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BOROUGH OF CHELMSFORD
*****ANNUAL REPORT

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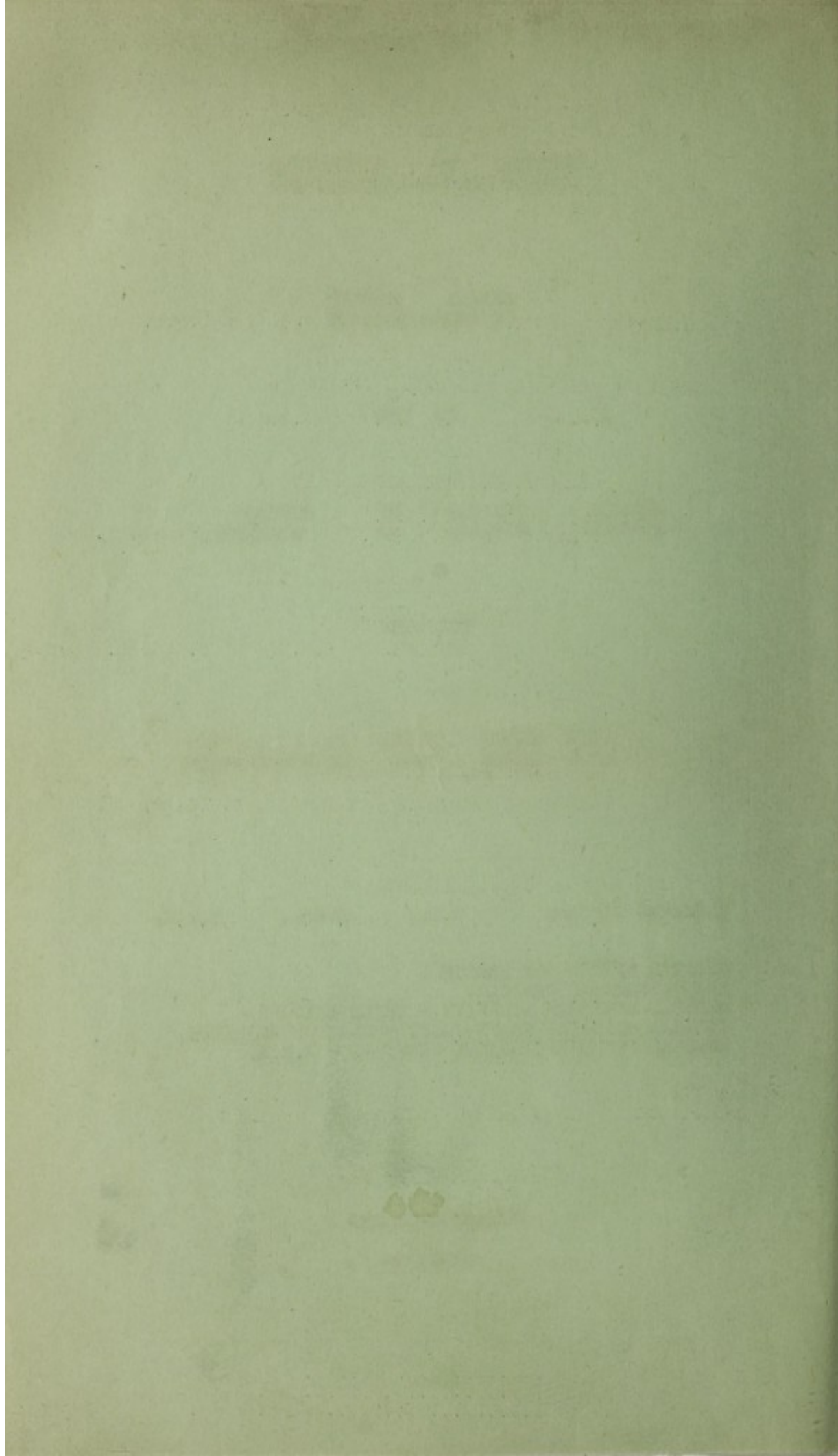
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31st. DECEMBER, 1944.

J. MERVYN THOMAS. M.D., B.Sc., D.P.H.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH .
SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER.
MEDICAL OFFICER-LATERNITY & CHILD WELFARE.
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDANT-JOINT ISOLATION HOSPITAL.
MEDICAL OFFICER-CASUALTY SERVICES - A.R.P.



BOROUGH OF CHELMSFORD.
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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE BOROUGH
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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH :

J. MERVYN THOMAS. M.D., B.Sc., D.P.H.

SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR ;

R.F.WYNN. C.R.S.I. M.S.I.A.

SECOND SANITARY INSPECTORS ;

W.A.NOBLE. C.R.S.I.
 E. ALTY. C.R.S.I. M.S.I.A. Apptd:1.11.44.

HEALTH VISITORS :

Miss E.E.GLASCODINE.	S.R.N.	S.C.M. H.V.Cert.
Miss.C.M.SMITH.	"	" "
Miss.I.M.PERRIN.	"	" "

DENTAL SURGEON :

FRANCIS V.MAGUIRE. L.D.S. R.C.S(Eng:)

CHIEF CLERK :

T.W.BUNTER. M.R.San. I. R.M.N.

CLERKS :

G.H.D.BROWN.	(In H.M.Forces)
D.G.RUMSEY.	" " "
Miss M.PORTER.	Temporary
MRS.F.KERSLAKE.	"
Miss V.DEVONISH.	"
Sanitary Inspectors Department	Mrs.J.E.PHILLIPS. "

DENTAL ATTENDANT.

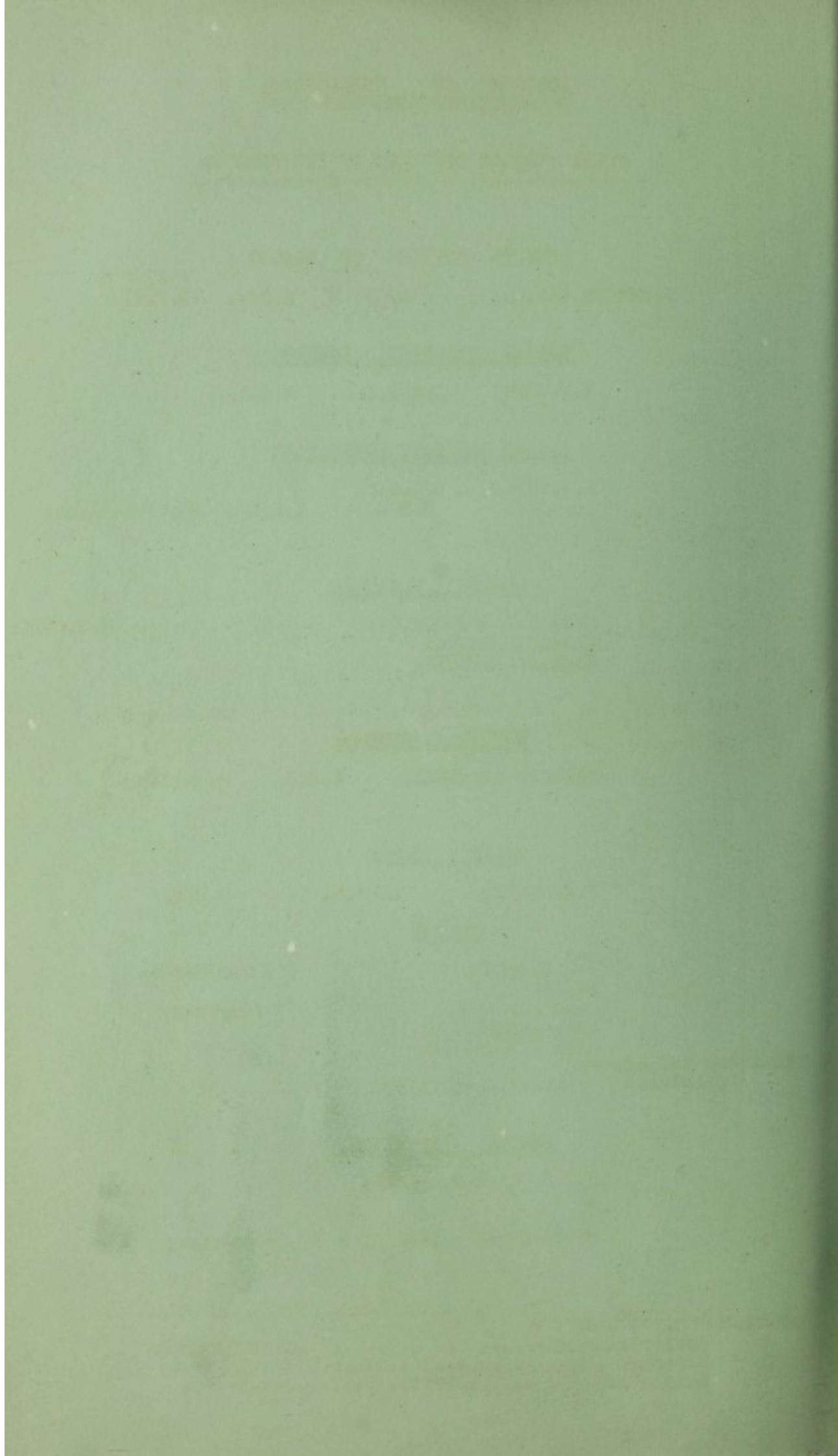
Miss R. LEEKS.

VETERINARY INSPECTOR : (part-time)

Mr.H.C.McSHANE. M.R.C.V.S.

WAR-TIME NURSERY MATRONS:-

Corporation Rd:.....	Miss Baumann.
Waterloo Lane	Mrs.Dalton.
London Rd.	Mrs.Brown.



BOROUGH OF CHELMSFORD.
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Public Health Department,

Coval Lane,

CHELMSFORD.
October, 1945.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough of Chelmsford.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

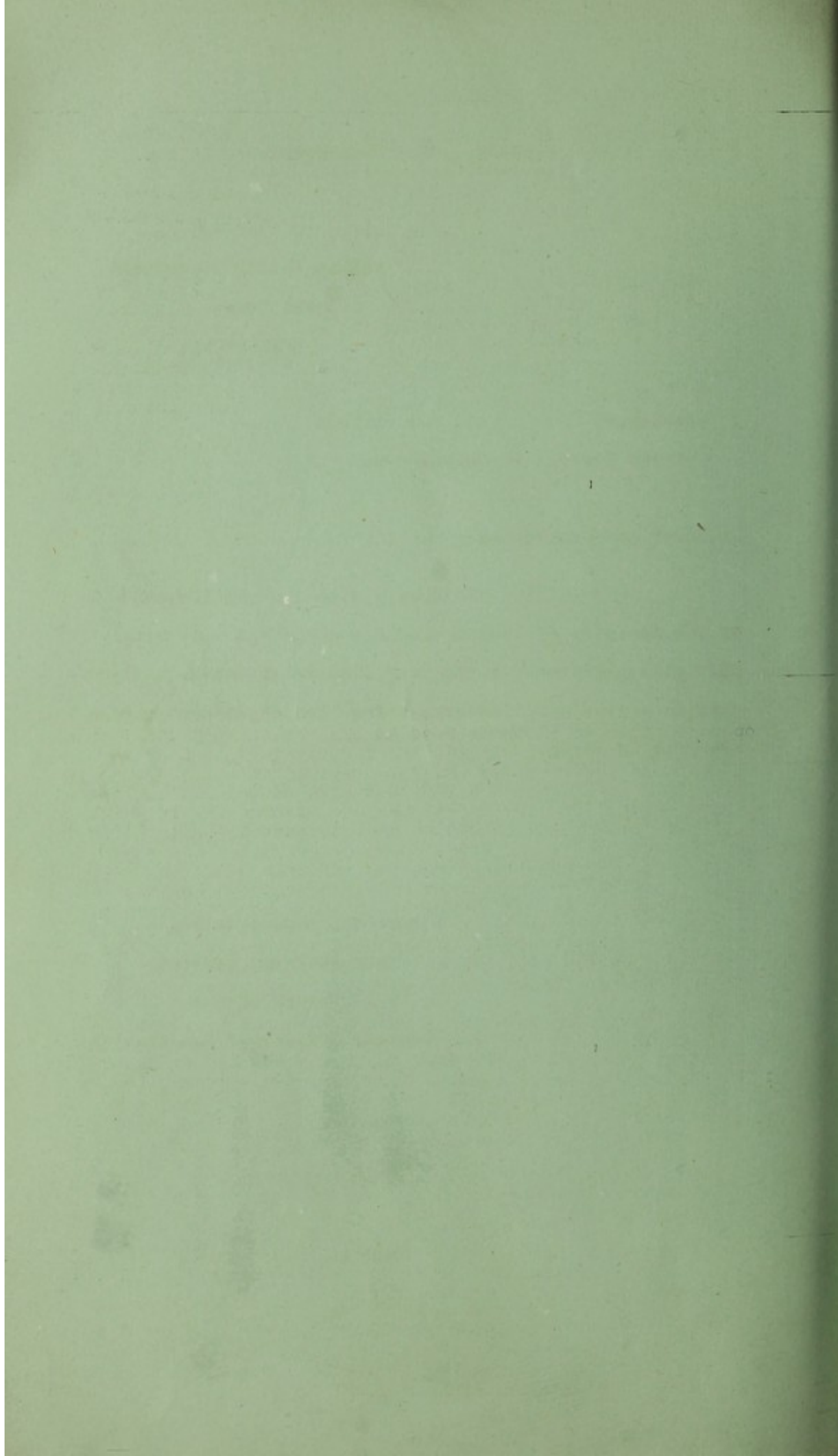
To comply with the requirements
of the Ministry of Health Circular 49/45 the following
Statistical Review for the Year 1944 is appended. A short
outline of the main features before the department during
the year is given.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Mervyn Thomas.

