—At ages of 5, 8, and 12 years.
(b) All Entrants have been inspected.
(c) All children requiring further observation or treatment have been referred to the School Clinic.
(d) Every assistance has been given by the Teachers.

In addition to the Routine figures, 255 Special Inspections have been made and 185 Re-inspections,

5. FINDINGS OF MEDICAL INSPECTION (ROUTINE).

- (a) Uncleanliness.—Four cases have been observed at the Routine Inspections, and 3 cases at the Special Inspections.
- (b) Minor Ailments.—Malnutrition was found in 10 cases as requiring treatment and 34 cases were kept under observation.

Enlarged Glands (non-Tuberculous) were found in 4 cases to require treatment, and in 9 cases to be kept under observation.

- (c) Tonsils and Adenoids were found to be enlarged and requiring treatment in 20 cases, and in 115 cases to be slightly enlarged, and to be kept under observation.

As reported last year, the cases have been mostly dealt with at the East Sussex Hospital (new Out-Patient Department).

- (d) Tuberculosis.—Three boys and three girls have been sent to the Tuberculosis Dispensary from both Routine and Special Inspections. Among them five cases of Night Perspiration were noted. Three cases of Bronchitis were referred to the Clinic for treatment.
- (e) Six cases of Skin Disease (non-Tuberculous) were referred for treatment and passed to Clinic.
- (f) External Eye Diseases.—Three cases of Blepharitis were referred to Clinic for treatment; also five cases of Conjunctivitis and five of Strabismus.
- (g) 15 cases of impaired vision were sent to the Eye Specialist for treatment, and 2 cases were kept under observation.
- (h) Ear Disease and Hearing.—5 cases of Defective Hearing were referred for treatment.
- (i) Dental Defect.—17 cases were referred for treatment.
- (j) Crippling Defects.—9 cases were referred for treatment. Among these cases were found: Spastic Paralysis, Deformed Elbow, Stiff Knee, Rickets, Hip, Cleft Palate, Flat Foot.
- (k) Other Defects and Diseases.—8 cases were found requiring treatment and 3 kept under observation. Among these were noted 3 girls with Thyroid Enlargement, likely to develop into Goitre.
- (l) Impairment of Nutrition, as shown by comparison with average, taking age and height into consideration.

	1-5 lbs. under.	5-10 lbs. under.	10-20 lbs under.
St. Barnabas' Boys	9	7	4
St. Barnabas' Girls	9	14	4
St. Barnabas' Infants	17	2	—
St. Peter's Boys	16	7	1
St. Peter's Girls	21	8	8
St. Peter's Infants	16	3	—
Sidley Infants	16	—	—
St. Mark's School	10	2	4
Normans Bay School	1	1	—

	1-5 lbs. under.	5-10 lbs. under.	10-20 lbs. under.
Down Council Mixed	22	14	8
Down Council Infants	17	6	—
St. Mary Magdalen's	11	1	—
Special School	2	1	—

(m) In addition to the Routine Inspections of each School, the School Nurse has made frequent Re-inspections of cases found verminous.

100 children were found unclean.

The Inspector N.S.P.C.C. has visited in 3 cases.

6. INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

(a) 5 cases of Scarlet Fever, 5 of Varicella, and 2 of German Measles have been noted. All cases have been followed up and contacts and suspects dealt with.

(b) School Closures—

St. Barnabas' Infants' School—January 27th—March 1st (Measles).

Sidley Infants' School—September 8th—27th (Whooping Cough).

(c) Temporary Exclusions under Article 53 of the Code.

