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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1939.

to the Chairman and Members of the Eton Urban District Council,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1939, which in accordance with Circular 2067 of the Minister of Health, I have made as brief as possible.

Section A

Vital Statistics

Population (Registrar-General's estimate 1939) 3950

Live Births

| | | | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|---------------|------------|
| TOTAL | 38 | | Male 21 | Female 17 |
| Legitimate | 38 | | Male 21 | Female 17 |
| Illegitimate | nil | | Male nil..... | Female nil |

Still Births

| | | | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|---------------|------------|
| TOTAL | 1 | | Male 1 | Female nil |
| Legitimate | 1 | | Male 1 | Female nil |
| Illegitimate | nil | | Male nil..... | Female nil |

| | |
|--|-------|
| Birth Rate per 1000 Population | 9.7 |
| Birth Rate per 1000 excluding Boys at Eton College | 13.7 |
| (Birth Rate per 1000 England & Wales | 15.0) |

| | |
|--|-------|
| Still Birth Rate per 1000 Population | 0.25 |
| National Rate | 0.59 |
| Still Birth Rate per 1000 total births | 26.30 |

Deaths

TOTAL 34 Male 16 Female 18

| | |
|---|----------|
| Death Rate per 1000 Population | 8.6 |
| Corrected Death Rate for Age and Sex Distribution | 10.8 |
| (Death Rate per 1000 England and Wales | 12.1) |
| Number of Women dying in, or in consequence of Childbirth | nil) |
| Deaths of Infants under one year of age .. Male 0 | Female 0 |
| (Infant Mortality Rate | nil) |
| (Rate for England and Wales | 50) |

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Deaths from Measles | nil |
| Deaths from Whooping Cough | nil |
| Deaths from Diarrhoea | nil |

| | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| <u>Causes of Death</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Tuberculosis of Respiratory System | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Other Tuberculosis | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Syphilis | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Cancer, Malignant Disease | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| Heart Disease | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Cerebral Haemorrhage | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Other Circulatory Diseases | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Bronchitis | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Pneumonia | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Liver Disorders | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Senility | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Violence, other than Suicide | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Other defined diseases | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| All Causes | 16 | 18 | 34 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |

There has been no unusual or excessive sickness or mortality during the Year.

Section B

General Provision of Health Services for the Area

1. Public Health Officers of the Authority

On the 14th July the arrangement whereby the Medical Officer of Health carried out certain County Council duties in Slough in exchange for the Services of an Assistant County Medical Officer who acted as deputy during his annual leave and on weekends of alternate weeks, came to an end, and Dr A.A. Miller commenced duty as Whole-time deputy to the Medical Officer of Health. The medical staff is therefore now as follows:

Medical Officer of Health:

V.A.T. Spong, M.B., B.S., (Lond:), D.P.H., M.R.C.S. (Eng:), L.R.C.P., (Lond:), also Medical Officer of Health for Borough of Slough and the Eton Rural District, Medical Superintendent Eton Joint Isolation Hospital (Whole-time).

A.A. Miller, M.A., M.D. (Edin:), D.P.H., (Lond:), D.T.M., (Liverpool) Deputy Medical Officer of Health for Borough of Slough and Eton Rural District. Deputy Medical Superintendent Eton Joint Isolation Hospital (Whole-time).

Surveyor & Engineer and Sanitary Inspector

E.F. Pressey, P.A.S.I., M.R.San.I., (Whole-time).

In connection with Civil Defence, Mr Pressey has also been appointed by the Council to deal specifically with Evacuation, Civilian Deaths, Repair of War Damage to property and Food Contaminated as a result of Gas. Mr Pressey is also Sub-Area Engineer, Southern District, in connection with Air Raid Precautions.

2. Nursing in the Home (See previous Reports).

3. Laboratory Facilities

Prior to August 1939, all Laboratory work had to be sent to London for examination by the Clinical Research Association, since then, however, a local service has been provided at the Laboratory at the Town Hall, Slough, which serves the Urban District in addition to the Rural District of Eton and the Borough of Slough.

51 swabs for Diphtheria and 1 sputum for Tuberculosis were examined at the Town Hall Laboratory for the period August-December 1939. Two swabs for Diphtheria were sent to the Clinical Research Association during the earlier months of the year.

4. Legislation in Force (See previous Reports)

5. Hospital Services (See previous Reports)

6. Ambulance Facilities (See previous Reports)

7. Clinics and Treatment Centres (See previous Reports)

General Provision of Health Services for the Area

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I.R.C.P. (Lond.); also Medical Officer of Health for Borough of Blough and the Rural District, Medical Superintendent of Blough Joint Isolation Hospital (Whole-time).