Medical Officer of Health.



HEALTH SERVICE.OBSERVATIONS.

This is the Sixth Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health and is still a war-time abbreviated edition.

General health remains good in this Borough as seen in the appended figures which require no comment. The continuation of War has so far had no deleterious effect on physical health standards.

Diphtheria is still a stranger to us and it is well to report there has once again been no recorded case in the Borough. This is good encouragement and some reward to those of us actively engaged in waging war on this disease.

The Immunisation campaign stands high in its percentage of those immunised: 95% for all between 5 - 15 years and 64% for 0-5 years. It is put into effect at all our clinics and schools.

The Birth Rate has risen quickly this year:-

No. Notified in 1944	-	668
" " " 1943	-	592

The Clinics themselves continue to grow each year as follows:-

	1942	1944
Infant Welfare Clinic	6656	8855
No. attending Infant Welfare)	1096	1944
Clinic for 1st Time)		
Ante-Natal Clinic	170	381
Post-Natal Clinic	17	134

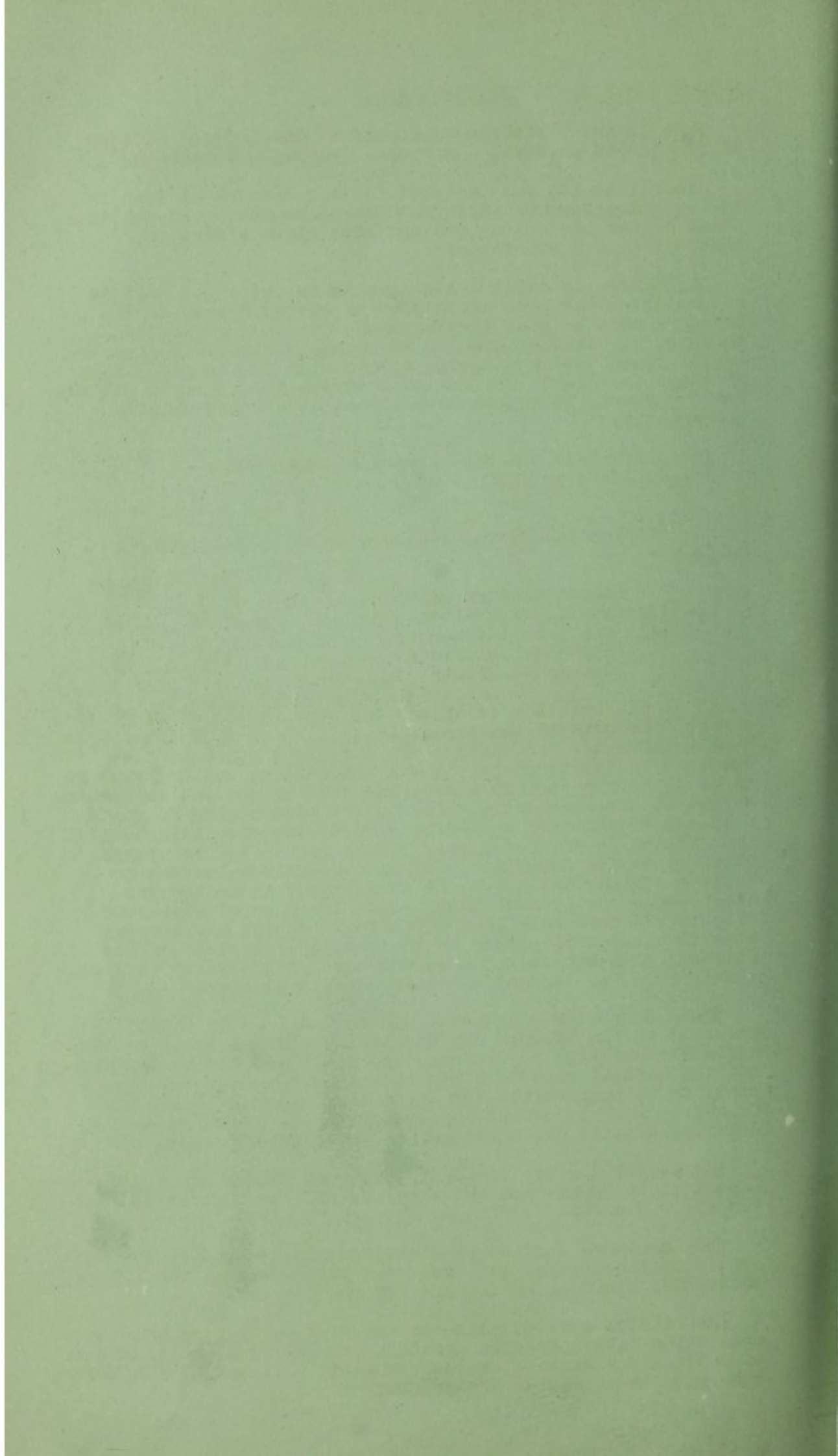
It is not possible to expect the same number of Staff to operate and give of their best in 1944 as in 1939 under this yearly increase. The Clinics are already very much overburdened by the increase and the constant queues and rush in three 2½ hourly periods cannot but have in the end an adverse effect on the work and service we are encouraging in child welfare. Preparation should be made to increase both Medical and Nursing Staff. For myself I have very often to abandon clinics etc for Committee work and interviews-leaving no Medical Officer in charge. It is a wonder to me how the attendances continue to increase in the face of this- our clients are certainly long suffering. Perhaps the careful attention and willingness on the part of our staff rather attracts than otherwise those who have problems. It is certainly food for thought in those against clinics.

There have been 2 Maternal Deaths. Neither of these occurred in the Borough and were only returned to us by the Registrar General. In one case the death was due to Nephritis and the medical reports state that the pregnancy was too early to be responsible for any maternal toxæmia and the Nephritis was not of the "pregnancy type". Of the other death, no details are known, having occurred elsewhere.

The Dental Service is doing good work and by the next Report it is hoped that two sessions will be made available for M & C W work.

The Ambulance Service previously administered by arrangement with the British Red Cross was taken over by the A.R.P. additional staff being engaged for the purpose.

The Clinics were adapted for use by Service Personnel in connection with a regular Ablution Scheme. Regular attendance of parties for washing etc continued to relieve and help where otherwise there was no arrangement.



The M & C W Committee met to discuss Circular 2866 on Illegitimate Children and a Conference with the County Authority was attended at Oldchurch Hospital.

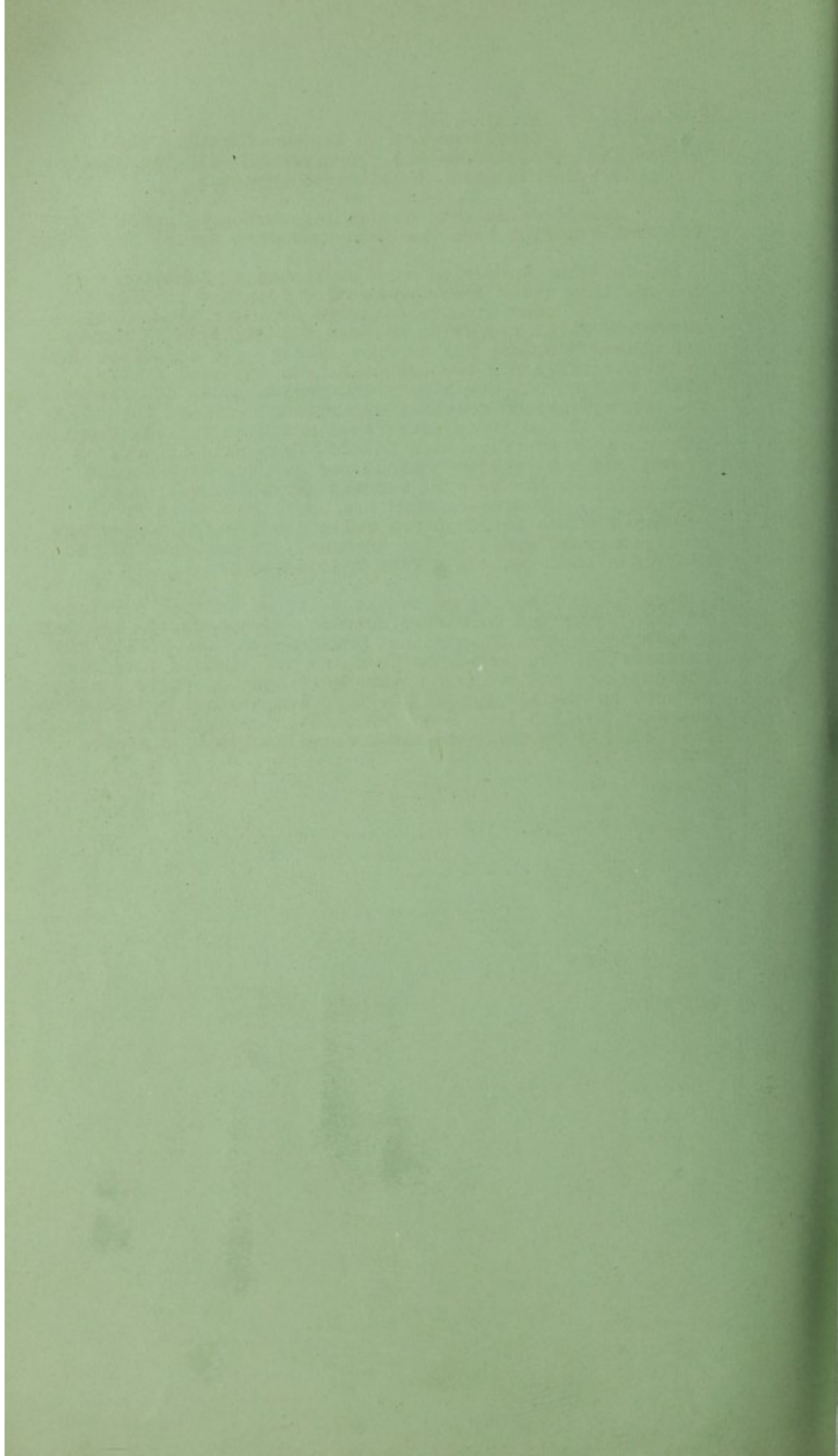
The Rushcliffe Reports concerning Nurses Salaries and Midwives Salaries were put into operation during the year.

The War-Time Nurseries have continued to function well and smoothly under their respective Matrons. Towards the close of the year attendances were rising satisfactorily. There are still vacancies however for children at Corporation Road Nursery. The charges are 1/- per child (per day) or 9d per child for two and over from the same family. Staff changes have been many and replacements not always easy. The Supervisor and Teaching Supervisor resigned for other appointments and their posts have not been filled. Complete direction of the Nurseries is made from this Office. Probationers have been trained and several have passed their Diploma in the work successfully. The well kept gardens at each nursery have had their reward in fresh produce for the children and fully justify the employment of a permanent gardener and handyman. Each member of the Staff has been X-Rayed before appointment.

