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TO THE
Hartley Wintney Rural District Council.

ANNUAL REPORT

By the Medical Officer of Health, for the Year ending 31st December, 1905.

Estimated Population in District, 18,750.

HARTLEY WINTNEY,

February, 1906.

The number of registered deaths in this District was 216. This number on the estimated population gives a death rate of 11.52 per thousand, whilst the infant mortality was 50.11.

The tale of notifiable infectious diseases is very satisfactory, being 58 as compared with 91 in the previous year. Only 14 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified, and these of a mild type. 13 cases of Diphtheria occurred in Crookham Parish between February 15th and December 18th. These were a mild type. In each case the house and premises were inspected, instructions given, and subsequently disinfected. It must be borne in mind that many cases now notified as Diphtheria, were formerly classed as Tonsillitis, the reason being that the Diphtheria Microbe is so often discovered by bacteriological examination in cases not representing the clinical features of true Diphtheria, hence most doubtful cases are now notified. In November a lad from Alton Union, in apparently good health was admitted to the Crondall District Schools. He subsequently developed Diphtheria, three more cases followed, but no more occurred up to the end of December. In order to take every precaution however, swabs were examined at the Lister Institute, from 31 apparently healthy throats. 21 of these were reported to contain Diphtheria Bacilli.

Measles have been prevalent in the District the whole year, and necessitated the closing of Ewshott, Hawley, Crookham, Odiham and Hartley Wintney Schools by the Sanitary Authority at various periods.

In February I advised the prosecution of a man named Goddard for exposing himself in the public highway, mixing with other men, whilst in an infectious condition from Scarlet Fever. Proceedings were successfully taken, the defendant being fined by the Bench at Odiham.

I advised the Council to take proceedings against over-crowding at Itchel Lodge, defendants having been repeatedly warned without effect. The Magistrates ordered an immediate abatement.

I reported on the keeping of pigs too close to the highway at Eversley Green and Magistrates ordered removal of same, the proprietor having persistently refused to take notice of the Council's instructions.

Special reports were made to the Council on the Sanitary condition of a large Farm at Cove, and on the condition of the Crookham Day Schools; they acted thereon.

A regular and systematic inspection of the District has been made, including dairies, cow-sheds, bakeries, also of laundries and workshops in compliance with the Factory and Workshops Acts.

Disinfection of all premises, and of bedding, has been thoroughly carried out after Infectious Disease.

New Houses are being continually built in the District, and the accommodation of the working classes improves.

Hartley Wintney Water Supply still requires improvement.

The Health of the District is good, the Infant mortality exceptionally low.

Rainfall 26.44 inches for the year. January and February were exceptionally dry months, the rainfall being .85 and .68 inches respectively. June was the wettest, 5.09.

I have recommended the Council to make arrangements for the Bacteriological examination of specimens when necessary, and they have adopted the suggestion.

