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OF THE

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR EAST SUSSEX,

For the Year ended 31st December, 1925,

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SANITARY DISTRICTS.

		opulations,	Popula- tions	THE PERSON NAMED IN THE
District.	As enumera- ted.	As corrected by Registrar General.	Estimated by Registrar General at middle of 1925.	Medical Officer of Health.
Borough of Hove	46,505	44,150	45,000	Augustine Griffith, M.D. (State Medicine), D.P.H.
Borough of Bexhill	20,363	17,610	18,750	George Henry Weston, B.A., M.B., D.P.H.
Borough of Lewes	10,797	10,700	11,110	William A. Dow, M.D., M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
Borough of Rye	3,920	3,832	3,835	Thomas Tomkinson Harratt, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
Urban District of Battle	2,891	2,868	3,039	Daniel Brough, M.B., C.M., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
Urban District of Burgess Hill	5,647	5,540	5,600	Hugh Stott, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
Urban District of Cuckfield	1,928	1,873	1,846	" "
Urban District of East Grinstead	7,322	7,210	7,946	W. E. Wallis, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
Urban District of Haywards Heath	5,091	4,996	4,923	Hugh Stott, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H
Urban District of Newhaven	6,435	6,460	6,667	Rodie Parkhurst, M.B., C.M.
Urban District of Portslade-by- Sea	7,696	7,670	8,130	Augustine Griffith, M.D. (State Medicine), D.P.H.
Urban District of Seaford	6,989	6.040	6,474	Hugh Stott, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
Urban District of Uckfield	3,385	3,350	3,380	D.P.H.
Rural District of Battle	6,291	6,210	6,320	n n
Rural District of Chailey	12,769	12,590	12,740	William A. Dow, M.D., M.B., B.S.,
Rural District of Cuckfield	16,855	16,350	16,490	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. Hugh Stott, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
Rural District of Eastbourne	5,812	5,630	5,994	D.F.H.
Rural District of East Grinstead	13,845	13,530	14,010	
Rural D strict of Hailsham	18,462	18,290	18,530	n n
Rural District of Hastings	1,871	1,829	1,929	Frank Benjamin Lewis, L.R.C.P.,
Rural District of Newhaven	6,211	5,860	7,757	L.R.C.S. Hugh Stott, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
Rural District of Rye	6,925	6,830	6,888	D.P.H. Walter Wynne, M.B., C.M.
Rural District of Steyning (East)	*3,529	*3,453	3,592	Augustine Griffith, M.D. (State
Rural District of Ticehurst	12,938	12,800	12,730	Medicine), D.P.H. Hugh Stott, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
Rural District of Uckfield	26,757	26,180	26,420	D.F.M.
Port of Newhaven	-	-	-	Rodie Parkhurst, M.B., C.M.
Port of New Shoreham	-	-	-	W. J. Butcher, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

^{*} Including the population of Moulsecoomb, which was incorporated in the County Borough of Brighton on the 1st October 1923.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF EAST SUSSEX.

Mr. Chairman, My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present with this my Annual Report on the health conditions prevailing in your Administrative County during the twelve months ended the 31st December, 1925.

POPULATION.

The population of the Administrative County was estimated by the Registrar-General as having been 260,100 at the middle of the year 1925.

	Grouped Dist	tricts.		Census (1911). Population.	Census (1921). Population as enumerated.	Census (1921). Population as corrected.	Estimated Population as a the middle of 1925.	
Hove Bexhill Lewes	. ::	::	::	42,173 15,330 10,972	46,505 20,363 10,797	44,150 17,610 10,700	45,000 18,750 11,110	
3 Large 10 Other 12 Rural	Urban Districts	s ::	::	68,475 47,366 126,305	77,665 51,304 *132,265	72,460 49.839 *129,552	74,860 51,840 13 ,400	
The Adm	inistrative Cou	nty		242,146	261,234	251,851	260,100	

^{*}These figures include the population of Moulseccomb, in the Steyning East Rural District, which was incorporated in the County Borough of Brighton on 1st October, 1923.

PRINCIPAL HEALTH RATES.

The following figures shew the principal health rates for the Administrative County for the year 1925 and for each of the five preceding years; the corresponding rates for England and Wales are added for purposes of comparison:—

			East S	ussex.				Engle	end and	Wales.		
Birth Rate—Number of births per 1,000 of popula-	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
	20.1	16.71	15.59	15.11	14	13.56	25.4	22.4	20.6	19.7	18.8	18.3
Death Rate — Number of deaths from all causes per 1,000 of population		11.5	11.81	11.25	11.85	12.01	12.4	12.1	12.8	11.6	12.2	12.2
Infantile Mortality — Num- ber of deaths at ages under 12 months, per 1,000 births during the year		50.36	51.64	45.24	48.33	44.53	80	83	77	69	75	75
Death rate from Diarrhoea and Enteritis—Number of deaths at ages under 2 years, per 1,000 births during the year		3.8	3.04	2.84	1.66	2.55	8.3	15.5	6.58	8.12	7.3	8.4
Death rate from Pulmonary Tuberculosis—Number of deaths per 1,000 of popula- tion	.69	-59	.66	- 75	-7	6	.871	. 884	. 889	.836	.841	.833
Death Rate from Non-Pul- monary Tuberculosis — Number of Deaths per 1000 of population		.19	.14	.17	.17	.19	.26	.24	.23	.23	.22	.2
Death rate from Cancer— Number of deaths per 1,000 of population	1.51	1.61	1.54	1.57	1.74	1.72	1.166	1.215	1.229	1.267	1.297	1.336
Maternal Mortality—Number of deaths of mothers per 1,000 births during the year	4.96	4.04	4.56	2.85	3.31	2.6	4-33	3.91	3.81	3.82	3.9	4.08

RECENT LEGISLATION AFFECTING PUBLIC HEALTH.

During the course of the year some important Acts, Statutory Regulations, and Orders affecting public health, wholly or in part under the Administration of the County Health Authority, came into force.

(I.) The Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, issued on the 31st July, 1925, by the Minister of Health in the exercise of powers vested in him by the Public Health Act, 1875, and subsequent Public Health Acts, came into operation on the date of issue.

These Regulations provide that if a Local Authority, on a report in writing by their Medical Officer of Health, are satisfied that a person residing in their District and in any employment or occupation in connection with a dairy involving the milking of cows, the treatment of milk, or the handling of vessels used for containing milk, is suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis and is in an infectious state, they may, by notice in writing, signed by the Clerk or the Medical Officer of Health, require such person to discontinue his employment or occupation on or before the date specified in the notice, such date being not less than 7 days after the service of the notice. The Regulations give right to appeal to a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, and provision is made for the payment of compensation for damages sustained by reason of exercise of powers given by the Regulations.

- (II.) The Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act, 1915, the full operation of which has been suspended from time to time by Parliament, was made operative by an Order of the Minister of Health on the 1st September, 1925;
- (III.) The Tuberculosis Orders, 1925, dealing with tuberculous milk cows, and milk cows with certain other diseases, issued by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries on the 13th July and 5th August, 1925, came into operation on the 1st September, 1925.

The Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act, 1915, is administered by the Public Health and Housing Committee of the County Council, whilst the administration of the Tuberculosis Order is the duty of the County Agricultural Committee.

The two, taken in conjunction, are designed for the protection of the public against the dangers of tuberculous milk, by the gradual elimination of tuberculous cows from dairy herds.

(IV.) The Public Health Act, 1925. This Act, which became operative on the 8th September, 1925, is concerned mainly with the powers of District Sanitary Authorities, but three sections especially concern the County Sanitary Authority.

Section 61 (1) provides specifically "for the removal of doubts," that when in accordance with Section 2 of the Public Health (Prevention and Treatment of Disease) Act, 1913, a County Council is declared by the Ministry of Health to be an authority to execute and enforce regulations made under Section 130 of the Public Health Act, 1875, for checking the spread of dangerous epidemic disease, such regulations may, with the consent of the Council, authorise the Council to themselves provide, or to arrange for the provision of, means for the isolation and treatment of cases of disease to which the regulations apply, as if the Council were a local sanitary authority under the Public Health Acts, 1875-1907.

Section 62 (I) provides that when it is proved to the satisfaction of a court of summary jurisdiction that a person with pulmonary tuberculosis is in an infectious state and is without lodging or accommodation proper for such a case, and that risk of infection is caused thereby to other persons, and that a suitable institution exists for the accommodation of the infected person, the court may, on an application either by the County Council or by the Local Sanitary Authority and with the consent of the governing body of the institution, make an order for the removal to and for the detention and maintenance of the infected person in that institution.

Section 66 (1) of the Act provides that

"Without prejudice and in addition to any other power under any other Act, a county council or local authority shall have power, with the consent of the Minister of Health, to make such arrangements as they may think desirable, for assisting in the prevention of blindness, and in particular for the treatment of persons ordinarily resident within their area suffering from any disease of or injury to the eyes."

(V.) The Public Health (Preservatives, etc., in Food), Regulations, 1925, issued on the 4th August, 1925, by the Minister of Health in the exercise of powers vested in him by the Public Health Acts, 1875, etc., will come into partial operation on the 1st July, 1927, and into full operation on the 1st July, 1928.

The Regulations provide (Clause 4) that no person shall manufacture for sale or sell any article of food which contains any added preservative, or any one of certain colouring matters specified in the First Schedule of the Regulations, except that the use of sulphur dioxide and benzoic acid are allowed in certain articles of food and drink.

The Regulations come into force on the 1st January, 1928, so far as they relate to butter and cream and to the revocation of such of the provisions of the Public Health (Milk and Cream) Regulations, 1912 and 1917, as relate to cream. So far as the Regulations prohibit the sale of an article of food containing any preservative which is necessarily introduced by the use in its preparation, they come into force on the 1st July, 1927, in the case of bacon, ham and margarine, and on the 1st July, 1928, in the case of butter.

HOUSING.

