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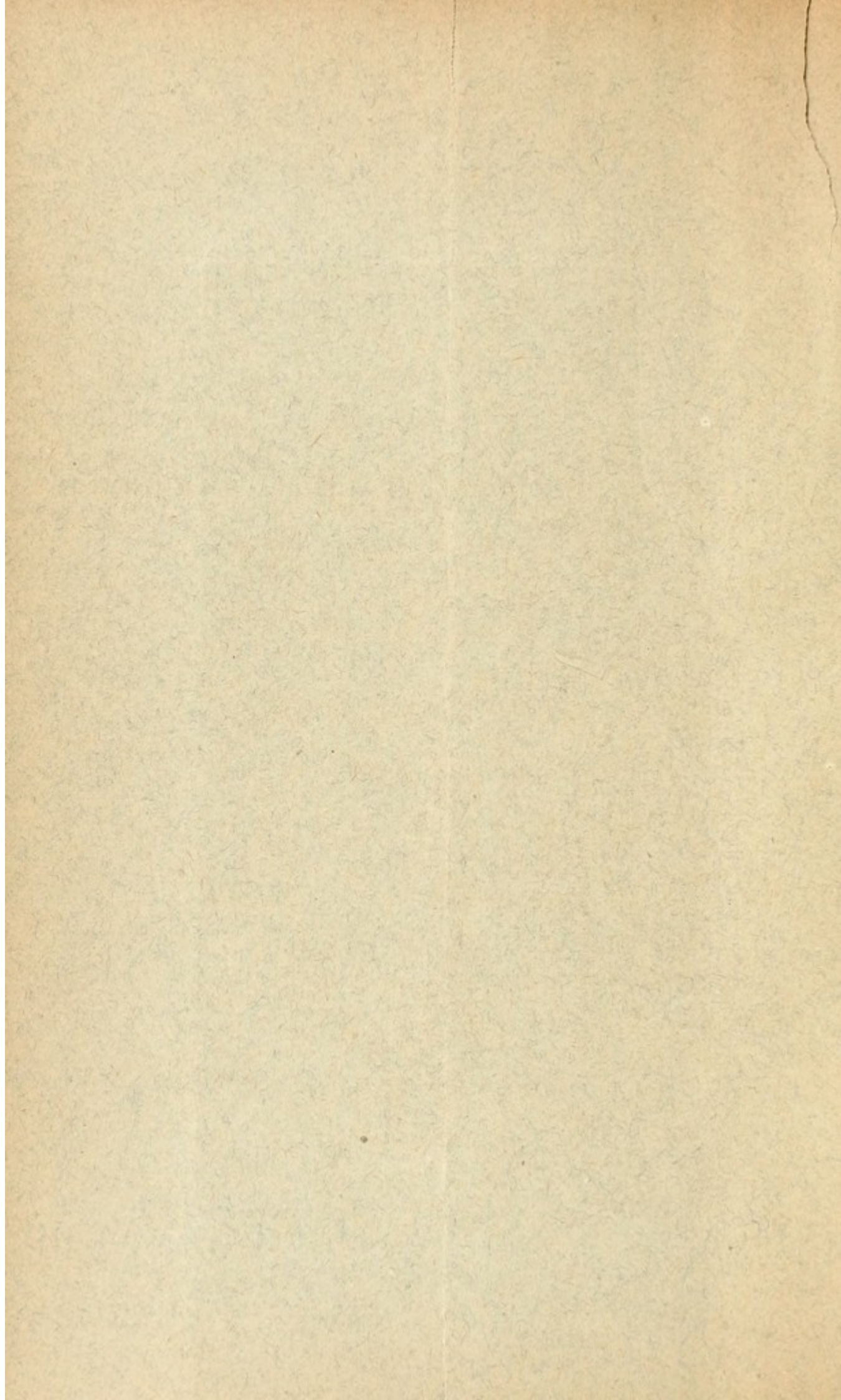
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DEATH-RATE.—The number of deaths at all ages and from all causes during the year was 54 (26 males and 28 females) being equivalent to a death-rate of 18.6 per 1,000 inhabitants, as against 43 deaths and a death-rate of 14.8 for the year 1895.

The following table shows the number of deaths and the death-rate, etc., since 1892 :—

Year	No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000	Infant Mortality under 1 Year.	Rate per 1,000	Population
1892	63	21.7	16	5.5	2,895
1893	60	20.7	15	5.1	2,895
1894	38	13.1	9	3.1	2,895
1895	43	14.8	14	4.8	2,895
1896	54	18.6	13	4.4	2,895

MORTALITY AT ALL AGES.—Of the total number of deaths registered in your district 13 occurred to children under 1 year, 8 between 1 and 5, 1 between 5 and 15, 17 between 25 and 65, and 15 to persons above 65 years of age. No less than 16 deaths were due to acute inflammatory diseases of the respiratory organs, such as bronchitis, pneumonia, etc. Heart disease caused 6, phthisis 2, and diarrhoea 2 deaths.

ZYMOTIC DISEASES.—The number of infectious cases reported was eleven, viz. :—Scarlatina 2, diphtheria 6, typhoid fever 1, and erysipelas 1.

Three deaths were due to diseases of this class, viz. :—1 typhoid, 1 erysipelas, and 1 from whooping cough, making a death-rate of 1 per 1,000.

SCARLET FEVER. — A case of this disease occurred at Wedneshough Green in January, and was followed by a second in the same house.

These cases were duly investigated, but its origin could not be traced.

TYPHOID.—Of this disease one case occurred in Spring-street, in September, and proved fatal, and the second one in Market-street, in December. The premises where the former case occurred were badly drained, but have been much improved since, and the insanitary condition remedied. With respect to the latter case no sanitary defects were found, nor could the disease be satisfactorily traced, as this person worked away from home, and probably contracted it at his place of employment.

DIPHThERIA.—Six cases of this disease, of a mild type, were reported. One in Market-street, in March, and a second in the same street, in May; one at Hollingworth Hall Cottage, in July, and three in Woolley-lane, in August, all of which recovered. With the exception of those in Market-street and Hollingworth Hall Cottage, there was nothing to indicate that it originated from sanitary defects, but on the premises in Market-street a loose rubble drain which was in use for many years before the drainage was diverted, passes under the house and should have been cleaned out and filled up when the alterations were made, as a great deal of the sewage must in the course of years have percolated into the foundations. The premises are also damp owing to the washings of the floor passing between the stone flags, and presumably into the old drain to which your attention was drawn in my April report.

ERYSIPELAS. — One case reported in Cross-street. No sanitary defects found.

WATER SUPPLY.—This has been abundant and pure.

NOXIOUS TRADES.—There are none carried on in the district.

MILK SHOPS.—No milk shops, the supply being brought from farms outside.



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