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Castleford Urban District Council.

Medical Officer's Report.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
CASTLEFORD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to place before you my eighth Annual Report of the Health of the District for the year ending the 31st day of December, 1909.

Population.

I have estimated the population up to the 30th June, 1909, as 20,063, being an increase of 324, which is obtained as follows :—

X—the population at the census returns of 1891... .. 14,140

Y— " " " " 1901... .. 17,386

Y—X=increase for 10 years. This divided by 10 will give the rate of increase for 1 year. From the first quarter of 1901 (when the census was taken) to the middle of 1909 is $8\frac{1}{4}$ years, and therefore the population in the middle of 1909= $Y+(8\frac{1}{4} \times 1 \text{ year's increase})$
 $17,386-14,140$

$\frac{3,246}{10} = 324.6 \times 8.25 = 2,677.9$, this added to the popula-

tion in 1901 gives $2,677 + 17,386 = 20,063$, estimated population to the middle of the year 1909.

Births and Birth Rate.

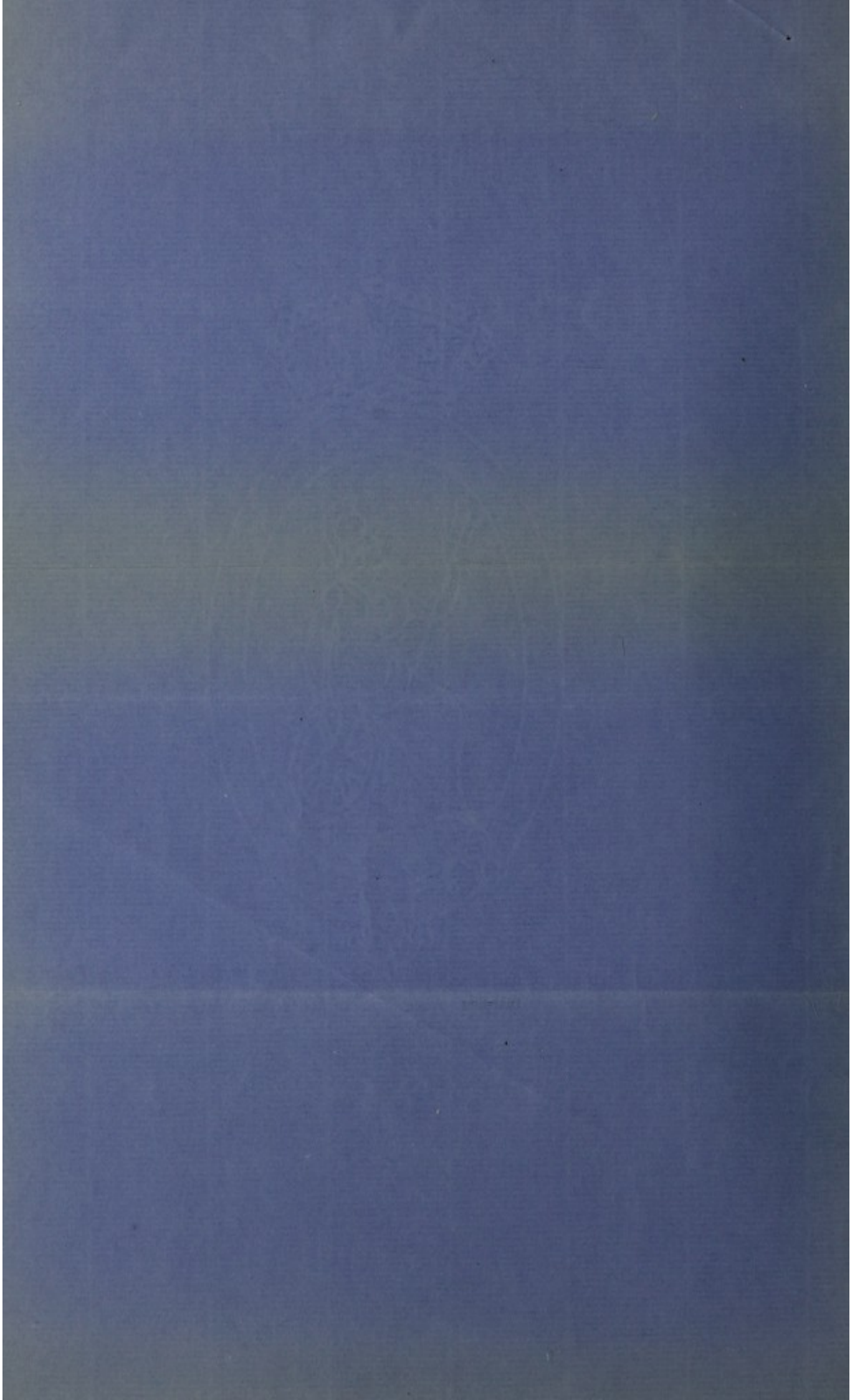
During the year 763 births have been registered, viz.:—380 boys and 383 girls. This gives an annual birth rate of 38 per thousand of the estimated population. Of the above number of births registered, 32 were illegitimate, viz.:—16 boys and 16 girls.

The number of births registered last year was 803, viz.:—428 boys and 375 girls, which gave an annual birth rate of 40.6 per 1000.

The birth rate for the whole of England and Wales for the year was 25.6 per 1000, which is the lowest ever recorded.

Deaths and Death Rate.

The number of deaths registered in the district for the year was 344, viz.:—189 males and 155 females, which gives an annual death rate of 17.1 per thousand of the deaths which took place within the district. Eleven deaths of residents took place without the district, viz.:—One in the Normanton Joint Hospital, five in the West Riding Lunatic Asylum at Wakefield, four in the Leeds General Infirmary, and one in the Clayton Hospital, Wakefield, making a total of 355 deaths, viz.:—194 males and 161 females. The nett death rate for the year is 17.6 per thousand. Last year 349 deaths took place in the district, giving an annual death rate of 17.6 per 1000; the nett death rate was 18 per 1000. No uncertified deaths were registered during the year. The death rate for the whole of England and Wales was 14.5 per thousand, which is the lowest ever recorded.