From the information available it would appear that 1482 new houses were completed and occupied during 1925, and that about 694 additional houses were still in course of construction on the 31st December, 1925, Of the houses completed and occupied during the year, 185 were provided under housing schemes entered into by certain local sanitary authorities, and 1297 had been built by private enterprise.

Building in the urban and rural groups of districts in the Administrative County proceeded as follows :-

	Population -		Number of Houses completed and occupied during 1925.				
	(estimated at middle of 1925).	Built under Housing Schemes of Local Authority.	Built by Private Enterprise.	struction on the 31st December, 1925.	Total.		
3 Larger Towns (Hove, Bexhill and Lewes) 10 Smaller Urban	74,860	108	363	196	667		
Districts	51,840 133,400	40 37	190 744	381	340 1169		
	260,100	185	1297	694	2176		

The following Table gives particulars as to building operations in each of the several sanitary districts during the year. Except in the cases noted it is not stated to what extent private enterprise has been assisted by subsidy by the Local Sanitary Authority.

District.		Houses completed durin 31st Decembe		Number of houses in course of construction	Total
District.		Under Local Authority's Scheme.	By Private Enterprise.	on 31st December, 1925.	Total
Three Larger Town	s		AND DESCRIPTIONS		
Bexhill		40	138	70	248
Hove		68	184	119	371
Lewes		0	41	7	48
		108	363	196	667
Ten Smaller Urban	Districts				
Rye		0	6	8	14
Battle	7.1	0	13	0	13
Burgess Hill		0	9	10	19
Cuckfield		0	3	2	5
East Grinstead		0	23	27	50
Haywards Heath		40	4	16	60
Newhaven		0	28	16	44
Portslade-by-Sea		0	31 (a)	6	37
Seaford		0	66	24	90
Uckfield		0	7	I	8
	hon	40	190	110	340
Twelve Rural Distri	icts.		NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY.		
Battle	+-	0	31	3	34
Chailey		0	38	19	57
Cuckfield		0	77	49	126
Eastbourne		0	45	18	63
East Grinstead	4.0	6	60	53	119
Hailsham		0	73	33	106
Hastings		0	22	37	59
Newhaven	1	23	163	52	238
Rye		8	29	7	44
Steyning	4.0	0	65	34	99
Ticehurst		0	32 (b)	29	61
Uckfield		0	109	54	163
		37	744	388	1169

⁷ of these houses erected with subsidy.
The District Council made a grant of £90 each, in respect of 18 of these houses, under the Housing Act, 1923.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE WORK.

Births.

The birth rate for the Administrative County was 13.56 per 1,000 persons living, the lowest rate recorded since the year 1917.

The total number of births registered during the year was 3,526. The County Council is the Authority under the Maternity and Child Welfare and the Notification of Births Acts for the whole area, with the exception of the Borough of Hove and the Urban District of Portslade-by-Sea, and is the Local Supervising Authority under the Midwives Acts for the whole area except the Borough of Hove. Of these births, 631 were registered in the Borough of Hove and the Urban District of Portslade-by-Sea.

East Sussex (excluding the Borough of Hove and the Urban District of Portslade-by-Sea) 2,895 births. Borough of Hove and Urban District of Portslade-by-Sea ... 631 births.

Maternal Mortality Rate.

It will be seen that 2,895 births were registered in the County area to which, for the purpose of estimating the maternal mortality, 137 must be added for the Urban District of Portslade-by-Sea. These 3,032 births include 28 cases of twins and one case of triplets, so that the number of women confined was actually 3,002. Amongst those women 8 deaths occurred, giving a maternal mortality of 2.66 per 1,000 births. Of these 8 deaths, 4 only (one in Portslade Urban District, one in Chailey Rural, one in Hailsham Rural and one in Uckfield Rural District) were due to puerperal sepsis, and the remaining 4 to other diseases or accidents of pregnancy and parturition.

The following table shews the maternal mortality rates for East Sussex as compared with those for England and Wales:—

Year.	England and Wales.	County of East Sussex (without Hove).		
1920	4-33	5.1		
1921	3.91	4.4		
1922	3.81	4.6		
1923	3.82	2.7		
1924	3.9	3.9		
1925	4.08	2.6		

Infantile Mortality.

The infantile mortality rate in the Administrative County for the year 1925 was 44.53 per 1,000 births, the lowest rate yet recorded for the County; the corresponding rate for England and Wales was 75 per 1,000 births.

The following figures shew the infantile mortality rates for England and Wales and for East Sussex for the period 1906 to 1925:—

ENGLAND AND WALES: Deaths at ages under one year per 1,000 births.

Number of deaths.				1918-1923. Number of deaths.			Number of deaths.				
1906 1907 1908 1909 1910		132 118 120 109 105 130	1912 1913 1914 1915 1916		95 108 105 110 91 96	1918 1919 1920 1921 1922 1923		97 89 80 83 77 69	1924 1925	::	75 75
	Average annual rate per 1,000 births, 119		Average annual rate per 1,000 births, 100.8			Average annual rate per 1,000 births, 82.5			Average annual rate per 1,000 births, 75		

EAST SUSSEX: Deaths at ages under one year per 1,000 births.

1906-1911.	1912-1917.	1918-1923.	1924-1925.		
Number of deaths.	Number of deaths.	Number of deaths.	Number of deaths.		
1906 85.8 1907 86.8 1908 76.1 1909 74.7 1910 75.9 1911 81.9	1912 57.3 1913 68.1 1914 73.8 1915 86.07 1916 70 1917 69.95	1918 67.34 1919 62.06 1920 46.39 1921 50.36 1922 51.64 1923 45.24	1924 . 48.32 1925 . 44.53		
Average annual rate ;	Average annual rate per	Average annual rate per	Average annual rate per		
1,000 births, 80.22	1,000 births, 70.87	1,000 births, 53.83	1,000 births, 46.43		

Attention is called to Chart I (page 22), shewing a steady and nearly continuous reduction in the infant mortality which has been in progress during the last 25 years.

Midwifery Service.

The number of certified midwives on the Register at the end of 1924 within the area for which the County Maternity and Child Welfare Committee is the Local Supervising Authority, was 144, of whom 137 were trained and 7 were untrained. During the year 1925, 42 new names were added to the Register, in many cases, however, the midwife practising only temporarily in the area. During the year 2 midwives ceased practising and 39 left the County area. Thus, on the 31st December, 1925, there were 145 midwives on the Register, of whom 140 had passed the qualifying examination of the Central Midwives Board, after a complete course of training, whilst 5 were women, mostly untrained, who had been registered as having been in practice as bona fide midwives when the Midwives Act of 1902 was passed.

The numbers of midwives on the register within the area at the end of each of the last five years, were as follow:—

	Registered after examination by Central Midwives Board.	Registered as bona fide Midwives.	Total
1921	134	20	154
1922	126	13	139
1922	128	13	136
1924	137	7	144
1925	140	5	145

The following table shews the number of midwifery or maternity cases attended by the midwives practising in the area during the year:—

	Number of Midwives	Number of Births		Engaged	as Maternity N	urse.
	practising on 31st Dec., 1925.	attended during year.	Engaged as Midwife.	Medical Practitioner absent.	Medical Practitioner present.	Total
Trained Midwives: Working for Associa- tions affiliated to East Sussex County						
Nursing Federation Working for Non-affili-	115	2007	1316	238	453	691
ated Associations Working inde-	5	160	120	8	32	40
pendently Untrained Midwives: Working inde-	20	92	58	9	25	34
pendently	5	59	54	2	3	5
Totals	145	2318	1548	257	513	770

The total number of infants born in the County area (exclusive of the Borough of Hove) during the year was 3,032; and the importance of the work of the midwives will be understood when it is found that the 186 certified women in practice (of whom 124 were subsidised by the County Council's annual grant for Maternity and Child Welfare Work) attended, either as maternity nurse or as midwife, about 77 per cent. of the total number of mothers who were confined during the year. Altogether, 2,318 births were attended; in 1,805 cases the nurse acted as midwife, having been engaged as such in 1,548 cases, and having acted as such in 257 other cases in which the services of a medical practitioner had been arranged for, but were not available at the time of the confinement. In the remaining 513 cases the midwife was engaged as a maternity nurse, a medical practitioner being present at the confinement.

In 211 of the "midwives' cases" it was necessary to send for medical help before the child was born; and in 191 other cases medical assistance, either for the mother or for her infant, became necessary after the confinement. The assistance of a medical practitioner was thus necessary in 402 cases out of 1,805 in which the nurse was acting as a midwife, as compared with 407 cases out of 1,661 attended by midwives during 1924 in which medical help was required. The fees paid by the County Council to medical practitioners called in amounted to £231 4s. 9d. during the year 1925, as compared with an amount of £174 2s. od. paid similarly during 1924. Of these amounts the patients repaid to the County Council £80 os. 6d. in 1925, and £82 8s. 6d. in 1924.

Provision of Hospital Midwifery Treatment. Arrangements are in force whereby women who require special treatment in their confinement are admitted into the Sussex Maternity and Women's Hospital, Brighton, the Crowborough Cottage Hospital, and the recently established Maternity Home at Tunbridge Wells.

The Maternity and Child Welfare Committee's scheme provides hospital treatment in the following cases:—

- (1) In cases of immediate urgency, when sudden danger or difficulty arise in the course of confinement, the medical practitioner in attendance may send the case into hospital forthwith, and the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee assume responsibility for such part of the hospital charges as the patient is unable to meet;
- (2) In certain cases, in which there is reason to apprehend dangerous complication of a forthcoming confinement, the patient is admitted into hospital before the confinement begins;
- (3) In cases in which the home conditions are unsuitable for confinement, admission into hospital is similarly arranged; in these cases either (a) the house may be so insanitary that the woman cannot safely undergo her confinement there, or (b) the home conditions, although otherwise satisfactory, may be such that no proper accommodation is available, and
- (4) In cases, which occur only occasionally, in which the woman is living in a part of the country so remote from the residence of either a medical practitioner or a midwife, that satisfactory arrangements for home confinement cannot be made.