Once again I record my thanks to those staunch devotees to this work; our Voluntary Helpers - Mrs. Gozzett- Mrs Rolfe- Mrs. Whitcombe- Mrs. Stonard and Mrs. Donovan; the Health Visitors, Midwives and the Dental Officer, and our limited temporary Office Staff under their Chief- Mr. T. Bunter. Their continued efforts in the A.R.P. Casualty Services are not recorded here but have nevertheless been invaluable throughout the War and particularly in the December serious incident at Messrs Hoffmann's.

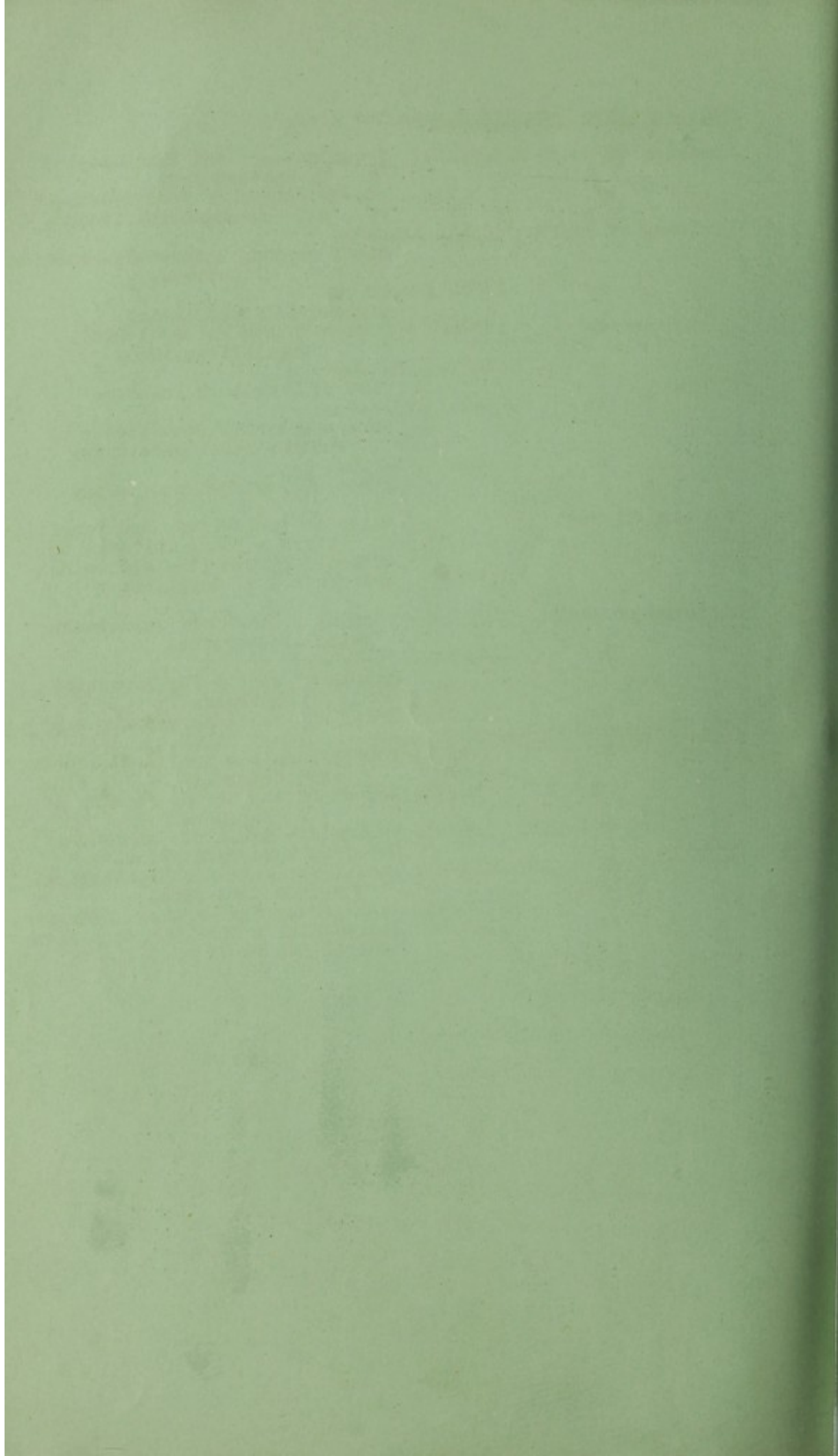
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J. MERVYN THOMAS.
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.



Circulars Etc Received During the Year.

Ministry of Food	M.F.C.12.	Treatment of Meat Contaminated by Mustard Gas.
do	" 13.	Co-operation of Food Treatment and Contamination Squads.
Ministry of Health	70/44.	12.6.44. - Civil Nursing Reserve-Vaccination of Members.
do	170@44.	4.12.44. - Diphtheria Prophylaxis.
do	168/44	- Public Health(Tuberculosis) Regulations.1940.
do	2044.	28.4.44. - Care of Premature Infants.
do	5644	29.4.44. - Nurses Salaries Committee - Further Recommendations.
do	5844	5.5.44. - Rates of Pay for Home Helps.
Ministry of Food	-	Guide to The Welfare and Nutrition of Mothers & Young Children as affected by War-Time Rationing and Control of Supplies.
Ministry of Health	72/44	- Nursing & Midwifery Services - Award of Chevrons.
do	154/44.	3.11.44. - Supply of Sheets for Expectant Mothers.
do	111/44.	X-Ray Examinations - War - Time Nursery Staff.
do	179/44.	Domestic Help & Statutory Rules and Orders,1944. No.1313.
do	No.91.	Report on the Breast Feeding of Infants.
do	E.H. 109/43.	Rushcliffe Scale of Salaries-War-Time Nursery Service.
do	E.H. 171/44.	Annual Estimate for Expenditure-War-Time Nurseries.
do	118/44.	Rest Breaks for Nurses & Midwives.
do	111/44	Residential & War-Time Nurseries-Medical Examination of Staff.



STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres).....	4,755
Population ..33,020. (Registrar-General's estimate of 1944. resident population, mid-year, Census, 1931 :- 26,537.)	
Number of Inhabited houses (end of 1944).....	9462 according to Rate Books.
Rateable Value (1st April, 1944).....	£338,520.
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate :- year ending 31st, March, 1944.....	£1378.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS.

	Total	Male	Female	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resi- dent population, mid-1944:- 22.02
Live (Legitimate	615	303	312	
Births (Illegitimate	53	25	28	
	668	328	340	
Totals	=====			
Still (legitimate	12	5	7	Rate per 1,000 total (live & still) births:- .....24.8
Births (illegitimate	5	1	4	
	17	6	11	
	=====			

DEATHS.

	Total	Male	Female	Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resi- dent population :- 16.2.
	351	178	173	

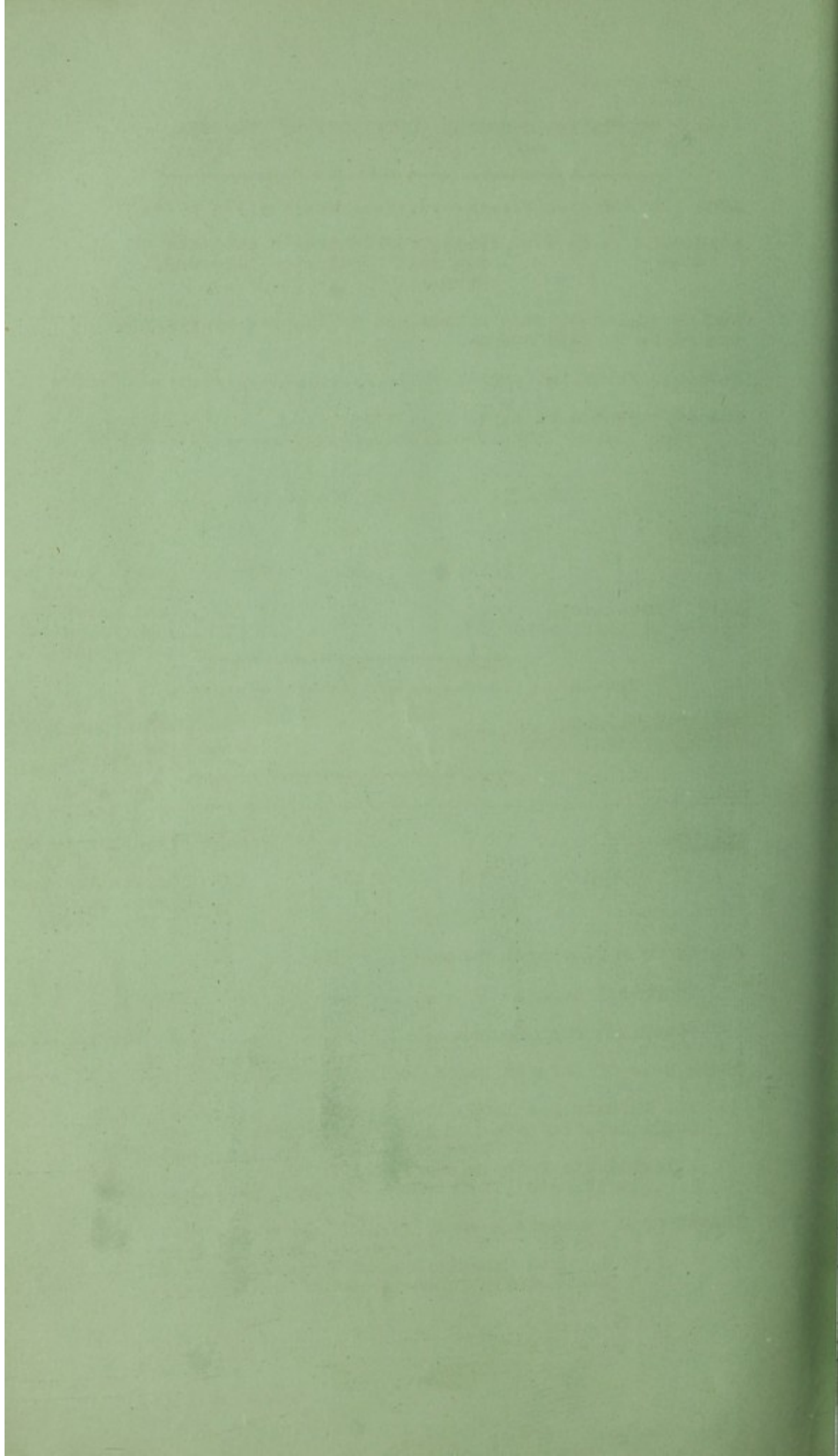
Deaths from Puerperal Causes:-

Puerperal Sepsis	..	..	..	Rate per Nil. 1,000 total (live & still Births:- 2.8.
Other Maternal Causes	..	..	..	

