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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

OF THE

Coleford Urban District

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1908.

Coleford Urban District comprises the Town of Coleford, together with the outlying Districts of Milkwall the Scowles, Berry Hill, Crossways, and Whitecliff, together with portions of Coalway, Mitcheldean and Broadwell Lane Ends. Berry Hill on the north is the highest point, being 751 feet above sea level, Coleford itself being 558 feet, and Mile End, the lowest point, 375 feet above sea level. The eastern half of the District lies on the outcrop of the coal measures, while the western half lies on the limestone and iron ore measures. The area of the District is 2,235 acres. Through the Town runs the brook, which is formed by three small streams uniting in the Town.

The Population, estimated to the middle of last year, is 2,594, being divided amongst the various Districts approximately, as follows:—Milkwall 185, Coalway 200, Berry Hill 250, Scowles 265, Broadwell 350, Poolway 50, Whitecliff 130, and the Town 1,164. Mining, quarrying, and agriculture are the chief occupations of the inhabitants of the District. No trades injurious to health are carried on within the District.

The Births registered in the year were 60—33 boys and 27 girls—of which 3 boys and one girl were illegitimate.

The total number of Deaths registered in the District was 39, making a Death-rate of 15 per 1,000. This shows an increase of 2·3 per 1,000 on last year, when the Deaths registered were 33. Nine of these Deaths were of persons over 65 years of age, of whom 6 were over 70. The number of infants under one year old that died was 11, making a rate of 183·3 per 1,000 Births, as against 59·7 per 1,000 Births last year, when only 4 infants died. Of these 11 deaths 6 were due to premature birth, 2 to convulsions, and there was among these 11 infantile deaths only one case caused by enteritis. There were three Deaths due to cancer, and three due to consumption of the lungs. In connection with this latter disease, it cannot be too seriously insisted upon that spitting, unless in a proper receptacle, and coughing without loosely covering the mouth, causes other people to become infected.

Of infectious diseases there were 14 cases, 13 of which were cases of diphtheria, and one of puerperal fever. There was one death from diphtheria. There is no disinfectant in the District.

The Schools were closed for three weeks during the epidemic of diphtheria.

Four new houses have been built in entire compliance with the Council's bye-laws, with due regard to sufficiency of open-air and approved sanitation. Two other houses have been extensively repaired and altered, rendering them fit for human habitation.

It is my duty, for the third time, to bring before the Council the necessity of an efficient and pure water supply for Coleford, the present supply being inadequate to meet the demands of any but the low lying portions of the Town, and in time of great drought insufficient for this. It is only by the most stringent care in the distribution of the water in the summer that a scanty supply is doled out to the inhabitants of the Town itself, and this hardship is most felt by shopkeepers, bakers, and others, to whom a good supply is so necessary. The head of water never rises more than 20 feet, and the different altitudes of the District vary to the extent of nearly 200 feet. The amount of water available for the needs of the Town may be gauged by the fact that the bore of the main in the Market Place is only one inch, and half of this is choked by concretions of the gouty deposit always present in the water. The pipe running down Newland Street has a bore of one inch, and the pipes running from this into the houses a bore of half an inch; consequently when the water is low, very little passes into the dwellings.

There has been no interference with the present water supply by any mining operations during the past year.

Two new wells have been sunk within the District. Well-water should be regarded with suspicion, as it is always a source of danger in a Town where sewage matter may percolate into the wells.

The drainage of the houses is being improved, but the drains leading into the brook, in a great number of cases, are old stone drains, faultily constructed, and broken down in places. In this connection, I ought to remark that that portion of the brook running from below the King's Kead to the White Hart is a serious menace to the health of the Town on account of its not being arched in. In consequence of this, there are holes in the yards of the buildings leading directly down to the brook, allowing the rats to pass through.

The bucket system of disposal of sewage matter and household refuse is used to a considerable extent in the Town itself, the matter so collected being cleared away twice a week by the scavenger. I have requested that the Council should have the buckets removed three times a week. Outside the Town the privy midden is used.