For Ringworm (head)	..	..	..	5
.. Ringworm (body)	..	..	..	3
.. Mumps	..	..	..	1
.. Poisoned Finger	..	..	..	1
.. Abscess	..	..	..	4
.. Impetigo	..	..	..	17
.. Otorrhoea	..	..	..	24
.. Throat	..	..	..	7
.. Glands (T.B., etc.)	..	..	..	2
.. Bronchitis	..	..	..	14
.. Whooping Cough	..	..	..	5
.. Eczema Capitis	..	..	..	1
.. Boils	..	..	..	3
.. Measles (Contacts)	..	..	..	2
.. Enteric Catarrh	..	..	..	1
.. Tonsils and Adenoids (op)	..	..	..	4
.. Appendicitis	..	..	..	1
.. Tachycardia	..	..	..	1
.. Hepatic Congestion	..	..	..	1
.. Sprained Tendon	..	..	..	2
.. Injury to Thumb	..	..	..	1
.. Colitis	..	..	..	1
.. German Measles	..	..	..	2
.. Ostalgia	..	..	..	1
.. Anaemia	..	..	..	1
.. Injuries	..	..	..	6
.. Erythema	..	..	..	1
.. Abdominal Trouble	..	..	..	1
.. Cataract	..	..	..	1
.. Myopia	..	..	..	2
.. Polypus (Ear)	..	..	..	1
.. Migraine	..	..	..	1

FOLLOWING UP.

Summary of Reports of School Nurse—

Number of visits to Schools	..	..	..	529
Number of visits to Homes	..	..	..	574
Number of times Clinic opened	..	..	..	177
Number of children treated	..	..	..	627
Number of attendances made by children	..	..	..	1978
Number of parents present	..	..	..	138
Number of times Dental Clinic opened	..	..	..	40
Number of appointments made	..	..	..	531
Number of appointments kept	..	..	..	469
Number of children who had final treatment	..	..	..	204
Number of children treated by Eye Specialist	..	..	..	44

8. WORK OF SCHOOL CLINIC.

Malnutrition, 11 ; Verminous conditions, 25 ; Nose and Throat, 71 ; Cataract, 2 ; Jaundice, 1 ; Chilblains, 5 ; Deformed Arm, 2 ; Minor Eye Defects, 58 ; Conjunctivitis, 36 ; Blepharitis, 16 ; Ringworm Scalp, 5 ; Ringworm, Body 3 ; Impetigo, 36 ; Other Skin Diseases, 27 ; Minor Ear Defects, 19 ; cases sent to Tuberculosis Dispensary, 8 ; Accidents, 35 ; Burns, 3 ; Scalds, 4 ; Sprains, 9 ; Whitlows, 5 ; Accidents to Eye, 2 ; Goitre, 3 ; Rheumatism, 8 ; Debility, 12 ; Influenza, 19 ; Adominal Trouble, 21 ; Fits, 1 ; Nervous System, 7 ; Spastic Paralysis, 1 ; Cleft Palate, 1 ; Mumps, 9 ; Night Perspirations 13 ; Heart and Circulation, 13 ; Bronchitis, 23 ; Glands, 21 ; Varicella, 3 ; Whooping Cough, 19 ; Gingivitis, 1 ; German Measles, 2 ; Massage, after fractures, 4.

Epilepsy, One Case sent to Chalfont Colony.

Appendicitis, Sent to East Sussex Hospital for operation, 1.

Alopecia, " " " " " U. V. R. Treatment, 1.

Ear Cases, " " " " " as out patients 3.

9. OPEN-AIR EDUCATION.

Classes are held outside during the summer months.

10. PHYSICAL TRAINING.

No area organiser available. It is carried on efficiently by the Teachers.

11. PROVISION OF MEALS.

(a) No provision has been found necessary.

(b) Provision of Virol, Milk, etc.

Virol has been supplied at cost price and distributed to children marked as requiring it at the Schools. For the following cases it was provided free of charge:— Virol, 5 ; Milk, 6.

12. SCHOOL BATHS.

The children have access to the Corporation Swimming Baths. There is still a need for Cleansing Baths.

13. CO-OPERATION OF PARENTS.

234 Parents attended the Routine Inspections.

37 " " " Special "

94 " " " Entrants "

29 " " " Leavers "

138 " " " At the Clinic.