A.A. Miller, M.B., B.S., (Lond.), D.P.H., (Liverpool);
Deputy Medical Officer of Health for Borough of Blough and Rural District, Deputy Medical Superintendent Blough Joint Isolation Hospital (Whole-time).

Sanitary & Pathology and Sanitary Inspector

E.T. Pressay, B.A., B.L., M.R.S.M. (Whole-time).
In connection with Civil Defence, Mr Pressay has also been appointed by the Council to deal specifically with Evacuation, Civilian Defence, Repair of War Damage to property and Road Contaminated as a result of Gas. Mr Pressay is also Sub-Area Engineer, Southern District, in connection with Air Raid Precautions.

Working in the Home (See previous Reports).

Laboratory Facilities

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Isolation in Home (See previous Reports)

Hospital Services (See previous Reports)

Sanitation Facilities (See previous Reports)

Clinics and Treatment Centres (See previous Reports)

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

1. (i) Water The Windsor Corporation Waterworks provide a constant supply throughout the District, which has been satisfactory both in quality and quantity. An extension 80 yards long was made to the Council's new Building Estate in the West Ward.

(ii) Drainage and Sewerage There has been no extension of the sewers or alteration in the method of disposal. The Sewerage Scheme for the West Ward is under construction and at the time of writing is to all intents and purposes complete and ready for the houses to be connected.

2. Rivers and Streams

The water from the River Thames was not analysed during the Year. The Public swimming pool, which is fed by water from the River, remained closed.

3. (i) Closet Accommodation No conversions were carried out during the year. In the West Ward there remain 138 cesspools and 24 pail closets.

(ii) Public Cleansing (See previous Reports)

(iii) Sanitary Inspection of the Area

| | |
|--|-----|
| Number of Inspections made | 7 |
| Number of Nuisances found | 7 |
| Number of Nuisances remedied by service of informal Notices | 7 |
| Number of Nuisances remedied by service of formal Notices | nil |

(iv) Shops 3 shops were inspected during the Year and were found to be complying with the requirements of the Act.

(v) Camping Sites

| | |
|---|-----|
| (1) Number of sites in the area used for Camping in 1929 | 1 |
| (2) Number of sites in the area which were licensed. | nil |
| (3) Estimated maximum number of campers at one time. | 20 |

(vi) Swimming Baths and Pools There are two open-air swimming pools on tributaries of the Thames, one is private and the other public. In view of the condition of the water mentioned in previous Reports, the Public Bath was not opened.

(vii) Eradication of Bed Bugs

| | |
|--|-----|
| 1. (a) Number of Council houses infested | nil |
| (b) Number of other houses infested | 3 |
| (c) Number of Council houses disinfested | nil |
| (d) Number of other houses dis-infested | 2 |

2. The houses were disinfested by Messrs Newton Chambers' "Zaldecide" method.

3. No investigation of tenants' belongings before entering Council houses was considered necessary.

4. The work of disinfestation in private houses is carried out by a private Contractor under the supervision of the Council.

5. The Sanitary Inspector advises and supervises to prevent infestation or re-infestation after cleansing.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

The Water Corporation Waterworks provide a supply throughout the District, which has been satisfactory both in quality and quantity. An extension 80 yards long was made to the Council's new Building Estate in the West Ward.

(1) Drains and Sewers There has been no extension of the sewers or alterations in the method of disposal. The Sewage Scheme for the West Ward is under construction and at the time of writing is to all intents and purposes complete and ready for the houses to be connected.

Rivers and Streams

The water from the River Thames was not analysed during the year. The Public swimming pool, which is fed by water from the River, remained closed.

(1) Public Accommodation No conversations were carried out during the year. In the West Ward there remain 128 cottages and 22 public houses.

(1) Public Buildings (See previous Reports)

(1) Sanitary Inspection of the Area

| | |
|---|-----|
| Number of insanitary roads | 7 |
| Number of nuisances found | 7 |
| Number of nuisances remedied by service of Formal Notices | 7 |
| Number of nuisances remedied by service of Formal Notices | all |

(iv) Spots 5 spots were inspected during the year and were found to be complying with the requirements of the Act.

(v) Public Places

- (1) Number of sites in the area used for camping in 1928 1
- (2) Number of sites in the area which were licensed. All
- (3) Estimated maximum number of campers at one time. 20

(vi) Swimming Baths and Pools There are two open-air swimming pools on premises of the Thames, one is private and the other public. In view of the condition of the water mentioned in previous Reports, the Public Bath was not opened.

