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On The

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

For the Year, 1942.

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31st. July, 1943.

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FOR THE YEAR 1892

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B O R O U G H O F B I L S T O N .

ANNUAL INTERIM REPORT FOR THE YEAR, 1942.

In view of the need for strict economy this Report has been reduced to a minimum but arrangements have been made for the provision of all records so that a full report can be given for each year at the termination of the war.

The following are brief statistics for the year:-

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA:

Area:	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,871 acres.
Population:	1931 Census	...	...	...	...	...	31,248
Estimated Population for Year.	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Estimated Number of Inhabited Houses for the year:	7,700						
Rateable value.	...	...	...	...	...	...	£131,640

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS:

	<u>Total:</u>	<u>Males:</u>	<u>Females:</u>	
Live Births. ...	652	346	296	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population. 21.27
(Legitimate).	621	335	286	
(Illegitimate).	21	11	10	
Still Births.	14	7	7	Rate per 1,000 total (Live and Stillbirths) 21.47

	<u>Total:</u>	<u>Males:</u>	<u>Females:</u>	
Deaths.	290	178	112	Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population. 9.46

Comparability Factor: The variety and magnitude of local population movements and the uneven incidence of civilian war deaths have together combined to frustrate the attempt to secure comparability between local death rates for the use of Areal Comparability Factors and the preparation and issue of such factors are being suspended under present conditions.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes:-
(Headings 29 and 30) of the Registrar General's short list.

	<u>Deaths:</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 total (live & Still) Births.</u>
Puerperal Sepsis.	-	----
Other Puerperal Causes.	1	1.53

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All Infants per 1,000 live births.	55.21
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births.	56.36
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births.	47.62

Deaths from Cancer. (all ages)	...	...	...	...	38
" " Measles. (" ")	...	...	...	...	--
" " Whooping Cough. (all ages)	...	...	...	...	2
" " Diarrhoea. (under 2 years of age)	...	...	...	...	11

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The following are brief statistics for the year:-

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	1,871 acres.
Population 1931 Census	37,346
Estimated population for year	...
Estimated number of inhabited houses for year	7,700
Kataebic value	213,640

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

	Total: Males	Total: Females	Total: Both
Live Births	622	346	968
(Legitimate)	621	332	953
(Illegitimate)	1	14	15
Still Births	16	7	23
Rate per 1,000 total (Live and Stillbirths)	7	7	7
Rate per 1,000 total of the estimated resident population	10	10	10
Birth Rate per 1,000	292	286	289

	Total: Males	Total: Females	Total: Both
Deaths	230	172	402
Rate per 1,000 total (Live and Stillbirths)	17	17	17
Rate per 1,000 total of the estimated resident population	12	12	12
Death Rate per 1,000	112	112	112

Demographic Factors: The variety and magnitude of local population movements and the lower incidence of civilian war deaths have together combined to frustrate the attempt to secure comparability between local death rates for the use of Actual Demographic Factors and the population and items of such factors are being suspended under present conditions.

Deaths from Postnatal Causes:- (Headings 29 and 30) of the Registrar General's short list.

Deaths	Rate per 1,000 total (Live & Still) Births
Postnatal Deaths	1.22
Other Postnatal Causes	...

Deaths from Infant under one year of age	Rate per 1,000 live births
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	55.51
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	55.51
Estimated Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	55.51

Deaths from Infant (all ages)	Rate per 1,000 live births
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The following table shows the causes of death and gives particulars of the number of males and females dying from various diseases:-

TABLE 1.

Causes of death:	Males:	Females:	Total:
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers.	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.	1	2	3
Scarlet Fever.	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.	1	1	2
Diphtheria.	-	1	1
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System.	13	2	15
Other Tuberculous Diseases. ...	3	4	7
Syphilitic Diseases.	2	-	2
Influenza.	1	1	2
Measles.	-	-	-
Encephalitis Lethargica. ...	-	-	-
Cancer, Malignant Disease. ...	23	15	38
Diabetes.	1	2	3
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc. ...	20	13	33
Heart Disease.	21	19	40
Other Circulatory Diseases. ...	5	3	8
Bronchitis.	15	11	26
Pneumonia. (all forms)	9	8	17
Other Respiratory Diseases. ...	1	-	1
Ulcer of the Stomach or Duodenum.	1	-	1
Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years).	9	2	11
Appendicitis.	2	-	2
Other Digestive Diseases. ...	4	4	8
Acute and Chronic Nephritis. ...	6	3	9
Puerperal Sepsis.	-	-	-
Other Maternal Causes.	-	1	1
Premature Birth.	6	2	8
Congenital Debility, Malformation, etc.	5	5	10
Suicide.	-	-	-
Road Traffic Accidents.	3	-	3
Other Violent Causes.	6	3	9
All Other Causes.	20	10	30
Total:	178	112	290