14. CO-OPERATION OF TEACHERS.

Teachers have given all assistance in their power, and have sent cases to the Clinic on their own initiative where health was a possible cause of unsatisfactory progress.

15. CO-OPERATION OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICER.

Doubtful cases of non-attendance reported by him, and investigated by School Nurse or S.M.O.

Average number on the books	..	..	1459
Average attendance	..	..	1294
Average percentage of attendances	..	..	89

16. CO-OPERATION OF VOLUNTARY BODIES.

The Inspector of the National Society for the Prevention of cruelty to Children, has given every possible assistance, and has visited the homes where requested.

17. BLIND, DEAF, AND EPILEPTIC CHILDREN.

(a) There are no Blind or Deaf children.

(b) One Epileptic child has been admitted to the Chalfont Colony.

Defective children—

(c) The teachers report preliminary test. Child is watched in school to confirm and I.Q. taken, and Parents report considered before decision.

(d) Special School—

The Special School, whose staff has now been reduced to one, has continued its work at the Down School. It would be advisable to separate the elder girls from the boys, but with only one room available it is not yet possible. The Stanford tests are used.

Number on Register—Boys, 9 ; Girls, 8	..	17
Number examined re admittance	.. ..	1
Discharged—Boys, 4 ; Girls, 1	.. ..	5
Recommended for Institutional treatment	..	1
Number admitted—Boys, 1 ; Girls, 0	..	1

During the year useful work has been done in teaching boot repairing and gardening. Two sessions per week of 3½ hours.

18. NURSERY SCHOOLS.

No sanction has been given.

19. SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE IN THE HANDS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

20. CONTINUATION SCHOOLS.

Have not yet been started.

21. EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS

(a) Conditions are under Bye Laws sanctioned 3rd November, 1920.

(b) 21 Leavers have been examined at the Clynic, both as to physical fitness, need for further observation or treatment, and as to vocational ability for proposed work.

Re inspection after starting work has been made in marked cases.

Number of employed children, 48.

22. SPECIAL INQUIRIES.

Nil.

23. MISCELLANEOUS.

The Medical Examination of Teachers has been done by the County Council.

Ventilation.—This is still defective at St. Peter's Boys' School, where the requirements asked for a year ago have not been provided. The present condition remains very unsatisfactory and likely to affect adversely the health and progress of the scholars.

Drying Wet Clothes. — Excepting the Down Schools, where central heating and proper rooms are provided, there is still a lack of proper provision.

Vaccination.—As a precautionary measure, and in order to find out how far the children were protected, an inspection was made.

Number of children inspected	..	..	1265
Number of children showing marks	..	..	540
Percentage of protection	..	..	42

24. STATISTICAL TABLES.

The summary of work done is appended.

Yours faithfully,

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S.M.O.

TABLE I.—RETURN OF MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

Year ended 31st December, 1926.

A. ROUTINE MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.							1925	1926
Number of Code Group Inspections:								
Entrants	..	..	..	..	..	320	263	
Intermediates	..	..	..	..	..	113	105	
Leavers	..	..	..	..	..	185	208	
Total	..	..	..	..	..	618	576	
Number of other Routine Inspections							69	70
B. OTHER INSPECTIONS.								
Number of Special Inspections..							250	255
Number of Re-inspections							199	185
Total	..	..	..	..	..	449	440	

TABLE II.

A. RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION IN THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1926.