I have brought to the notice of the Council the fact that at the St. John's Boys' School there are rain-water pipes, the socket joints of which are open. These pipes are in direct communication with the main drains, and must naturally cause great danger, as the foul gases escape just under the noses of the scholars. I have been promised on two occasions that this should be attended to, but nothing has been done.

I have still to point out that the question of Water Supply for drinking purposes to the Schools leaves much to be desired, and I consider that a good supply of wholesome water is essential to growing children.

The Slaughter-houses, Bakehouses, Dairies and Cowsheds have been examined periodically, and any matters needing attention have been carried out.

No cases of seizures of food unfit for human consumption have been reported by the Police, upon whom the duty of food inspection devolves.

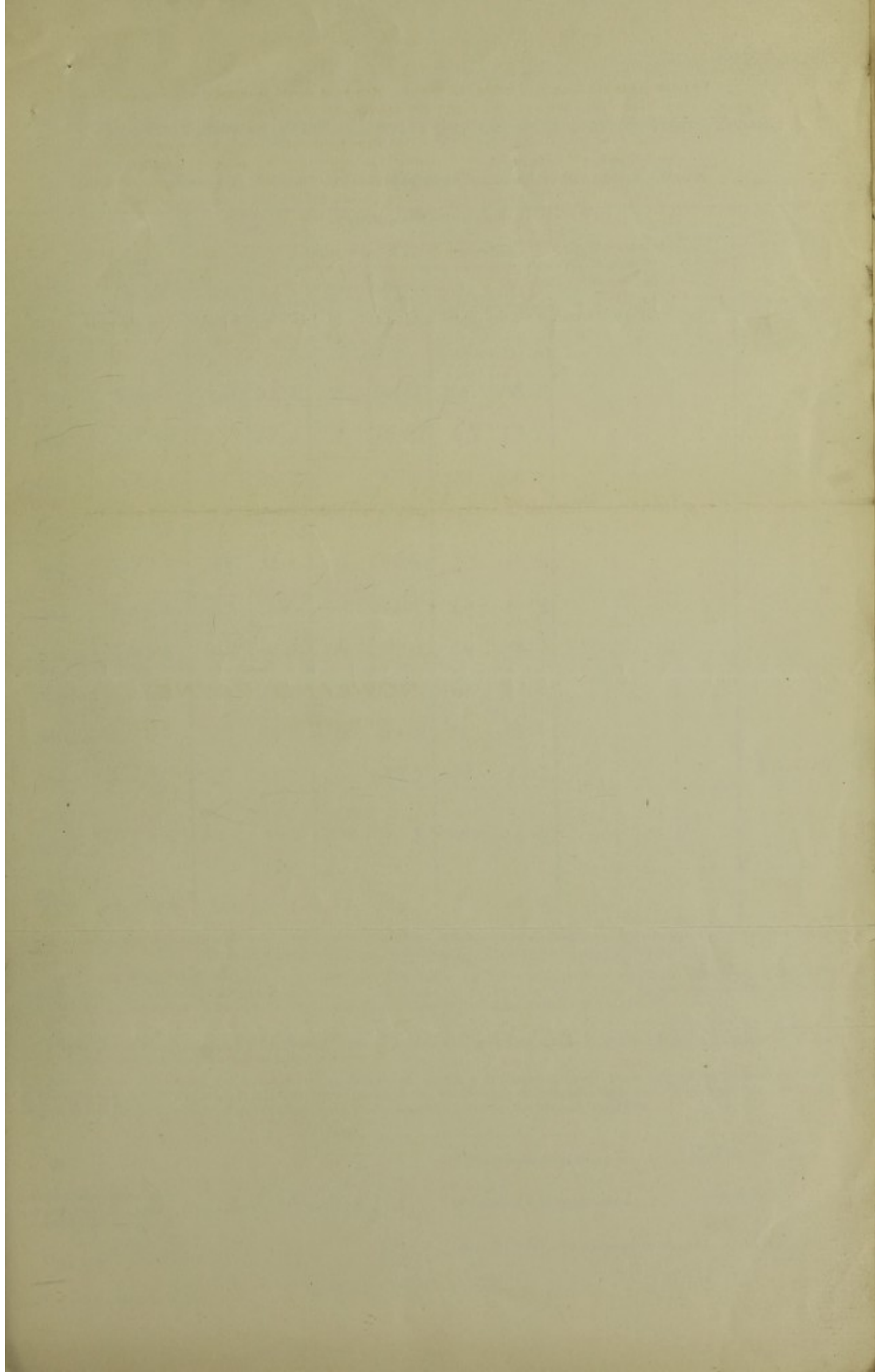
223 Nuisances have been reported, of which 219 have been abated, leaving 4 in abeyance.