The following table shows the causes of death and gives particulars of the number of males and females dying from various diseases:-

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Cause of death:	Males:	Females:	Total:
All other causes.	20	10	30
Other violent causes.	...	...	...
Road traffic accidents.	...	...	...
Gas.	...	...	...
Constitutional debility, malformation, etc.	...	...	...
Fracture of hip.	...	...	...
Other maternal causes.	...	...	...
Puerperal fever.	...	...	...
Acute and chronic hepatitis.	...	...	...
Other digestive diseases.	...	...	...
Ascariasis.	...	...	...
Dyspepsia, etc. (under 5 years).	...	...	...
Ulcer of the stomach or duodenum.	...	...	...
Other respiratory diseases.	...	...	...
Pneumonia (all forms).	...	...	...
Bronchitis.	...	...	...
Other circulatory diseases.	...	...	...
Heart disease.	...	...	...
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	...	...	...
Diabetes.	...	...	...
Cancer, malignant disease.	...	...	...
Encephalitis lethargica.	...	...	...
Measles.	...	...	...
Latent disease.	...	...	...
Gonorrhoeal disease.	...	...	...
Other tuberculous diseases.	...	...	...
Tuberculosis of the respiratory system.	...	...	...
Malaria.	...	...	...
Wandering fever.	...	...	...
Gonorrhoeal fever.	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal fever.	...	...	...
Epidemic and paratyphoid fever.	...	...	...
Total:	278	172	450

TABLE 2.

Birth-rates, Death-rates, and Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Mortality and Case rates for certain infectious diseases in the Year 1942. Provisional figures based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns.

	England and Wales.	County Boro's and Great Towns including London.	Smaller Towns Resident Population 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census.	BILSTON
Births.	Rates per 1,000 Population.			
Live Births.	15.8	17.3	18.4	21.27
Still.	0.54	0.66	0.62	0.46
Deaths.	Rates per 1,000 live births.			
All Causes.	11.6	13.3	12.1	9.46
Typhoid and Para- typhoid Fevers.	----	----	----	----
Whooping Cough.	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.07
Diphtheria.	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.03
Scarlet Fever.	----	----	----	----
Smallpox.	----	----	----	----
Measles.	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00
Influenza.	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.07
Rates per 1,000 population.				
Deaths under 1 year of age.	49	59	46	55.21
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 yrs. of age.	5.2	7.5	4.8	16.87
Notifications:-	Rates per 1,000 population.			
Typhoid Fever.	0.01	0.01	0.01	----
Paratyphoid Fever.	0.01	0.01	0.01	----
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.	0.14	0.17	0.12	0.29
Scarlet Fever.	2.19	2.49	2.34	4.92
Whooping Cough.	1.73	1.97	1.58	4.40
Diphtheria.	1.05	1.35	0.91	0.88
Erysipelas.	0.30	0.36	0.26	0.16
Smallpox.	----	----	----	----
Measles.	7.46	9.27	7.39	3.03
Pneumonia.	1.07	1.30	0.94	2.45
Rates per 1,000 births.				
Puerperal Fever. } Puerperal Pyrexia. }	12.61	15.94	10.80	3.07

TABLE 2.

Weekly and quarterly returns, and analysis of mortality, hospital mortality and cases rates for certain infectious diseases in the year 1932. Provisional figures based on weekly and quarterly returns.