**Classification
of Deaths
according to
ages.**

Classification of deaths according to ages of deceased persons :—

	Within the District.	Beyond the District.
Under one year	124	—
1 year and under 5 years of age ...	63	—
5 years „ 15 „ ...	15	—
15 „ „ 25 „ ...	14	1
25 „ „ 65 „ ...	81	9
65 years and upwards „ ...	47	1
Total ...	344	11

**Infantile
Mortality.**

From the above Table it will be seen that out of the 344 deaths, 124 were in infants under one year of age, giving an infantile mortality rate of 162 per 1000 births. The rate for last year was 175 per 1000 births. The rate for the whole of England and Wales for the year was 109 per 1000 births.

**Various Causes
of Infantile
Deaths.**

The various causes of infantile deaths under one year of age were as follows :—

Measles	2
Diarrhœa	27
Gastritis	1
Premature Births	13
Congenital Defects	1
Want of Breast Milk	2
Atrophy, Debility, Marasmus, &c.	30
Tuberculous Meningitis	3
Tuberculous Peritonitis... ..	3
Other Tuberculous Diseases	2
Meningitis (not Tuberculous)	7
Convulsions	5
Bronchitis	10
Pneumonia	10
Suffocation (Overlying)	1
Other Causes	7

All Causes 124

**Various Causes
of Deaths.**

The various causes of death at all ages are as follows :—

Influenza	1
Measles	12
Scarlet Fever... ..	3
Whooping Cough	4
Diphtheria and Membranous Croup	2
Enteric Fever	1
Diarrhœa	38
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	12
Other Tuberculous Diseases	22
Meningitis (not Tuberculous)	11
Bronchitis	28
Pneumonia	27
Heart Disease	36
Senile Decay	12
Congenital Defects	1
Premature Births	13
Atrophy, Debility, Marasmus, &c.	33
Convulsions	7
Cerebral Hæmorrhage	18

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Epilepsy	...	...	...	...	2
Chorea	...	...	...	...	1
Accidents in Parturition	...	...	...	...	4
Nephritis	...	...	...	...	7
Burns	...	...	...	...	3
Congenital Syphilis	...	...	...	...	1
Malignant Disease	...	...	...	...	15
Rickets	...	...	...	...	6
Pleurisy	...	...	...	...	2
Accidents	...	...	...	...	5
Suicides	...	...	...	...	2
Other Causes	...	...	...	...	26

All Causes ... 355

**Deaths from
Zymotic Diseases.**

From the above list it will be seen that 49 deaths were caused by the various Zymotic Diseases, viz. :—

Diphtheria and Membranous Croup	...	...	...	2
Scarlet Fever...	...	...	...	3
Enteric Fever ..	...	...	...	1
Epidemic Influenza	...	...	...	1
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	4
Epidemic Diarrhoea	...	...	...	38

Total ... 49

Which gives an annual Zymotic death rate of 2.4 per 1000. Last year the rate was 3.3 per 1000. The rate for the whole of England and Wales for the year is 1.12 per 1000.

**Infectious
Diseases.**

During the year 141 cases of Infectious Diseases were notified, viz. :—

Scarlet Fever ..	...	...	...	96
Diphtheria	...	...	...	21
Enteric Fever	...	...	...	15
Erysipelas	...	...	...	7
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	2

Total ... 141

Last year 147 cases were notified, viz. :—

Scarlet Fever...	...	...	...	108
Diphtheria	...	...	...	17
Enteric Fever	...	...	...	18
Erysipelas	...	...	...	2
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	2

Total ... 147

Scarlet Fever.

There were 96 cases of Scarlet Fever notified during the year, against 108 last year. The cases were distributed throughout the district as follows :—

Carlton Street, Wilson Street, Rhodes Street, North Street, Leeds Road, Wood Street, Cross Street, Savile Road, Bradley Avenue, Victoria Place, Wheldon Road, Alfred Street, Wellington street, Chapel Street, Duke Street, Ferrybridge Road, Healdfield Road, Heald Street, Cemetery Row, Pontefract Road, Charles Street, Robin Hood Street, Medley Street, Morrison Street, Smawthorne Lane, Smawthorne Avenue, Smawthorne Grove, Walden Street, Richmond Street, Pretoria Street, Ambler Street, Hugh Street, Glebe Street, Lower Oxford Street, St. Nicholas Street, Middle Oxford Street, Crowther Street, Ridgefield Street, Temple Street, Herbert Street, Fulford Street, Regent Street, Nicholson Street, Beancroft Street, Ackton Road, Clegg's Square, High Street, High Oxford Street, Albion Street, and Carlton Street.

It will be seen from the above list that almost the whole district has been more or less affected.

Of the 96 cases 41 were admitted into the Normanton Joint Isolation Hospital. The rest were treated at home.

In every case personal visits have been made, instructions given, disinfectants freely used, and after the recovery of each patient the infected portion of each house fumigated, and sprayed with formalin. Every precaution has been taken to prevent the infection spreading, but unfortunately several children have been going to school and playing with other children whilst suffering from mild attack of the disease, and which were only found out when peeling had commenced. In the months of November and December 52 cases occurred. More of these cases should have gone to the Hospital but owing to the great demand for beds from other districts as well as our own, we were obliged to isolate the cases at their own homes. In several of the houses other children contracted the disease.

I regret to say three deaths resulted therefrom.

Diphtheria.

Twenty one cases of Diphtheria occurred during the year. The cases were located as follows: Powell street, Rhodes street, Bradley avenue, Leeds road, Cross street, Stanley street, Hugh street, Glebe street, Smawthorne avenue, and Beancroft street. Ten of these cases were removed to the Joint Hospital. The other cases were treated at home. I regret to say two of these cases died. In each case the dwellings and yards were inspected. In five cases defective and insanitary sink pipes were found. In six cases defective and stopped gullies. In one case the patient had been staying at a house in Bridlington and on writing to the Medical Officer of Health I found there was another case in the same house, and this had been traced to a cat which had died from what was at first thought to be Bronchitis but afterward thought to be Diphtheria. The infected portions of each house were thoroughly disinfected. The stopped gullies and insanitary sink pipe attended to and put in proper sanitary order.

Enteric Fever.

Fifteen cases of Enteric Fever occurred during the year, against 18 cases last year. They were distributed as follows: Denton terrace, Victoria place, Market Ground, Savile road, West street, Cross street, Temple street, Smawthorne grove, St. Nicholas street, Pretoria street, Wheldon road, Chapel street, and Ings lane. Seven of the cases were removed to the Joint Isolation Hospital, the remaining 8 cases were nursed at home.

Cause of Infection as far as could be made out.

