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GAINSBOROUGH  
**RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

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THE SIXTH  
**Annual**  
**Report,**  
FOR  
**1915.**

OF  
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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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CASKGATE STREET,

GAINSBOROUGH,

MARCH, 1916.

## To the Chairman and Members of the Rural District Council of Gainsborough.

Sir, Madam and Gentlemen,

### Annual Report

I beg to lay before you herewith my Annual Report for 1915 as to the Health and Sanitary Conditions of your District, together with Tables of Births and Deaths registered, the prescribed forms of cases of Infectious Disease, and the special table as to Infantile Mortality, etc., tabulated as required by the Local Government Board, and the Administration of the Factories and Workshops Act, 1901.

The general details concerning the people and district are as before.

### Inspections

141 Inspections were made by the Sanitary Inspector under the Factory and Workshops Act.

9 Canal Boats inspected and found in good order.

### New Houses.

Plans for 2 new houses were passed and for additions to 2.

### Disinfection.

29 houses were disinfected after cases of Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria and Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

### Nuisances abated

All nuisances abated, one notice had to be served.

CARRGATE STREET,  
GAINSBOROUGH,  
MARCH, 1910.

to the Chairman and Members of the Rural District Council  
of Gainsborough.

Sir, Messrs and Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. in relation to the proposed amendment of the Gainsborough Rural District Council, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the Local Government Board and the Administration of the Local Government Act, 1909.

The Council have been requested to report on the proposed amendment, and the same will be reported to the Council at their next meeting, which will be held on the 22nd inst.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours faithfully,  
The Chairman of the Council.



**Schools**

The Schools in the District are in a satisfactory condition.

The health of the scholars is well looked after and a careful watch kept for symptoms of any infectious disease.

During the year the following schools have been closed.

<i>Month</i>	<i>School closed</i>	<i>Disease</i>	<i>Authority</i>
February	Springthorpe	Severe Colds	School Med. Off.
August	Willoughton	Measles	„
September	Owston Ferry	Scarlet Fever	„
October	Marton	Measles	„
December	West Butterwick	Mumps	„
„	Newton-on-Trent	Measles	„

**FOOD**

The milk supply of the district is on the whole good.

**(a) Milk**

The cowsheds 33 in number, have been inspected, and found in good order.

**(b) Meat**

Conditions of supply good.

No tuberculous meat found.

**(c) Bread**

All bakehouses in good order.

**Housing Act**

1. Number of houses inspected	...	..	..	Nil
2. Number of houses on inspection considered unfit for habitation				Nil
3. Number of representations made for closing order			..	Nil
4. Number of closing orders made	..	..	..	Nil

**Hospital  
Accommodation**

Six patients were admitted to the Foxby Hill Isolation Hospital.

Section 10

The schools in the District are in a satisfactory condition.

The health of the scholars is well looked after and a careful watch kept for symptoms of any infectious disease.

During the year the following schools have been closed:

St. John's	School closed	1898
St. Mary's	St. Mary's	1898
St. Peter's	St. Peter's	1898
St. James's	St. James's	1898
St. Michael's	St. Michael's	1898
St. George's	St. George's	1898
St. Andrew's	St. Andrew's	1898
St. David's	St. David's	1898

Section 11

(a) School

The health of the scholars is well looked after and a careful watch kept for symptoms of any infectious disease.

(b) School

The health of the scholars is well looked after and a careful watch kept for symptoms of any infectious disease.

(c) School

All scholars in good order.

Section 12

1. Number of houses inspected

2. Number of houses in poor condition

3. Number of houses in good condition

4. Number of houses in bad condition

Section 13

The health of the scholars is well looked after and a careful watch kept for symptoms of any infectious disease.

**Adopted Acts**

The following Acts are in force :—

- (a) Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890, Part 3.
- (b) Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907.
- (c) Infectious Disease Prevention Act, 1890.

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

The only ones which have occurred in this district during 1915, are Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria and Erysipelas.

The total number of notifications apart from Tuberculosis sent in was 93.

In the last four years the numbers are :—

1912	46 cases.
1913	59 „
1914	60 „
1915	93 „

The number of each disease are :—

Scarlet Fever	74 cases.
Diphtheria	13 „
Erysipelas	6 „

Compared with the previous year :—

	1914	1915
Diphtheria	23	13
Scarlet Fever	25	74
Erysipelas	5	6

Hence the large increase in numbers is due to an epidemic of mild Scarlet Fever.

The total deaths from notifiable disease for the year is Scarlet Fever 1, Diphtheria 5, Erysipelas 1.

Tuberculous conditions 20.