32 Council notices have been served, but no legal proceedings have been taken.

The Factories and Workshops have been inspected, and in those cases where further or more efficient ventilation or drainage have been found necessary, these things have received attention.

J. ROWLAND PAYNE,

M.O.H. COLEFORD URBAN DISTRICT.



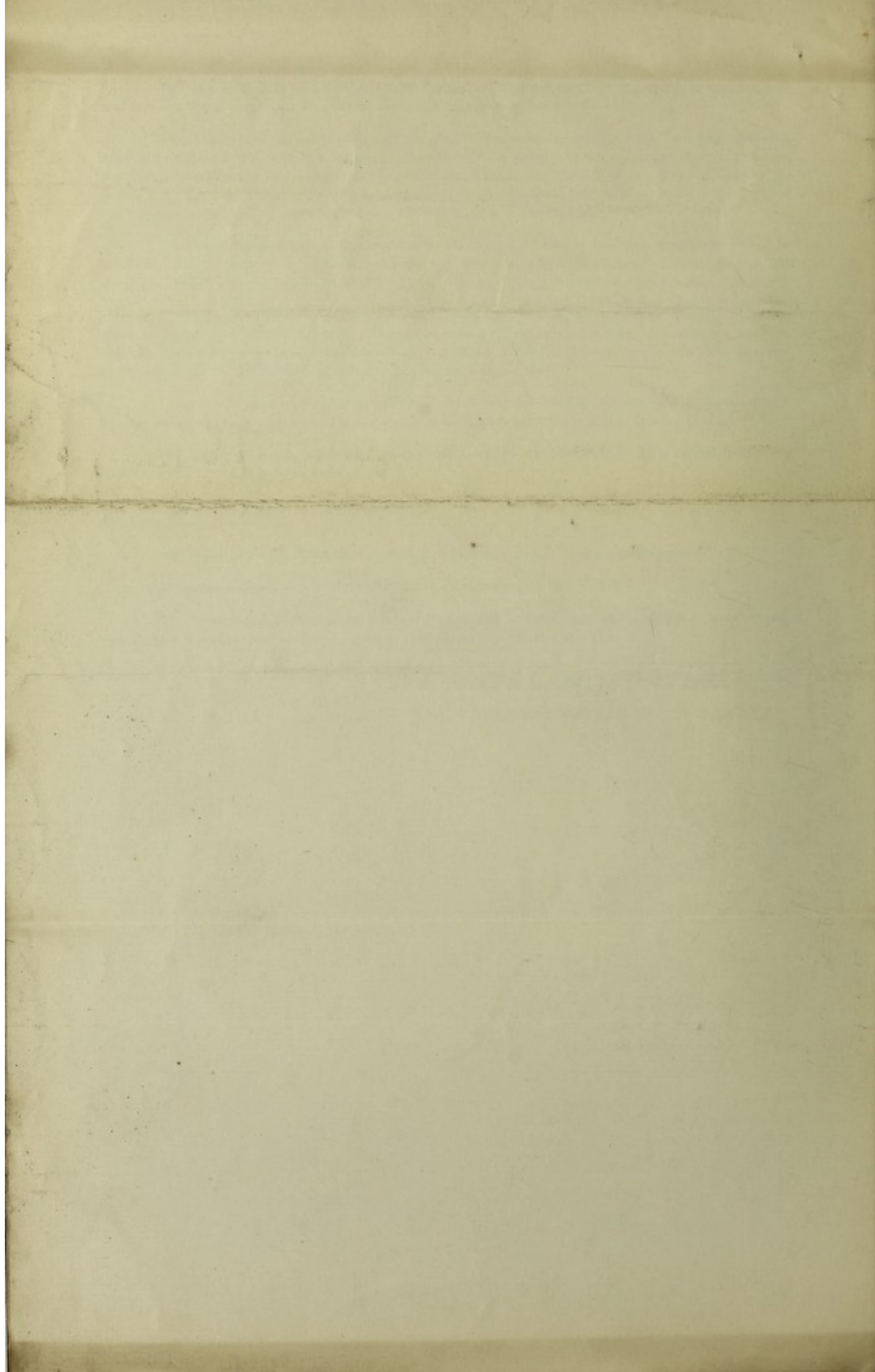


TABLE I.

Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1908 and previous Years.

Name of District Boleford Urban District

YEAR.	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	BIRTHS.		TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.				TOTAL DEATHS IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE DISTRICT.	Deaths of Non-residents registered in Public Institutions in the District.	Deaths of Residents registered in Public Institutions beyond the District.	NET DEATHS AT ALL AGES BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.	
		Number.	Rate.*	Under 1 Year of Age.		At all Ages.					Number.	Rate.*
				Number.	Rate per 1,000 Births registered.	Number.	Rate.*					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1898.	2,450	79	32.2	2	25.3	25	10.2					
1899.	2,450	55	22.4	7	127.2	47	19.1					
1900.	2,541	65	26.5	4	61.5	31	12.6					
1901.	2,541	62	24.3	7	112.9	42	16.5					
1902.	2,560	79	31.1	4	50.6	27	10.6					
1903.	2,560	59	26	7	115.7	27	10.6					
1904.	2,560	56	25.7	6	99.9	30	11.7					
1905.	2,560	70	27.3	13	185.7	61	23.8					
1906.	2,560	67	26.1	4	64.5	32	12.5					
1907.	2,594	67	25.8	4	59.7	33	12.7			1	34	13.1
Averages for years 1898-1907.	2537.6	65.9	26.7	5.8	90.3	35.5	14.0					
1908.	2,594	60	23.1	11	183.3	39	15.0					

* Rates in Columns 4, 8, and 13 calculated per 1,000 of estimated population.