One case out of Wheldon road died in Hospital.
The case in Denton terrace was traced to defective drains.
" on the Market Ground to eating Shell Fish.
" in West street to stopped drains.
" " Cross street to insanitary drains.
" " Temple street to bad smell going to work.
" " Pretoria street to defective W.C. pipe,
" " Wheldon road to defective drain.
The 1st case in Chapel street drinking water while at work.
The 2nd case in Chapel street, direct contact.
The 1st case in Savile road, falling through the ice on a stagnant pool of water whilst skating.
The 2nd case in Savile road, direct contact with 1st case.
The cases in Smawthorne grove, St. Nicholson street, and Ings lane not traced.

All the out houses were emptied, the contents burned.

Tubs supplied to each house where the patient remained at home, and emptied regularly, and disinfectants freely used.

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Diarrhoea

This disease was most prevalent in the months of August, September, and October affecting the whole of the district. The number of deaths resulting from Diarrhoea in the month of August was 19. During the whole year 38 deaths occurred. 28 of these deaths were in Infants under one year of age. I regret to say we have these outbreaks every year which generally begin about the middle of July and continue until October. The children mostly affected are those reared on artificial foods. Many of these cases might be prevented if parents and guardians exercised more care and greater supervision in the preparing of Foods and the cleaning of bottles and other vessels used for this purpose. It is still my opinion that the house fly is one of the great causes of this trouble. Flies can be seen in Privy-middens and Ash-pits also on excreta left about the yards, immediately afterwards, they can be seen swarming over food stuffs which are used for preparing the baby's food.

I find there are more cases of Diarrhoea in houses that are in close proximity to Privy-middens and Ash-pits, than to those who have water closet accommodation.

Whooping Cough.

A number of cases have occurred during the year, affecting the whole district more or less. This disease is responsible for four deaths. Many parents look upon Whooping Cough as one of the simple child's ailments which each child must have, therefore, never think of any serious complication which may arise and neglect to seek medical aid till some more serious development, hence, the child dies from Broncho-pneumonia, etc.

Influenza,

During the first three months of the year many cases of Influenza occurred. The majority of these cases were of a mild type. One case died from complications following Influenza.

Measles.

During the months of October, November, and December, measles became epidemic. The cases were distributed over the whole district but more especially in the Half Acres and Carlton Wards. Children under 7 years were mostly affected. The Infants' Department in the Temple street and Wesley street Provided Schools were closed from Dec. 6th, until the end of the Xmas vacation.

Mothers are absolutely callous in regard to this disease. When the rash disappears the children are dressed and allowed to wander at large, and allowed to mix with other children, or even go to a school treat or entertainment. The result is the spread of infection to others, and Pneumonia or other complication for themselves.

The West Riding Education Authority have issued a leaflet to the effect that any child who has previously had measles may attend school if over 7 years of age, although others in the same house are suffering from the disease. I doubt the wisdom of this, as I have attended the same children time after time with measles. It is admitted that Measles is most infective in its earlier stages, and mostly by direct infection, but it has not been proved that it is not infective later, or that it cannot be carried in clothing, etc.

I regret to say this disease, and its complications, were responsible for 12 deaths.

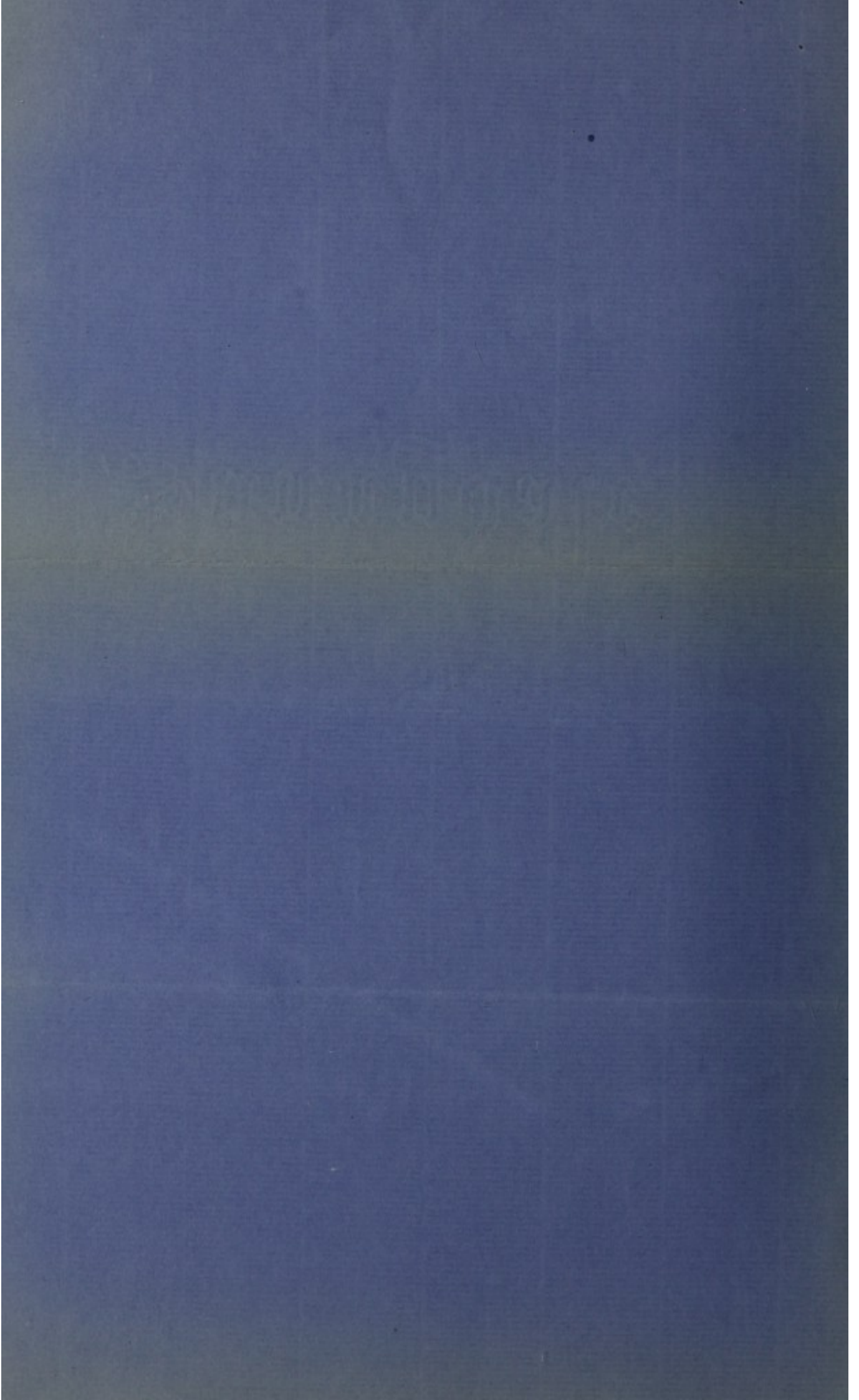
All the schools were thoroughly disinfected and cleansed during the Xmas vacation.

