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#### HOLMFIRTH URBAN DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICIR OF HEALTH FOR THE

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YEAR 1946

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Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

In presenting my annual report for the year 1946 I have complied with the instructions laid down by the Ministry of Health in Circular 13/47 dated 13th March, 1947.

There have been no changes in the general provision of health services for the area. The legislation in force in the area has remained the same.

There have been no marked changes or developments in the sanitary circumstances of the area during the year. For details see Sanitary Inspectors' report. The water supply was satisfactory in quantity and quality during the year. Twenty eight examinations were made for plumbo-solvency, twenty seven of these were satisfactory and one unsatisfactory, after standing all night.

#### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

During 1946 254 children were immunised against diphtheria, of these 236 were children under 5 years of age and 18 were children aged between 5 and 15 years. In addition 12 children were given a reinforcing dose. This prophylactic treatment is offered by the Government free of charge for all children. In order to take advantage of it all the parents have to do is to take their child to their own doctor or to the Medical Officer of Health when the child is a year old. The child is then given two or three injections. The child should be given one reinforcing dose when it is five years old and another one when it is 10 years old.

I rendered the following annual return to the Ministry of Health in regard to diphtheria immunisation for the year ended 31st December, 1946.

Number of children who had completed a full course of immunisation at any time: -Total Age at 31/12/46.under 1. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5 to 9 i.e.born in year. 1946 1945 1944 1943 1942 1937-41 1. 4. 5 to 9 10 to 14 under 1932-36 15 number immunised 4 138 179 148 146 474 460 1549 Estimated mid year population 1946 1290 2180 3470

> Diphtheria notifications under 15 years NIL Diphtheria deaths NIL

These figures are supplied to me by the West Riding County Council. They have been amended, but in my opinion they are still quite incorrect when compared with the figures supplied for 1945 and the number of children immunised during 1946.

#### EVACUATION

At 31st December, 1945 there remained one unaccompanied child in a billet, one blind adult in a hostel and 9 children in a hospital for difficult children in the district. These were all removed from the district during 1946.



# APPENDIX 1.

# STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Population (estimated 1946)	18,460
Area	17,565 acres
Rateable Value	£91,329
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£359



EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

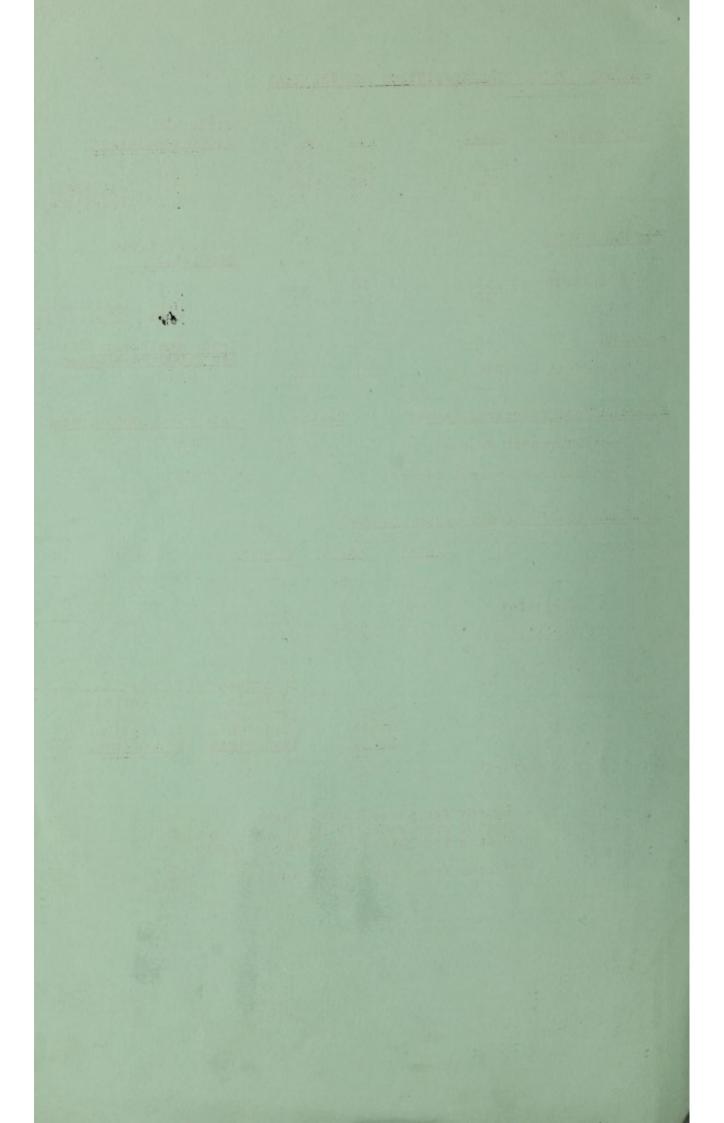
LIVE BIRTHS.	Total.	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	Birth rate per 1,000 population.
Holmfirth	310 298 12	164 155 9	146 143 3	16.8 16.14 legitimate 0.63 illegitimate
STILL BIRTHS				Rate per 1,000 population
Holmfirth	11 10 1	10 9 1	1 1	0.59 0.54 legitimate 0.65 illegitimate
DEATHS				Crude death rate
Holmfirth	227	101	126	per 1.000 Population 12.3
Deaths from Pu	erperal Causes	De	aths	Rate per 1,000 births
From Puerpe	ral Sepsis		0	
	Puerperal causes			0
	adiperar causes		0	0
Death rate of	Infants under one	year		

