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To the Farnborough Rural District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit to you my Annual Report on the Health of the Farnborough Rural District and its sanitary condition for the year 1910. During the year there have been four cases of scarlet fever, three in one house at Avon Dassett and one at the schoolhouse at Warmington; the cases were treated at home as usual, there being no isolation hospital in the District. This is not always satisfactory in such cases, as in the cottage at Avon Dassett it was impossible to properly isolate the cases, nor was it possible to properly disinfect the house afterwards, there being no place provided by the Council to which the inmates could be removed; under the circumstances it was exceedingly fortunate there were no more cases from this source, and I hope the Council will make arrangements for dealing with such cases in the future, *before* there is another outbreak. The case at Warmington school house was isolated, the school closed for 16 days and disinfected and there were no more cases. The school at Shotteswell which was closed owing to an outbreak of measles in the latter part of 1909, was not re-opened until the 24th January, 1910, instead of the 10th; the District has since been free from any notifiable infectious disease.

The births during the year numbered 31, as compared to 18 in 1909, 10 boys and 21 girls giving a birth-rate per 1000 of 20.12. There were 14 deaths during the year giving a deathrate of 9.09 the lowest during my term of office, that is since 1902. Of these 2 occurred under one week owing to premature birth, one at 58 from Influenza. 2 at 62 and 76 from Cancer one at 64 from Bright's disease, the remainder at ages varying from 65 to 92 from old age and other causes. There have been no cases of tuberculosis reported to me during the year.

I have visited the villages in the District and am able to report that the District is in a satisfactory condition. The water supply has been satisfactory during the year; four of the villages are supplied by springs the remaining two have the water brought from a distance. The Bake-houses, Dairies, Slaughterhouses, Workshops and Workplaces, Drainage, Sewage disposal, which is chiefly of the conservancy system have been inspected. There are no Factories in the District which is made up of Rural parishes.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Banbury,

A. TISDALL JOHNS.

February 28th, 1911.