During 1925 altogether 56 women were provided with hospital treatment at the Sussex Maternity and Women's Hospital, Brighton, and 3 cases were admitted into the Crowborough Cottage Hospital. Of the 59 cases thus admitted into hospital, 17 were admitted because of difficulties arising directly in connection with labour, and 25 were cases in which ante-natal observation had detected disease or deformity which necessitated hospital treatment in the interests of the mother or the infant, or both. In the remaining 17 cases the home conditions were unfavourable for one reason or another.

	-	Sussex Maternity and Women's Hospital.	Crowborough Cottage Hospital.	Total.
Emergencies arising directly in connection with lab	OUL	17	_	17
Induction of premature labour		9	_	9 8
Pregnancy complicated by albuminuria		8	_	
Various		8	-	8
Unfavourable home conditions:— Medical attendance not available Insanitary home conditions, overcrowding, etc.		4	_ 3	4 13
		56	3	59

In addition to the above, responsibility was accepted for the cost of treatment of a woman admitted to the Eastbourne Maternity Hospital.

The total cost of treatment provided for these cases by the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee was £419 5s. od. towards which the patients themselves contributed £152 5s. 7d., leaving £266 19s. 5d. as the nett cost to the County Council, as against a total cost of £286 3s. 4d. (towards which the patients contributed £81 5s. 3d.) for the year 1924.

Provision for Unmarried Mothers and their Infants. Two Hostels—one maintained by the Chichester Diocesan Purity Association at Hove, the other, the Bell Hostel, maintained by the local branch of the British Red Cross Society at Eastbourne—are available for the reception of unmarried mothers and their infants, until the latter reach the age of 12 months. Both institutions are managed excellently; and have fully trained nurses as matrons in charge. The Hove Hostel receives the mother and infant; the Bell Hostel at Eastbourne has special lying-in wards, so that the mother can be confined in the institution. The cases remain in the hostels until the infant, having reached the age of 12 months, no longer requires breast feeding. After a time, the mothers are allowed to go out for day service—either as domestic servants or as shop assistants—under conditions which provide for necessary attention being given to the infant. During the year 1925 five unmarried mothers with their infants were maintained in the Bell Hostel, Eastbourne, and one at the Hostel at Hove.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres. The number of centres in existence during the year was 33. The work at the Ditchling and Rye Centres has been temporarily suspended, so that at the end of the year only 31 centres were open. All of the Centres have regular Medical Officers, and the District Nursing Superintendents visit the Centres within their respective districts from time to time, for the purpose of giving health talks, etc.

COUNTY NURSING SERVICE.

East Sussex County Nursing Scheme. The Scheme for co-ordinating the County Council's health nursing work with the general nursing by means of a close co-operation with the East Sussex Nursing Federation, continues to work most satisfactorily.

The five District Nursing Superintendents carried out during the year the following routine work for the three Committees of the County Council which are directly concerned, with the East Sussex County Nursing Federation, in the Joint Scheme.

Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.

(i) Infant Visiting: The District Superintendents are responsible for routine infant visiting in the relatively small number of parishes in which a District Nurse is not available. The numbers of visits paid to infants and young children during the year were as follows:—

- (a) to infants under the age of 12 months: 355 visits.
- (b) to infants and young children between the ages of one and five years: 646 visits.
- (ii) The District Superintendents are also responsible for the supervision of the infant visiting work of the District Nurses.
- (iii) Attendances at Maternity and Child Welfare Centres: There are 31 such centres established under the supervision of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, and these were visited on 163 occasions. "Talks" on the management of infants and young children were given at 145 of these visits; the 18 other visits were made for the purposes of inspection, etc.
- (iv) Supervision of Midwives: One hundred and eighty-six certified midwives were in practice within the County area during the year; and 383 visits of inspection were made by the District Nursing Superintendents. In addition to these routine visits for inspection, etc., 44 special visits were paid in connection with cases of puerperal infection, ophthalmia neonatorum, etc.

Education Committee.

(Medical Inspection Sub-Committee.)

(i) Attendance at Routine Medical Inspections of School Children: On occasions of emergency, when the services of a district nurse have not been available, the District Superintendents have attended, for the purpose of assisting at 8 Routine Medical Inspections, and

at 17 Dental Clinics.

- (ii) Routine Head Inspections: 128 visits to Schools for the purpose of inspecting the children's heads have been paid by the District Superintendents: altogether 89 schools were visited, and 12,337 examinations made.
- (iii) Arranging for Attendance of Children at Hospital Treatment Centres: The District Superintendents arranged for the attendance at hospitals of 237 children requiring operations for enlarged tonsils and adenoids and for minor ailments, or for refraction. Arrangements were also made by the District Superintendents for the attendance of 85r children at School Clinics for the purpose of refraction.
- (iv) "Swabbing" Throats, in connection with outbreaks of Diphtheria or Suspected Diphtheria: During the year 58 children were visited at their homes for the purpose of taking "swabs" from the nose and throat, and altogether 88 "swabs" were taken and submitted to bacteriological examination.

Public Health and Housing Committee.

The work of the District Nursing Superintendents for the Public Health and Housing Committee is mainly in connection with dealing with tuberculosis. Four of the 5 Superintendents act as Dispensary Nurses at the four County Dispensaries for Tuberculosis and have attended at 253 sessions: 628 home visits have been paid to persons with tuberculosis. In addition to this, the Superintendents arrange as to the setting up of out-door shelters loaned by the Public Health and Housing Committee to tuberculous patients.

In addition to the routine work detailed above, the District Superintendents have given much help in other directions by arranging the admission into hospitals of women and young children under the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee's Scheme, and by making inquiries in connection with various branches of the County Public Health work. Two of the District Superintendents have been appointed Petitioning Officers under the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913, for the purpose of presenting petitions, in the absence of the regular Petitioning Officer, in cases for which the County Committee for the Care of the Mentally Defective are responsible.

District Nursing Arrangements.

Altogether 90 District Nursing Associations, employing 121* nurses, received nursing grants from the County Council. Of these Associations 88 were affiliated to the East Sussex County Nursing Federation and two were "unattached." The grant allowed by the County Council is based upon the salary paid to their nurse by the District Association. Speaking generally, in the case of a whole-time "midwife" (i.e., a nurse who does not do any general nursing), the grant is equal to the salary paid; in the case of a "maternity nurse" (i.e., a nurse who is occcupied in both midwifery work and general nursing), the grant amounts to one-half of the salary paid. In either case, all fees received by the Association in respect of either midwifery or maternity nursing are deducted from the grant allowed for the year. In addition to the "midwifery and health visiting" grant, a small annual allowance is made in respect of cost of uniform and upkeep of bicycle.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The death rate from pulmonary tuberculosis in East Sussex for the year 1925 was at the rate of .6 per 1,000 of the population, being, with the exception of the rate of .59 reported in 1921, the lowest known in the County. The curve shewn in *Chart 2* (page 22) makes evident the steady and continuous fall, except for the rise during the years of the European War, which has characterised during the last 17 years the death rate from pulmonary tuberculosis.

The figures given below shew the rates for England and Wales and for East Sussex during the 17 years 1909 to 1925.

England and Wales: Death Rates from Pulmonary Tuberculosis per 1,000 living.

Average annual rate, per 1,000 living, 1.024		Average annual rate, per 1,000 living, 1.174			Average annual rate, per 1,000 living, .89			Average annual rate, per 1,000 living, .837			
1913	-	.989	1918	**	1.323	1923	1.4	.836			
1912		1.022	1917		1.229	1922	2.5	.889			
1911	100	1.062	1916		1.156	1921		.884			
1910		.988	1915		1.137	1920		.871	1925		.833
1909		1.063	1914		1.024	1919		.978	1924		.841

East Sussex: Death Rates from Pulmonary Tuberculosis per 1,000 living.

Average	annual r		Average a	innual living,		Average a	nnual :		Average 1.000	annual i	
1913	**	.88	1918		-99	1923		-75			
1912		.73	1017		. 78	1922		.66			
1911		.79	1916		.92	1921		- 59			
1910		.8	1915		.8	1920		.69	1925		.6
1909	**	-79	1914		-75	1919	9.0	-73	1924		.7

Number of Notified Cases of Tuberculosis in the Administrative County as on 31st December, 1925.

In accordance with the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1924, made by the Minister of Health, returns have been received from the District Medical Officers of Health of all notified cases of tuberculosis on the Registers of their respective Districts. The following is a summary of the returns received, which, however, probably underestimate somewhat the actual prevalence of the disease:—

		Number	r of notifie	d cases o	n Registe	er on 31st l	December	r, 1925.
Districts.	Popula- tion.	-	Pulmonary	у.	Ne	on-Pulmona	ry.	Grand
	CIOII.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Total.
Three Large Towns.	45.000	-6			20	26	-6	
Bexhill	45,000 18,750	56	59 19	115 36	30	4	56 8	171 44
Lewes	11,110	22	18	40	5	2	7	47
Ten Smaller Urban Districts	51,840	59	84	143	24	17	41	184
Twelve Rural Districts	133,400	138	120	258	31	41	72	330
Administrative County	260,100	292	300	592	94	90	184	776

PREVALENCE OF EPIDEMIC AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following figures shew the number of cases of enteric fever, scarlet fever and diphtheria notified in the County during the past three years.