Defect or Disease.	Routine Inspections.		Special Inspections.		
	No. of Defects.		No. of Defects.		
	Requiring Treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation, but <i>not</i> requiring Treatment.	Requiring Treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation, but <i>not</i> requiring treatment.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	
Malnutrition	10	29	2	45	
Uncleanliness See Table IV, Group V).	7		3		
Skin	Ringworm :				
	Scalp				
	Body				
	Scabies				
	Impetigo	1			
Other Diseases (non-Tuberculous	4		1		
Eye	Blepharitis	2		1	
	Conjunctivitis	3		2	
	Keratitis				
	Corneal Opacities				
	Defective Vision (excluding Squint)	10	2	5	
	Squint	3		2	3
Ear	Other Conditions				
	Defective Hearing	2		3	
	Otitis Media				
Other Ear Diseases	1		1		
Nose and Throat	Enlarged Tonsils only	10	47	3	12
	Adenoids only	3	18	1	6
	Enlarged Tonsils & Adenoids	2		1	
	Other Conditions	1			

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Enlarged Cervical Glands (Non-Tuberculous)		2		1	
Defective Speech		1	11	1	5
Teeth.—Dental Diseases (See Table IV. Group IV).		13	69	4	6
Heart and Circulation. {	Heart Disease :				
	Organic				
	Functional	12	6		
	Anæmia	1			
Lungs {	Bronchitis	1		2	
	Other Non-Tuberculous Diseases	5		1	
	Pulmonary :				
	Definite				
	Suspected	3		2	
Tuberculosis {	Non-Pulmonary :				
	Glands	1			
	Spine				
	Hip				
	Other Bones and Joints ..	3		2	
	Skin				
	Other Forms				
Nervous System {	Epilepsy	1			
	Chorea			1	
	Other Conditions	3	10		2
Deformities {	Rickets	1			
	Spinal Curvature				
	Other Forms	5		3	
Other Defects and Diseases		11	3		

B. NUMBER OF *individual Children* FOUND AT *Routine* MEDICAL INSPECTION TO REQUIRE TREATMENT (EXCLUDING UN-CLEANLINESS AND DENTAL DISEASES).

Group.	Number of Children.		Percentage of Children found to require treatment.
	Inspected.	Found to require treatment	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
CODE GROUPS :			
Entrants ..	263	50	19
Intermediates	105	17	16
Leavers ..	208	13	6
Total Code Groups	576	80	14
Other Routine Inspections	70	25	36

TABLE III.—RETURN OF ALL EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN IN THE AREA.

			Boys.	Girls.	Total
Blind (including partially blind).	(i) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the totally blind.	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the blind Attending Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions At no School or Institution			
	(ii) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the partially blind.	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Blind Attending Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions At no School or Institution			
Deaf (including deaf and dumb and partially deaf).	(i) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the totally deaf or deaf and dumb.	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Deaf Attending Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions At no School or Institution			
	(ii) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the partially deaf.	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Deaf Attending Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions At no School or Institution			
Mentally Defective.	Feeble minded (cases not notifiable to the Local Control Authority).	Attending Certified School for Mentally Defective Children Attending Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions At no School or Institution	9	8	17
	Notified to the Local Control Authority <i>during the year.</i>	Feeble minded Imbeciles Idiots	1		1
Epileptics.	Suffering from severe epilepsy.	Attending Certified Special Schools for Epileptics In Institutions other than Certified Special Schools Attending Public Elementary Schools At no School or Institution	2		2
	Suffering from epilepsy which is not severe.	Attending Public Elementary Schools At no School or Institution			

			Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Physically Defective.	Infectious pulmonary and glandular tuberculosis	At Sanatoria or Sanatorium Schools approved by the Ministry of Health or the Board At other Institutions .. At no School or Institution			
	Non-infectious but active pulmonary and glandular tuberculosis	At Sanatoria or Sanatorium Schools approved by the Ministry of Health or the Board At Certified Residential Open Air Schools .. At Certified Day Open Air Schools At Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions .. At no School or Institution	1	1	1
	Delicate Children (<i>e.g.</i> , pre- or latent tuberculosis, malnutrition, debility, anæmia, etc.)	At Certified Residential Open Air Schools .. At Certified Day Open Air Schools At Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions .. At no School or Institution	1	4	5
	Active non-pulmonary tuberculosis.	At Sanatoria or Hospital Schools approved by the Ministry of Health or the Board At Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions .. At no School or Institution		1	1
Crippled Children (other than those with active tuberculous disease) <i>e.g.</i> , Children Suffering from paralysis, &c., and including those with severe heart disease.	At Certified Hospital Schools At Certified Residential Cripple Schools .. At Certified Day Cripple Schools At Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions .. At no School or Institution	1		1	

TABLE IV.—RETURN OF DEFECTS TREATED DURING THE
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1926.