Disease	England and Wales	County of London	Greater London	Bristol
Deaths per 1,000 population				
Scarlet fever	11.6	12.3	12.1	9.48
Diphtheria	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.07
Whooping cough	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Measles	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
Polio	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.07
Deaths per 1,000 live births				
Scarlet fever	5.2	7.3	4.8	16.87
Diphtheria	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Whooping cough	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Measles	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Polio	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Deaths per 1,000 population				
Scarlet fever	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Diphtheria	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Whooping cough	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Measles	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Polio	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Deaths per 1,000 live births				
Scarlet fever	1.07	1.30	0.94	2.15
Diphtheria	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Whooping cough	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Measles	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Polio	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Deaths per 1,000 live births				
Scarlet fever	12.61	12.91	10.80	3.07
Diphtheria	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Whooping cough	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Measles	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Polio	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA:

Public Health Officers of the Authority, Laboratory Facilities, Ambulance Facilities, Nursing in the Home, Treatment Centres and Clinics, Hospitals (Public & Voluntary)

The School Dental and Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics are held in the Clinic which is at the junction of Prouds Lane and Wellington Road, and is in session every day for treatment of Minor Ailments and Dental defects. The Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics are held on four afternoons a week.

Diphtheria Immunisation Clinics were also held during the year. The number of children immunised is as follows:-

Children under 5 years of age.	569
Children over 5 and under 15 years.	416
Total:	<u>985</u>

SCABIES:

Scabies Clinics were commenced during August, 1942, at the Cleansing Station rear of 23, Wellington Road. Three clinics are held weekly. The total number of cases treated was 320.

WAR TIME DAY NURSERY:

A War Time Day Nursery situated in Prouds Lane, Bilston, was opened in August, 1942. The Nursery will accomodate 40 children, ages ranging from 0 to 5 years, and is open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The average attendance was 22 daily.

The staff comprises:-
Matron.
Deputy Matron.
1 Certificated Nursery Nurse.
1 Warden.
1 Nursery Assistant.
2 Probationers.
1 Cook.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA:

Full details of the sanitary circumstances of the area have been given in previous reports.

WATER:

During the year 10 bacteriological samples have been taken, 1 from the Rising Main at the Bratch, 4 from the covered Reservoirs at Coton Road, and 5 from other sources. The Bacteriologist's report on all these samples shows, under the heading of "Coli Aerogenes Content" (presumptive coli), none per 100 ml after 48 hours' incubation at 37°C.

HOUSING:

The applications for houses is continuous, There is a definite shortage of dwellings at low rentals but it is impossible to give reliable figures as to the actual number of houses required.

OVERCROWDING: - Owing to war conditions it has been impossible to build houses to abate overcrowding.

SLUM CLEARANCE: Owing to war conditions no action has been taken.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD: - The work of food inspection is carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors, and details are given in the Sanitary Inspector's Annual Report.

MILK SUPPLY AND FOOD ADULTERATION: - The work under this heading is controlled by the County Council whose officers carry out the necessary work of sampling.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Public Health Officers of the Authority, Laboratory
and Health Services Division, Division of the Health
Department, and the Health Services Division (Public Health Services)

The School Dental and Health and Child Welfare Clinics
are held in the Clinic which is at the junction of Bridge Lane
and Wellington Road, and is in session every day for treatment
of minor ailments and dental treatment. The Health and Child
Welfare Clinics are held at the same time and place.
Dental and Health Clinics were also held during the
year. The number of patients treated is as follows:

Children under 5 years of age.	400
Children over 5 and under 15 years.	400
Total	800

REMARKS:

8 Dental Clinics were commenced during August, 1963.
at the Clinic, 1000 years of age, Wellington Road.
Three clinics were held during the year. The number of cases
treated was 400.

FOR THE YEAR 1963:

A New Year Day Clinic was held in Bridge Lane, 1963.
and was held in the morning. The number of cases
treated was 400. The number of cases treated was 400.
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PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

Table 3 shows the number of cases of infectious diseases notified during the year, cases admitted to Hospital and the known deaths.

TABLE 3.

Infectious Diseases:

Cases admitted to Hospital and Total Deaths:

	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	151	102	-
Diphtheria.	27	26	1
Puerperal Pyrexia.	2	2	-
Pneumonia.	75	--	17
Erysipelas.	5	2	--
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	8	5	--
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.	9	9	3
Measles.	93	4	--
Whooping Cough.	135	--	2

This department has no knowledge of cases of Pneumonia removed to Hospital. Such cases are usually treated at the Royal Hospital, or the New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton. Public Assistance cases are taken to Wordsley Institution.