		1923.			1924.			1925.	
430	Number of cases	Morbidity (number of cases per 1,000 of population)	Case mortality (number of deaths per 1,000 cases)	Number of cases	Morbidity (number of cases per 1000 of population)	Case mortality (number of deaths per 1,000 cases).	Number of cases	Morbidity (number of cases per 1,000 of population)	Case mortality (number of deaths per 1,000 cases.)
Enteric Fever Scarlet Fever Diphtheria	25 393 100	.09 1.53	12.72 80	18 331 48	.07 1.28	16 6 .6 9°06 62.5	16 265 84	.06 1.02	125 18.87 23.81

There was not any serious outbreak of epidemic disease in the County during the year. Sixteen cases of encephalitis lethargica, the so-called sleeping disease, were notified and 10 deaths occurred from this cause; 1 case of acute poliomyelitis was notified. Four cases of malaria were notified; three in the Borough of Hove and one in the Uckfield Rural District. Sixteen cases of typhoid fever, with 2 deaths, were notified during the year, as compared with 18 cases, with 3 deaths, notified during the preceding year.

TREATMENT OF VENEREAL DISEASES.

The total number of new patients presenting themselves for the treatment of venereal diseases or for diagnosis decreased slowly during the year. There has also been a slight decrease in the number of attendances, including both old and new patients.

	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924	1925.
New cases	358	278	259	206	241	227
Total number of attendances (new and old patients)	4.297	5,258	5,664	5.235	6,559	6,355

In connection with the work of the Treatment Centres, and for the assistance of medical practitioners in their treatment of private cases, 1,185 specimens were examined in the laboratory and reported on during the year. It will be seen from the following figures that by far the greater part of this work was carried out in connection with patients attending at the Centres.

Specimens examined for Medical Staff of the Treat-	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923	1924	1925.
ment Centres Specimens examined for Private Practitioners		1,192 50	1,228	1,019	1,016 62	1,095
Total	. 1,331	1,242	1,331	1,121	1,078	1,185

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS, 1875 and 1899.

These Acts are administered by the Weights and Measures Committee of the County Council, and not by the Public Health and Housing Committee. A record of the results of the analyses of samples taken under the Acts, and of samples taken informally, will be found on page 33.

PUBLIC HEALTH (MILK AND CREAM) REGULATIONS, 1912 AND 1917.

Seven samples of cream, not sold as preserved cream, were taken for analysis during the year, all of which proved to be genuine.

Six samples of cream, sold as preserved cream, were examined; the boric acid contents in these samples were respectively .08, .09, .1, .1, .14, and .29, per cent., and all 6 samples contained more than 35 per cent. of fat. In connection with the use of preservatives in the milk trade in East Sussex, it may be noted that no added preservative was found in any one of 303 milk samples (250 of which were taken under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and 53 were informal samples) examined during the year.

MENTAL DEFICIENCY ACT, 1913.

During the year 33 new cases were considered by the County Council's Committee for the Care of the Mentally Defective; of these, 9 have been sent to Institutions, 2 placed under Statutory guardianship, and 16 placed under supervision. In the remaining 6 cases no action was taken.

On the 31st December, 1925, the Committee were providing for 187 mentally defective persons, under the Act; 67 were maintained in either certified institutions or approved workhouses, 13 had been placed under guardianship and 107 were under supervision in their own homes.

Maintained in certified institut					Male. 30 6	Female, 21 10	Total. 51 16
,, under guardianship Under supervision in their own					3	. 10	- 13
(a) Cases coming under Sec			of the A	Act	22	17	39 68
(b) Other cases	***	***		***	45	23	68
					106	81	187

BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

The County Council allowed a grant at a rate not exceeding £240 to the East Sussex Voluntary Association for the Blind, in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1926. A complete register of necessitous blind persons residing in the County has been compiled; and the assistance of the Voluntary Association has been invaluable in the making up of the Register. Altogether, 300 blind persons have been registered and their needs—so far as the Act permits—have been met. Good progress has been made, with the assistance of the Voluntary Association, in providing for the more pressing needs of the necessitous blind in the County. The County Education Committee have provided education, in Special Schools for blind children, for all those under the age of 16 years who have required it. The Education Committee have also provided secondary, or technical, education for certain blind persons who, being over the age of 16 years, were likely to benefit thereby.

I have the honour to remain,

Mr. Chairman, My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

ALEXANDER G. R. FOULERTON.

County Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Department, County Hall, Lewes. 15th July, 1926.

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AREA AND POPULATION.

The Administrative County of East Sussex is 516,973 acres in extent (35,987 acres in Urban and 480,986 acres in Rural Districts). There are 152 civil parishes, of which six are situated within the Boroughs. Within the Administrative County there are the two Port Sanitary Authorities of Newhaven and New Shoreham.

The population of the Administrative County was 261,234 on the 19th June, 1921, the date of the Census. There was thus an increase of 19,088 over the population returned for the same area at the previous Census, taken on 2nd April, 1911. The Census figures as actually enumerated were "corrected" by the Registrar-General by making an allowance for "temporary residents" (see column (c) of Table I).

The Administrative County may be divided up, for statistical purposes, into grouped Districts—the three large towns of Hove, Bexhill and Lewes, ten other Urban Districts with populations of

under 10,000, and 12 Rural Districts.

CENSUS (1921) RETURNS.

The following table shews (a) the several populations of the Census 1911, (b) the populations at the Census of 1921, (c) the populations for 1921 as corrected by the Registrar General, (d) the acreage and density of population at the Census of 1921, and (e) the rateable value on the 1912 County Rate basis, of the respective groups of districts.

TARLE I

	Population at Census of 1911.	Population at Census of 1921 (19th June)	1921, as cor- rected by Registrar	Acreage, and Density of Population, 1921.	(e) Rateable Value, County Rate Basis. 1912.
The Administrative County:—	242,146	261,234	251,851	517,040 acres; 1 person per 1.98 acres.	£1,915,054
Three large Towns— Hove, Bexhill and Lewes.	68,475	77,665	72,460	10, 579 acres ; 7.35 persons per acre.	£643,383
Ten other Urban Districts, with populations of less than 10,000 persons; The Borough of Rye, and the Urban Districts of Battle, Burgess Hill, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Haywards Heath, Newhaven, Portslade-by-Sea, Seaford.		51,304	49,839	25,446 acres ; 2.01 persons per acre.	£298,36 9
and Uckfield. Twelve Rural Districts— Battle, Chailey, Cuckfield, East- bourne, East Grinstead, Hailsham, Hastings, Newhaven, Rye, Steyning East, Ticehurst, and Uckfield		132,265	129,552	481,015 acres; 1 person per 3.6 acres.	£973,302

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE INTERCENSAL PERIOD, 1911-1921.

Table II shows the population of each sanitary district of the Administrative County together with the increase, or decrease, for each district at the end of the intercensal period.

TABLE II.

			IAL	BLE II.				
And the			Area in Acres,	Population at Census of 1911.	Census Population (1921), as corrected by	in Interce	or decrease nsal Period I for each ict.	Total Increase in Intercensal Period,
			1921.	or ryrr.	Registrar General	Increase.	Decrease.	1911-1921
The Administrative County	4.		517040	242146	251851	-	-	9705
Three large towns :								
1 Hove (M.B.)			1543	42173	44150	1977	-	
2 Bexhill (M.B.)			7993	15330	17610	2280	-	
3 Lewes (M.B.)	**		1043	10972	10700	-	272	
			10579	68475	72460	-	-	3985
Ten other Urban Districts :	_							
4 Rye (M.B.)			985	4229	3832		397	
5 Battle			8252	2924	2868	-	56	
6 Burgess Hill			1496	5124	5540	416	-	
7 Cuckfield			863	1899	1873	-	26	
8 East Grinstead			6503	7089	7210	121	-	
9 Haywards Heath			928	4851	4996	145	-	
10 Newhaven			1184	6665	6460		205	
11 Portslade-by-Sea			397	6454	7670	1216		
12 Seaford			3078	4787	6040	1253	_	
13 Uckfield			1760	3344	3350	6	-	
			25446	47366	49839	-	-	2473
Twelve Rural Districts :-								
14 Battle			37098	6636	6210	-	426	
15 Chailey			49961	12769	12590	-	179	
16 Cuckfield			54094	16853	16350		503	
17 Eastbourne			32490	5347	5630	283	_	
18 East Grinstead	**		45809	13007	13530	523	-	
19 Hailsham			58062	18045	18290	245	-	
20 Hastings			9614	1768	1829	61	-	
21 Newhaven	**	**	25115	5033	5860	827	-	
22 Rye			37264	7146	6830	-	316	
23 Steyning East			11568	2891	3453	562	-	
z4 Ticehurst			45914	13505	12800		705	
u5 Uckfield			74026	23305	26180	2875	-	
			481015	126305	129552	-	-	3247

Table III. shews the birth rate and the principal death rates for the Administrative County during the twelve years 1914 to 1925:—

TABLE III.

	Population estimated to the middle of each year.	Birth Rate, per 1,000 Living.	Infantile Mortality, Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 Births.	Death Rate, per 1,000 Living.	Zymotic Death Rate, per 1,000 Living.	Death Rate from Fulmonary Tuberculosis, per 1,000 Living.	Senile Mortality, Deaths at ages over 65 years as percentage of total Deaths.
1914.	245,223	16.02	73.8 86.07	11.36	-43	·75 .8	46.5
1915.	246,170	15.94	86.07	13.05	-43 -57 -35 -27 -33 -24 -36 -25		46.3
1916.	247,117	15.54	70.	12.17	-35	.92	49-3
1917.	248,064	12.5	69.95	12.08	.27	.92 .78	50.2
1918.	249.010	14.36	67.34	14.68	-33	-99	39.7
1919.	249.957	13.73	62.06	11.81	.24	-73	49.5
1920.	250,904	20.I	46.39	10.59	.36	-73 .69	49.5 48.1
1921.	251,851	16.71	50.36	11.51	.25	-59	52.7
1922.	253,246	15.59	51.64	11.81	.25	.66	12.6
1923.	255,998	15.11	45.24	11.25	-35	-75	52.9
1924.	258,600	14.	48.32	11.85	.22	-7	55-3
1925.	260,100	13.56	44-53	12.01	.23	.6	56.9

PRINCIPAL VITAL STATISTICS, 1925.

Table IV. shews the principal rates for 1925.

TABLE IV.