Bronchitis.

28 deaths were registered to this disease, against 47 last year, 11 of these were in infants under one year of age.

Pneumonia.

27 deaths were registered to Pneumonia, 9 of these cases were Broncho-pneumonia in infants under one year of age.



**Public Health
Tuberculosis
Regulations, 1908.**

Twenty cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis have been reported in Poor Law cases during the year. In each case personal visits have been made to the dwellings of each person. Instructions as to spitting, sleeping, and conditions generally. Disinfectants and Paper Spitoons supplied.

**School Medical
Officer.**

Since the Medical Examinations of school children commenced, physical defects in many of the children have been found such as enlarged Tonsils, Adenoids, Carious and Decayed Teeth, defects in the nasal passages, defective sight, and many other general defects. In two cases Diphtheria, which cases were promptly sent home and isolated. Specimen swabs taken and sent to the Health Laboratory, County Hall, Wakefield, and the Bacillus Diphtheriae found. A number of cases of Scabies also excluded from the Schools. The School Medical Officer has done very good work in the schools of the district, and I am sure permanent good will be the outcome.

**The Factory and
Workshops Act.**

There are 82 workshops in the district, each of these has been inspected 5 times, as to their sanitary conditions and accommodation for both sexes is concerned. Lime-washing and cleaning are done at regular periods.

In all these workshops there is efficient and satisfactory water closet accommodation.

There are 726 hands employed at these workshops, viz :— 344 males (241 married and 103 single) and 382 females (14 married, 362 single, and 5 widows). The total number of inspections were 410 during the year.

Sanitary Work.

I have made a number of inspections during the year, and have to call your attention to the requirements these inspections have brought about, viz :—

The sanitary conditions of dwelling house, shop, yard, and outbuildings in Aire street.

The yards, sinks, and gullies in Regent street.

The yards and outbuildings in Parker street.

The examination of tank and water in Eastfield lane, with report on analysis of the water.

Case of overcrowding in Back York street.

Inspection of houses from 2 to 28 Duke street.

„ „ from 75 to 91 Regent street.

„ yards, ashpits, and privy middens in Rhodes street, West street, Armitage street, Cross street, and Perseverance street.

Special Report on an outbreak of Measles.

„ „ „ Scarlet Fever.

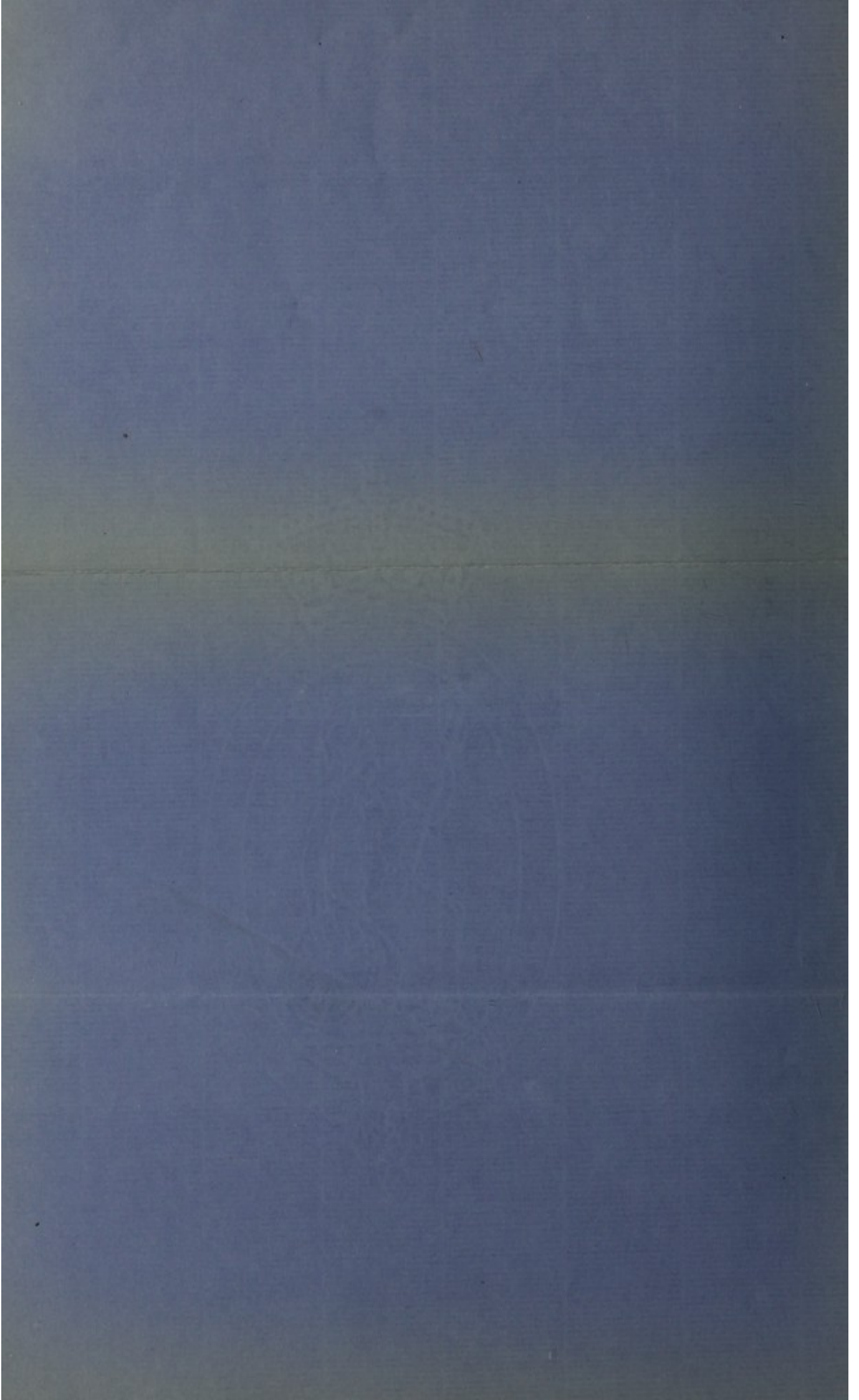
I am pleased to note that great improvement has been carried out to the outbuildings in Cemetery row and Heald street. In each of the houses in Cemetery row, water has been taken inside and sinks fitted with sink waste and trapped drains.