NOTE.—The deaths to be included in Column 7 of this Table are the whole of those registered during the year as having actually occurred within the district or division. The deaths to be included in Column 12 are the number in Column 7, corrected by the subtraction of the number in Column 10 and the addition of the number in Column 11.

By the term "Non-residents" is meant persons brought into the district on account of sickness or infirmity, and dying in public institutions there; and by the term "Residents" is meant persons who have been taken out of the district on account of sickness or infirmity, and have died in public institutions elsewhere.

The "Public institutions" to be taken into account for the purposes of these Tables are those into which persons are habitually received on account of sickness or infirmity, such as hospitals, workhouses and lunatic asylums. A list of the Institutions in respect of the deaths in which corrections have been made should be given on the back of this Table.

		Total population at all ages	2,560	} At Census of 1901.
Area of District in acres (exclusive of area covered by water.)	} 2,235 acres	Number of inhabited houses	640	
		Average number of persons per house	4	

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Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1908 and previous Years.

I. Institutions within the District receiving sick and infirm persons from outside the District.	II. Institutions outside the District receiving sick and infirm persons from the District.	III. Other Institutions, the deaths in which have been distributed among the several localities in the District.
	<p>Gloucester General Infirmary</p>	
<p>Is the Union Workhouse within the District? <u>No</u></p>		

TABLE II. Vital Statistics of separate Localities in 1908 and previous years.

