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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
DARLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I hereby present the Annual Report on the Vital Statistics and Sanitation of your District for the year ended December 31st 1941.

Owing to the necessity of strict economy the Ministry of Health have again advised the curtailment of all reports, hence only a skeleton outline of the essential and urgent matters appertaining to Public Health will be mentioned.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS
OF THE AREA.

Area of Rural District in acres.....	45,064.
Resident Population mid 1941.....	9570.
Number of Inhabited Houses (end 1941).....	2630.
Sum represented by a penny rate.....	£207.15.1.

The chief Industries are Agriculture and Lime Burning, and general quarrying. Many of the population are engaged in Works in the Borough of Darlington, and the Urban District of Sheldon.

STATISTICS
AND BIRTHS AND BIRTH RATE.

The number of births in the District was.....143.
The sex legitimacy classification is drawn thus:-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total.	79.	64.
Legitimate.	74.	62.
Illegitimate.	5.	2.

The Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population is 14.9
This compares with the Birth Rate of 14.2 for England and Wales.

Still Births	5 were registered.	
	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total.	3.	2.
Legitimate.	2.	-.
Illegitimate.	1.	2.

This gives the Still Birth Rate of the population as 0.34
The corresponding figure for England and Wales is 0.51.

Deaths and Death Rate.

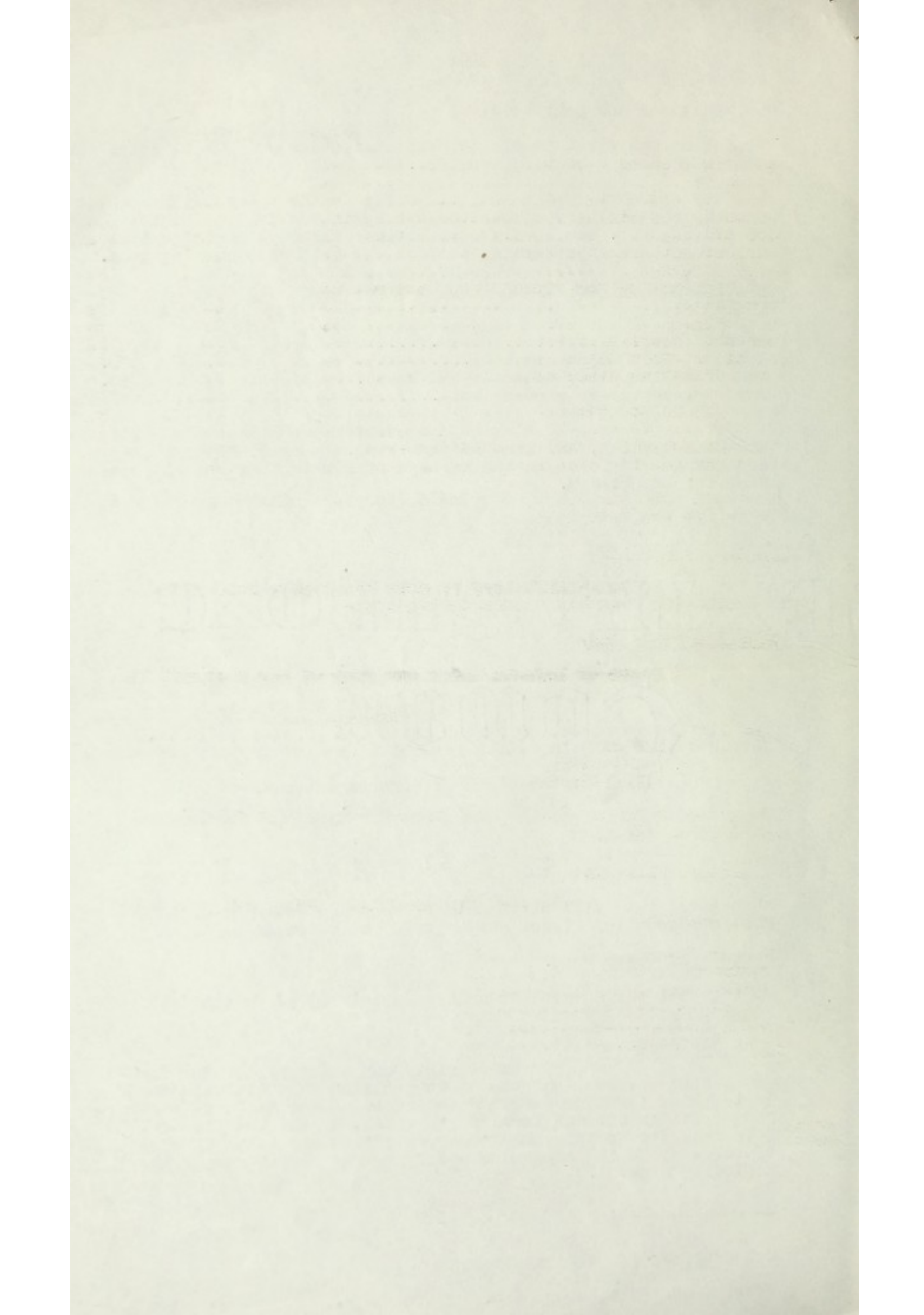
During 1941 there were 106 deaths registered 57 Male and 49 Female.