TABLE 4.

	New Cases:				Deaths:			
	Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non Pulmonary	
Age Period:	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 and upward.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
5 " "	3	3	-	-	2	1	-	-
15 " "	9	9	3	-	2	-	2	2
25 " "	3	5	-	-	2	-	-	1
35 " "	2	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
45 " "	3	2	-	-	3	-	-	-
55 " "	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
65 " "	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Total:	21	19	3	-	13	2	3	4

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Cases notified, Hospital and Total Deaths

	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Cases Notified	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	102	151	1
Diphtheria	26	27	1
Posterior Syphilis	2	2	17
Trachoma	1	1	1
Erysipelas	1	1	1
Opthalmia Neonatorum	1	1	1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	1	1
Measles	1	1	1
Whooping Cough	1	1	1

This Department has no knowledge of cases of Pneumonia removed to Hospital. Such cases are usually treated at the Royal Hospital, or the New Cross Hospital, Woolverhampton. Public Assistance cases are taken to Workday Institution.

Age Periods:		Non-Pneumonia		Pneumonia		Total	
0 and 4 years		Non-Pneumonia		Pneumonia		Total	
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1942.

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN & COUNCILLORS OF THE BOROUGH OF BILSTON:

Madam & Gentlemen,

Herewith is presented the report on the Sanitary Inspection of the Borough for the year 1942, being my thirtieth annual report.

ROUTINE INSPECTIONS.

The total number of inspections of all kinds made during the year was 5426. Details of these are given below:-

1. Visits in connection with complaints, re-inspections and works in progress.	2789.
2. Houses inspected, (for minor defects 826, tenants defaults 304).	1126.
3. Visits to slaughterhouses, food shops and food preparing premises.	777.
4. Visits re caravans.	186.
5. Visits to courts and common yards, and miscellaneous.	389.
6. Enquiries in connection with infectious disease.	159.

COMPLAINTS.

The total number of complaints received during the year was 1049, 426 in connection with alleged nuisances or sanitary defects and 587 in respect of choked drains and water closets. All complaints were dealt with.

NOTICES.

The total number of notices issued was 604 (586 informal notices and 68 abatement notices).

Details of the abatement notices served are given below:-

	Issued.	Complied by Council.	Complied owner or occupier.	Jus-tices Order.	Not Com-plied
Sections 92-93 Public Health Act, 1936.	56.	-	53.	9.	3.
Section 75 Public Health Act, 1936.	5.	5.	-	-	-
Section 83 Public Health Act, 1936.	7.	-	7.	-	-

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS.

The total number of improvements of all kinds made during the year in compliance with notices served was 2051 and the number of premises affected by these improvements 1,101.

1. Water Supply.	3.
2. Water closets.	181.
3. Drainage.	84.
4. Yards.	3.
5. Washing accommodations.	44.
6. Houses internal repairs.	285.
7. Houses external repairs.	317.
8. Tenants notices (General Cleanliness).	91.
9. Caravans removed.	484.
10. Miscellaneous improvements.	207.
11. Provision of ashbins.	532.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

The number of visits made to slaughterhouses was 463. The total number of carcasses (including organs) examined was 9015. Owing to the concentration of the Bacon Industry slaughtering ceased at the three bacon factories in July 1942. The number of pigs slaughtered by private owners during the year was 139. In each case the carcasses have been examined.

The usual tables showing the carcasses and organs condemned and the diseases affecting them have been omitted.

All the animals inspected were pigs. The number of carcasses condemned was 10 (2 affected with tuberculosis and 8 other conditions). The number of carcasses in respect of which some part or organ was condemned was 507 (479 affected with tuberculosis and 28 other diseases).

The percentage of carcasses and organs found to be affected with tuberculosis was 5.3% and other diseases 3.3%.

The total weight of unsound food destroyed during the year was 4 ton 5 cwt. 82 lbs. Details are given below:-

	Cwts.	lbs.
Pigs Carcasses.	9	43.
Parts of pig carcasses.	41	60.
Organs from pigs carcasses.	10	63.
Eggs.	6	92.
Canned Meat.	14.	45.
Miscellaneous (Fruit, Vegetables etc.).	2	110.