(vii) Inspection of Bed Bugs

- (a) Number of Council houses infested all
 - (b) Number of other houses infested 5
 - (c) Number of Council houses disinfested all
 - (d) Number of other houses disinfested 2
- The houses were disinfested by Messrs Newton Chambers' "Salicidal" method.
1. No investigation of tenants' belongings before entering Council houses was considered necessary.
 2. The work of disinfestation in private houses is carried out by a private Contractor under the supervision of the Council.
 3. The Sanitary Inspector advised and supervised to prevent infestation on re-occupation after cleaning.

4. Schools

There are two elementary schools in the District. The Eton Porny School has Town water supply, and sanitary accommodation on the water carriage system. The Eton Wick School has pail closets which will be converted when the Sewerage Scheme in this Area is completed. The water for this School is from the Town source.

5. Miscellaneous

Controlled Premises:

| Type | Number in District | Number Registered | Number of Inspections made |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Bakehouses | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Slaughter-houses | 1 | 1 | nil |
| Cowkeepers | 8 | 8 | 5 |
| Dairymen (including Milk Retailers) | 14 | 14 | 5 |

Outworkers The latest list of Outworkers shows 31 persons engaged with five firms on tailoring work.

Section D

HOUSING

20 houses to re-house persons in Numbers 5 and 6 Clearance Areas were built during the year and completed immediately prior to the outbreak of War and the tenants have moved in. Two houses occupied by Council Farm labourers were condemned by the Council and the occupants housed in the new Council houses.

Houses erected during 1939:

| | |
|--|----|
| Houses built by Local Authority | 20 |
| Houses built by private enterprise | 10 |

Housing Statistics for 1939

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year:

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)..... 20
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation
- (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices:

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers | 9 |
|---|---|

There are two elementary schools in the district. The Perry School has town water supply and sewerage accommodation on the water carrying system. The other school has only closets which will be converted when the sewerage system in this area is completed. The water for this school is from the town source.

Special Inspections

| Number of Inspections | Number Registered | Number in District | Type |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 3 | 3 | 3 | Barber-shops |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | Slaughter-houses |
| 5 | 5 | 5 | Cookshops |
| 5 | 15 | 15 | Dairies (including Milk Retailers) |

The latest list of Outbreaks shows 21 persons engaged with five times on tubercular work.

Section I

HOUSING

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Houses erected during 1930

Houses built by Local Authority 20
Houses built by private enterprise 10

Housing Statistics for 1930

Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year:

- (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 20
- (2) Number of inspections made for the purpose 24
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses (including under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and reported under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1928 0
- (4) Number of inspections made for the purpose 0
- (5) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 0
- (6) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 18

Number of defects during the year without service of formal notices:

Number of defective dwelling-houses reported in the course of the year by the Local Authority or their Officers 2

3. Actions under Statutory Powers during the Year:

All Sections nil

4. Housing Act, 1936, Part IV Overcrowding:

All Sections nil

Section E

Inspection and Supervision of Food

(a) Milk Supply

There are 7 Supplementary Milk Licences issued under the Milk (Special Designations) Order 1936 in force within the District.

The Accredited milk supplied from the Council's Farm continues to be of good quality as shown by bacterial analysis.

The private cowsheds in the district are still kept in a fair state of efficiency.

(b) Meat and Other Foods

The meat consumed in the district is obtained from outside the district.

No meat was found unfit for human consumption.

There were no killings within the district during the year.

(c) Ice Cream and Preserved Foods

21 shops have registered for the sale and, or manufacture of ice cream and preserved food as required by the Food and Drugs Act 1938.

Details of Inspection

Drainage and Sewerage

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| New drainage work | 41 |
| Blocked sewer | 2 |
| Defective drains | 3 |
| Defective Water Closet | 1 |

Factories and Workshops

| | |
|--|---|
| New bakehouses inspected | 6 |
| Accumulation of Refuse | 2 |
| Want of Cleanliness in Factories | 3 |

Cowsheds and Dairies

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Limewashing required | 3 |
| Want of cleanliness | 3 |

Miscellaneous

| | |
|--|----|
| Interviews with Builders and Property Owners | 20 |
| Dampness in houses | 1 |
| Windows defective in house | 1 |
| Plaster defective | 1 |
| Bug Infestation | 3 |
| Caravan Site inspection | 1 |
| Sanitary arrangements of Fair | 1 |
| Rat Infestation | 1 |

Section 1
Section 2
Section 3

Inspection and Supervision of Food

(a) Milk Supply
The milk supply for the district is obtained from the Milk Producers' Association. The milk is delivered to the district in bulk and is kept in a fair state of efficiency. The milk is analyzed by the Board of Health and is found to be of good quality as shown by bacteriological analysis.