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-

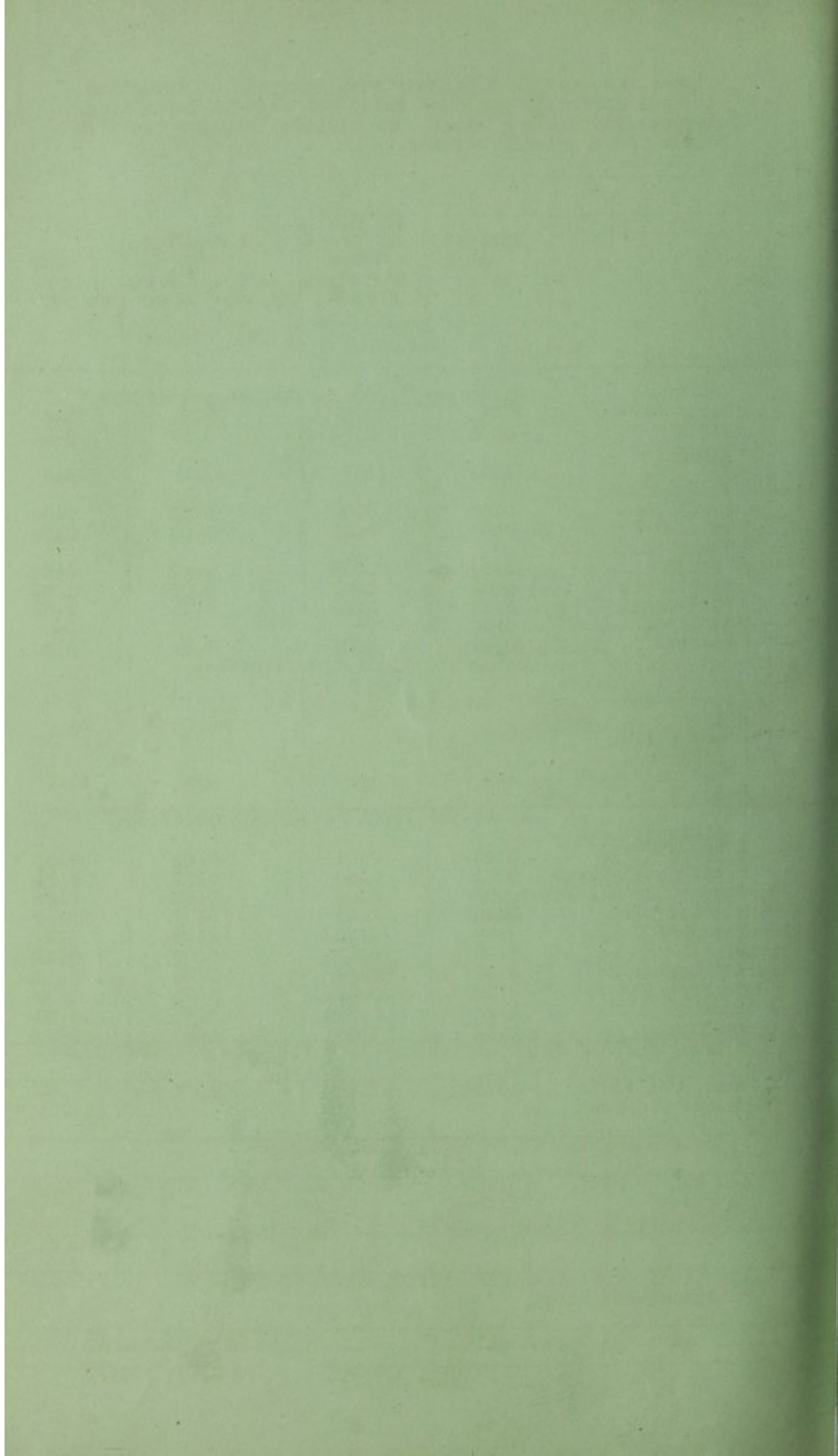
All Infants per 1,000 live births	 38.09
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births.	 29.09
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births.	 11.33

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	....	....	....	30
" " Measles	....	....	....	Nil
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	....	....	....	1
" " Diarrhoea &c. (under 2 yrs. of age)	....	....	....	Nil



Birth-rates, Civilian Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Mortality and Case rates for certain Infectious diseases in the Year 1944. Provisional figures based on Weekly and quarterly Returns.

	England & Wales	126 C.B.'s and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns Resident Pop. 25,000-50,000 at 1931 Census	London Adm. County
Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population:-				
Lives Births	17.6	20.3	20.9	15.0
Still "	0.50	0.64	0.61	0.42
Deaths:-				
All Causes	11.6	13.7	12.4	15.7
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scarlet Fever	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.04
Diphtheria	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.01
Influenza	0.12	0.10	0.11	0.08
Smallpox	0.00	-	-	-
Measles	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
Rates per 1,000 Live Births:-				
Deaths under 1 Year of Age	46	52	44	61
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 yrs of age	4.8	7.3	4.4	10.1
Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population:-				
Notifications:-				
Typhoid Fever	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Paratyphoid Fever	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
Cerebro Spinal Fever	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.06
Scarlet Fever	2.04	2.41	2.67	1.57
Whooping Cough	2.49	2.49	2.29	2.90
Diphtheria	0.58	0.67	0.69	0.31
Erysipelas	0.29	0.32	0.28	0.37
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Measles	4.16	4.51	3.94	2.98
Pneumonia	0.97	1.13	0.82	0.93
Rates per 1,000 Total Births(Live & Still):-				
(a) Notifications:-				
Puerperal Fever	10.34	13.13	9.25	3.61
Puerperal Pyrexia				14.14 +
(b) Maternal Mortality.- England and Wales:-				
No. 140 Abortion with Sepsis	No. 141 Abortion without Sepsis	No. 147 Puerperal Infections	Nos. 142-6 148-150 Other	
0.31	0.09	0.28	1.25	
Abortion: Mortality per million women aged 15-45				
- England and Wales:-				
No. 140 With Sepsis		No. 141 Without Sepsis		
25		7		
+I cluding Puerperal Fever.				



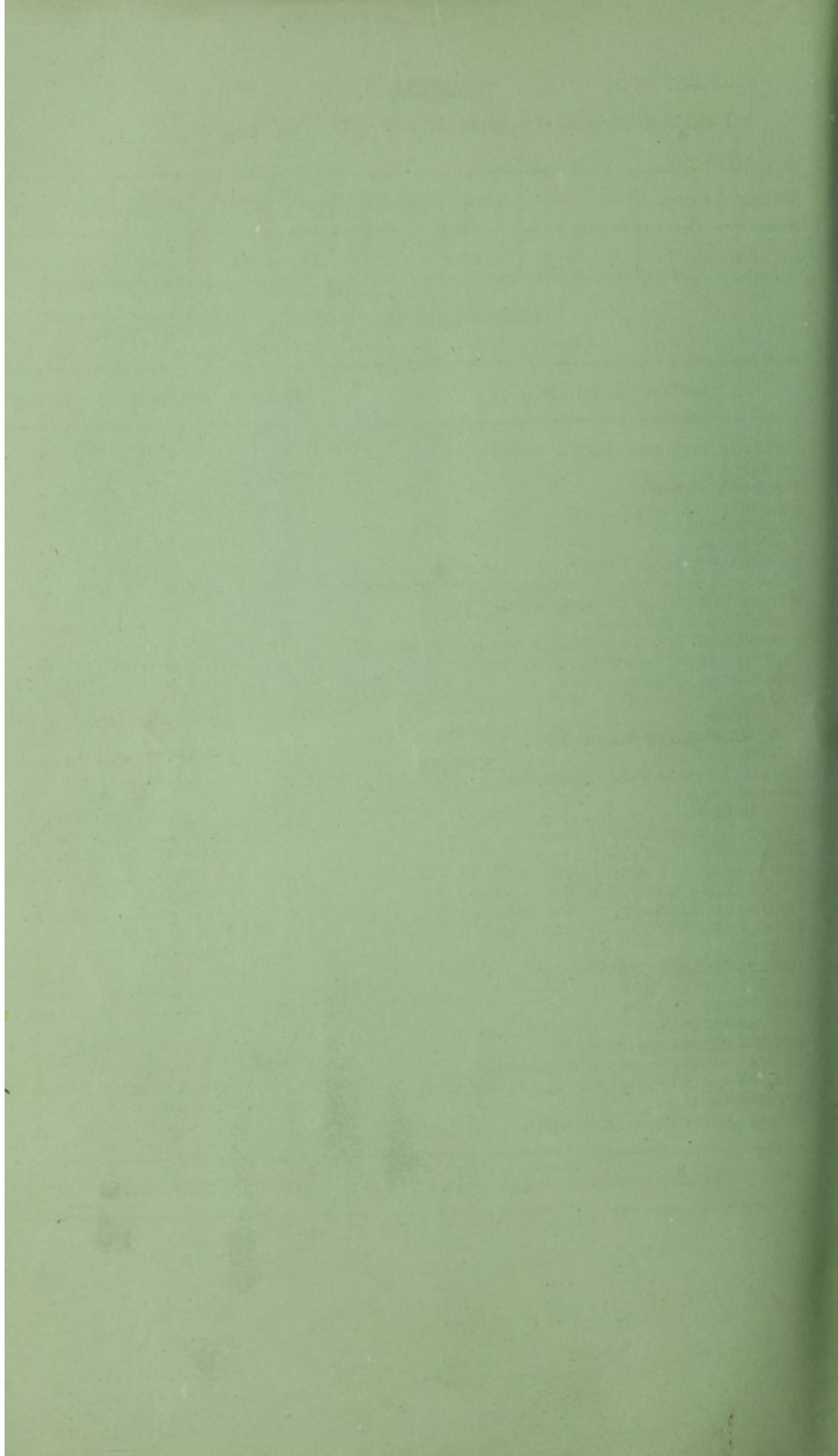
DEATHS

DEATHS AT VARIOUS AGES DURING THE YEAR - 1944

Under 1	1-2	2-5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65-75	75+
24	3	3	5	12	10	15	41	64	79	94

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES - 1944

CAUSES OF DEATH	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fevers	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	1	-
Diphtheria	-	1	-
Influenza	-	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Fever	1	1	2
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System	7	8	15
Other Tuberculous Diseases	3	-	3
Syphilitic Diseases	2	-	2
Cancer of the b.Cav:& Oesoph:(M)uterus(F)	-	3	3
Cancer of Stomach & duodenum	3	-	3
Cancer of other sites	11	8	19
Cancer of Breast	-	5	5
Diabetes	1	1	2
Intra Cran:Vasc:Lesions	17	21	38
Heart Disease	51	32	83
Other Circulatory Diseases	8	6	14
Bronchitis	8	9	17
Pneumonia	14	13	27
Other Respiratory Diseases	4	2	6
Nephritis	2	7	9
Puerperal & Post-abortion:Sepsis	-	-	-
Other Maternal Causes	-	2	2
Con:Mal:birth inj:Infant:dis:	6	2	8
Premature birth	4	1	5
Suicide	-	3	3
Other Violent causes	10	16	26
Road Traffic Act	3	-	3
All other Causes	18	26	44
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Ac:Inf:Encephalitis	-	-	-
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	1	-	1
Diarrhoea Etc.(under 2 yrs of age)	-	-	-
Appendicitis	2	-	2
Other Digestive Diseases	2	4	6
TOTALS	178	173	351



GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES:-

Public Health Officer's of the Authority - See Page 1.

NURSING IN THE HOME:-

General. There are 4 District Nurses practising in the Borough.

LABORATORY FACILITIES:-

Pathological and bacteriological examinations and analysis of water, milk, food, etc., are made by arrangement with the Essex County Council Laboratories.

LEGISLATION IN FORCE:-

Ministry of Health Circulars & Amendments Etc received during the year have been mentioned.

HOSPITALS:- St. John's Hospital under Essex County Council.
Chelmsford & Essex Hospital (Voluntary).

OUT-PATIENT CLINICS. CHELMSFORD HOSPITAL.

