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ANNUAL REPORT

UPON THE

PUBLIC HEALTH

AND

SANITARY CONDITION

OF THE

GOOLE RURAL DISTRICT,
FOR THE YEAR 1915.

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TO THE GOOLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

We beg to submit our Annual Report upon the state of the Public Health and Sanitary condition of your district for the year 1915.

In conformity with the wishes of the Local Government Board this report will be briefer than usual.

POPULATION.

The civil population of the district is estimated by the Registrar General to have been 8,266 at the middle of the year. This figure is arrived at by calculations based on the result of the National Register compiled in August, 1915, and is the population on which the death rates are calculated.

BIRTHS AND BIRTH RATE.

212 births were registered in the district, being 16 less than last year, and one more than the previous year. As these infants were not all the children of civilians, the birth rate is calculated on the total estimated population at the middle of 1914, and works out at 24'4 per 1,000 of population. This rate is the lowest since 1912, when the rate dropped to 23'4. It is, however, 2'5 higher than the average for England and Wales, and 3'7 higher than the average for rural districts in England and Wales.

Comparing the birth rates in the Sub-Districts with that for 1913 and 1914 we get the following figures:

			1913	1914	1915
Goole Registr	ation Dist	rict	25'3	22.2	27'9
Swinefleet	do.		22.2	24.1	22.1
Snaith	do,		26.2	29'4	24'7

17 births were illegitimate, as compared with 20 last year and 26 in the previous year.

DEATHS AND DEATH RATE.

119 deaths took place in the district, giving a total or gross death rate of 14'3. Of these 119 deaths 14 were those of persons not ordinarily resident in the district, and 14 residents of the district died elsewhere. This leaves the nett number of deaths at the original figure, 119, and gives a nett death rate equal to the gross one, 14'3. This death rate is higher than last year, but slightly under the average for the last five years. The death rate for England and Wales was 14'8, and for the

Rural areas 13.6. There was a considerable increase in the number of deaths attributed to bronchitis, 15 against six. There were three more deaths attributed to congenital causes than during last year. "Diseases ill-defined or unknown" account for 12 more deaths this year than last, whilst "other defined diseases" show a decrease of eight, "Cancer and malignant disease" accounts for four fewer than last year.

There were no deaths from notifiable infectious diseases except tuberculosis.

The death rate in the Sub-Districts compared with previous years is as follows:

		1913	1914	1915
Goole Rural	Registration District	17.6	10.4	14.7
Swinefleet	do.	13.5	13.8	12.6
Snaith	do.	17.2	13.4	14.8

23 deaths of infants under one year were registered, as compared with 26 last year, and 30 the year before. The infant mortality rate (per 1,000 blrths registered) works out at 108, the lowest figure since 1910. There is an increase of three in the number of deaths attributed to congenital causes as compared with last year. There is also an increase of two in those from tuberculosis meningitis. On the other hand "diarrhœa and enteritis" account for three fewer than last year, pneumonia for one less, and there was a complete absence of mortality from measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough, and diphtheria.

The "infantile mortality" rate for England and Wales was 110, and for the rural districts 98.

There were five deaths of illegitimate children, as compared with six last year.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

73 cases were notified, as compared with 39 last year, and 97 in the previous year. Of these 73 cases 42 were scarlet fever, 22 diphtheria, two enteric fever, six pulmonary tuberculosis, and one non-pulmonary tuberculosis.

SCARLET FEVER.—There was a considerable outbreak of this disease at Rawcliffe Bridge, 37 cases in all. The first case was notified on January 22nd, and between that date and March 16th seven further cases were notified. On May 15th a teacher at the school was reported to be suffering from the disease. The acting Medical Officer of Health visited the school on May 26th and examined a number of children, four

were found to be suffering from a condition believed to be scarlet fever in an exceedingly mild form. These children were removed to hospital, the school disinfected and closed until June 11th. On June 16th the school was again visited and children examined. Visits were paid to cottages where children were ill, and as a result two more mild cases were discovered. As the disease appeared not to decrease in incidence a house to house examination was made, and 13 children removed to hospital on June 29th. On July 6th a further visit was made, but without any further cases being discovered. A new case was, however, notified on July 29th, and another on August 4th. Thereafter cases continued to be notified occasionally until September 16th. This outbreak appeared to spread because of the exceeding mildness of the type, the parents not deeming medical attendance necessary, and considering the disease to be either measles or mumps. A poster was displayed on the walls setting out the penalties incurred by exposure of infected persons and clothing, and by failure to notify, and this appeared to have a salutory effect.