Annual Property of the last	The 3 Large Towns	10 other Urban Districts.	12 Rural Districts.	The Administrative County.
POPULATION at middle of 1925 (Registrar-General's estimate)	74,860	51,840	133,400	260,100
TOTAL BIRTHS. Male	420 455	356 400	951 944	1,727 1,799
Total	875	756	1,895	3,526
BIRTH RATE, per 1,000 of population	11.69	14.58	14.21	13.56
DEATHS. Male	435 617	309 336	740 699	1,484 1,652
Total	1052	645	1,439	3,136
NETT DEATH RATE, per 1,000 of population	14.05	12.14	10.93	12.01
SENILE MORTALITY. (Deaths at ages over 65 years as percentage of total deaths.)	58.6		54-9	56.9
INFANTILE MORTALITY. (Total Deaths of Infants under one year). Male	30 21	14	49 29	93 64
Total	51	28 37.93	78 41.16	157
Zymotic Death Rate, per 1,000 population	.27	.19	-23	.23
SPECIAL DEATH RATES. From Tuberculosis, per 1,000 population (a) Pulmonary	.48 .21 1.99	.71 .13 1.87	.63 .2 1.51	.6 .19 1.72
From Heart Disease, per 1,000 of population From Diarrhea and Enteritis (under 2 years) Death Rate per 1,000 births	2.43 5.71	1.32	1.58	2.14

The next Table shews the number of deaths at different periods of life in the Administrative County during the year 1925:—

TABLE V.

		Urban Districts.											R	ural	Distri	cts.		-		
Sex.	All ages.	Under	1-2	2-5	5-15	15-25	25- 45	45-	65- 75	Over 75	All ages.	Under 1 yr.	1-2	2-5	5-15	15-25	25- 45	45- 65	65- 75	Over 75
Males	744	44	8	13	14	15	63	166	205	216	740	49	8	8	14	28	67	158	200	208
Females	953	35	14	7	14	20	77	212	232	342	699	29	7	4	13	21	65	177	153	230
Total	1697	79	22	20	28	35	140	378	437	558	1439	78	15	12	27	49	132	335	353	438

Causes of and Ages at Death during the year 1925 in the Urban Districts.

TABLE VII.

Causes of and Ages at Death during the year 1925, in the Rural Districts.

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*These figures are taken from the Annual Return made to the County Medical Officer by the Registrar General. In the case of other diseases the figures are extracted from the Annual Reports of the District Medical Officers of Health.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

The Midwives Acts, 1902 to 1918.

During the year, the Inspectors of Midwives paid 434 visits of inspection, and their reports as to the general conduct of their practice by the midwives were satisfactory. Amongst the cases attended by certified midwives 4 infants died before medical assistance could be obtained. Medical assistance was required, and sent for, in the case of 314 mothers.

The total number of notifications received from the midwives during the year 1925 was 589, the occasions for the several notifications being as follow:—

TABLE IX.

1925.		assi	dical stance uired:	ance co	before l assist- ould be ined:	Still-b	rths:	Engaged in laying	ance on cases	Cases in which artificial	Total
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Total for year 1925		314	88	-	4	4	8	65	73	33	589
For year 1924 ,, 1923 ,, 1922 ,, 1921		317 250 232 184	90 66 71 53	= -	6 3 4 2	9 12 17 12	15 6 10 11	94 49 56 46	32 39 21 34	34 42 29 21	597 467 442 363

The amount paid in fees under the Midwives Act, 1918, during the year, to 50 medical practitioners who had been called in by midwives for the assistance of either mother or infant, on 158 occasions, was £231 4s. 9d., and £80 os. 6d., was received during the year from patients for whom such assistance was provided.

In the Borough of Hove 18 certified midwives were in practice during the year under the supervision of the Hove Town Council.

Provision for Midwifery and Maternity Nursing Services.

The maximum total annual grant voted to District Nursing Associations in aid of midwifery and maternity nursing services in respect of the financial year 1925-26 apart from special grants in aid of the initial expenses of new associations and towards the cost of midwifery outfits, amounted to £8,288 18s. od., a sum which, at the end of the year, was reduced to about £6,195, by the deduction from the maximum grant of certain fees received by the Associations in respect of cases attended by their nurses. This grant was distributed amongst 90 district nursing associations, of which 88 employing 18 whole-time midwives and 91 maternity nurses, were affiliated to the East Sussex Nursing Federation, and 2 employing one whole-time midwife and three maternity nurses, were unattached.

In addition to the above, a grant of £380 ios. was made to the East Sussex County Nursing Federation towards the expenses of the Federation, attributable to midwifery services, and a grant, amounting to £87 4s. IId., was made to the East Grinstead Infant Welfare Committee, who have established a very efficient Maternity and Child Welfare Centre with a whole-time health visitor.

Summary of ante-natal work done during the years 1921 to 1925.

Ante-natal Visiting.		1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Number of first visits paid to expectant mothers	**	2207	2053	2233	2021	2049
Total number of visits paid to expectant mothers		6645	6233	7130	6741	6876

Notification of Births.

The following Table shews the total number of births notified as occurring in the Administrative County (excluding the Borough of Hove and the Urban District of Portslade-by-Sea) during 1925:—

TABLE X.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Living	 1215	1226	2441
Still-births	 34	35	69

Amongst the births notified are included 26 cases of twins (28 male and 24 female) and 1 case of triplets (1 male and 2 female).

The number of notifications (including 52 repeated in duplicate) received during the year were

(a) From Medical	Practitioners	and	Parents		653
(b) Midwives	**			**	1909
					2562

There were 454 births registered but not notified to the County Medical Officer of Health, and details as to most of these were supplied by the District Registrars of Births and Deaths.

Infant Visiting.

The County Council's scheme for Infant Visiting provides for the whole of the Administrative County excepting the Borough of Hove and the Urban District of Portslade-by-Sea. The Councils of these two districts adopted the Notification of Births Act, 1907, before its adoption in the County generally, and have formulated and carried out comprehensive Maternity and Child Welfare Schemes.

Infant visiting under the County Scheme is carried out by the nurses attached to the various district nursing associations, and in districts where there is not a nurse, by the County District Nursing Superintendents. At the time of writing there are only 6 parishes, with a total population of about 3,200 which are without the services of a district nurse.

The number of visits paid by the nurses during the years 1921 to 1925 are shown below :-

		1921.	1922.	Years. 1923.	1924.	1925.
Visit to Infants under 1 year of age : 1st Visits Total number of visits during year Visits to children from 1 to 5 years of age	::	3229 15277 16459	3287 12630 13469	2955 12610 16945	2724 11403 15879	2619 11701 17406

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres.

By the end of 1925 thirty-one Maternity and Child Welfare Centres, of which 29 were aided by annual grants received directly from the Ministry of Health, had been established within the County (excluding the Borough of Hove and the Urban District of Portslade-by-Sea) as follows:

Balcombe, Bartombe, Battle, Bexhill-on-Sea, Buxted, Burgess Hill, Chailey (North), Chailey (South), Copthorne, Crawley Down, Cuckfield, Danehill, East Grinstead, East Chiltington, Forest Row, Hailsham, Hamsey, Haywards Heath, Icklesham, Jarvis Brook, Lewes, Lindfield, Newhaven, Pevensey, Turners Hill, Uckfield, Wadhurst, Westham, West Hoathly, Winchelsea, and Withyham.

CHART 1. INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Number of Deaths at ages under 12 months, per 1,000 births, from 1901 to 1925.

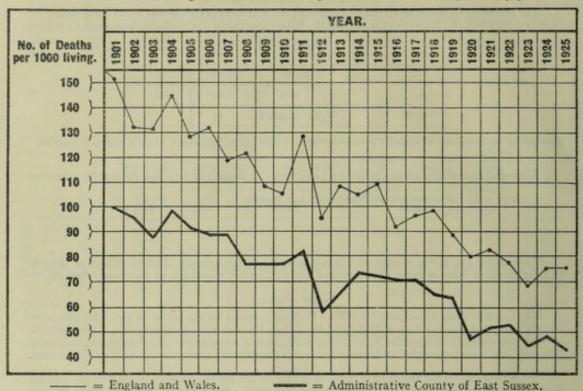
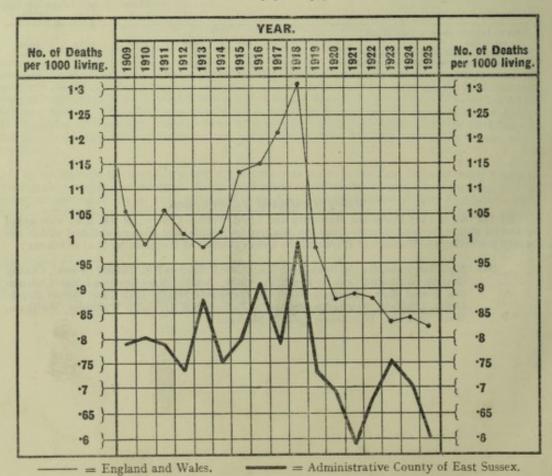


CHART 2. PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.

Death Rate from Pulmonary Tuberculosis—Number of Deaths per 1,000 of population, from 1909 to 1925.



TUBERCULOSIS.

Notifications.

Primary	notifications :	Pulmonary tuberculosis Other forms of tuberculosis		1922. 167 56	1923. 219 51	1924. 164 55	1925. 171 71
		Totals	 232	223	270	219	242

Notifications under these forms respectively during 1925 are shewn in Table XI:-

TABLE XI.

The state of the s			Pri	mary	Not	ificat	ions	(Form	n A).	1			
At Ages	o to I	to 5	to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 55	55 to 65	65 and up- wards	Total Primary Notifica- tions.	Total Notifications on Form A.
Pulmonary cases, Males	-	-	2	1	5	10	27	15	15	6	2	83	84
" Females	-	-	-	2	8	17	24	18	9	6	4	88	89
Non-pulmonary Males	1	9	10	4	4	6	2	1	2	-	-	39	40
" Females	-	6	8	5	5	1	. 2	3		1	-	32	32
Totals	1	15	20	12	22	34	55	37	27	13	6	242	245

Tuberculosis Dispensaries.