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	Total	Male	Female
	10	8	2
legitimate	10	8	2
Illegitimate	0	о	0

	Total Death <u>Rate.</u>	Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate <u>live births</u>	Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate <u>live births</u>
Holmfirth	32	33	0

Deaths	from	Measles (all ages) Whooping Cough (all ages) Diarrhoea (under 2 years	00	
		Concor (all of age)	0 38	



#### HOLMFIRTH URBAN DISTRICT

## PRINCIPAL VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YLAR 1946

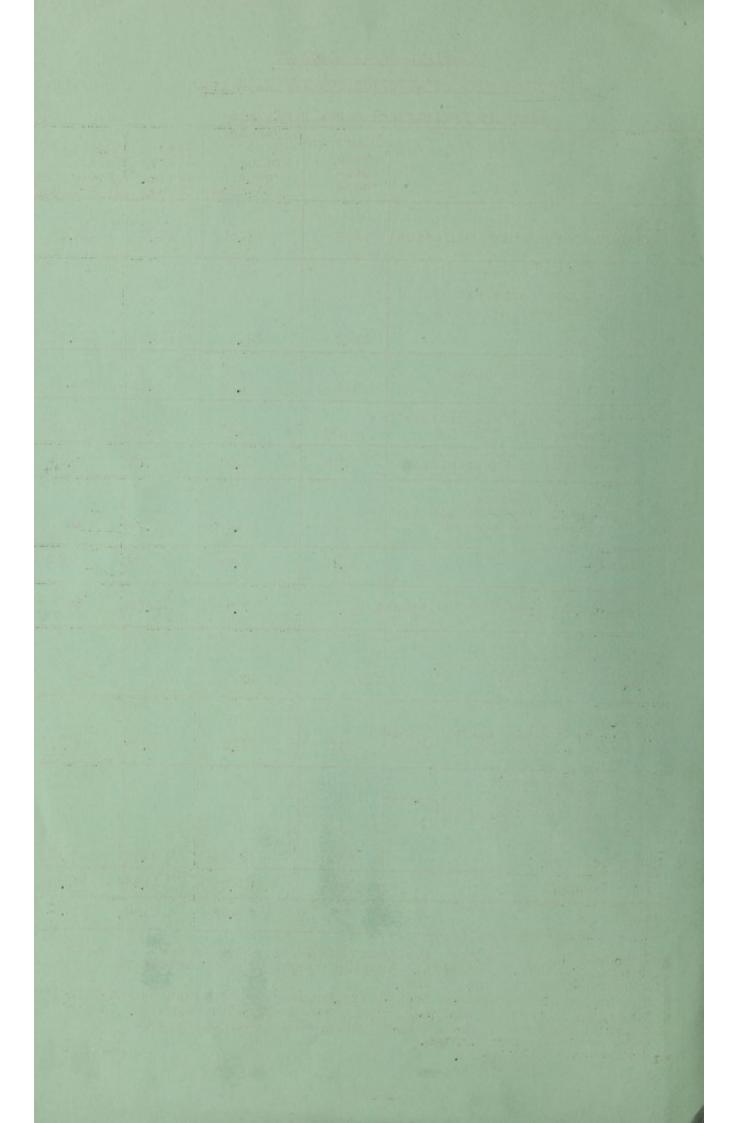
Based on Registrar	-General's	<u>Figures</u>		
	Holmfirth Urban Dis- trict	Aggregate West Riding Urban Districts	West Riding Admin. County	England & Wales (Provision- al_Figures)
BIRTH RATE (per 1;000 estimated population)	16.8	19.5	19.7	19,1
DEATH RATES:- (All per 1,000 estimated population)				
All Causes	12.3	12.4	11.9	11.5
Zymotic Diseases (seven principal)∺	Nil	J.12	0.13	**
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	0.33	0.37	0.36	0.46
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.08
Respiratory Diseases + (excluding tuberculosis of respiratory system)	1.03	1.36	1.31	××
Cancer	2,06	1,82	1.72	1,84
Heart and Circulatory Disease	s 4.17	3.91	3.70	SX
INFANT MORTALITY (Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births)	32	43	44	43
DIARRHUEA (Deaths in infants under 2 years of age per 1,000 live births)	Nil	4.01	4.26	4.4
MATERNAL MORTALITY (Deaths of mothers in childbirth per 1,000 live births and still births)	ні			
Puerperal Sepsis	Nil	0.49	0.46	0.31
Other Causes	Nil	1,16	1.34	1.12
Total	Nil	1.65	1.80	1.43