The remaining cases appeared to be sporadic in type, two cases occurring at Hook in June; one, the teacher above mentioned, at Rawcliffe in May; and two, mother and son, at Snaith in October and November.

DIPHTHERIA.—22 cases were notified in addition to one military case not included. The first case was notified and removed to hospital from Hook on the 7th of June. On the 4th of July a further case at Hook was notified, and removed to hospital on the same day. Between that date and the 18th of July eleven further cases were reported and isolated. Five of the cases were from one house, four from auother, and two from a third. The school was closed and disinfected, and no further cases appeared. The remaining cases were sporadic, and apparently not connected with each other. Two cases appeared to have contracted the disease at school in Goole.

ENTERIC FEVER.—There were two cases, a mother and her daughter, at Swinefleet.

PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.—Of the cases of phthisis three were school children, two agricultural labourers, and one a domestic servant. The latter case proved fatal.

NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.—The one case was a school boy, who had contracted the disease in the cervical glands.

SCHOOL CLOSURE.—The following schools were closed on account of outbreaks of the diseases mentioned:

Rawcliffe Bridge Council—May 27 to June 11, scarlet fever.

Ditto June 17 until Summer holidays,
scarlet fever.

Hook Church of England—July 17 until summer holidays, diphtheria.

WATER SUPPLY.

The parishes of Snaith and Cowick, Rawcliffe and Rawcliffe Bridge, Hook, and Swinefleet, are supplied with water from the Goole Urban District's supply at Pollington. The water is of excellent quality, and is now used generally in these villages except at Rawcliffe and Swinefleet, where strendous efforts are being made to induce owners of property to lay on the water.

In the Marshland villages the supply of drinking water is commonly obtained from rain-water cisterns, which are apt to fail in very dry weather, and need constant cleansing.

At the farmhouse on Swinefleet Common, mentioned in the last two annual reports, an attempt has been made to improve the existing supply by cleansing the well and altering the sanitary arrangements. No further case of enteric fever has occurred there.

DRAINAGE.

Eighty yards of new sewer was laid at Hook during 1915. It is proposed to lay a sewer at West End, Rawcliffe. At present the sewage from this portion of the village runs into an open drain, which is a nuisance.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

The prevailing type of closet in the district is the privy and midden. The majority of these are comparatively modern, especially in the villages, but doors are not so common as we could wish, and middens are, generally speaking, too large.

HOUSING.

A report of the housing conditions at Rawcliffe, including Rawcliffe Bridge, was prepared and presented to you. Your Council decided that only the more urgent matters should be dealt with at the time, and the others left over until after the War.

During 1915 264 houses were examined under the provisions of the Housing and Town Planning Act. Of these seven were found to be unfit for habitation. Closing Orders were asked

for and made in these cases. One house was made fit without the making of a Closing Order, and three others after the Orders were made. Much of the remainder of the property was dilapidated and damp.

A special report on the housing conditions at Swinefleet is in course of preparation.

No new houses were constructed during 1915.

MILK SUPPLY.

There are 38 milk sellers registered in the district. All are also cowkeepers. There are 38 cowsheds occupied by these registered milk sellers, and about 300 cows are kept. The premises are kept in fair condition.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

There are nine registered slaughter houses [in the district, and they are kept in good condition.

OUT-WORKERS.

There are none employed in the district.

SUMMARY OF HOUSING WORK DURING 1915.

No. of]	Houses Inspected	0		264
No. fou	nd unfit for habitati	ion		7
No. of	representations m	ade with a	a view to	making
Clo	sing Orders			7
No of C	Closing Orders made	e ·		7
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No. of	Houses made fit aft	er Closing	Orders mad	e 3
General	character of defect	s found.	Roofs L	eaky, making
W	alls Damp, and Ger	nerally Dila	pidated.	
No. of	cases of overcrowdin	ng dealt wit	th during 19	915 1
at	Rawcliffe Bridge.	Removed t	o larger hou	ıse.