Dispensaries for the treatment of cases of tuberculosis are provided by the County Authority at Lewes, Hove, Bexhill, and East Grinstead. Tables XII. and XIII. give details as to the attendances, etc.:—

TABLE XII.

CLASSIFICATION, according to diagnosis, of NEW CASES.

Examined at the Dispensaries during the year ended 31st December, 1925.

Di			Tuber	culous.			Mad	Tubercul		
Dispensary.		Pulmonar	y.	No	on-Pulmon	ary.	Not	Tubercui	ous.	Total
	Males	Females	Children	Males	Females	Children	Males	Females	Children	
Hovz	16	17	0	3	0	7	16	18	31	108
BEXHILL	17	9	1	1	0	6	8	3	21	66
Lewes	10	16	0	ī	0	3	17	14	16	77
EAST GRINSTEAD	7	5	0	1	1	1	3	6	5	29
Totals	50	47	I	6	1	17	44	41	73	280

TABLE XIII.

NUMBER OF PATIENTS AND ATTENDANCES AT THE TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARIES DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1925.

Dispensary.	Days of Attendance.	Total number of patients examined for the first time during the period.	Total number of Total number of patients examined all patients who for the first time have attended during the period.	Total number of Total number of Total number of attendances—all patients examined all patients who all patients treated attendances—all have attended during the period. patients.	Total number of attendances—all patients.
Hove	Mondays & Fridays	108	190	9.5	361
Bexhill	Thursdays	99	102	3.5	193
Lewes	Tuesdays	- 22	108	41	200
East Grinstead	Mondays	62	43	20	8.5
Totals		280	443	161	1105

TABLE XIV.

DARVELL HALL SANATORIUM

DETAILS AS TO EAST SUSSEX CASES OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS WHO RECEIVED TREATMENT AT THE SANATORIUM DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1925.

	Numbe in in st	Number of cases already in Sanatorium on 1st January, 1925.	already 1 on 925.	Cases : Sanato yea Dec	Cases admitted to the Sanatorium during the year ended 31st December, 1925.	to the ng the rst	Patient the Sar year ende	Patients discharged from the Sanatorium during year ended 31st December, 1925.	ed from turing comber,	Numb the Sar year Dec	Number of deaths in the Sanatorium during year ended 31st December, 1925.	hs in luring tt	Number in the Sa Dec	Number of cases remaining in the Sanatorium on 31st December, 1925.	maining on 31st
	Males.	Females	Total.	Males.	Males. Females Total.	Total.	Males.	Females Total.	Total.	Males.	Males. Females Total.	Total.	Males.	Females	Total.
Insured Persons	80	91	24	39	36	75	50	28	57	5	+	6	12	2.2	34
Service Men	10	0	IO	2.2	0	23 23	20	0	20	3	0	3	10	0	10
Non-Insured Persons	-	14	15	3	18	2.0	+	2.5	25	0	3	3	0	9	9
Totals	61	30	69	10	54	118	53	49	102	00	7	15	22	28	50
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In addition to the above, 9 cases (5 males and 4 females) of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were admitted into Darvell Hall Sanatorium and two cases were dealt with at other Institutions,

The following Tables, prescribed by the Ministry of Health under Memorandum 37.T., shew the work carried out during the year at the several Dispensaries and also the extent of residential treatment provided in respect of patients suffering, or suspected to be suffering, from tuberculosis in all forms.

TABLE XV.

Annual Return showing the work of the Dispensaries during the year 1925.

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	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
A.—New Cases examined during the year (excluding contacts) (a) Definitely tuberculous (b) Doubtfully tuberculous (c) Non-tuberculous	46	40 _	=	1-1	6 _	2 -	4	7 _	52 10 35	42 10 27	4 26	7 4 20
B.—Contacts examined during the year:— (a) Definitely tuberculous (b) Doubtfully tuberculous (c) Non-tuberculous		_ _					2 		_ _ 3	1 1 8	2 2 13	
C.—Cases written off the Dispensary Register as (a) Cured (b) Diagnosis not confirmed or non-tuberculous	3	ı —	_	-	-	_	-	_	3 55	1 43	- 43	36
D.—Number of Persons on Dis- pensary Register on Decem- ber 31st, 1925 (a) Diagnosis completed (b) Diagnosis not completed		148	4	19	34	11	7	19	350 5	159	11	38
Number of persons on Dis Register on January 1st, 19		ry	576			osis Of	ficers	to Ho	mes		14	
2. Number of patients transferred other areas and of "los of "cases returned	st sight				8. Number of visits by Nurses Health Visitors to Homes Dispensary purposes						609	
3. Number of patients transfe other areas and cases "lo of"	rred st sigl	to ht	99) X-ra	pecime xamin y exan	ed ninatio	ons ma	um, de in o	on-	260	
4. Died during the year			25	10		spensa	ry R	tegiste	ersons r on	the	402	
5. Number of attendances at t pensary (including Contacts		s-	1105	11		micilia	ary Tr		nt on		68	
6. Number of consultations medical practitioners:— (a) At Homes of Applicants (b) Otherwise		th	130 135	12	Pe (a) F		in res	pect o	ved du f Insu 		9	

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TABLE XVI.

Residential Institutions.

(A) Average Number of Beds Available for Patients during the Year 1925.

		01	Pulmonary	Tuberculosis.		ulmonary culosis.	
_	394	Observa- tion.	" Sana- torium " Beds.	" Hospital " Beds.		Other Conditions.	Total.
Adult Males	 		20	15	3	-	38
Adult Females	 	red.	24	10	4	-	38
Children under 15	 	As requir	3	-	3	-	6
TOTAL	 		47	25	10	_	82*

^{*}Including 30 beds at the Darvell Hall Sanatorium, allocated to the County Borough of Hastings.

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(B) Annual Return showing the Extent of Residential Treatment for East Sussex Cases during the Year 1925.

			CASES DURIN	G INE IEAK	1923.		
			In Institutions on Jan. 1.	Admitted during the year.	Discharged during the year.	Died in the Institutions.	In Institutions on Dec. 31.
	Adults	M.	21	66	54	8	25
Number of Patients	Adu	F.	27	47	43	6	25
Number of Fatients	Chil- dren	M.	I	4	3	-	2
	de Ch	F.	5	6	8	1	2
	ults	M.	-	I	-	-	I
Number of Observa- tion Cases	Adults	F.	-	2	I	-	1
tion cases	il-	M.	-	-	_	_	-
the same of	Chil- dren	F.	-	-	-	-	-
	Tot	al	54	126	109	15	56

TABLE XVII.

Return showing the immediate results of treatment of East Sussex patients* and of observation of doubtful cases discharged from the Darvell Hall Sanatorium during the year 1925.

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Clos	adm		M.	F.	Ch.	M.	F.	Ch.	M.	F.	Ch.	M.	F.	Ch.	TOTAL.
		Quiescent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	B.T.	Improved	3	2	I	I	5	3	-	3	1	-	-	-	19
	Class B.	No material improvement	-	I	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
1	0	Died in Institution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	plus.	Quiescent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	ATTENDA
SIS.		Improved	8	2	1	6	5	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	28
COL	Group	No material improvement	_	I	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	I
TUBERCULOSIS.	Class	Died in Institution	-	_	_	-	-	_	_	_	_	-	-	-	_
T Y	plus.	Quiescent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ONAB	H d	Improved	8	I	-	5	4	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	23
PULMONARY	Class B.T. Group	No material improvement	6	1	I	2	3	-	-	I	-	-		-	14
P	Clas	Died in Institution	-	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	plus.	Quiescent	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	T. p	Improved	I	-	-	3	2	-	-	I	-	2	-	-	9
	Class B.T. Group	No material improvement	-	3	-	I	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	6
	Cla	Died in Institution	5	I		2	I		I	2	I	-	I	-	14
118.		Quiescent or Arrested	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OLOS	Bones & Joints.	Improved	-		I	-	-	-	-	-	-	I	I	-	3
TUBERCULOSIS.		No material improvement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
_		Died in Institution	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	
NARY	-	Quiescent or Arrested	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NON-PULMONARY	Abdominal.	Improved	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
N-Pu	pdor	No material improvement	-		-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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^{*}The definition of " patient " does not include persons in whom a definite diagnosis of tuberculosis

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has not been made.

Note—There were not any cases discharged from institutions, other than Darvell Hall Sanatorium, during the year.

DARVELL HALL SANATORIUM.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1925, BY DR. J. R. DINGLEY, MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

The year 1925 has been occupied by the planning and building of the hospital extensions, the Council having decided to improve the accommodation for advanced cases, and to equip a separate block for children. This has resulted in the erection of a new Men's Hospital with twenty-three beds, there being seven single and eight double wards, and a verandah on the north, as well as on the south side. This will be a great asset during the winter months when meals, etc., can be served without exposure to wind and rain, and yet there will be no interference with the supply of fresh air. The Women's Hospital has also been extended by the addition of two single and three double wards to the original building.

The Children's Block is being evolved out of an existing hut, by subdividing it into four small wards and a duty room, and by erecting a verandah. This verandah, besides having a charming and extensive view, will enable sun treatment to be satisfactorily carried out.

One end of the present Men's Hospital will be utilised for X-Ray plant, and the other for maids' cubicles.

Minor alterations are being carried out in the main block. Two large bedrooms have been divided to make smaller single rooms; the patients' dining rooms have been completely separated from the staff quarters; and there is to be an addition of two larders.

These improvements and extensions will add immensely to the comfort of the seriously ill patients of the staff, and will materially reduce the difficulties of nursing in bad weather.

The nursing staff had to be increased to meet the extra number of beds—now ninety-three, and this resulted in difficulties in finding accommodation for them. These have been overcome by transferring the Medical Superintendent from the main block to a house erected for the purpose.