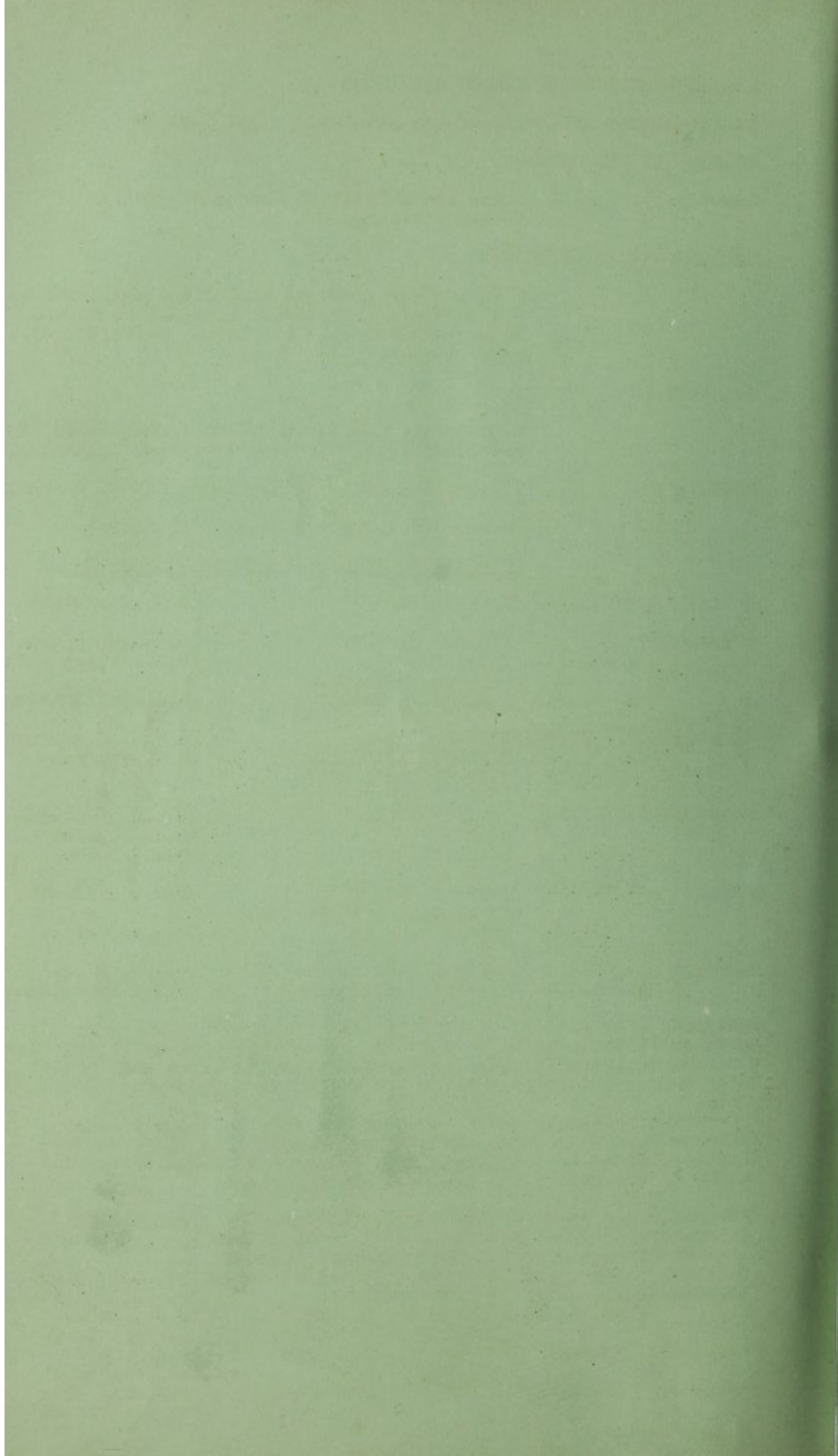
MONDAY	9-30.a.m.	Orthopaedic	- Mr.H.A.H.Harris .
TUESDAY	"	General Surgery	- Mr.M.D.Sheppard.
	2.30.p.m.	Neurological	- Dr.T.Rowland Hill.
		(alternate weeks)	
	3. 0.p.m.	Ear,Nose & Throat	- Mr.A.Martin Henry.
WEDNESDAY	9. 0. a.m.	Dental	- Mr.King & Mr.Jones.
	2. 0. p.m.	Clinical Pathology	- Dr.F.E.Camps.
	6. 0.p.m.	Medical(Old Cases)	do
THURSDAY	9.30.a.m.	Genito-Urinary	- Mr.M.D.Sheppard.
	"	Diabetic	- Dr.F.E.Camps.
	1.45.p.m.	Dermatological	- Dr.R.A.Price.
FRIDAY	9.30.a.m.	General Surgery	- Mr.H.A.H.Harris.
		(including orthopaedics)	
	1.30.p.m.	Ophthalmic	- Dr.S.G.Corner.
SATURDAY	9. 0.a.m.	Medical (new cases)	- Dr.F.E.Camps.
	11.30.a.m.	Psychological Cases	- Dr.R.Strom-Olsen.

Patients will not be seen at the above Clinics except by appointment(application to be made to the Registration Clerk of the Out-Patient department,Telephone No.Chelmsford,3481,and must bring with them a letter from their own doctor giving details of the case.

Private patients can be seen at the above clinics,similar arrangements to be made through the Registration Clerk regarding appointments. Intimation must be given when making appointments as to whether the case is private or not.

The following Essex County Council Clinics are also held at the Chelmsford Hospital,but it is not necessary for appointments to be made for patients attending these clinics.

TUESDAY.	2.30.p.m.	Ante-Natal	- Dr.J.T.Whitley.
WEDNESDAY.	10. a.m.	Tuberculosis	- Dr.T.A.McQuiston.
	1.30.p.m.	Mental Diseases	- Dr.A.G.Duncan
		(2nd,4th & 5th Weeks)	(New Writtle St)
THURSDAY.	5.p.m.	Venereal Diseases	- Dr.R.H.Boyd.
			(New Writtle St)
FRIDAY.	11. a.m.	Venereal Diseases	- Dr.C.W.Alford.
			(New Writtle St)



HOSPITALS:-

St. John's Hospital - Controlled by the Essex County Council.

The Chelmsford Joint Isolation Hospital.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES:-

(a) For Infectious Cases a Motor Ambulance is maintained by the Chelmsford Joint Hospital Board for conveyance of patients. In addition an older motor ambulance is in use for carrying articles for disinfection and disinfection.

(b) For Non-infectious and Accident Cases and,

(c) For Maternity Patients :-

These cases are dealt with by the A.R.P. Ambulance. Arrangements in connection with the Ambulance Service were made between the Ministry of Home Security, the Essex County Council and Corporation of Chelmsford. The use temporarily of the Central Area A.R.P. Service was obtained with the aid of additional personnel to man same. The arrangement while not entirely satisfactory has covered a difficult period before more permanent service can be inaugurated.

SMALLPOX.

Arrangements as in previous years.

MATERNITY.

Our arrangements for the Institutional treatment at St. John's Hospital, Wood St, of cases of complications arising during pregnancy or confinement, and for cases where the home environment is unsatisfactory, remains as before. The full charge for maintenance and treatment is 11/8d per day. This charge is subject to reduction if the persons income is below the Council's Income Scale Assessment.

214 Borough cases were admitted to St. John's Hospital for confinement during the year compared with 164 in 1943.

ANTE-NATAL SERVICES.

As in 1943.

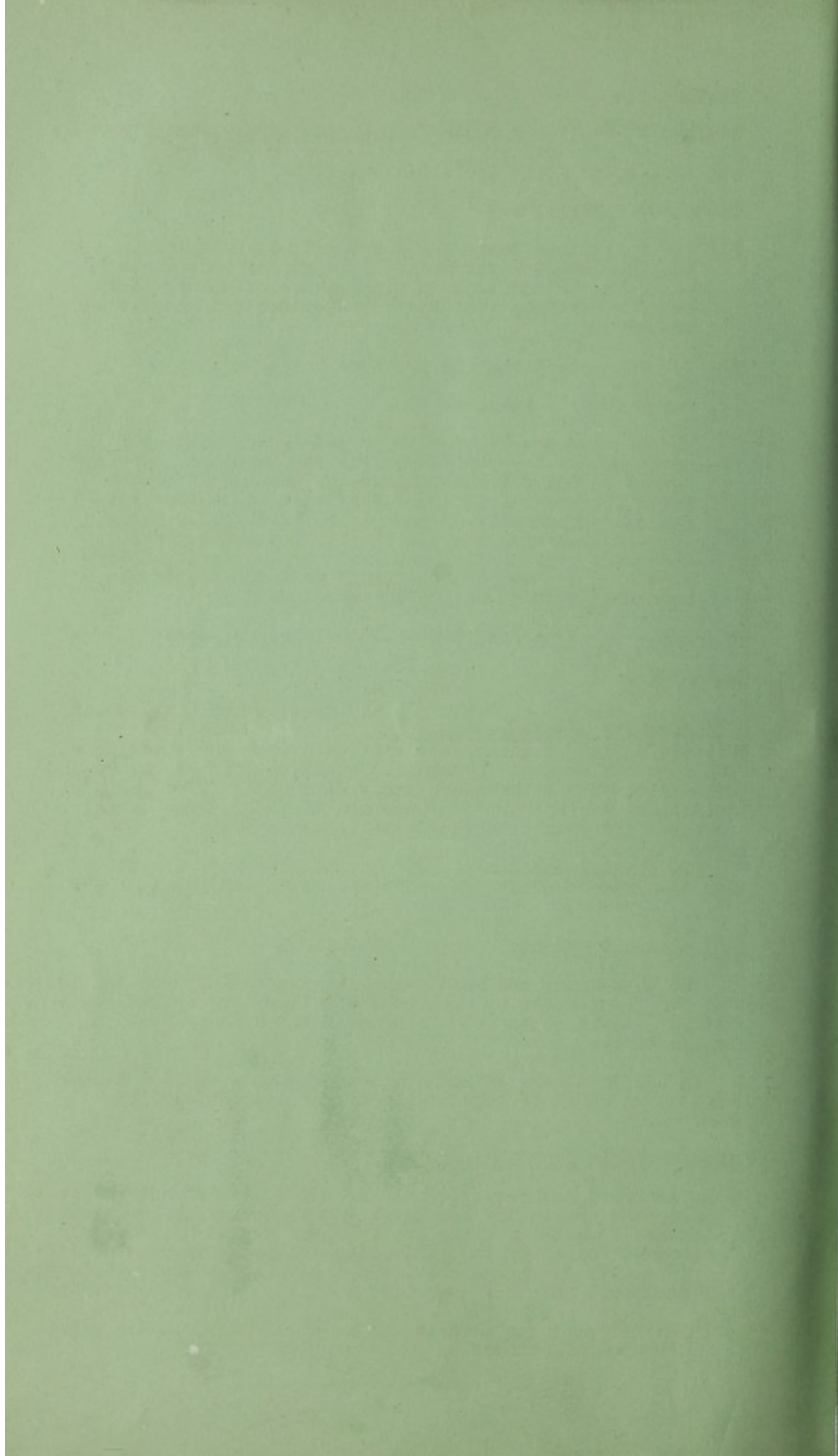
The ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinics are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's in each month. Mothers are encouraged to attend 6 weeks or so after confinement for post-natal examination.

In addition, married women where pregnancy would endanger health, are on their request given instruction in Birth Control.

INSTITUTIONAL PROVISION FOR:-

(a) Unmarried Mothers. The only arrangement is that supplied by the Borough and the Essex County Council Public Assistance Committee. After the lying-in period however, they may be helped by the Girls Aid Society who have a Hostel just outside the Borough. There is also a Home at Ardmore, Buckhurst Hill, for unmarried mothers and their children.

(b) For Illegitimate infants and Homeless Children the Public Assistance Institution is available.



PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.CHILD LIFE PROTECTION.

- (a) No. of Persons who were receiving children for reward at the end of the year 12
- (b) No. of Children on Register:-
1. At the end of the year .. 15
 2. Who died during the year Nil
 3. On whom inquests were held during the year Nil
- (c) Proceedings taken during the year:-
1. No of Cases Nil
 2. Act and Section under which the proceedings were taken. Nil

MUNICIPAL MIDWIVES.

		Tel No.
1. Mrs. M. E. RITCHIE.	79, Springfield Pk. Av.	3815
2. Miss B. M. MILLER.	"Lonicera", St. Mildreds Rd.	3816
3. Miss M. CONNELLY.	40, Kings Rd.	3817
4. Miss FROST. (Relief Midwife)	79, Springfield Pk. Av.	3815
5. Miss M. A. WILKINS.	50, Bruce Grove.	2438
6. Miss I. G. WESTLAKE.	Resigned, July, 1944.	

INSPECTION OF NURSING HOMES, ETC.

Inspections are carried out by the Essex County Council which is the Local Supervising Authority.

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS.

No cases occurred requiring action under Section 176 of the Public Health Act, 1936.



CLINIC & TREATMENT CENTRES :- These are as set out in the Table on Page 14.

ATTENDANCES AT INFANT WELFARE CENTRES:-

	1942	1943	1944
Children under 1 year	4613	4712	6135
Children between 1 & 5 years	2043	2523	2720
Totals	6656	7235	8855
	=====	=====	=====

Number who attended for the 1st time during the year:-

Children under 1 year	446	464	574
Children between 1 & 5 years	391	496	522
Totals	837	960	1096
	=====	=====	=====

ANTE-NATAL CLINIC:-

Attendances	170	150	381
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POST-NATAL CLINIC:-

Attendances	17	51	134
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HEALTH VISITING.