At the Garden House Hotel, also the Aire and Calder Hotel, the privy-middens have been converted into water closets, and the whole of the drainage has been put into a satisfactory sanitary state.

Great improvement has been made to Healdfield road, also the drainage in the houses Nos. 37 to 47 Healdfield road have been reconstructed.

Powell street has been thoroughly sewered and the road partially made. A large number of back yards have been paved with grouted brick &c. during the year.

There are still a number of streets which require your attention, some of which are in a very bad state of repair viz :— Maltkiln lane, Denton terrace, Stanley street, York street, Castle street, Albert street, Sykes street, Florence street, Greaves street, Rhodes street, lower part of West street, Armitage street, Hugh street extension, Glebe street



extension, Lower Oxford street extension, Garden street, Regent street, Leake street, Medley street, Morrison street, Robin Hood street, Pretoria street, Crowther street, Ridgefield street, St. Nicholas street, Back Bank street, Back Wesley street, and Wesley street.

I trust many of these streets will be made and taken over by you before another year is ended.

From the Sanitary Inspector's Report for the year, you will see that a lot of work has been done, and many inspections made. During the year 470 written notices have been served of existing nuisances, and of these, at the end of the year, all but eleven complied with. There has been some improvement in the scavenging department, and fewer complaints; still there is room for more improvement, some of the ashpits and privy-middens should be cleansed oftener.

Water.

The whole district has been supplied regularly with water. There has been no shortage in any portion of the district throughout the year. It has been of good quality and free from all lead contaminations. Four samples having been analysed during the year.

Inspection of Market.

The Market has been regularly inspected. There have been no serious complaints made as to the quality of meat, fish, vegetables, or other foods sold in the market. I consider the quality of the meat, fish, etc. has been generally very satisfactory.

Milk Shops and Dairies.

There are three milk shops in the district, also three dairies, all of which have been regularly inspected. The owners of the milk shops should exercise more care. Several times I have found the milk not covered over or protected, and in these shops many other things are exposed for sale, viz:—paraffin, vegetables, etc.

The dairies have been inspected 15 times each, and always found clean.

Cow Sheds.

There are 4 registered cow sheds, each of which has been inspected 7 times. The regulations are posted in a prominent place in each shed. These buildings could do with some structural improvements, otherwise, they are satisfactorily clean.

Slaughter Houses.

There are 19 slaughter-houses on the register. Each one has been inspected 18 times during the year. I am still of the opinion that a public slaughter-house would be a great advantage to the district and more under the control of the Sanitary Authorities.

Common Lodging Houses.

There are 2 registered Common Lodging Houses in the district. The one in Wheldon road containing 46 beds. The other in Rhodes street containing 67 beds. These have been inspected regularly and found clean. The windows kept open, walls limewashed 4 times this year, beds and bedding clean. Some improvement has been made in the accommodation in Wheldon rd., also the privy-middens in the Rhodes street lodging house converted into W.C., and other improvements made.

Food & Drug Act.

Five samples of milk have been taken by the Inspector under this act, and submitted for analysis. Three of which were found to be genuine, and two were not satisfactory. These vendors were proceeded against and convictions obtained.

The Public Health Laboratory at the County Hall, Wakefield, are doing very good work. They have examined a large number of specimens of Serum Sputums, and Diphtheria Swabs sent by Medical men from this district. The reports of which have been a great help in coming to final Diagnosis.

I append tables 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 to this report.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours very faithfully,

WILLIAM F. CHRISPIN,

Medical Officer of Health.

Garfield House, Castleford,

March 31st, 1910.