(b) Meat and Other Foods
The meat consumed in the district is obtained from outside the district.

There were no killings within the district during the year.

(c) Ice Cream and Preserved Foods
Ice cream and preserved foods are regulated by the Board of Health and are found to be of good quality.

Details of Inspection

Inspection of Milk
Inspection of Meat
Inspection of Other Foods

Sanitation and Hygiene

Sanitation of Houses
Sanitation of Public Places
Sanitation of Streets

Public Health and Disease

Public Health
Disease
Sanitation

Miscellaneous

Interviews with Public Health Officers
Sanitation of Houses
Sanitation of Public Places
Sanitation of Streets
Sanitation of Public Buildings
Sanitation of Public Places
Sanitation of Streets
Sanitation of Public Buildings

Housing

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Staircase require handrails | 2 |
| Dampness | 2 |
| Dust-bins required | 1 |
| Insufficient lighting | 2 |
| Defective windows | 2 |

Section F

Notifiable Diseases during the Year 1939 (Other than Tuberculosis)

| <u>Disease</u> | <u>Total Cases Notified</u> | <u>Cases admitted to hospital</u> | <u>Total Deaths</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Small Pox | - | - | - |
| Diphtheria | 11 | 11 | - |
| Scarlet Fever | 4 | 2 | - |
| Enteric Fever | - | - | - |
| Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia | - | - | - |
| Pneumonia | 1 | - | - |
| Erysipelas | 3 | 2 | - |
| Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Measles | - | - | - |
| Whooping Cough | 6 | 1 | - |

A small outbreak of Diphtheria, comprising 11 cases, occurred in October, but as a result of the prompt measures taken in examining children in the schools and the contacts at home, the outbreak was quickly brought to a close.

The first case - A.S.- was notified on 4th. October and the second - M.G.- on 7th. October. Both reside in Eton Wick and attend the Eton Porny School, but were in different classes.

The School was visited on 9th. October and 3 children swabbed. One -R.W.- who had returned that day after a week's illness with a cold, had an excoriated nostril with blood-stained discharge. The nasal culture was markedly positive. In view of this, 4 other children in the family were swabbed. Although none presented any clinical evidence of infection, two - E.W.- and -L.W.- had almost pure cultures of Diphtheria in their throats.

On 10th. October the school Nurse reported the absence of a boy -T.L.- with a suspicious throat, whereupon he was swabbed with a positive result. Two home contacts of this case were also swabbed with negative results, but four days later one - A.C.- was notified as a clinical case of Diphtheria, which was confirmed by bacteriological examination. On the 11th October a further case in a boy -R.L.- was notified.

All the foregoing occurred among the ordinary resident population and all were children attending the Eton Porny School.

On 15th October, an evacuee - A.M.- staying at Eton Wick was notified. Investigation revealed that the two children of the hostess - P.E. and R.E.- had been ill, one from 8th October, the

other from 10th October, with sore throats. Swabs revealed positive results. These children attended a Secondary School in Slough.

Subsequent to this, no further cases occurred. All were of the Gravis type.

Six were moderate faucial cases, two had markedly positive throat cultures with histories of sore throat, and three were cases of nasal Diphtheria.

There is no evidence to suggest infection was imported by the evacuees, but from September 25th. to October 2nd. 141 evacuees were added to the normal school population of 160. On 2nd October however, arrangements were made for the evacuee children to attend a separate afternoon Session.

The two cases of "Infantile Paralysis" occurred in July in boys attending the College. One, a boy of 14, was a severe case of Polio-encephalitis of the constrictors of the pharynx together with Pneumonia and myocarditis, I regret to say, brought about a fatal result. The other fortunately was a very mild case with transient paresis of the intrinsic eye muscles.

Of the 4 cases of Scarlet Fever - 3 resided in Eton Wick: 1 was under and 1 over school age: the third was an evacuee: the remaining case was a boy of 16 at Eton College. They occurred in the months of March, May, September and December.

Diphtheria Immunisation

Immediately prior to the small outbreak of Diphtheria, a scheme had been drawn up for the immunisation against Diphtheria of the School population in the South Bucks area. In view of the outbreak, priority was given to the Eton Urban District. An explanatory leaflet was distributed to the parents of all school children in the Eton Porny and Eton Wick Schools. 98 per cent of parents accepted the offer and each child received 1 c.c. of T.A.F. (Burroughs Wellcome) at fortnightly intervals.