Name of District _____

NAMES OF LOCALITIES.	1. _____				2. _____				3. _____				4. _____				5. _____				6. _____				7. _____			
	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births regis- tered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births regis- tered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births regis- tered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births regis- tered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births regis- tered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births regis- tered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births regis- tered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.
Year.	a.	b.	c.	d.	a.	b.	c.	d.	a.	b.	c.	d.	a.	b.	c.	d.	a.	b.	c.	d.	a.	b.	c.	d.	a.	b.	c.	d.
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NOTES.—(a) The separate localities adopted for this table should be areas of which the populations are obtainable from the census returns, such as wards, parishes or groups of parishes, or registration sub-districts. Block 1 may, if desired, be used for the whole district; and blocks 2, 3, &c., for the several localities. In small districts without recognised divisions of known population this Table need not be filled up.

(b) Deaths of residents occurring in public institutions beyond the district are to be included in sub-columns c of this table, and those of non-residents registered in public institutions in the district excluded. (See note on Table I. as to meaning of terms "resident" and "non-resident.")

(c) Deaths of residents occurring in public institutions, whether within or without the district, are to be allotted to the respective localities according to the addresses of the deceased.

(d) Care should be taken that the gross totals of the several columns in this Table respectively equal the corresponding totals for the whole districts in Tables I. and IV.; thus, the totals of sub-columns a, b, and c should agree with the figures for the year in the columns 2, 3, and 12 respectively, of Table I.; the gross total of the sub-columns c should agree with the total of column 2 in Table IV., and the gross total of sub-columns d with the total of column 3 in Table IV.

The following table shows the number of persons who were employed in the various occupations in the District of Columbia, in the year 1890. The total number of persons employed in the District was 10,000. The occupations are classified into three groups: (1) Agriculture, (2) Manufacturing, and (3) Commerce and Services.

Occupation	Number of Persons
Agriculture	100
Manufacturing	500
Commerce and Services	9,000
Total	10,000

TABLE II
 Census of District of Columbia, 1890
 Occupation of persons in 1890

TABLE III.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1908.

Name of District *Boleford Urban District*

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	CASES NOTIFIED IN WHOLE DISTRICT.				TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED IN EACH LOCALITY.							NO. OF CASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL FROM EACH LOCALITY.							
	At all Ages.	At Ages†—Years.			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Under 1.	1 to 5.	5 to 15.															
Small-pox																			
Cholera																			
Diphtheria (including Membranous croup) ...	13	3	7																
Erysipelas																			
Scarlet fever																			
Typhus fever																			
Euteric fever																			
Relapsing fever																			
Continued fever																			
Puerperal fever	1																		
Plague																			
Totals	14	3	7																

NOTES.—The localities adopted for this table should be the same as those in Tables II. and IV.

State in space below the name of the isolation hospital, if any, to which residents in the district, suffering from infectious disease, are usually sent. Mark (H) the locality in which it is situated, or if not within the district, state where it is situated, and in what district. The name of the authority by whom the hospital is provided should also be given. Mark (W) the locality in which a workhouse is situated.

* This space may be used for record of other disease the notification (compulsory or voluntary) of which is in force in the district.

† These age columns for notifications should be filled up in all cases where the Medical Officer of Health, by inquiry or otherwise, has obtained the necessary information.

** Column 8 should be filled up with the Totals of cases removed to Hospital, whether the District is divided into separate localities or consists of only one undivided area.

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Causes of, and Ages at, Death during Year 1908.

Name of District Woleford Urban District
(See Notes at Back.)