We are, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servants,

W. B. HILL,

Medical Officer of Health.

A. H. RADCLIFFE,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE I.

VITAL STATISTICS DURING 1915 AND PREVIOUS YEARS IN THE RURAL DISTRICT OF GOOLE.

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1914	 8650	228	228	26.35	119	13.87	12	7	26	114	114	13.17
1915	 †8266	212	212	24.4	119	14.3	14	14	23	108	119	14.3

† Civil Population as estimated by the Registrar General.

Area of District in acres (exclusive of area covered by water) .. 38,238 Acres.

TABLE II.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1915, IN THE RURAL DISTRICT OF GOOLE.

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Isolation Hospital or Hospitals, Sanatoria, &c.—For General Infectious Diseases at Hook in the Goole Rural District, For Small Pox at Goole (Goole Urban Council). Sanatoria provided by the West Riding County Council.

TABLE III.

CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATH DURING YEAR 1915, IN THE RURAL DISTRICT OF GOOLE.

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TABLE IV.

DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES IN WEEKS AND MONTHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE IN THE RURAL DISTRICT OF GOOLE.

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TABLE C. 1915.

GOOLE RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT

W	T	ER	SU	PP	LY-
11.4	h	1111	ALC: NO		

Any development during 1915? No.

Any insufficiency, and where? ... In dry weather the Marshland villages
Any curtailment? No. | have not sufficient
Did any wells fail, and where? No.
Any unsatisfactory quality and where? ... 'es, in Marshland district.

Any unchecked plumbo solvent action? ... No.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE-

Any Developments during 1915? ... 80 yds of 6in. Sewer laid at Hook.

Developments still needed as to (a) Want of sewers Proposed to lay 120 yds at
Rawcliffe, West end.

(b) Improvement of defective sewers ... Short length at Commonpiece, Swinefleet, relaid.

Any inadequacy of Sewage Disposal Works
or complaints as to smells? . . . No.
No. of sink-wastes disconnected during 1915. 1. Trapped—0.
Proportion of sink-wastes still needing disconnection—Very small.
Untrapped—

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION-

No. of Privies with open middens—171. No. of Pail or Tub Closets—336. No. of Privies with covered middens—1223. No. of Water Closets—40. Are proper doors and coverings generally provided? In most cases Waste-water Closets—0. No. of Privies re-constructed during 1915 (a) as w.c's—0 (b) other—5. No. of additional Closets newly constructed for old property in 1915, (a) w.c 's—0. (b) other—0. No. of Closets constructed in 1915 for new houses (a) w.c.'s 0. (b) other—0.

SCAVENGING-

How is refuse disposed of (a) Destructor? No. (b) Tips—Yes.
c) Farmers take it in all villages except Swinefleet
Rawcliffe. Snaith & Cowick.
Total annual ccs, Swinefleet, £60; Snaith, £49; Rawcliffe, £105. Total, £214
Is there any ina equacy, and where? .. None Known.
Any change during 1915?.. .. No.

NUISANCE INSPECTION-

Total No. of Inspections made in 1915 . . 1114.

Informal Notices served . . 45. Complied with . . 40.

Statutory Notices served . . 43 Complied with . . 24.

Total No. of Nuisances in hand at c ose of 1914 . . 7. At close of 1915 . . 6

, , , reported during 1915 . . 66. Abated during 1915 . . 67.

, Summonses or other legal proceedings None.

Regulated Buildin Trades, &c.				No. on Register.	I	No. of aspections	s.	Genera Condition		Legal Proceedings
Common Lodging Hou										None.
Canal Boats		0				13		,,	"	None.
Knackers Yard .		1				3		,,	,,	None.
Offensive Trades		1				4		,,	,,	None.
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Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive, e.g.,
Fish-frying, Maggot-breeding, etc.? No.