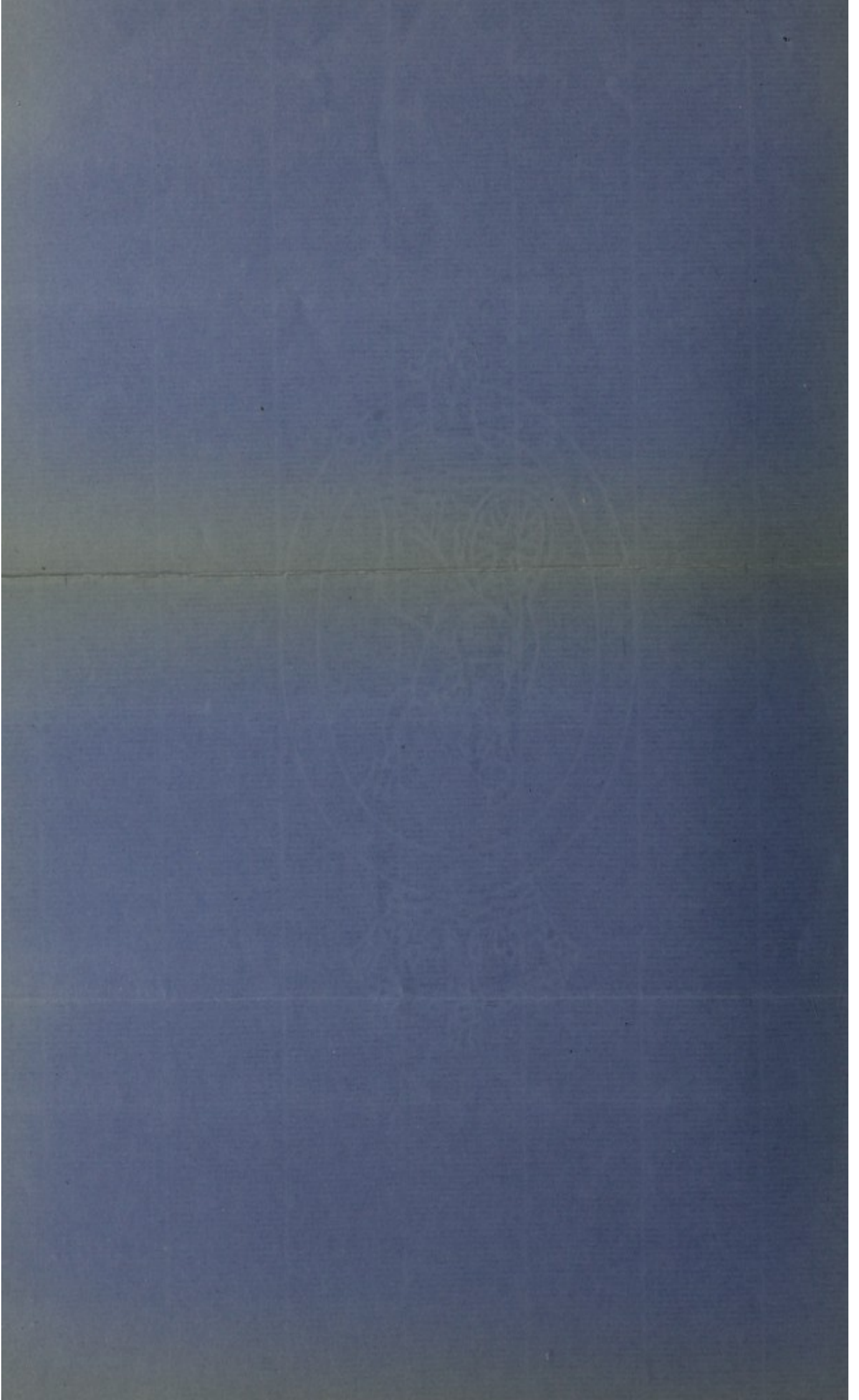


TABLE 1.

District : Castleford (Urban) Statistics of whole district during 1909 and previous years.

Year.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births.		Deaths under one year of age.		Deaths at all ages.		Deaths Residents registered in Public Institutions beyond the District.	Net Deaths.	
		Number	Rate per 1000 of the pop'l'tion	Number	Rate per 1000 births.	Number	Rate.		Number	Rate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13
1899	18,040	631	35.0	120	190	275	15.3			
1900	18,502	663	35.8	132	199	314	16.9			
1901	17,485	715	40.4	139	194	328	18.5			
1902	17,883	855	47.8	131	153	352	19.7	3	355	19.8
1903	18,116	747	41.2	137	183	293	16.1	1	294	16.1
1904	18,440	681	36.9	125	183	332	18.0	6	338	18.3
1905	18,771	732	38.9	126	172	318	16.9	5	323	17.2
1906	19,090	717	37.5	109	162	285	14.9	7	292	15.2
1907	19,414	712	36.6	111	155	303	15.5	6	309	15.8
1908	19,739	803	40.6	142	175	349	17.6	7	356	18.0
Average for years 1899-1908.	18,548	725	39.0	127	175	314	16.9			
1909	20,063	763	38.0	124	162	344	17.1	11	355	17.6

Area of District in Acres (exclusive of area covered with water)—564.

Total population at all ages	...	17,386	} At census of 1901.
Number of inhabited houses	...	3,343	
Average number of persons per house	...	5.2	

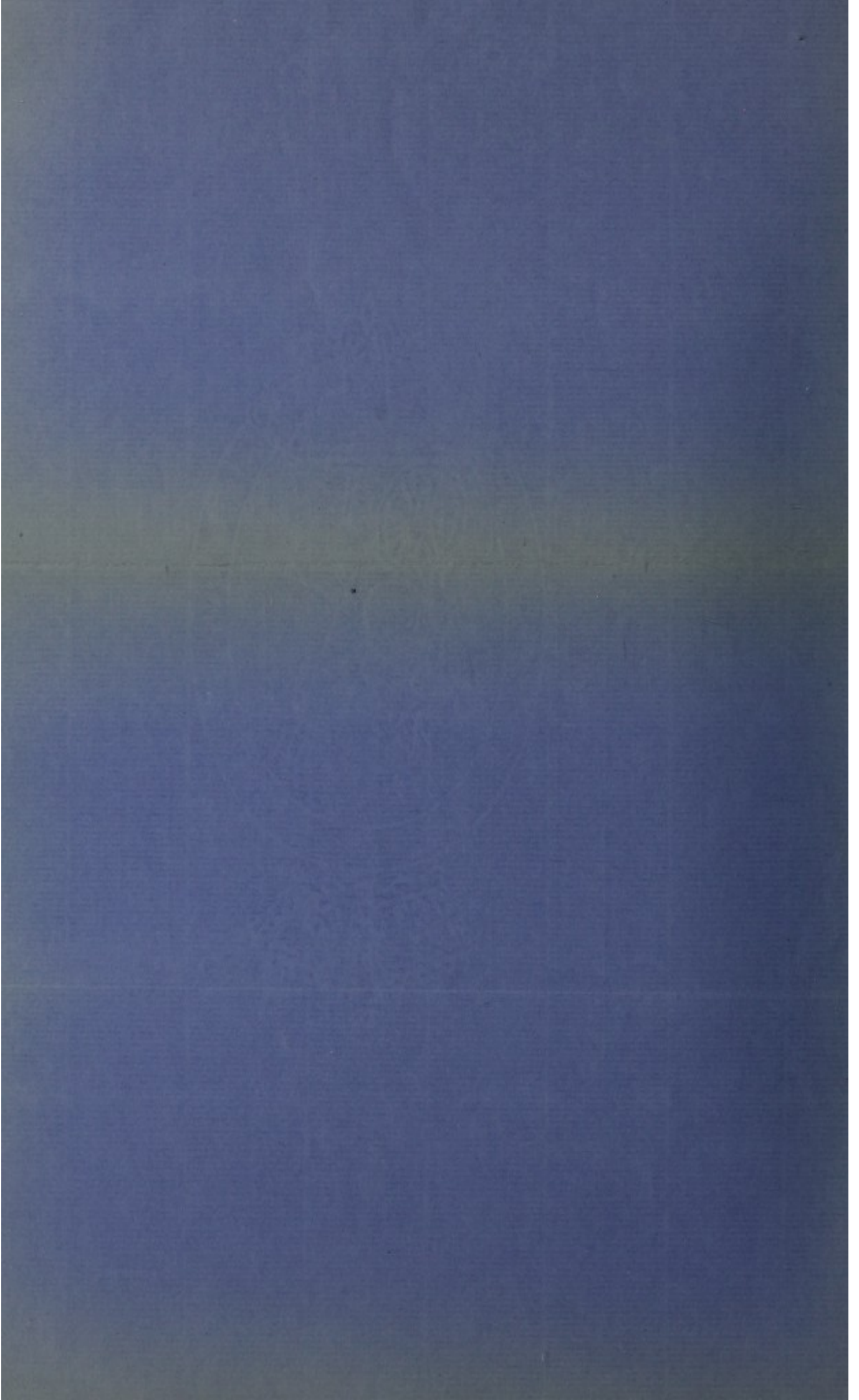


TABLE 2.