It is hoped to set aside a portion of one of the huts as a workshop as a means of encouraging occupational therapy.

A piano is still needed for the men's recreation room.

Simple Services, alternately Church of England and Nonconformist, have been held throughout the year.

The Patients' Reunion at Whitsuntide was a great success, as was the Open Day.

Miss J. L. Edgar took up duties as Matron on November 23rd. One nurse entered for, and passed the examination for the diploma given by the Society of Superintendents of Tuberculosis Institutions.

I am pleased to report that both tone and discipline have been good during the past year, both having been greatly assisted by the activities of the handicraft section.

I should like to take this opportunity of placing on record my thanks for the following gifts:— Dolls for the children and chocolates for all the patients and staff at the Sanatorium at Christmas, and also for 6 pairs of fan-tailed pigeons.

Artificial Pneumothorax.

During the past two years treatment by induction of artificial pneumothorax has been sparingly employed on account of the difficulty of obtaining X-Ray control. In all, eighteen cases were attempted. The presence of adhesions in seven of these made the treatment impracticable, but one of them has had thoracoplasty performed at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and so far is doing well.

Of the remaining eleven, two were induced on account of repeated haemoptyses, R.B. on 4th May, 1925, and F.B. on 14th November, 1925. Both of these are doing very well, though R.B. does not gain much weight.

Three others were done as a last resource, more with a view to relieving symptoms, than with an idea of obtaining arrest of the disease. Of these, F.G. is dead (induced 7th October, 1925); F.T. is dying (induced 12th May, 1926), whilst G.D., in whom artificial pneumothorax was induced on 15th January, 1925, has been up and about with normal temperature and pulse for over a year, and has gained twelve pounds in weight.

Of the remaining six, one, A.H., discontinued the treatment on her own responsibility. In the case of C.H.B., only a partial pneumothorax could be induced. Since the induction, however, on 27th May, 1925, he has made immense progress, and gained fifty-one pounds. Prior to this he had been steadily losing ground, with pyrexia and persistent loss of weight. W.B. (induced 13th June, 1924) has maintained his health since that date, and still attends for refills, though his gain in weight has only been four pounds. D.M., a very chronic case that was steadily losing ground, and who also had tuberculous laryngitis. Induction was on 29th July, 1925, and this patient gained ten-and-a-half pounds and improved. I fear, however, that this improvement is not likely to be maintained. A.L., another very chronic case, who was admitted as a cot case, has greatly improved since her induction on 23rd October, 1925, in that she has no sputum, normal temperature, and is walking about. Her gain in weight was insignificant.

E.N. had a gas replacement on 23rd March, 1926, having developed an acute pleural effusion. The fluid was replaced by air with very satisfactory results. Her temperature fell in ten days, and she has gained twelve pounds. Unfortunately, the pneumothorax could not be preserved, the lung having expended and become adherent. So far, however, her improvement has been fully maintained.

J. R. DINGLEY,

Medical Superintendent.

8th July, 1926.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

A. SMALLPOX.

- 1. Existing Accommodation.
 - (a) Maintained by District Sanitary Authorities.

Sedgebrook Smallpox Hospital.—This Hospital serves the Western Smallpox Hospital District, which includes the Chailey, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Newhaven, Steyning East, and Uckfield Rural Districts, and the Burgess Hill, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Haywards Heath, Newhaven, Seaford, and Uckfield, Urban Districts. The area of the combined districts is 276,287 acres, the population (1925) 117,845, and the rateable value (1912) is £837,519.

The hospital contains two wards, one with 6, and the other with 5 beds. There is ample space on the site for the erection of any additional temporary or other buildings that may be required.

A mortuary, ambulance house, and steam disinfector (Thresh pattern) were taken over with the hospital; and the buildings, although originally used for farm purposes, have been adapted to their present use.

Hailsham Small pox Hospital.—This is a small temporary building with 6 beds, which has proved of service in emergency in the past.

- (b) Maintained by County Boroughs. All these hospitals are situated within the Administrative County.
 - (i.) Hastings Smallpox Hospital .- Situated at Brede, in the Battle Rural District.

Accommodation for 30 patients.

Areas served:—County Borough of Hastings; beds also available for patients from the Boroughs of Bexhill and Rye, Urban District of Battle, and the Rural Districts of Battle, Hastings and Rye.

- (ii.) Eastbourne Smallpox Hospital.—Situated at Languey in the Eastbourne Rural District. Accommodation for 18 patients, with space for erection of additional accommodation. Areas served:—County Borough of Eastbourne, Rural District of Eastbourne.
- (iii.) Brighton Smallpox Hospital.—Situated at Fulking Borstal, in the Steyning East Rural District.

Areas served:—County Borough of Brighton; beds also available for patients from the Boroughs of Hove and Lewes and the Urban District of Portslade.

2. Emergency Accommodation.

The following Districts have hospital accommodation which could be used temporarily for cases of smallpox. At Bexhill the Berthon huts at Clinch Green could be used in time of emergency; and the Town Council of Rye, and the Rye Rural District Council have accommodation which might be similarly utilized. The Ticehurst Rural District Council have provided a site covered with cement concrete, on which a temporary building or tents could be erected at short notice.

B. DISEASES OTHER THAN SMALLPOX.

In addition to the District Authorities included in the Table on page 30 as having made provision more or less complete for the isolation of cases of infectious disease, either by themselves maintaining hospitals or by entering into agreement with some District Authority already having a hospital within the Administrative County, the Urban District Council of Battle and the Rural District Councils of Hastings and Battle have made arrangements for the admission of infectious cases from their districts into the Hastings Town Council's Sanatorium.

The Newhaven Rural District Council have an arrangement for the admission of infectious cases from their district into the Brighton Town Council's Sanatorium.

TABLE XVIII.

1						30						
t diseases.	Other.	(a) Observation block. (b) Emergency	Administration						same time			wards.
isolating different	Diphtheria and Typhoid Fever.	I block	r pavilion			r block 4 beds	I block 8 beds	I block 4 beds	be isolated at the	I ward	block only.	only, with four
Means of	Scarlet Fever.	r block	r pavilion			r block 8 beds	2 blocks 8 beds	I block 8 beds	Three diseases can be isolated at the	1 ward	One	One block
·s	Bed	63	24	20	28	12	9I	122	32	00	6	91
Population	served 1925.	56,722	011,11	18,750	10,723	3,141	21,956	42,540	28,859	5,994	18,530	12,730
	District served.	Hove, M.B. Portslade-by- Sea U.D. Steyning East R.D.	Lewes M.B.	Bexhill M.B.	Rye M.B. Rye R.D.	Newhaven U.D. & Port Seaford U.D.	East Grinstead U.D. East Grinstead R.D.	Chailey R.D. Uckfield U.D. Uckfield R.D.	Cuckfield R.D. Cuckfield U.D. Burgess Hill U.D. Haywards Heath U.D.	Eastbourne R.D.	Hailsham R.D.	Ticehurst R.D.
	Maintaining Authority.	Hove Town Council	Lewes Town	Bexhill Town Council	Rye Town Council Rye R.D.C.	Newhaven U.D.C. Newhaven Port	East Grinstead U.D.C. & R.D.C.	Chailey R.D.C.	Cuckfield R.D.C.	Eastbourne R.D.C.	Hailsham R.D.C.	Ticehurst R.D.C.
	HOSPITAL.	Hangleton Sanatorium.	Lewes Isolation Hospital	Clinch Green Temporary Isolaiton Hospital	Udimore Joint Hospital	Newhaven Isolation Hospital	High Grove Sanatorium	Chailey Isolation Hospital	Deans Farm Hospital	Park Croft Isolation Hospital	Hailsham Isolation Hospital	Ticehurst Isolation Hospital.

PREVALENCE OF EPIDEMIC AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES DURING 1925.

The numbers of cases of the principal notifiable epidemic diseases (scarlet fever, diphtheria and typhoid fever) in the County during 1925 were as follow:—

TABLE XIX

		large tov			other Urb districts.	an	12 Rt	aral Distri	cts.
	Scarlet Fever.	Typhoid Fever.	Diph- theria.	Searlet Fever.	Typhoid Fever.	Diph- theria.	Searlet Fever.	Typhoid Fever.	Diph- theria.
. Number of cases notified	65	4	26	67	3	25	133	9	33
Number of Deaths	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	2
3. Case-Mortality: Deaths per 1,000 attacked	46.1	0	0	0	33-3	0	15.04	11.1	60-6

Detailed information as to the prevalence of the principal epidemic diseases in the various sanitary districts will be found on page 19.

TREATMENT OF VENEREAL DISEASE.

The arrangements made by the County Council for the treatment of cases of venereal diseases include the provision, jointly with other Authorities, of Treatment Centres at Hastings, Brighton and Tunbridge Wells, and arrangements with various pathological laboratories for the examination of specimens sent by the Medical Officers in charge of the treatment centres, and by medical practitioners generally from cases of venereal disease, or suspected venereal disease, which present themselves for treatment.

The hours of attendance by the appointed Medical Officers at the Treatment Centres are as follow:—

Treatment Centre :	Attendance	of A	Medical Officer in Charge.
Hastings: Royal East Sussex Hospital	 Men		Monday (morning, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment).
			Tuesdays, 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.
			Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m.
			Saturdays, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
	Women	and	
	Children		Tuesdays, 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.
			Wednesdays, from 4 to 6 p.m.
			Thursdays, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.
			Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Brighton: Royal Sussex County Hospital	 Men		Mondays, from 5 to 7 p.m.
	Women		Tuesdays, from 5 to 7 p.m.
Ablution and irrigation rooms available	 Women		Thursdays, from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.
For Men: 7 to 9 a.m., and 5-7 p.m. on weekdays:	 Men		,, 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.
For Women : 9 to 6 p.m. daily (Sundays excepted)	Women		Saturdays, 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.
	Men	***	" 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.
Tunbridge Wells : The General Hospital	 Women		Wednesdays at 5 p.m.
	Men		Fridays at 3 p.m.
			s for special treatment of women patients mes, by appointment.