COMPARABILITY FACTOR.

The variety and magnitude of the local population movement and the uneven incidence of civilian war deaths have together combined to frustrate the attempt to secure comparability between local death rates, by the use of Areal Comparability Factors, and the preparation and issue of such factors, are being suspended under present conditions by the Registrar General.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.	3.	1.	4.
Other forms of Tuberculosis.	-1.	1.	1.



	Male.	Female.	Total.
Syphilitic Disease	1.	1.	1.
Influenza..	1.	1.	1.
Acute Infantile Encephalitis.....	1.	1.	1.
Cancer (all forms).....	9.	5.	14.
Diabetes.....	1.	1.	1.
Intra cranial Vascular Lesions.....	7.	4.	11.
Heart Disease.....	10.	9.	19.
Other diseases of the Circulatory System..	1.	2.	3.
Bronchitis.....	6.	4.	10.
Pneumonia.....	3.	2.	5.
Ductal Ulcer.....	1.	1.	1.
Infantile Diarrhoea.....	1.	1.	1.
Other digestive diseases.....	1.	3.	3.
Nephritis.....	1.	4.	4.
Premature Births etc.....	3.	2.	5.
Suicide.....	1.	2.	2.
Accident and other violent causes.....	7.	1.	7.
All other causes.....	5.	7.	12.

The death rate is 11.07. The death rate for England and Wales is 12. 9. for the year 1941.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

It is satisfactory to note that there were again ~~were~~ no death from Puerperal Causes during 1941.

Infantile Mortality.

Death of Infants under one year of age numbered 11.

	Male .	Female.
Total.	6.	5.
Legitimate.	5.	5.
Illegitimate.	1.	1.

This gives a rate of 76.2. The corresponding rate for England and Wales is 59.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

166 cases were notified during the year under review namely:-

Scarlet Fever.....	6
Diphtheria.....	11.
Erysipelas.....	1.
Pneumonia.....	3.
Paratyphoid.....	1.
Whooping Cough.....	61.
Measles.....	83.
Tuberculosis.....	6 cases were notified.
(Pulmonary.....)	5.
(Non-Pulmonary.....)	2.

It has not been necessary to take any action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925 relating to persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade.



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Due to the increased demand for milk, many farms not previously producing milk have turned over to milk production.

In many of these the draw back is in the inadequacy of the water supply for milking the cows and the cooling of the milk etc, with the result that many complaints have been received of the keeping quality of the milk, and dirty samples. Excuse is also made of the difficulty of procuring milk coolers, and the labour shortage.

It is impossible under war conditions to provide water supplies, but there are strong grounds for seeing that every farm under normal conditions, more especially dairy farms, have an adequate supply of wholesome water.

These conditions mainly apply to outlying farms, and it is possible that when conditions become normal, some steps will have to be taken to provide combined supplies for a group of farms in the same locality.

The difficulty will not be unaccountable in this district where there are three water undertakings, and water mains traverse throughout the district.

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