District : Castleford (Urban).

Year.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births Registered.	Deaths at all ages.	Deaths under one year.
	a.	b.	c.	d.
1899	18,040	631	275	120
1900	18,502	663	314	132
1901	17,485	715	328	139
1902	17,883	855	355	131
1903	18,116	747	292	137
1904	18,440	681	338	125
1905	18,771	732	313	126
1906	19,090	717	292	109
1907	19,414	712	309	111
1908	19,739	803	356	142
Average for years 1899-1908	18,548	725	314	127
1909	20,063	763	355	124

TABLE 3.

Cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year 1909.

District : Castleford (Urban).

Diseases.	At all ages.	1 to 5 Years.	5 to 15 Years.	15 to 25 Years.	25 to 65 Years.	Removed to Hospital.
Scarlet Fever ...	96	23	67	5	1	41
Enteric Fever ...	15		8	4	8	7
Diphtheria ...	21	6	13	2		10
Erysipelas ...	7				7	
Puerperal Fever ...	2				2	
Total ...	141	29	83	11	18	58

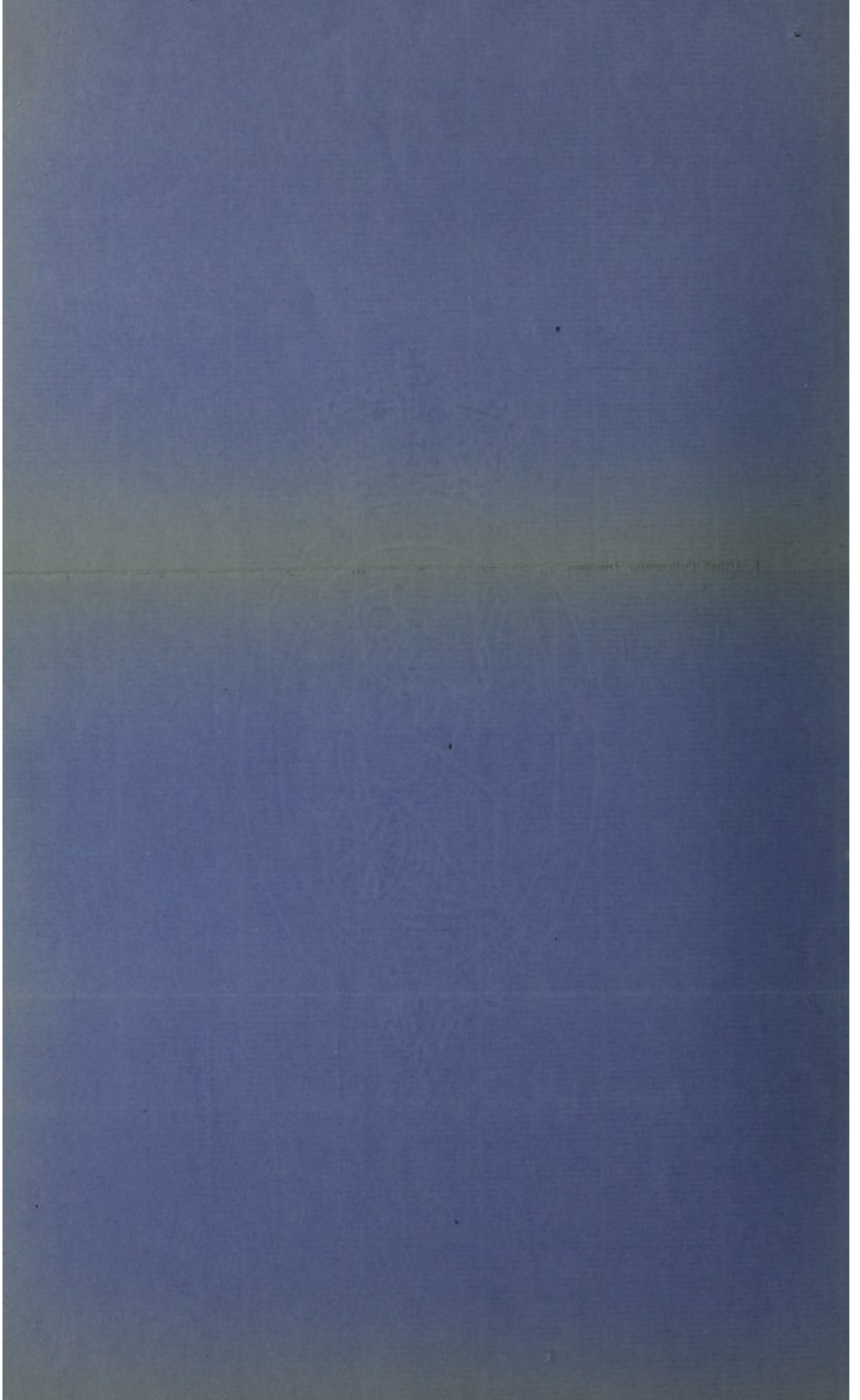


TABLE 4.

Causes of and ages at death during the year 1909.

Castleford Urban District.

Causes of Death.	Deaths in or belonging to the whole district at subjoined ages.						
	All ages.	Under 1 year.	1 year and under 5.	5 years and under 15.	15 years and under 25.	25 years and under 65.	65 years and upwards.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Measles	12	2	10				
Scarlet Fever	3		1	2			
Whooping Cough	4		4				
Diphtheria & Membranous Croup	2		1	1			
Enteric Fever	1				1		
Influenza	1					1	
Diarrhœa	38	28	10				
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	12		1	1	3	4	3
Other Tubercular Diseases ...	22	8	10	2		2	
Meningitis (not Tubercular) ...	11	7	2	1		1	
Bronchitis	28	11	2		1	4	10
Pneumonia	27	9	6	2	2	6	2
Heart Disease	36				3	28	5
Senile Decay	12					1	11
Congenital Defects	1	1					
Premature Births	13	13					
Atrophy, Feeble Vitality, and Marasmus	33	32	1				
Convulsions	7	6	1				
Cerebral Hæmorrhage ...	18					11	7
Epilepsy	2			1		1	
Chorea	1				1		
Accidents in Parturition ...	4					4	
Nephritis	7	1	2	1		3	
Burns	3		1			2	
Congenital Syphilis	1		1				
Malignant Disease	15				2	8	5
Rickets	6		5	1			
Pleurisy	2					1	1
Accidents	5	1			1	2	1
Suicides	2					2	
Other Causes	26	5	5	3	1	9	3
All Causes	355	124	63	15	15	90	48