CAUSES OF DEATH.	DEATHS AT THE SPECIFIED AGES OF "RESIDENTS" WHETHER OCCURRING IN OR BEYOND THE DISTRICT.							DEATHS AT ALL AGES OF "RESIDENTS" BELONGING TO LOCALITIES, WHETHER OCCURRING IN OR BEYOND THE DISTRICT.							TOTAL DEATHS WHETHER OF "RESIDENTS" OR "NON-RESIDENTS" IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE DISTRICT.
	All ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Small-pox															
Measles															
Scarlet fever															
Whooping-cough															
Diphtheria (including Membranous croup)	1			1											
Croup															
{ Typhus															
{ Enteric															
{ Other continued															
Epidemic influenza															
Cholera															
Plague															
Diarrhoea. (See notes at back.)															
Enteritis. (See notes at back.)	1	1													
Puerperal fever. (See notes at back.)															
Erysipelas															
Phthisis, (Pulmonary Tuberculosis.)	3				1	2									
Other tuberculous diseases.															
Cancer, malignant disease. (See notes at back.)	3					2	1								
Bronchitis	6					4	2								
Pneumonia	2	1	1												
Pleurisy															
Other diseases of Respiratory organs.															
Alcoholism } Cirrhosis of liver }	1					1									
Venereal diseases															
Premature birth	6	6													
Diseases and accidents of parturition															
Heart diseases	5	1				3	1								
Accidents															
Suicides															
<i>convulsions</i>	2	2													
<i>senility</i>	5						5								
<i>cerebral hemorrhage</i>	1					1									
<i>ball stone in Bile Duct</i>	1				1										
<i>cerebral Tumour</i>	1					1									
<i>Albuminuria Uræmia</i>	1					1									
All other causes															
All causes	39	11	1	1	2	15	9								

NOTES TO TABLES IV. AND V.

- (a) In Table IV., all deaths of "Residents" occurring in public institutions, whether within or without the district, are to be *included* with the other deaths in the columns for the several age groups (columns 2-8). They are also, in columns 9-15, to be *included* among the deaths in their respective "Localities" according to the previous addresses of the deceased as given by the Registrars. Deaths of "Non-residents" occurring in public institutions in the district are in like manner to be *excluded* from columns 2-8 and 9-15 of Table IV.
- (b) See notes on Table I. as to the meaning of "Residents" and "Non-residents," and as to the "Public Institutions" to be taken into account for the purposes of these Tables. The "Localities" in Table IV. should be the same as those in Tables II. and III.
- (c) All deaths occurring in public institutions situated within the district, whether of "Residents" or of "Non-residents," are, in addition to being dealt with as in note (a), to be entered in the last column of Table IV. The total number in this column should equal the figures for the year in column 9, Table I.
- (d) The total deaths in the several "Localities" in columns 9-15 of Table IV. should equal those for the year in the same localities in Table II., sub-columns c. The total deaths at all ages in column 2 of Table IV. should equal the gross total of columns 9-15, and the figures for the year in column 12 of Table I.
- (e) Under the heading of "Diarrhoea" are to be included deaths registered as due to Epidemic diarrhoea, Epidemic enteritis, Infective enteritis, Zymotic enteritis, Summer diarrhoea, Dysentery and Dysenteric diarrhoea, Choleraic diarrhoea, Cholera and Cholera Nostras.
- Deaths from diarrhoea secondary to some other well-defined disease should be included under the latter.
- Deaths from Enteritis, Muco-Enteritis, Gastro-Enteritis, and Gastritis (see under the heading Diarrhoeal Diseases in Table V.) in Tables IV. and V. should be placed immediately below, but separately from, those enumerated under the heading Diarrhoea as defined by enumeration above. This is particularly important for deaths under one year of age, as many of the deaths in infancy returned as due to Enteritis are really caused by Epidemic Diarrhoea. In the course of years, by the adoption of this recommendation, it will be practicable to ascertain the probable amount of transfer between these different headings.
- (f) Under the headings of "Cancer" and "Puerperal fever" should be included all registered deaths from causes comprised within these general terms. Thus: Under "Cancer" should be included deaths from Cancer, Carcinoma, Malignant disease, Scirrhous, Epithelioma, Sarcoma, Villous tumour, and Papilloma of bladder, Rodent ulcer. Under "Puerperal Fever" are to be included deaths from Pyæmia, Septicæmia, Sapræmia, Pelvic peritonitis, Peri- and Endo-Metritis occurring in the Puerperium.
- (g) Under "Congenital Defects" in Table V. are to be included deaths from Atelectasis, Icterus neonatorum, Navel hæmorrhage, Malformations and Congenital hydrocephalus.
- (h) Under "Tuberculous Meningitis" are to be included deaths from Acute hydrocephalus.
- (i) Under "Other Tuberculous Diseases" are to be included deaths from Tuberculosis, Tuberculosis of bones, joints and other organs, Lupus and Scrofula.
- (j) All deaths certified by registered Medical Practitioners and all Inquest cases are to be classed as "Certified"; all other deaths are to be regarded as "Uncertified."

