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The Urban Sanitary District Council of Bognor.

Gentlemen

I have the honour to submit to your notice my report upon the health of the Urban Sanitary District of Bognor for the year ending 31st December.

The district comprises an area of 503 acres, and according to the last census 803 inhabited houses and a population of 4,096.

The death-rate for the period under report was 15.4 per 1000 as against 15.9 per 1000 for the year 1893. The total number of deaths for the year has been 68, showing the mean duration of life to be 52 years.

Of the 29 deaths occurring over 65 years there were 9 over 65 and under 70; 13 over 70 and under 80; and 7 over 80 years.

No deaths are recorded due to zymotic diseases.

Under the Notification of Diseases Act, adopted in the district in 1891, I have received 9 notifications as against 26 in the previous year, viz 6 cases of enteric fever, 2 of erysipelas, and 1 of Scarlet fever.

It is interesting to know that out of the 9 cases reported no deaths occurred, nor was there any spread of disease, this being mainly due to the prompt and effectual steps which were taken to isolate the cases and to thoroughly cleanse and disinfect the rooms and dwellings, together with the destruction of all articles likely to convey contagion.

During the year I have periodically inspected

Various parts of the district which have been generally found in a satisfactory condition, and when not the owner's or occupier's attention has been called to anything likely to be injurious to health with the result that immediate steps have been taken to remedy the cause of dissatisfaction (Here follows list of special visits made and action taken thereon) The dairies and slaughter houses have been repeatedly and periodically inspected and generally found in a wholesome and cleanly condition, such visits appearing in my journal. The scavenging and watering of the streets has been systematically and thoroughly carried out. Once again I must call attention to the want of an Isolation Hospital should the town be visited by some epidemic. During the year several ventilating shafts have been erected in such places where the owner's consent could be obtained without difficulty, but I am still of the opinion that further ventilation of the main sewer should be increased.

A new supply of excellent water was provided by the Water Company on the 21st June and has proved to be very beneficial to the town both for drinking and domestic purposes.

The general reputation of the town as a health resort has been well sustained.

(Signed) W. Conway-Cooke
M.O.H.

Feb. 1st 1895