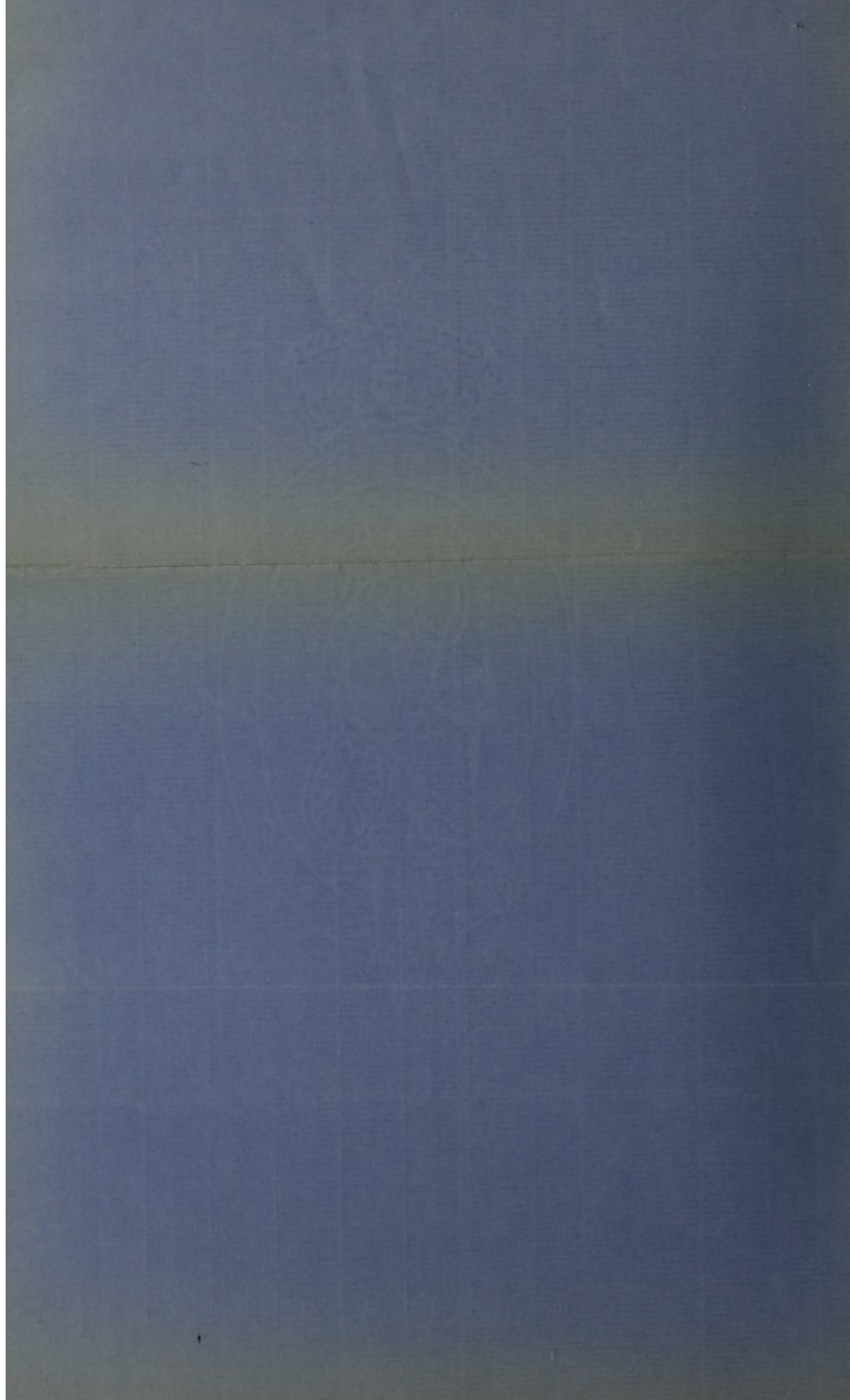


TABLE 5.

District: Castleford (Urban). Infantile Mortality during the year 1909.
Deaths from stated causes in weeks and months under 1 year of age.

Causes of Death.		Under 1 week.	1-2 weeks.	2-3 weeks.	3-4 weeks.	Total under one month.	1-2 months.	2-3 months.	3-4 months.	4-5 months.	5-6 months.	6-7 months.	7-8 months.	8-9 months.	9-10 months.	10-11 months.	11-12 months.	Total Deaths under 1 year.
All Causes.	Certified ...	19	6	3	8	36	13	12	12	9	8	3	4	4	6	11	6	124
	Uncertified ...																	Nil.
COMMON INFECTIOUS DISEASES.																		
Measles ...														2				2
DIARRHOEAL DISEASES.																		
Diarrhoea ...				1		1	1	5	4	4	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	27
Gastritis ...								1										1
WASTING DISEASES.																		
Premature Births ...		5	5		2	12		1										13
Congenital Defects ...							1											1
Want of Breast Milk .							1			1								2
Atrophy, Debility, Marasmus, &c.		12	1	1	4	18	4	4	1		1	1					1	30
TUBERCULOUS DISEASES.																		
Tuberculous Meningitis									1		1					1		3
Tuberculous Peritonitis									1		1					1		3
Other Tuberculous Diseases ...										1						1		2
OTHER CAUSES.																		
Meningitis (not Tuberculous) ...					1	1			1	3					1	1		7
Convulsions ...		2			1	3	2											5
Bronchitis ...							2		1			1	1		2	2	1	10
Pneumonia ...							1		2		2					3	2	10
Suffocation (Overlying)				1		1												1
Other Causes ...							1	1	1		1		1		1	1		7
All Causes ...		19	6	3	8	36	13	12	12	9	8	3	4	4	6	11	6	124

Population estimated to middle of 1909: 20,063.

Births in the year: Legitimate, 763; Illegitimate, 32. Deaths in the year: Legitimate, 116; Illegitimate, 8.

Deaths from all causes at all ages, 355.

