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CONGLETON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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INTERIM REPORT

on the


HEALTH AND SANITARY

CIRCUMSTANCES

OF THE DISTRICT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December, 1946.

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The total number of deaths of infants under one year of age is shown as follows:-

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	7	3	4
Illegitimate	1	0	1

This gives an infantile mortality rate of 38.2 per 1,000 live births.

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births .. 35.1.

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births, 100.

<u>Deaths.</u>	Total	Male	Female
Death all Ages	124	66	58

Death rate per 1,000 estimated average population mid-1946 .. 10.6

This compares with a death rate of 11.5 per 1,000 of the population of England and Wales.

The following table shows the deaths from all causes within the District during the year:-

Cause of Death.	Male	Female	Total
Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers	0	0	0
Cerebro-spinal fever	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	1	0	1
Other forms of tuberculosis	0	0	0
Syphilitic diseases	0	0	0
Influenza	2	2	4
Measles	0	0	0
Acute polio-myelitis and pulio-encephalitis.	0	0	0
Acute inf: encephalitis	1	0	1
Cancer of buc: cav: & oesoph:(M) uterus (F)	1	2	3
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	4	4	8
Cancer of breast	0	1	1
Cancer of all other sites	6	4	10
Diabetes	0	0	0
Intra-cranial Vascular lesions	9	7	16
Heart disease	19	15	34
Other diseases of circulatory system	0	2	2
Bronchitis	2	2	4
Pneumonia	1	1	2
Other respiratory diseases	0	0	0
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	0	0	0
Diarrhoea under two years	0	0	0
Appendicitis	0	0	0
Other digestive diseases	1	1	2
Nephritis	3	1	4
Puerperal & post-abortion: sepsis	0	0	0
Other maternal causes	0	0	0
Premature birth	1	1	2
Congenital malformation, birth inj: infant dis:	2	3	5
Suicide	0	0	0
Road traffic accidents	1	1	2
Other violent causes	1	0	1
All other causes	11	11	22
Totals	66	58	124

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH :- John Cleminson, M.B., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H.
(Joined H.M. Forces, April 17th, 1943)

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(Commenced 1st March, 1946)

SANITARY INSPECTOR:- Reginald C. Ford, M.S.I.A.

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Congleton Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you the Annual Report
for the year 1946 upon the health and sanitary circumstances
of your Area. In accordance with the instructions of the
Ministry of Health, this report is still issued in the curtailed
form.

The health of your district during the year
has remained satisfactory and there are no particular items
upon which it is necessary to make special comment.

I beg to acknowledge with thanks the kindly
help which I have received from the Council and Officials during
the year.

SECTION A.

Statistics and Social Conditions.

The Customary Notes on social conditions are not requested by
the Ministry of Health for the year ending 31st December, 1946.

Extracts from Vital Statistics.

Estimated population .. 11,690.

				Total	Male	Female
Live Births.	{ Legitimate	..	..	199	104	95
	{ Illegitimate	..	..	10	6	4
Still Births	{ Legitimate	..	..	4	2	2
	{ Illegitimate	..	..	2	2	0

Live birth rate per 1,000 estimated average population mid 1946. 17.8

This compares with a rate of 19.1 per 1,000 of the population
in England and Wales.

Still birth rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births .. 27.9

Still birth rate per 1,000 estimated average population .. 0.51

This compares with a still birth rate of 0.53 per 1,000 of the population in
England and Wales.

Closet Accommodation

No. of conversions from Conservancy to watercarriage system	15
No. of houses on conservancy system in built-up areas, including 332 in Townships referred to above, as being in need of improved sewerage disposal facilities.	441

Public Cleansing.

There has been no change in arrangements for public cleansing.

Sanitary Inspection of the area.

No. of inspections by the Sanitary Inspector	968
No. of defects remedied	520

SECTION D.

Housing.

The customary table of activities under the Housing Acts is omitted.

No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of service of informal notice	68
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served under Housing Acts requiring repairs and which were rendered fit after service of informal notice	nil.
No. of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	nil.
No. of Houses in respect of which defects were remedied after service of such notice	nil.
No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of the year	est. 300

SECTION E.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk Supply.