FOOD PREPARING PREMISES AND FOOD SHOPS.

The total number of visits paid to food shops and food preparing premises was 308. The premises generally are kept in a clean and satisfactory condition.

SHOPS ACT 1912, 1934.

During the year 15 visits have been made in connection with the above Act. No contravention of the acts were discovered.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACTS.

During the year 43 visits have been paid to factories and workshops. Fourteen complaints have been received from H.M. Inspector of Factories. The number of notices served under the above Acts was 23.

CANAL BOAT ACT.

The Canal has been visited on 23 occasions for the purpose of boat inspection but boats have not been met with on any occasion.

INFECTIONS DISEASES.

Enquiries have been made in connection 193 cases of infectious diseases and 193 houses were disinfected.

DISINFESTATION.

During the year 60 premises were found to be verminous (56 Corporation Houses and 4 privately owned houses). These houses were disinfested.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILK SHOPS.

There are three cowsheds and 102 Registered Milk Shops. (128 of these shops sell Sterilized Milk only). The premises are kept in compliance with the Acts and Regulations. One of the cowsheds is old and worn out and must eventually be demolished.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are two common lodging houses in the area. These have been visited on 23 occasions. The lodging house keepers comply with the bye-laws but the premises are old and it is kept difficult to keep them up to the desired standard.

GENERAL.

Considerable difficulty has been experienced in carrying out necessary repairs to property. This has been due to some extent to the shortage and heavy cost of materials but mainly to the scarcity of labour.

Many of the houses in the Borough are old and wornout and cannot be properly re-conditioned. I estimate that there are approximately 1,400 houses which are unfit for habitation by reason of disrepair and sanitary defects and owing to their age and general conditions can only be dealt with demolition. Included in this number are 803 houses which were in the 1933-38 Slum Clearance Programme. There are approximately 1200 houses which are not in all respects fit for habitation by reason of disrepair and sanitary defects. These houses at present are not unfit for habitation but their condition is gradually becoming worse. There are approximately 1,300 houses which are in a reasonable state of repair but which are without proper sanitary amenities.

REMOVAL OF HOUSE AND TRADE REFUSE.

The following table gives details of loads and weights of refuse removed and disposed of by the Cleansing Department during the year:-

	Dry Refuse.		Wet Refuse.		Butchers & Trade Refuse.		TOTAL	
	Loads.	Tons.	Loads.	Tons.	Loads.	Tons.	Loads.	Tons.
Motors.	4405.	6607.	-	-	-	-	4405.	6607
Carts.	1816.	1354.	299	223	74	53	2189	1630
TOTAL.	6221.	7961.	299.	223.	74	53	6534.	8237

The number of loads disposed of at the controlled tip was 6295. In addition 4,356 loads have been brought to the tip by tradesmen. Trade and shop refuse 1770 loads, Butchers & Fishmongers Offal 965 loads, and Miscellaneous 1621 loads.

COLLECTION.

The number of loads and the tonnage collected shows a marked reduction as compared with the previous year. This is due to the fact that much of the material formerly placed in the ashbins is now collected as Salvage.

Alterations in the staff since the outbreak of war and the large amount of extra duties required in connection with Salvage, have made it necessary to take part of the vehicles from the work of refuse collection. There are now only three motor vehicles and two horses and carts engaged on this work. This, coupled with labour difficulties has meant that it is now only possible to maintain an 8 daily collection of bins in two districts and a ten or twelve daily collection in the other two districts.

The vehicles are old and there have been many difficulties in obtaining the execution of necessary repairs.

DISPOSAL

All dry refuse is disposed of at the controlled tip at the lunt. The class of refuse now being dealt with is much better than it was previous to the war, due to the fact that a large amount of waste material is recovered and being utilised as salvage.

Considerable difficulty is experienced in preventing access to the tip and much damage has been done during the year.

The fencing has been destroyed and it is impossible to prevent unauthorised persons tipping on the controlled tip. This practice is increasing and adds to the difficulty of disposal.

A special report on the work of Salvage has been submitted by the Salvage Officer, Mr. G.E.S. Sheldon, who has carried out valuable work in this direction.

I am, Your Obedient Servant,

Fred Barnett.