In recording the facts under the various headings of Tables I., II., III., IV. and V., attention has been given to the notes on the Tables.

J. Rowland Pague Medical Officer of Health.

Date *April 18* 1909.

Table V.

V.

Colford Urban { Borough
District.

INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1903.

Deaths from stated Causes in Weeks and Months under One Year of Age.

(See Notes at back of Table IV.)

CAUSE OF DEATH.		Under 1 Week.	1-2 Weeks.	2-3 Weeks.	3-4 Weeks.	Total under 1 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 One Year.
All Causes.	Certified	8				8	1	1	1									11
	Uncertified																	
i. Common Infectious Diseases.	Small-pox																	
	Chicken-pox																	
	Measles																	
	Scarlet Fever																	
	Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)																	
ii. Diarrhoeal Diseases. (See Notes to Table IV.)	Whooping Cough ...																	
	Diarrhoea, all form ...																	
	Enteritis, Mucro-enteritis, Gastro-enteritis							1										1
iii. Wasting Diseases.	Gastritis, Gastro-intestinal Catarrh																	
	Premature Birth	6				6												6
	Congenital Defects (See Notes to Table IV.)						1											1
	Injury at Birth																	
	Want of Breast-milk, Starvation																	
iv. Tuberculous Diseases.	Atrophy, Debility, Marasmus																	
	Tuberculous Meningitis... (See Notes to Table IV.)																	
	Tuberculous Peritonitis; Tubes Mesenterica																	
v. Other Causes.	Other Tuberculous Diseases (See Notes to Table IV.)																	
	Erysipelas																	
	Syphilis																	
	Rickets																	
	Meningitis(not Tuberculous)																	
	Convulsions	2				2												2
	Bronchitis... ..																	
	Laryngitis... ..																	
Pneumonia										1							1	
Suffocation, overlying																		
Other Causes																		
		8				8	1	1	1			1						

District (or sub-division) of Colford Urban Population. 2 594
 Estimated to middle of 1903.

Births in the year { legitimate 56
 illegitimate 4

Deaths in the year of { legitimate infants 10
 illegitimate infants 1

Deaths from all Causes at all Ages 39

INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1908

Deaths from stated causes in Weeks and Months under One Year of Age (See Notes at back of Table IV.)

CAUSE OF DEATH	All Causes		White		Colored		Total
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	
Diarrhea	10	1.0	8	0.8	2	2.0	10
Enteritis	15	1.5	12	1.2	3	3.0	15
Colic	20	2.0	18	1.8	2	2.0	20
Stomachic	25	2.5	22	2.2	3	3.0	25
Cholera	30	3.0	28	2.8	2	2.0	30
Typhoid	35	3.5	32	3.2	3	3.0	35
Scarlet	40	4.0	38	3.8	2	2.0	40
Diphtheria	45	4.5	42	4.2	3	3.0	45
Whooping	50	5.0	48	4.8	2	2.0	50
Croup	55	5.5	52	5.2	3	3.0	55
Measles	60	6.0	58	5.8	2	2.0	60
Scarlatina	65	6.5	62	6.2	3	3.0	65
Smallpox	70	7.0	68	6.8	2	2.0	70
Polio	75	7.5	72	7.2	3	3.0	75
Convulsions	80	8.0	78	7.8	2	2.0	80
Brain	85	8.5	82	8.2	3	3.0	85
Spina	90	9.0	88	8.8	2	2.0	90
Other	95	9.5	92	9.2	3	3.0	95
Total	1000	10.0	950	9.5	50	5.0	1000

Deaths in the year: 1000
 Births in the year: 10000
 Population: 100000
 District (or subdivision) of: San Francisco, California