No. of registered Producers in the Area.	462
No. of Accredited Producers in the Area.	272
No. of T.T. Producers in the Area.	23

During the year 3 cowsheds were remodelled and 5 dairies altered.

Meat & Other Foods.

All private slaughter houses remain closed due to centralised slaughtering, but inspection of retail shops continue, in addition, all premises used for preparation of food are regularly inspected.

Deaths from Puerperal and maternal causes:-

	No. of Deaths:
Puerperal sepsis	0
Other maternal causes	0

The Maternal Mortality rate is Nil per 1,000 live and Still births.

There was no usual or excessive mortality during the year which calls for special comment and there does not appear to be any occupation having a Prejudicial effect on health.

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SECTION B

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

There has been no alteration in these services during the year under review.

SECTION C

Sanitary circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply.

The supply to the Council's district has been satisfactorily maintained during the year both as to quality and quantity, although consumption has increased. The following are details of the number of dwelling houses and population supplied from water mains (a) direct to houses (b) by means of standpipes.

(a)	<u>No. supplied</u>		<u>No. not supplied</u>		<u>No. supplied from standpipes.</u>	
<u>Parish</u>	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Houses</u>	<u>population.</u>
Arcld	49	164	---	---		
Betchton	168	560	4	13		
Bradwall	59	198	---	---		
Brereton	170	570	7	23		
Church Hulme	379	1270	---	---		
Church Lawton	307	1048	10	34		
Cranage	180	604	7	23		
Elton	54	179	---	---	4	13
Goostrey	221	742	12	40		
Hassall	76	254	2	7		
Hulme Walfield	31	104	6	20		
Moreton	44	147	6	20		
Newbold Astbury	149	500	15	50		
Odd Rode	931	3120	39	130		
Smallwood	174	583	3	10		
Somerford	72	241	3	10		
Somerford Booths	43	140	3	10		
Swettenham	73	251	11	37		
Totton	84	282	1	3		
Twenlow	27	90	3	10		
	3293	11047	132	440	4	13

Sewerage

There were no changes in the sewerage arrangements for the area during the year. All installations were satisfactorily maintained.

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SECTION F.

Prevalence of the Control Over Infectious Diseases.

Scarlet Fever.

There were sixteen cases of scarlet fever notified during the year, of whom fourteen cases were removed to the Isolation Hospital. In addition, there was notified one case of scarlet fever which was a member of H.M.Forces, this case was also removed to hospital.

Diphtheria and Diphtheria Immunisation.

There were no cases of diphtheria notified during the year.

There is a diphtheria immunisation scheme in force within the district and the following table shows the extent to which it has been used during the year:-

No. of children, under school age, immunised	..	..	73
No. of Children, of school age, immunised	..	..	86
No. of Children given a reinforcing injection	..	..	94
Total number of children who have been immunised since			
the inception of the scheme in 1941	..	..	1,065.

Infectious diseases.

The following tables show the number of cases of infectious diseases which have been notified during the year, together with the number of cases admitted to hospital and the total number of deaths from each of these diseases:--

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) DURING THE YEAR 1946

Disease		Total cases Notified	No. cases admitted to hospital	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	..	16	14	0
Diphtheria	..	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	..	25	0	0
Measles	...	6	0	0
Pneumonia	..	5	0	2
Cerebro-spinal fever	..	1	1	0
Dysentery	..	1	0	0
Erysipelas	..	6	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	..	1	0	0

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Disease	Under 1 yr.	1-	3-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65 & over
Scarlet Fever	0	1	3	6	5	1	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	3	3	5	14	0	0	0	0	0
Measles	0	0	1	3	1	0	1	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0
Cerebro-spinal fever.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Dysentery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Erysipelas	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	2	0

TUBERCULOSIS

Table of New Cases and Mortality during the
Year ended 31st December, 1946.

Age periods	New Cases				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-respiratory	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Up to 1 year ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5 ..	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
5 - 15 ..	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
15 - 25 ..	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35 ..	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45 ..	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
45 - 55 ..	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65 ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over ..	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Totals	3	4	2	3	1	0	0	0

Factories Act, 1937

No additional certificates were granted regarding fire escapes during the year.

My thanks are due to the Sanitary Inspector and the Surveyor, for their help in the compilation of this Report.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient Servant.

R. BENNETT.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.