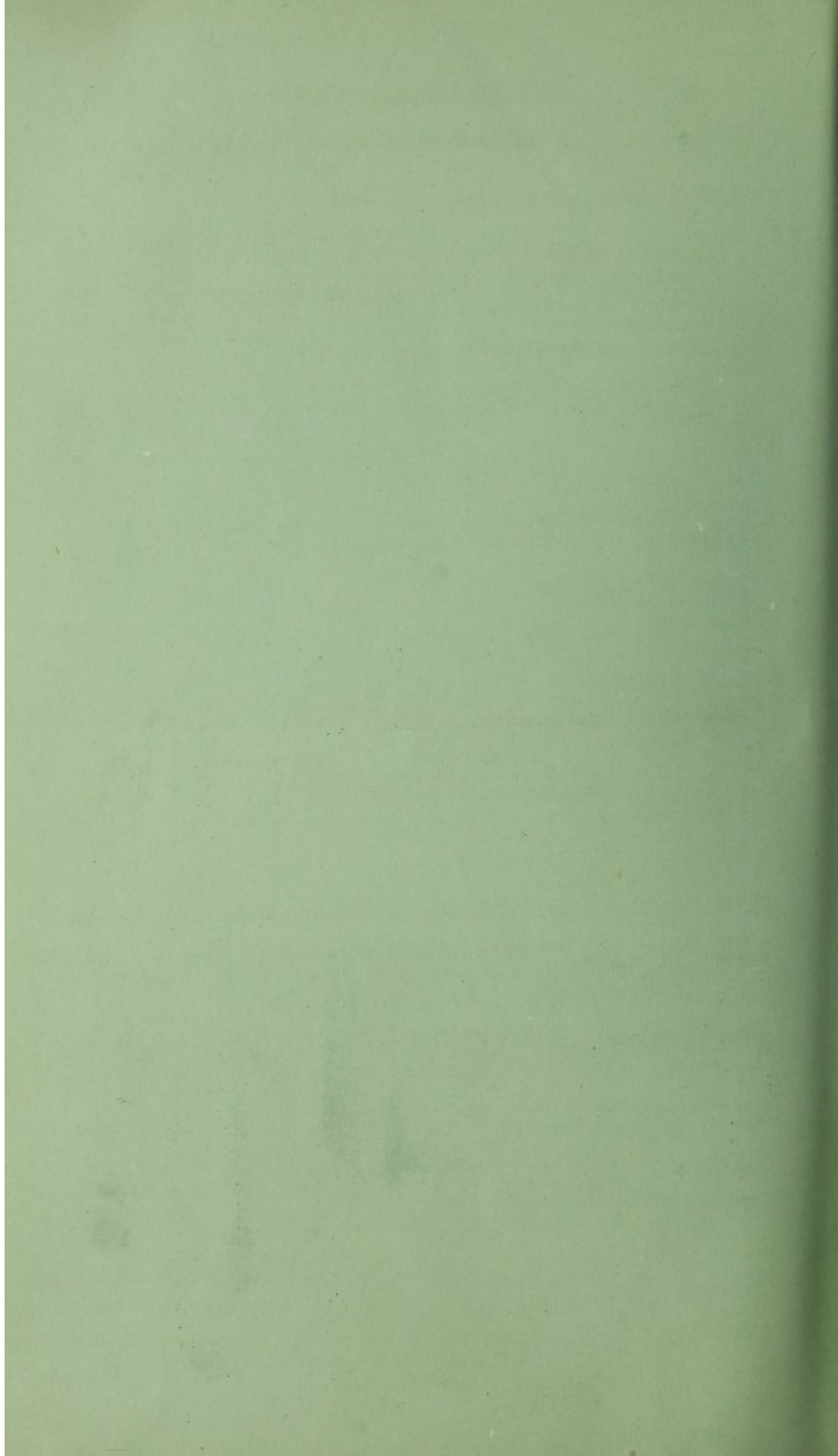
The Health Visitors have made the following visits during the year:-

	<u>1st Visits</u>	<u>Total Visits</u>
To Expectant Mothers	69	122
To children under 1 year of age	613	1990
" " between the ages of 1 and 5 years	-	4180
	-----	-----
Totals..	682	6292
	=====	=====

MILK. The M & C W Committee have instituted a Scheme to supplement feeding in necessitous and difficult cases on the recommendation of the Medical Officer.

DENTAL SERVICE. Dental treatment for Expectant and Nursing Mothers and Children under 5 years of age has been carried out during the year, and the following is a summary of the work:-

No. of Attendances made by patients	904
No. of patients treated	758
<u>Fillings:-</u> Permanent Teeth	61
Temporary "	113
<u>Extractions:-</u> Permanent Teeth	216
Temporary "	88
<u>Other Operations:-</u>	
Permanent Teeth	286
Temporary "	622
<u>Administration of General Anaesthetics</u> for extractions	57



SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREAWATER

The water supply of the area and of its several parts has been satisfactory in Quality and Quantity.

Detailed Reports from the Water Engineer and analyst have been examined. Samples taken from a variety of sources are reported upon as a "wholesome water, suitable for the purposes of public supply".

No action apart from the usual chlorination has been necessary, and the water mains are connected to all houses in the Borough.

RIVERS & STREAMS

A close watch is kept on the rivers within the Borough and all possible steps taken to prevent pollution.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

There has been no alteration in the method of Refuse collection and disposal during the year.

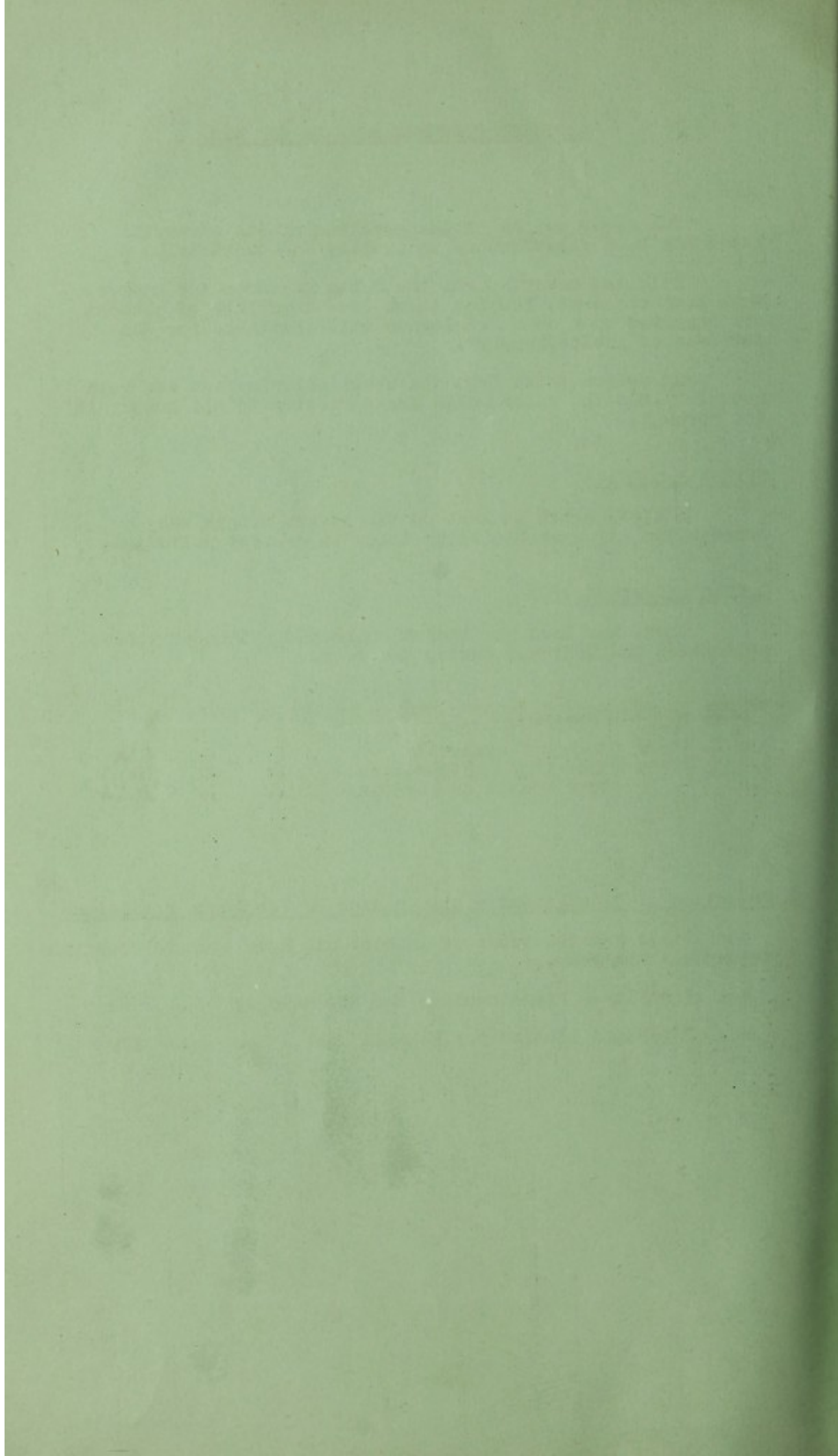
NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR

1.	By the Local Authority	..	..	Nil
2.	By other Local Authorities	..	..	Nil
3.	By other Bodies or Persons	..	..	Nil

Promotion of Cleanliness & Elimination of Verminous Conditions

Facilities for treatment of Scabies etc have been in operation throughout the year.

No. of Children found unclean and cleansed ..	..	62
No. of Persons treated for Scabies etc ..	..	179



CLINIC TREATMENT CENTRES

SERVICE	ACCOMMODATION	PURPOSE	SESSIONS	BY WHOM PROVIDED
Minor Ailments Clinic	Chelmsford Public Health Dept.: Coval Lane.	Consultation & Treatment of School Children.	Mon: & Thurs: 9 - 10.a.m.	LOCAL AUTHORITY
Eye Clinic	do	do	When necessary and by appointment	do
Dental Clinic	do	do & treatment for expectant & nursing mothers & for infants.	Daily by Appointment. 3 Sessions per month by appointment	do
Maternity & Child Welfare Clinic	do	Consultation Etc.	Each Tues: Thurs: & Friday - 2.p.m. to 4-30.p.m.	do
Ante-Natal & Post - Natal Clinic	do	do	1st & 3rd Weds: in each month - 2 to 4-30.p.m.	do
Orthopaedic Clinic	do	Consultation & Treatment	2nd, 3rd & 4th Mondays in each month at 1-30.p.m. By arrangement with specialist	do & Essex County Council-Joint
Aural Clinic	do	do	4th Friday in each month at 10.a.m.	do
Birth Control Clinic	5, Market Rd. Chelmsford.	do		LOCAL AUTHORITY.
War-Time Nurseries	1. Corporation Rd. 2. London Rd. 3. Waterloo Lane.	For children 0 to 5 years of age of War-Time Workers.	Daily-Mon: to Friday - 7.a.m. to 7.p.m. Sats: 7.a.m. to Noon. 5 to 6.p.m. daily (not Sundays) Specialist on Thurs:-4-30.p.m. to 6-30.p.m. & Fridays 11.a.m. to Noon.	Essex County Council.
Veneral Diseases Clinic	Chelmsford & Essex Hospital-New Writtle Road.	Consultation and Treatment.		



NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR, 1943.