SCHOOLS—
No. of E ementary Schools in District
No. of Visits to Schools
MILK SUPPLY—
No of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for analysis under F. & D. Acts
OTHER FOODS—No of seizures of unsound food None. Kind and quantity
HOUSING —Is there any scarcity of houses, and where? No. Any overcrowding of persons in houses and where? None Known
No. of cases deals with One, at Rawcliffe Bridge.—removed to larger house Any special activity in house building, and where? No. No of new houses built 1915 (a) Working-class dwellings, 0. (b) Other 0 Are there any working-class dwellings erected by the Sanitary Authority No. Are Sanitary Authority contemplating erection of working class dwellings? No. Any Town Planning Scheme contemplated? No. Who has been designated as an Inspecting Officer under Article II. of the Housing Regulations, 1940 ROBT. PLEWES, 4, Belgravia, Goole. No. of houses inspected under the Act and Regulations
No. of houses found unfit for habitation
under Section 38 (1) of 1890 Act?
Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms Any action in respect of such rooms? No. [under Sec. 17 (7)? No. FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS—
Any smoke nuisance, and where? No.
No. of smoke observations taken None.
ADOPTIVE ACTS—
Acts adopted during 1915 None.
BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS— Any adopted during 1915 None.
Any adopted during 1915 None. Are any other Byelaws needed? No.

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASE—
What diseases have been specially prevalent in 19:5? 1 Scarlet Fever.
Any special action to combat same? House-to-house examinations, School closure, Isolation, etc.
Is Hospital accommodation adequate and sufficient? Yes. What arrangements for supply of Antitoxin? Paid for by Council. Any diseases specially added to notifiable List? No. Any influences threatening the health of the District? Housing conditions.
SPECIAL REPORTS AND INVESTIGATIONS-
Housing Conditions at Rawcliffe & Rawcliffe Bridge. Scarlet Fever at Rawcliffe Bridge.
TUBEFCULOSIS—Inspection of patient's home and workshop Yes. Examination for contacts . Disinfection After death or removal. Distribution of advice leaflets Action respitting Shelters provided By W. K.C.C. Is sputum examined? . Yes. Tuberculosis Dispensaries—Any suggestions? No.
BACTERIOLOGY-
Is County Laboratory used? Yes. Any suggestions? No.
INFANTILE MORTALITY—What organised effort to control it? Any Baby Clinic, Baby's Welcome, or Mother's League? Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1915 None.
VITAL STATISTICS—
Births during 1915—Males 110. Females 102. Total 212. Number illegitimate, included in the above
MISCELLANEOUS-
Mean Temperature for Year 1915 No record Rainfall No record. What mortuary accommodation (a) for accidents etc None. ,, ,, (b) for infectious cases None. No. of burial grounds 10. Any need for extensions No.
SANITARY STAFF-
What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H.? £100 Name of Sanitary Inspector £107. Annual Salary as Inspector £107. Other appointments held

1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES. WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

		Number of	
Premises.	Inspections	Written Notices.	Prosecutions
5 FACTORIES (Including Factory Laundries)	7	-	
17 WORKSHOPS (Including Workshop Laundries)	26	-	_
WORKPLACES (Other than Outworkers' premises included in Part 3).	4	-	_
Total	37	_	_
2.—DEFECTS FOU WORKSHOPS AND	ND IN FA Workpl	ACTORIE ACES.—N	ES, NIL.
3.—HOME V	WORKN	IIL.	
4.—REGISTERE	D WORKS	SHOPS.	
Dressmakers Joiners Blacksmiths			17

5.—OTHER MATTERS.

Total

... 19

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Shoemakers

Bakehouse

Tripe Preparing Works

INSPECTIONS MADE, NUISANCES ABATED, &c., DURING 1915.

Number of Inspections made			1114
Number of Nuisances found			66
Number of Notices Served			43
Number of Verbal Notices			45
Number of Nuisances abated			67
House Drains examined and cleansed			5
Sinks disconnected			4
Cesspools removed and Gulleys substituted			
Cesspools cleansed every Three I	Months		60
Old Privies and Ashpits reconstr	ructed		5
New Privies	,		
Houses cleansed and disinfected after Infectious Disease 5			ase 56
New Houses erected			
Inspections of buildings in course of erection			4
Inspections of Canal Boats			18
Cowkeepers Registered			38
Number of Cows in district			310
Number of Slaughter Houses on Register		9	
Number of Inspections of Slaughter Houses		18	
Notices to Whitewash Cowsheds	3		6
Village Water Courses cleansed			4½ miles
Number of Common Lodging Houses on Register			2
Number of Inspections made			7
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ROBERT PLEWES,

February, 1916.

INSPECTOR.