Adopted Act

The following Acts are in force:-

- (a) Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890, Part 2.
- (b) Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907.
- (c) Infectious Diseases Prevention Act 1900.

# NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

The only cases which have occurred in this district during 1912, were cases of Typhoid and Dysentery.

The total number of notifications sent to the Registrar during the year 1912 was:-

In the last year the number was:-	
1912	46 cases
1911	52
1910	50
1909	55

The number of each disease was:-

Dysentery	71 cases
Typhoid	10 "
Scarlet Fever	8 "

Compared with the previous year:-

1912	1911	
18	20	Dysentery
14	22	Scarlet Fever
8	10	Typhoid

When the large number of cases is due to an epidemic of Scarlet Fever.

The total number of notifications sent for the year is 1912, 46 cases. The total number of notifications sent for the year is 1911, 52 cases. The total number of notifications sent for the year is 1910, 50 cases. The total number of notifications sent for the year is 1909, 55 cases.

Scarlet Fever 74 cases. 1 death.

The distribution of these cases are as follows :—

Scotter	12 cases.
Laughton	1 „
Corringham	3 „
West Butterwick	4 „
Owston Ferry	41 „
Morton	10 „
Haxey	2 „
Upton	1 „

Age incidence :—

1— 5 years	16 cases
5—15 „	44 „
15—25 „	16 „
25—65 „	4 „

The large number of cases in Owston Ferry appeared to be due largely to personal contact.

Diphtheria 13 cases. 5 deaths.

These cases were distributed as follows :—

Marton	1 case.
Owston Ferry	2 „
Willingham	1 „
Upton	1 „
Glentworth	3 „
Blyton	3 „
Willoughton	2 „

Age incidence :—

1— 5 years	4 cases.
5—15	11 „
15—25	1 „

The distribution of these cases was as follows:

Age	Sex	Number of cases
1-5 years	Male	1
6-10 years	Male	1
11-15 years	Male	1
16-20 years	Male	1
21-25 years	Male	1
26-30 years	Male	1
31-35 years	Male	1
36-40 years	Male	1
41-45 years	Male	1
46-50 years	Male	1
51-55 years	Male	1
56-60 years	Male	1
61-65 years	Male	1
66-70 years	Male	1
71-75 years	Male	1
76-80 years	Male	1
81-85 years	Male	1
86-90 years	Male	1
91-95 years	Male	1
96-100 years	Male	1

Age incidence:

Age	Number of cases
1-5 years	1
6-10 years	1
11-15 years	1
16-20 years	1
21-25 years	1
26-30 years	1
31-35 years	1
36-40 years	1
41-45 years	1
46-50 years	1
51-55 years	1
56-60 years	1
61-65 years	1
66-70 years	1
71-75 years	1
76-80 years	1
81-85 years	1
86-90 years	1
91-95 years	1
96-100 years	1

The number of cases in the above table is based on the following:

as reported by the

12 cases, 1 death

Smallpox

These cases were distributed as follows:

Age	Sex	Number of cases
1-5 years	Male	1
6-10 years	Male	1
11-15 years	Male	1
16-20 years	Male	1
21-25 years	Male	1
26-30 years	Male	1
31-35 years	Male	1
36-40 years	Male	1
41-45 years	Male	1
46-50 years	Male	1
51-55 years	Male	1
56-60 years	Male	1
61-65 years	Male	1
66-70 years	Male	1
71-75 years	Male	1
76-80 years	Male	1
81-85 years	Male	1
86-90 years	Male	1
91-95 years	Male	1
96-100 years	Male	1

Age incidence:

Age	Number of cases
1-5 years	1
6-10 years	1
11-15 years	1
16-20 years	1
21-25 years	1
26-30 years	1
31-35 years	1
36-40 years	1
41-45 years	1
46-50 years	1
51-55 years	1
56-60 years	1
61-65 years	1
66-70 years	1
71-75 years	1
76-80 years	1
81-85 years	1
86-90 years	1
91-95 years	1
96-100 years	1

Erysipelas            6 cases.   1 death.

The cases occurred at :—

Corringham	2 cases.
Haxey	1 „
Grayingham	1 „
West Butterwick	1 „
East Ferry	1 „

Age incidence :—

25—65	5 cases.
65—over	1 „

Non-Notifiable  
Infectious  
Disease

The following diseases were fairly abundant and the distribution was as follows :—

<i>Mumps</i>	<i>Measles</i>	<i>Chicken-pox</i>	<i>Whooping Cough</i>
Lea	Haxey	West Butterwick	
Northorpe	Blyborough	Scotton	Scotter
Upton	Gunthorpe	Owston Ferry	
Scotter	Willoughton	Sturton	
Willingham	Corringham	Haxey	
Morton	Willingham	Corringham	
W. Butterwick	Blyton		
	Glentworth		
	Morton		
	Upton		
	Newton-on-Trent		
	Marton		

Tuberculosis

The total number of notifications was 23.