Evacuation

The following figures show the number of evacuees received into and remaining in the district on the dates specified:-

6th September

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----------|
| Unaccompanied children | 318 | |
| Mothers and accompanied children | 229 | |
| Expectant Mothers | 3 | |
| Teachers | 19 | |
| Helpers | 9 | 260 |
| | | 578 |

2nd December

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| Unaccompanied children | 34 |
|------------------------------|----|

Numbers in District on 31st December

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|------------|
| Unaccompanied children | 217 | |
| Mothers and accompanied children ... | 34 | |
| Expectant Mothers | 1 | |
| Teachers | 19 | |
| Helpers | 5 |, 276 |

These children attended a secondary school in ...
 management to date, no further cases occurred. All ...

There is no evidence to suggest infection was imported by the ...
 however, arrangements were made for the evanescent children to attend a ...

The two cases of "Influenza Parvovirus" occurred in July in boys ...
 attending the College. One, a boy of 14, was a severe case of ...

Of the 4 cases of scarlet fever - 2 resided in Eton Wick 1 was ...
 cases was a boy of 16 of Eton College. They occurred in the months ...

Diphtheria Immunization

Immediately prior to the small outbreak of Diphtheria, a ...
 had been done up for the immunization against Diphtheria of the ...

Evanescent

The following figures show the number of evanescent ...
 and occurring in the district on the dates specified:-

| <u>1938</u> | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Unimmunized children | 218 |
| Teachers and unimmunized children | 218 |
| Evanescent children | 5 |
| Teachers | 18 |
| Helpers | 2,200 |
| Total | 2,759 |
| <u>1939</u> | |
| Unimmunized children | 24 |
| Teachers in district on 1st December | 217 |
| Teachers and unimmunized children | 241 |
| Evanescent children | 2 |
| Teachers | 2 |
| Helpers | 2,780 |
| Total | 3,015 |

In order to provide additional accommodation for Infectious Diseases and a Sick Bay for evacuees suffering from Minor Ailments, the following arrangements were made :-

1. Infectious Diseases

The Eton Joint Hospital Board provided 39 additional beds for the use of the Urban District and the Borough of Slough and the Rural District of Eton, as follows:-

(a) 16 beds at the Board's Isolation Hospital at Cippenham: by using the Day Nurses' Quarters as Wards and housing the nurses in villas adjoining the hospital (these beds were brought into use on November 15th.).

(b) 23 beds at Burnham at the former Infants' Convalescent Home (opened January 15th, 1940).

2. Accommodation for Minor Ailments

26 beds at Fulmer Rise in the Eton Rural District.

This Home also serves the three constituent Authorities of the South Bucks area and is managed by a Committee consisting of one representative from each (opened 27th November).

Tuberculosis

No action has been necessary under the Public Health (prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, nor under section 62 of the Public Health Act 1925, or section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

New cases and mortality

During the year 6 notifications were received of Tuberculosis, 1 male pulmonary aged 36, 3 female pulmonary, two aged 19 and one aged 15. 1 male non-pulmonary aged 1½, and 1 female non-pulmonary aged 13. 3 deaths were recorded, 2 male pulmonary aged 35 and 30, and 1 male non-pulmonary aged 1½.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

V.A.T.SPONG, M.B.,B.S.,D.P.H., & etc.,

In order to provide additional accommodation for infectious diseases and a Sick Bay for convalescents following from Minor Allments the following arrangements were made:-

1. Infectious Diseases

The East Joint Hospital Board provided 38 additional beds for the use of the Urban District and the Borough of Bournemouth and the Rural District of Eton, as follows:-

- (a) 18 beds at the Board's Isolation Hospital at Cliphurst by using the Day Nurses' Quarters as wards and housing the nurses in villas adjoining the hospital (these beds were brought into use on November 1931).
- (b) 20 beds at Bournemouth of the former Infants' Convalescent Home (opened January 1931, 1940).

2. Accommodation for Minor Allments

20 beds at Palmer Hill in the East Rural District. This Home also serves the three constituent Authorities of the South Bucks area and is managed by a Committee consisting of one representative from each (opened 17th November).

Tuberculosis

No action has been necessary under the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, nor under section 68 of the Public Health Act 1925, or section 142 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Notifiable Diseases

During the year 8 notifications were received of Tuberculosis, 1 male pulmonary aged 35, 2 female pulmonary, two aged 19 and one aged 15. 1 case non-pulmonary aged 17, and 1 female non-pulmonary aged 15. 3 deaths were recorded, 2 male pulmonary aged 25 and 30, and 1 male non-pulmonary aged 17.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

WALTER BRUCE, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., & etc.