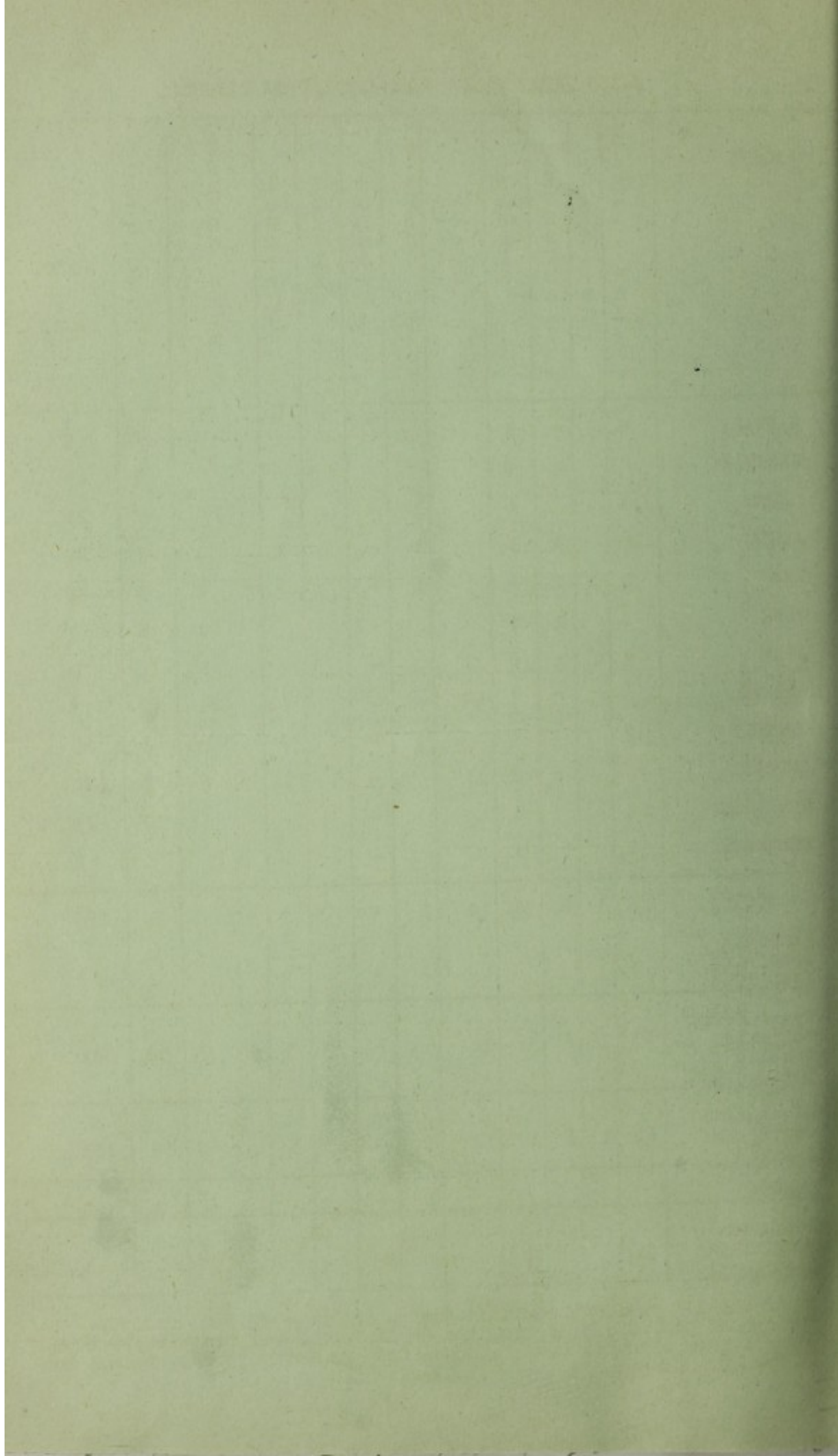
DISEASE	Total Cases	Under 1 Year	1943															Cases Admitted to Hosp.	Total Deaths	Total Cases Notified in each Ward			
			1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	over 65	North	South	East	West						
SCARLET FEVER	54	-	-	3	4	1	28	6	2	8	2	-	15	-	22	11	13	8					
MEASLES	450	20	16	50	48	26	260	25	1	2	-	2	-	-	133	150	81	86					
PNEUMONIA	15	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	4	4	3	-	6	4	2	3					
WHOOPING COUGH	63	4	7	8	14	8	14	7	-	-	1	-	-	1	19	26	4	14					
ERYSIPELAS	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	4	4	-	1	4	3	2					
SONNE DYSENTERY	33	8	2	-	2	1	6	3	1	3	-	-	33	-	1	-	31	1					
PUERPERAL PYREXIA	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	1	-	9	-	1	3	5	-					
JAUNDICE	29	-	-	-	-	2	10	6	4	1	6	-	-	-	12	4	10	3					
OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM	8	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1					
CEREBRO SPINAL MENINGITIS	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	2	1	-	-					
MALARIA E.T. Non Clivillian	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-					
PEMPHIGUS NEONATORUM	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2					
TOTALS	673	38	28	62	69	38	319	49	8	24	16	10	62	3	199	203	150	120					



CASES TREATED IN JOINT ISOLATION HOSPITAL

MONTH	S C A R L E T F E V E R	D I P H T H E R I A	E R Y S I P E L A S	M E A S L E S	M U M P S	W H O O P I N G C O U G H	P N E U M O N I A	S C A B I E S	I M P E T I G O	C E R E B R O S P I N A L	L E N I N G I T I S	O T H E R D I S :	TOTAL
JANUARY	5			1			-			1		2	9
FEBRUARY	6			2			-	3				8	19
MARCH	13		1	6		1	-					7	28
APRIL	10		2	9		1	-		1	1		3	27
MAY	4	1	2	4		1	-			1		9	21
JUNE	1		1	5			-			1		1	9
JULY	2			6	1		-						9
AUGUST				1	10		-					2	13
SEPTEMBER	5			1			-			1		3	10
OCTOBER	5			2	1		-		1			5	14
NOVEMBER	4			1			-					10	15
DECEMBER	1			1			-		1			1	4
TOTALS	56	1	6	38	12	3	+	3	3	5		51	178
Patients remaining } from 1943 }	7					5	-					1	13
Total No. of patients treated during 1944	63	1	6	38	12	8	-	3	3	5		52	191
Discharged during the year	62	1	6	37	12	6	-	3	3	3		50	183
Deaths						2	+			2		1	5
Patients remaining 31st Dec: 1944	1			1			-					1	3

Of the 178 patients admitted during the year 72 came from the Borough of Chelmsford; 38 from the Chelmsford Rural District; 21 from Ongar; 1 from Witham; 1 from Maldon; 1 from Braintree; 3 from Dunmow and 41 from H.R. Forces.



TUBERCULOSIS
NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1944

	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory:		Respiratory:		Non-Respiratory:	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 1 Year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 5 years	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
5 " 15 "	-	-	5	4	-	-	-	-
15 " 25 "	4	1	-	1	2	2	-	-
25 " 35 "	6	6	1	1	2	1	-	-
35 " 45 "	8	2	1	-	-	2	-	-
45 " 55 "	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 " 65 "	2	1	-	-	4	1	-	-
Over 65 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	23	11	8	6	8	6	-	-

Non-notified Tuberculosis Deaths.....9

Total Tuberculosis Deaths.....23

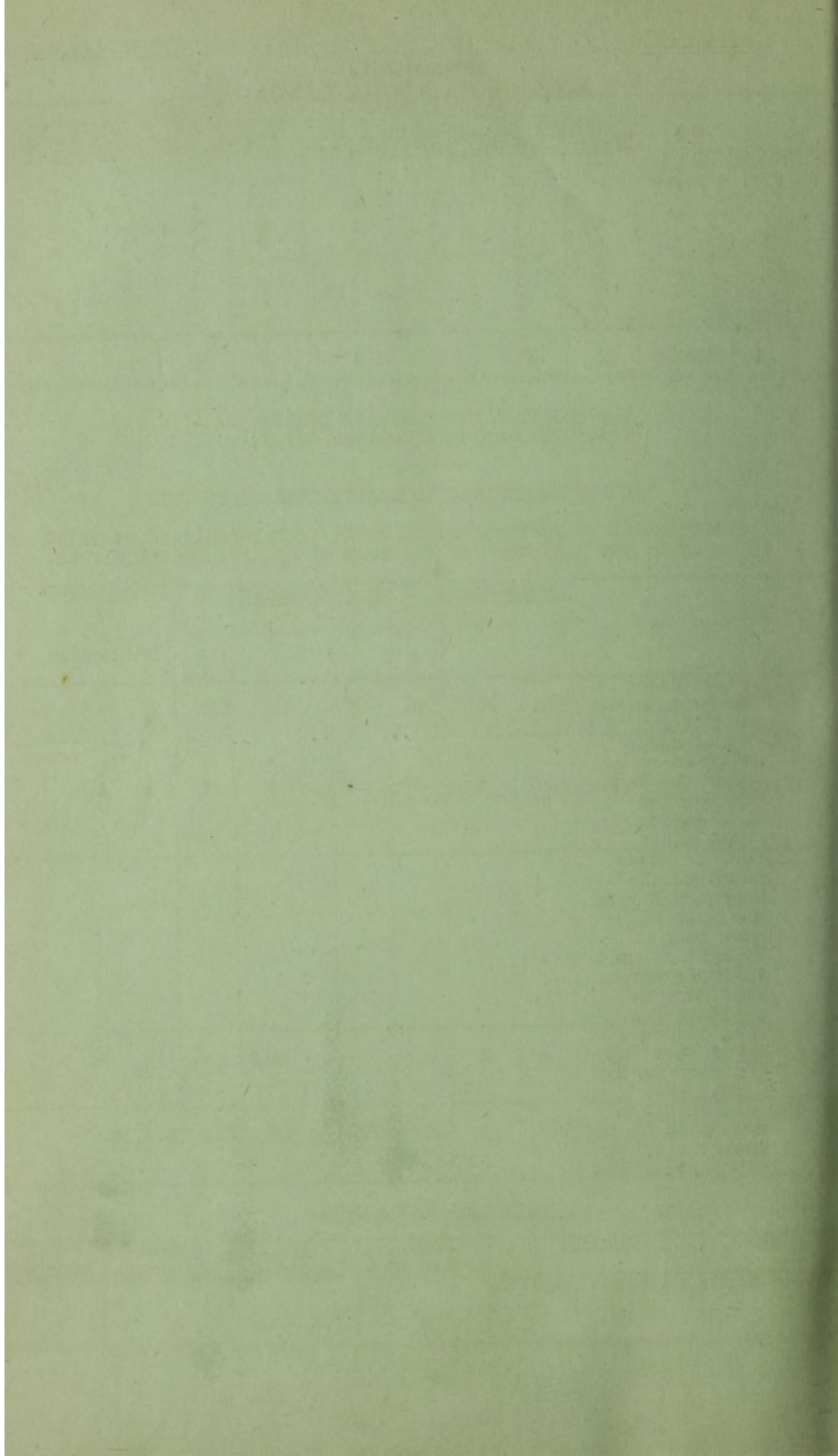
PUBLIC HEALTH(TUBERCULOSIS)REGULATIONS 1930

Statement of Particulars of Cases of Tuberculosis, compiled
from the Register for the Year ended 31st December, 1944.

	Pulmonary		T O T A L	Non-Pulmonary		T O T A L	Pulmonary & Non- Pulmonary
	M	F		M	F		
(1) No. of Cases on the Register on the 1st Jan: 1944	122	74	196	59	61	120	316
(2) No. of Cases notified to me under the Regs: for the 1st time during the year	7	1	8	4	2	6	14
(3) No. of Cases added to the Register during the year which have been brought to my notice otherwise than by notification.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(4) No. of Cases removed from the Register during the year.	1	2	3	-	-	-	3
(5) No. of Cases remaining on the Register on 31st December, 1944.	128	73	201	63	63	126	327

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM

CASES	TREATED		Vision Unimpaired	Vision Impaired	Total Blindness	DEATHS
No. Notified	At Home.	Hospital				
3	2	1	3	-	-	-



SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

1. INSPECTIONS OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:

(1) (a)	Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects:-				
	Public Health Act	459			
	Housing Act.. .. .	133		592	
(b)	No. of Inspections made for the purpose:-				
	Public Health Act	1581			
	Housing Act.. .. .	638		2219	
(2) (a)	No. of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Amendment Regulations.	Nil			
(b)	No. of Inspections made for the purpose.. .. .	Nil			
(3)	No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	1			
		1 part dwelling.			
(4)	No. of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation:-				
	Public Health Act	299			
	Housing Act.. .. .	122		421	

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES:

No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority's Officers:-				
Public Health Act	286			
Housing Act.. .. .	114		400	