Tuberculosis of Lungs	15 cases.
„            Glands	3 „
„            Bone	2 „
„            Meninges	1 „
„            Peritoneum	1 „
„            Throat	1 „



At the same time, it is noted that the number of deaths was 25.

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They were distributed as follows :—

Gainsborough District	4
Scotter	7
Marton	4
Eisterton	8

Age incidence :—

1— 5 years	2 cases.
5—15 „	2 „
15—25 „	2 „
25—65 „	16 „
65— „	1 „

Males 14. Females 9.

These cases are dealt with in Sanatoria or Infirmaries as far as possible.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

The area of the District is as before 24.706 acres.

The total population at Census 1911 is 14743.

They were distributed as follows:—

1	Stamford District
7	Heath
4	Marston
8	Widford

Age in thousands—

1-5	100
5-10	100
10-15	100
15-20	100
20-25	100
25-30	100
30-35	100
35-40	100
40-45	100
45-50	100
50-55	100
55-60	100
60-65	100
65-70	100
70-75	100
75-80	100
80-85	100
85-90	100
90-95	100
95-100	100

Male 100, Female 100.

These figures are based on the results of the Census of 1911.

1911

# VITAL STATISTICS

The area of the District is 41,700 acres.

The total population at Census 1911 is 11,713.

## BIRTHS.

The number of Births for 1915 is 328, giving a birth-rate of 22.14.

The number of births may be divided as follows :—

Legitimate	Boys	170	
	Girls	142	
			Total 312
Illegitimate	Boys	8	
	Girls	8	
			Total 16
			<hr/>
			328

### TABLE A.

Sub-District.	1st Half-year.	2nd Half.	Totals.	Illegitimate.
A. GAINSBOROUGH	13	9	22	1
B. MARTON ...	65	56	121	6
C. SCOTTER ...	47	39	86	6
D. MISTERTON ...	53	46	99	3
TOTALS ...	178	150	328	16



# BIRTHS

The number of births for each year is given in the following table.

The number of births for each year is given in the following table.

Location

Year

1911

Location

Year

1912

Location

Year

1913

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1914

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1915

Location

Year

1916

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Year

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## DEATHS.

The total number of deaths registered in the District for the year 1915 was 205.

Deaths of residents not registered in the District 26.

Of non-residents registered in the District 4.

The death-rate is 14.66.

## TABLE B.

This table gives the total deaths according to the sub-districts for all ages and for under one year, comparing them with the previous four years.

Year.	A. Misterton.		B. Scotter.		C. Marton.		D. Gainsborough		TOTALS	
	All Ages.	Under 1 Year	All Ages.	Under 1 Year	All Ages.	Under 1 Year	All Ages.	Under 1 Year	All Ages.	Under 1 Year
1911	64	6	42	9	73	7	24	7	209	29
1912	71	11	51	11	47	6	11	0	180	28
1913	62	11	35	6	58	4	9	2	164	23
1914	71	5	35	0	66	12	11	3	183	20
1915	64	5	49	4	72	6	20	3	205	18

Total deaths of illegitimate children 3.

# DEATHS

The total number of deaths registered in the District for the year 1913 was 101.

Deaths of residents not registered in the District 25

Deaths of non-residents registered in the District 2

The mortality is 14.64

## TABLE B.

This table shows the total number of deaths registered in the District for the year 1913, and also the number of deaths registered in the District for each of the months of the year.

Year	1913	1912	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905	1904	1903	1902	1901	1900
Total	101	97	111	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101
Jan	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Feb	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Mar	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Apr	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
May	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Jun	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Jul	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Aug	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Sep	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Oct	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Nov	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Dec	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

Total Deaths of Residents 101

Besides the regular notifications of infectious diseases, I receive through the office of the County M.O.H. copies of all notices of infectious disease from the head teachers in all the schools.

I am indebted to the officials of your Council, especially the Sanitary Inspector for much valuable assistance during the year.

Copies of this Report have been sent to the Local Government Board, and the various bodies interested,

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

**H. B. WILLOUGHBY SMITH,**

M.B., Lond., F.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.



Under the regular collection of tobacco duties, I receive  
through the office of the County M. H. copies of all notices of seizures  
issued from the land records in all the counties.

I am furnished with the official copy of the same, especially the notices  
issued for the seizure of tobacco, during the year.

As a result of this report have been sent to the Local Government Board,  
and the various bodies interested.

I am,

Your obedient servant,