TREATMENT TABLE.

Group I.—Minor Ailments (excluding Uncleanliness, for which see Group V).

Disease or Defect. (1)	Number of Defects Treated, or under Treatment during the year.		
	Under the Authority's Scheme. (2)	Otherwise (3)	Total. (4)
<i>Skin—</i>			
Ringworm—Scalp	5		5
Ringworm—Body	2	1	3
Scabies			
Impetigo	33	3	36
Other Skin Disease	24	3	27
<i>Minor Eye Defects</i> (External and other, but exclud- ing cases falling in Group II).	57	1	58
<i>Minor Ear Defects</i>	19	2	21
<i>Miscellaneous</i> <i>e.g., minor injuries, bruises,</i> <i>sores, chilblains, etc.</i>	381		381
Total	521	10	531

Group II.—Defective Vision and Squint (excluding Minor Eye Defects treated as Minor Ailments—Group I).

Defect or Disease. (1)	Number of Defects dealt with.			
	Under the Authority's Scheme. (2)	Submitted to refraction by private prac- titioner or at hospital apart from the Authority's Scheme. (3)	Otherwise. (4)	Total. (5)
Errors of Refraction (in- cluding Squint	41	2		43
Other Defect or Disease of the Eyes (excluding those recorded in Group I)	2			2
Total	43	2		45

TABLE IV (Contd.)

Total number of Children for whom spectacles were prescribed :

(a) Under the Authority's Scheme.. .. .	38
(b) Otherwise.. .. .	—

Total number of Children who obtained or received spectacles :

(a) Under the Authority's Scheme	38
(b) Otherwise	—

Group III.—Treatment of Defects of Nose and Throat.

Number of Defects.

Received Operative Treatment.			Received other forms of Treatment.	Total number treated.
Under the Authority's Scheme in Clinic or Hospital.	By Private Practitioner or Hospital, apart from the Authority's Scheme.	Total.		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
—	18	18	53	71

Group IV.—Dental Defects.

(1) Number of Children who were :

(a) Inspected by the Dentist :

Aged :

Routine Age Groups	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 5 \dots \\ 6 \dots 132 \\ 7 \dots 91 \\ 8 \dots \\ 9 \dots \\ 10 \dots \\ 11 \dots \\ 12 \dots \\ 13 \dots \\ 14 \dots \end{array} \right\}$	Total	223
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Specials.. .. . 125

Grand Total 348

(b) Found to require treatment 309

(c) Actually treated 252

(d) Re-treated during the year, as the result of periodical examination 52

TABLE IV (Contd.)

(2) Half-days devoted to	{ Inspection .. 5 Treatment .. 40 }	Total ..	45
(3) Attendances made by Children for treatment	.. ..	.. ..	467
(4) Fillings	{ Permanent teeth 116 Temporary teeth 146 }	Total ..	262
(5) Extractions	{ Permanent teeth 49 Temporary teeth 544 }	Total ..	593
(6) Administrations of general anæsthetics for extractions	.. ..	.. ..	91
(7) Other operations..	{ Permanent teeth 24 Temporary teeth 4 }	Total ..	28

Group V.—Uncleanliness and verminous conditions.

(i) Average number of visits per School made during the year by the School Nurse .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	42
(ii) Total number of examinations of Children in the Schools by School Nurse .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	2553
(iii) Number of individual Children found unclean .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	100
(iv) Number of Children cleansed under arrangements made by the Local Education Authority .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	Nil
(v) Number of cases in which legal proceedings were taken :			
(a) Under the Education Act, 1921 .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	Nil
(b) Under School Attendance Byelaws .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	Nil