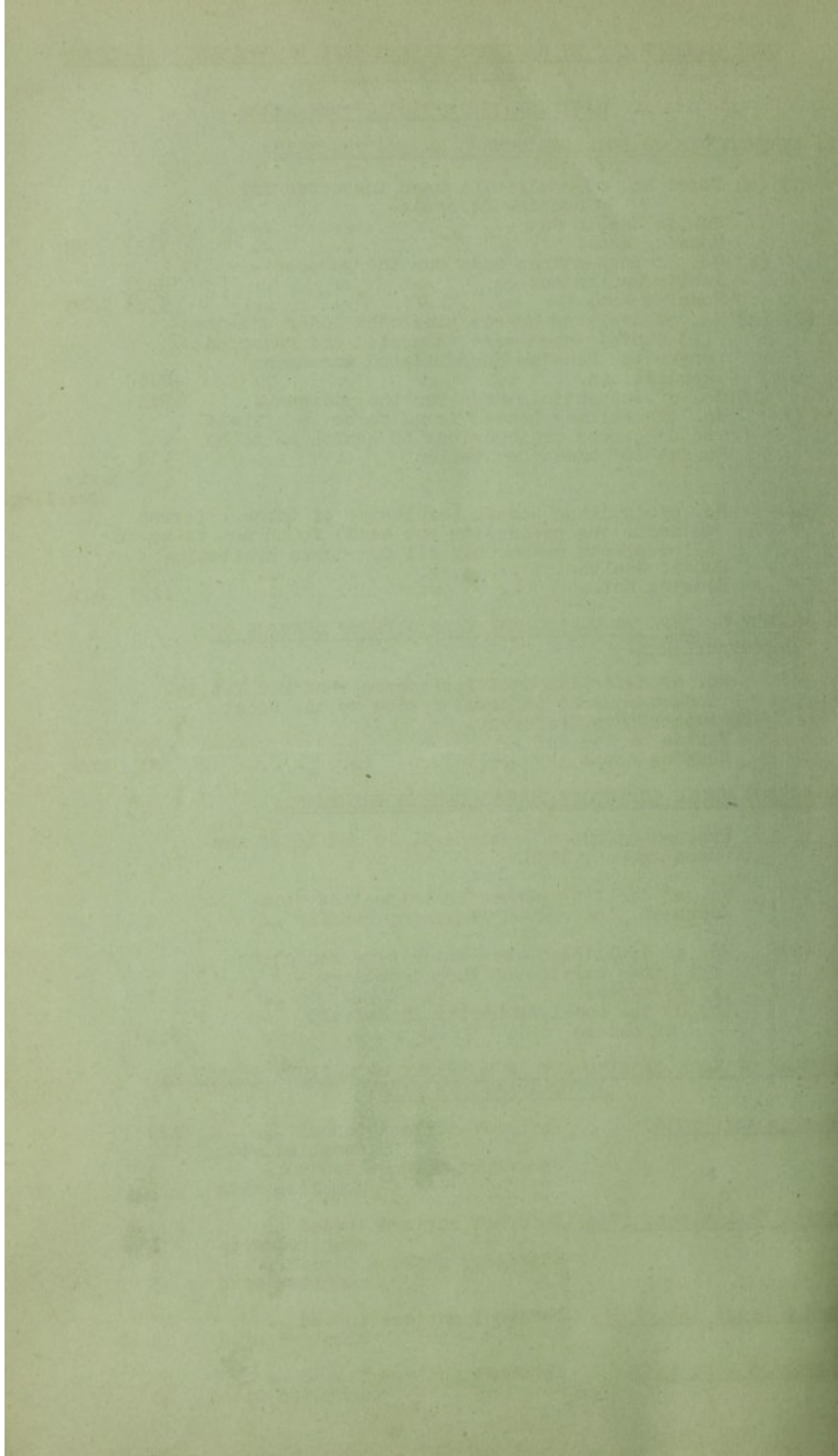
3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:

Proceeding under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1)	No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ..	1
(2)	No. of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
(a)	By owners	1
(b)	By the Local Authority in default of owners	Nil

SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT AS A RESULT OF NOTICES SERVED OR RECOMMENDATIONS MADE:

<u>Housing Act, 1936.</u>	Informal notices issued ..	122
	" " complied with	114
	Statutory notices issued..	3
	" " complied with	3
<u>Public Health Act, 1936.</u>	Informal notices issued ..	299
	" " complied with	286
	Statutory notices issued..	16
	" " complied with	5
<u>Food & Drugs Act, 1938.</u>	Informal notices issued ..	40
	" " complied with	14
<u>Factories Act, 1937.</u>	Informal notices issued ..	34
	" " complied with	44

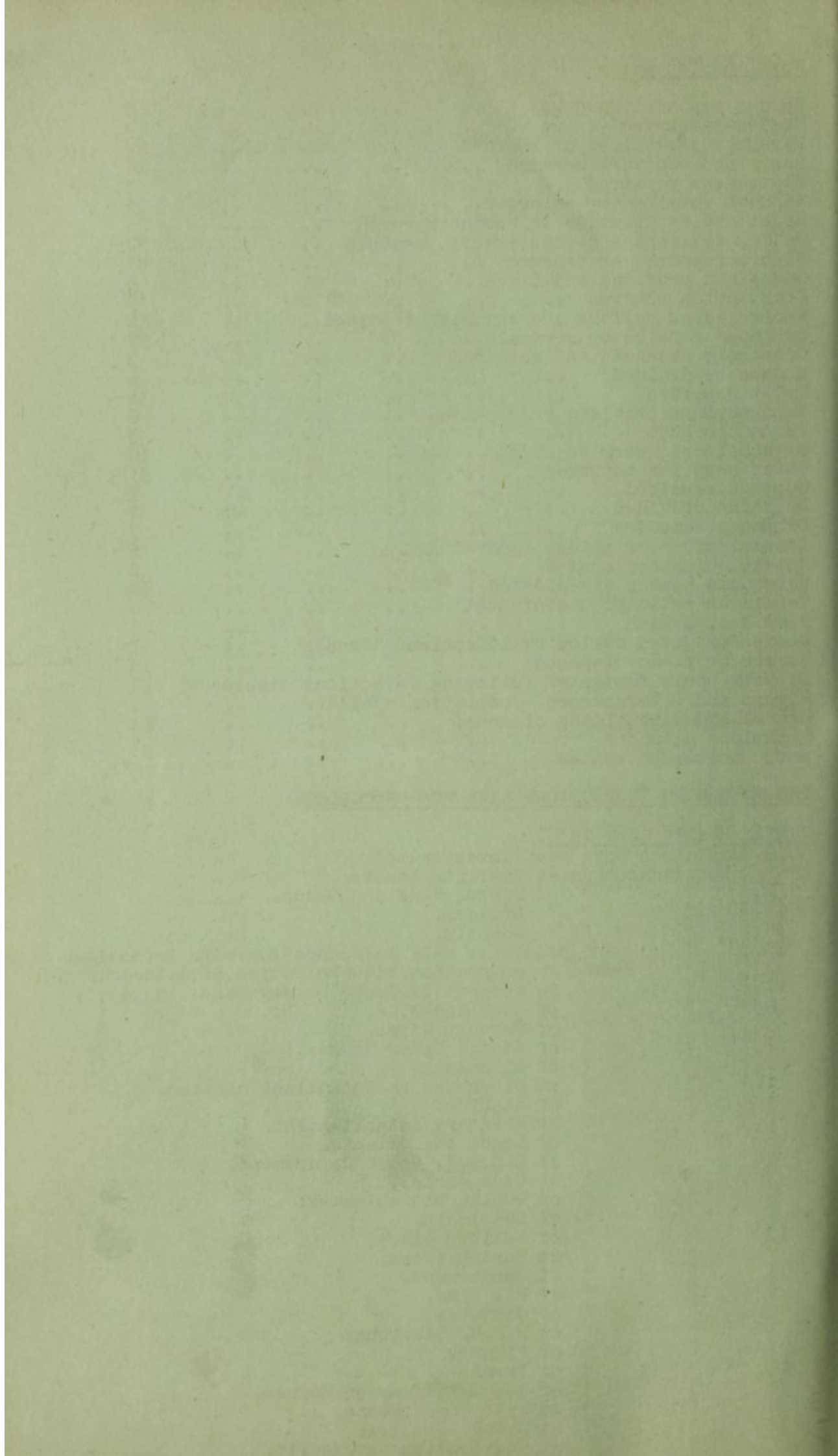


Work carried out:-

Houses reconditioned	5
Houses decorated	9
Firegrates repaired or renewed	27
Doors and woodwork repaired	16
Staircases repaired	3
Windows repaired or enlarged.. .. .	55
Light and ventilation to rooms improved	5
Walls, ceilings and plasterwork repaired	38
Floors repaired or renewed	47
New sinks provided and fixed.. .. .	5
Sink wastes renewed	9
Roofs, eaves gutters and chimneys repaired.. .. .	54
Drainage repairs or renewals.. .. .	97
Cesspools cleansed and repaired	3
Houses re-drained	4
W.C.s repaired	34
Yard pavings provided or repaired	6
Yards cleansed	3
External brickwork repaired	10
Water supplies improved	35
Coppers repaired	3
Dustbins provided	52
Dampness remedied	7
Accumulations of refuse removed	6
Animal nuisances abated	2
Verminous houses disinfested.. .. .	39
Verminous articles disinfested	774
Pest destruction	3
Rooms fumigated following infectious disease	37
Houses or rooms cleansed	13
Library books fumigated following infectious disease	150
Rivers and watercourses - pollution abated.. .. .	1
School and Outbuilding cleansed	1
Workplace cleansed	1
Smoke nuisances abated.	6

THE FOLLOWING INSPECTIONS HAVE BEEN RECORDED:Public Health Act, 1936.

412	Complaints have been investigated.
1581	Inspections made at dwelling houses.
10	" " of Tents, Vans and Sheds.
11	" " " Offices.
38	" " " Schools.
67	" and enquiries made in connection with infectious disease
2	" made in connection with Pollution of Watercourses.
17	" " in respect of Smoke Nuisances.
8	" " of Workplaces.
4	" " of Sawdust Tips.
2	" " of Static Water Tanks.
1	" " of Allotment.
5	" " at Libraries re infectious disease.
2	" " of Stables.
1	" " at Military Establishment.
8	" " of Lands and Ditches.
5	" " at L.N.E.R. Goods Department.
1	" " at Open Market.
6	" " of Public Conveniences.
5	" " of Hospitals.
10	" " of Balloon Sites.
7	" " at Marine Store.
3	" " of Warehouses.
5	" " of Pig Bins.
2	" " of Canteens.
3	" " at N.F.S. Stations.
1	" " of Piggery.
14	" " of Yards.
2	" " of Accumulations of Refuse.
4	" " at Fire Guard Posts.
12	" " at M.O.F. Depots.
1	" " at Corporation Refuse Tip.
5	" " at Cinemas



In many cases during these inspections matters relating to minor defects and nuisances were dealt with verbally and remedies carried out in response to persuasive methods. (20)

Shops Act, 1934. (Sec. 10).

29 inspections have been made at shops and cafes where minor repairs have been carried out.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

27	Inspections have been made at Butchers' Shops.
42	" " " " Cafes, Restaurants and Hotels.
90	" " " " Dairies and Milkshops.
63	" " " " Farms (Milk Producers).
185	" " " " Food Shops.
14	" " " " Ministry of Food Stores.
24	" " " " Market Food Stalls.
6	" " " " Canteens.
8	" " " " Civil Defence Depots.
711	" " " " Slaughterhouses.

The following carcasses were examined (from 1st June, 1944):

2253 Beasts. 2040 Calves. 4192 Sheep. 728 Pigs.

Meat condemned at Slaughterhouses (Government Controlled) -

67,951 lbs.

The following samples were obtained and submitted for analysis, all unsatisfactory results being followed up:-

	<u>Samples Taken.</u>	<u>Satisfactory.</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory.</u>
Bottle Rinsings.	4	4	-
Ordinary Milk.	24	22	2
Tuberculin Tested Milk.	5	4	1
Pasteurized Milk.	21	20	1
Chocolate Vermicelli.	1	-	1
Fish Galantine.	2	1	1

The following food has been condemned and surrendered as unfit:-

561 tins Meat. (716½ lbs.)	399¾ lbs. Sugar.
6 tins Tongue.	155½ lbs. Jam.
108 tins Soup.	192½ lbs. Sweets.
322 tins Vegetables.	73½ lbs. Cheese.
2274 tins Fish.	138 lbs. Butter.
1754 tins Milk.	41 lbs. Margarine.
25 tins Fruit.	78½ lbs. Dried Broad Beans.
2 tins Vitacup.	71 lbs. Prunes.
26 jars Paste.	17 lbs. Boneless Pork.
12 jars Pickles.	58½ lbs. Soya Flour.
12 - ½ gall. jars Pickles.	92 lbs. Flour.
2 jars Peanut Butter.	95 lbs. Oatmeal.
3 jars Marmite.	3½ lbs. Lentils.
1 jar Oxo.	32 lbs. Split Peas.
1 pkt. Ryvita.	42 lbs. Chocolate Vermicelli.
3 pkts. Ginger Biscuit Mixture.	44 lbs. Rolled Oats.
11 pkts. Soup.	54 lbs. Tomatoes.
267 pkts. Cereals.	2 lbs. Cake.
2 pkts. Dried Eggs.	152 lbs. Fresh Picnic Hams.
72 Fish Cakes.	154 lbs. Cured Picnic Hams.
29 doz. Sherbert Fountains.	91½ lbs. Bacon.
13 bottles Wine. (Formally seized)	24 lbs. Salt.
7 Swiss Rolls.	12 lbs. Haricot Beans.
54 Oxo Cubes.	9 lbs. Dried Peas.
1 bottle Lemon Squash.	15 lbs. Rice.
6½ pts. Vinegar.	1½ lbs. Apple Rings.
30 tins Custard Powder.	47½ lbs. Chocolate.
5 lbs. Semolina.	21 lbs. Chocolate Powder.
4 lbs. Syrup.	3 lbs. Spam.
3½ lbs. Biscuits.	24 lbs. Dates.
72 lbs. Figs.	320 st. Fish.