TABLE XX.

The numbers of patients from East Sussex attending the Treatment Centres during the year were as follow:—

NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY OF TAXABLE PARTY.	Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.	Royal East Sussex Hospital Hastings.	General Hospital, Tunbridge Wells.	Total.
OUT-PATIENTS. Number of new cases treated:— (a) Syphilis (b) Soft chancre (c) Gonorrhea (d) Non-Venereal		26 0 24 27	1 0 7 4	64 3 60 100
Totals	138	77	12	227
Total attendances of all East Sussex patients	4513	1728	114	6355
In-Patients. Aggregate number of In- patient days	123	83	52	258
No. of doses of arsenobenzol compounds given (Out- patients and In-patients)	1605	440	4	2049

The following table shews the extent to which the facilities for obtaining laboratory assistance in the diagnosis of Venereal Diseases, which have been provided by the County Council, have been utilised by the Medical Officers in charge of the Treatment Centres, and by Medical Practitioners generally in the treatment of their private patients:—

TABLE XXI.

Examination	Received	Patho	ological Labor	atories.	Total
Required:	from	Ralli Memorial (Brighton) Laboratory	Hastings Borough Laboratory	South London Hospital for Women	Number of Specimens examined
For detection of spirochetes.	Treatment Centres.	4	-	-	4
	Private Practitioners	0	-	-	0
Per detection of manageri	Treatment Centres	372	63	_	435
For detection of gonococci.	Private Practitioners	19	2 '	-	21
For Wassermann reaction.	Treatment Centres.	541	-	86	627
For wassermann reaction.	Private Practitioners	63	-	-	63
Other Examinations.	Treatment Centres.	21	8	-	29
Other Examinations.	Private Practitioners	6	-	-	6
Total	Treatment Centres.	938	71	86	1095
I oldi	Private Practitioners.	88 .	2		90

PUBLIC HEALTH (MILK AND CREAM) REGULATIONS 1912 AND 1917.

Report for the Year ended 31st December, 1925.

1. Milk, and Cream not sold as Preserved Cream.

	Number of samples examined for the presence of a preservative.	Number in which preservative was reported to be present.
Cream	7	0

With regard to milk, 303 samples (250 of which were taken under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and 53 were informal samples) were also examined for the presence of preservatives, with a negative result in every case.

- II. Cream sold as Preserved Cream.
 - (a) Instances in which samples have been submitted for analysis to ascertain if the statements on the label as to preservatives were correct:

(i.)	Correct statements made						6
(ii.)	Statements incorrect						0
(iii.)	Percentage of preservative	found	in each	sample	:08, .09,	.I, .I, .I4,	.29

(b) Determinations made of milk fat in cream sold as preserved cream:

		per cent	 	 	6
(ii.)	Below 35 1	per cent.	 	 	0

- (c) Instances where (apart from analysis) the requirements as to labelling or declaration of preserved cream in Article V. (1) and the provise in Article V. (2) of the Regulations have not been observed: None.
- III. Thickening Substances. No evidence of use.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS, 1875 AND 1899.

The subjoined summary shews the number of samples taken for analysis under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts during the year 1925, together with the number of adulterated samples detected:—

TABLE XXII.

Article	Number Report of Analysis,			Greatest Amount of Adulteration of any		
Analysed.	Samples.	Genuine.	Adulterated.	one sample.		
FORMAL SAMPLES. Milk Sedlitz Powder Whiskey	250 4 4	205 4 4	45 (a) —	(a) One sample was deficient in fat 33.3% and another was deficient in solids not fat, 19.8%.		
INFORMAL SAMPLES. Beef and Tongue Brawn Butter Chicken and ham Cream Dried Eggs Jam Jam Roll Lemonade Marmalade Milk Mineral Waters Potted Meat Sausages Sedlitz Powder Sponge Cake Vinegar Whiskey	14 1 1 21 1 1 53 7 7 7 3 5	1 14 1 1 1 21 1 1 45 7 7 7 7 3 4 1 1	8 (a) 	(a) One sample was deficient in fat 51.6%, and another was deficient in solids not fat 18.2% (b) Contained sulphur instead of tartars acid in white paper. (c) Contained 4% excess water.		
	128	116	12			
Formal Samples Informal Samples		213 116	45 12			
Totals	386	329	57			

MILK AND DAIRIES (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1915.

This Act, see page 5 ante, came into force on the 1st September, 1925, and involves a new departure in County Public Health work which will require a good deal of consideration and organisation. Very little work was thrown on the Public Health Department during the year, inasmuch as Authorities outside the County Area had to consider and organise their own schemes, and, as a matter of fact, only five farms were dealt with. It is anticipated, however, that there will be considerable development in the working of the Act during the course of the current twelvements.

MENTAL DEFICIENCY ACT, 1913.

The following Table gives certain information as to the number of Mentally Defective persons on the Register of the Local Authority on 31st December, 1925, together with the number of Defectives who were being maintained on that date in certified institutions, under guardianship, or who were under supervision in their own homes.

TABLE XXIII.

A. Mentally Defective Persons subject to Section 2 (1) (b) of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913.

Main in Ce Insti	Maintained in Approved Workhouses		Maintained in Approved Homes.		Under Guardian- ship.		Under Super- vision.		
- M.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1		1	2	-	-	-	5	-	-
2		2	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-
1		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75
16		1	-	-	-	1	1	21	15
7		-	2	-	-	1	1	1	3
1-		-	1	-	-	-	-	-	18-
В.	Di	e Cas	rs.						
1		I	-	-	-	1	1	45	27
receipt Section	15	w Reli	of certij	fied by 1	Board of	Control	, under	_	
-		-		-			-		
fied by 1	2	ontrol	under	Section	s 30 (iii)	1 1		-
							-	-	4
	1-1-1	1-1-1	1-1-1-1	1-1-1-1-1	1-1-1-1-1	1-1-1-1-1-1	1-1-1-1-1-1-1	1-1-1-1-1-1-1	1-1-1-1-1-1-1:1-1

The next Table shews the number of new cases considered by the Local Authority during the year 1925:—

TABLE XXIV.

		Male.	Female.	Total
A. Cases considered by Committee during the year I. Persons subject to Section 2 (1) B of the Act; (a) Notified by Local Education Authorities (b) Certified by Board of Control under Section (c) Ascertained from other sources II. Permissive Cases:	***	 10 2 2 2 1	8 5 3 2	18 7 5 3
B. Petitions presented and Orders obtained C. Dealt with under Section 3 (Permissive Cases) D. Deaths in Institutions		 8 -	9 2	17 2

The following Table gives details as to mentally defective persons maintained by the Local Authority in Certified Institutions at the end of the year:—

TABLE XXV.

	Number of East Sussex Defectives maintained in certified Institution and approved Workhouses on 31st December, 1925.									
Name of Certified Institution.		OBLIGATORY	Permissive.							
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.				
Besford Court	. 1	_	1	_	_					
Brentry Certified Institution	2	****	2	_	_	_				
Saturbana Mantal IInspital	11	4	15	_	_	-				
Cuckfield Poor Law Institution	4	10	14	1	_	1				
	. 4	2	6		_	_				
	. 3	-	3		-	-				
		I	1	-	-	_				
	I	3	4	_		-				
		3	3	-	2	2				
eavesden Mental Hospital	3	-	3	_	-	_				
ewes Poor Law Institution	I	-	1	-	_	-				
Yield Heath House, Hillingdon		1	1	-	-	_				
Princess Christian's Farm Colony, Hilde	n-									
boro'	1	1	2	-	-	_				
Rampton State Institution, Retford		1	1	-	-	_				
Royal Earlswood Institution		-	-	1	1	2				
t. Elizabeth's Home for Epileptics, Mu	ch				1					
Hadham		1	1	-	-	-				
andlebridge, Alderley Edge		I	1	-	-	-				
toke Park Colony, Bristol	3	-	3	-	-	-				
	34	28	62	2	3	5				

Thirteen defectives were maintained under Guardianship at the end of the year, as follows -

I. Under the care of the Brighton Guardianship Society :-

At	Brighton					defectives.	
"	"					efectives.	
,,	Hailsham		***	I	female	defective.	
"	Hastings			2	**	,,	
"	Hove	***		I		11	
				-			IC
II. Others :-	_						
At	Hove			1			
	Plumpton			I			
,,	Ripon, Yorks		***	1	**		
				-			-
							-
			1	Tot:	a	***	13

TABLE XXVI.

Meteorological Data, 1925.

			36				
Average	for 5 years, 1920 to 1925.	36.71	30.2	25.12	32.54	27.75	3784
	rainfall in inches, 1924.	44.05	38.67	30.55	42.89	38.06	
Total	inches, 1925.	44.18	38.99	30.54	36-82	35.08	-
	December.	5.23	4.86	4.3	4.7	3.0	
	November.	3.89	3.7	2.64	3.81	3.12	in sulf
	October.	5.61	4.17	3.65	3.88	4.72	
	September.	3.38	3.1	2.68	2.95	3.04	Lebeste
	August	2.46	2.89	1.31	2.2	2.4.2	7000
INCRES.	July.	5-88	5.26	3.99	4.62	90.9	100000
×	June.	†1 .	41.	Ħ	Ŧ	7	
RAINFALL	May.	3.64	3.00	2.35	2.85	÷	175.0
	April.	3.78	3.17	2.22	3.14	2.04	
	March.	1.12	1.13	.58	88	7	
	February.	4-49	3.72	3.48	4.04	2.86	00 .0
	-Krennel	4.26	3.76	3.23	3.61	2.52	
RAIN GAUGE.	Diameter of funnel: height above ground: and above sea level.	8 inches.	5 inches. 12 inches. 260 feet.	5 inches. 18 inches. 21.33 feet	5 inches. 6 inches. 200 feet.	1	
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