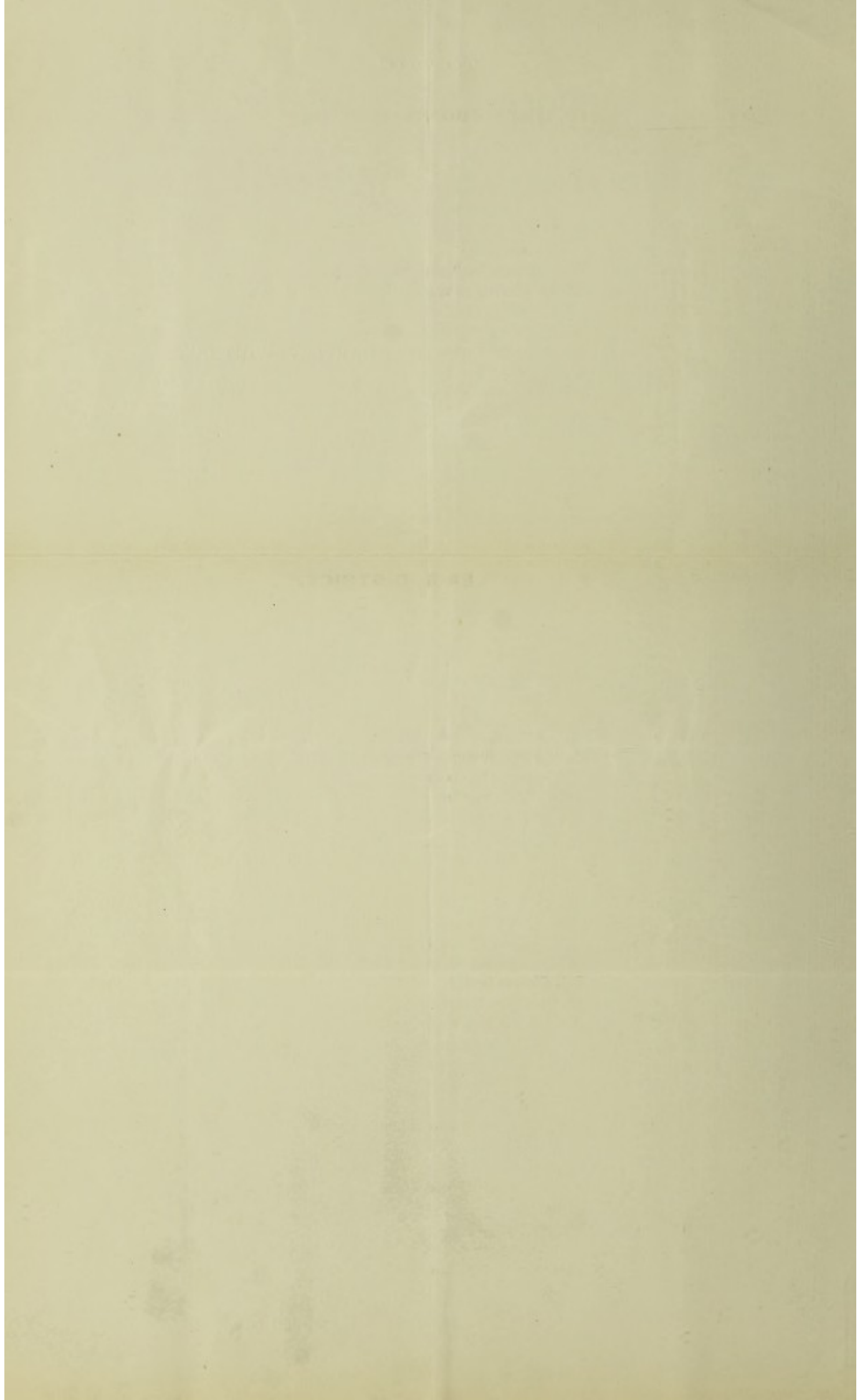
A variety of samples of water have been examined.

Appended are the reports of the Sanitary Inspectors.

H. MATURIN,

Medical Officer of Health.





MR. SISTERSON'S DISTRICT.

BAKEHOUSES.	Inspected	20
CESSPOOLS.	New Cesspools built on old premises	11
	Cesspools cleansed	12
DRAINS.	Cleansed and repaired	16
DITCHES.	Cleansed	17
DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.	Inspected	51
HOUSES.	New Houses built with Water Supply	37
	Filthy Houses cleansed	27
INFECTIOUS DISEASE.	Disinfections after	22
NUISANCES.	Dung Heaps, Switch Holes, &c., removed or cleansed ..	39
PLANS.	For New Buildings passed	14
OVERCROWDING.	Cases abated	3
PRIVIES.	New Privies built on old premises	7
	Repaired	9
	Cleansed	27
PIGSTYES.	Cleansed	16
WELLS.	Old Wells cleansed	9
	New Wells sunk	10
TENTS AND VANS.	Notices served and complied with	11

MR. BUTLER'S DISTRICT.

COMPLAINTS.	Number received	46	
INSPECTIONS.	397	
DRAINS.	Constructed	27	
	Repaired	8	
	Ventilated	14	
	Cleansed	6	
	Abolished	13	
	Gulley and disconnecting traps fixed	49	
	Defective traps abolished	24	
	Inspection chambers built	11	
	Fresh air inlets provided	4	
	CESSPOOLS.	New built	6
		Removed	3
Cleansed		14	
CLOSETS.	W.C.'s constructed	9	
	.. abolished	3	
	.. repaired, ventilated and improved	9	
	.. flushing apparatus fixed	6	
	Pail Closets built	14	
	Middens constructed	3	
	.. cleansed	41	
.. abolished	11		
WASTE PIPES.	Disconnected, trapped and ventilated	14	
SOIL PIPES.	Fixed and ventilated	2	
WATER SUPPLY.	Provided	38	
	Wells cleaned out and improved	11	
	Wells closed	1	
OVERCROWDING.	Cases abated	2	
ANIMALS.	Keeping discontinued cases	4	
DITCHES.	Cleansed	9	
INFECTIOUS DISEASES.	Disinfections	24	
DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.	Inspections	46	
	Limewashed and defects remedied	19	