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\* Combined death rate from smallpox (if any), scarlet fever, enteric fever, diphtheria, measles, whooping cough, also diarrhoea in infants under 2 years of age.

+ Combined death rate from Bronchitis, Pneumonia and other Respiratory Diseases, excluding Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System.
Ø Combined death rate from Heart Disease and other Diseases of the Circulatory System.

\*\* Figures not available.



#### SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Holmfirth Area

12th May, 1947.

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The Chairman and Members of the Holmfirth U.D.C.

Gentlemen.

I herewith furnish statement of the Sanitary work done, coming under my notice and supervision during 1946.

Dairies and Cowshed Regulation	ns <u>1946</u>
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Number of inspections made during 1946 207 " " cowsheds registered 92 Samples of milk taken for analysis for dirt e.g. Ledimentation List Result of Analysis of above samples taken - Good.

#### Nuisances

Number	of inspections during 1946 reported during 1946	659 .63
	in hand at close of 1945	5
11	needing abatement	68
11	abated during 1946	
	outstanding at close of 1946	31 37 28
11	of informal notices served	28
11	" " " complied with	28
	" statutory " served	40
"	" " " complied with	3

## Meat Inspections

The bulk of the meat consumed in this area is centrally slaughtered at the Huddersfield Corporation Abatoir and transferred into this area, a large number of pigs have been slaughtered privately in this district which have been inspected.

#### Sewerage and Drainage

No specific development of sewers and drains during 1946.

#### Closet\_Accommodation

Number	of	pail closets in district at close of 1946	56
- 11	11	privies with covered middens	856
"	11	" converted into water closets	
		during 1946	9
"		additional privies converted into water	
		closets during 1946	7
"		water closets in district at close of 1946	1931

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Health and Housing Committee and all officials of the Council for their valuable assistance.

I am Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Yours obedient servant,

#### SAM BRAY

Sanitary Inspector

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#### HOL.FIRTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sanitary Inspector and Cleansing Superintendents

Annual R<sub>c</sub>port 1946

22nd May, 1947.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen.

I have pleasure in submitting for your perusal my Annual Report as Eanitary Inspector and Cleansing Euperintendent which constitutes a summary of the work incidental to the administration of the Health services in the area.

Inspections made during 1946

Nuisances Houses	562
Cowsheds	221
Meat and other foods	300
Workshops	7
Factorics	46
Bakehouses	
	20
Houses disinfected	14
Smoke observations	4
Informal notices served	137
" " complied	-51
with	135
Statutory notices served	
" " complied	+
with	nil

## Sanitary Conveniences in District

	<u>1946</u>	Inc.	Dec.
Pail closets Privy Middens	144 412		14 10
Water Closets	2087	64	10
Chemical Closets Portable Sanitary	6	-	-
Dustbins	2560	30	

#### Farms and Cowsheds

Regular inspections have been made of the cows and cowsheds in the district and five licences have been granted for the production and bottling of "Tuberculin Tested" milk in the Honley area.

#### Meat Inspections

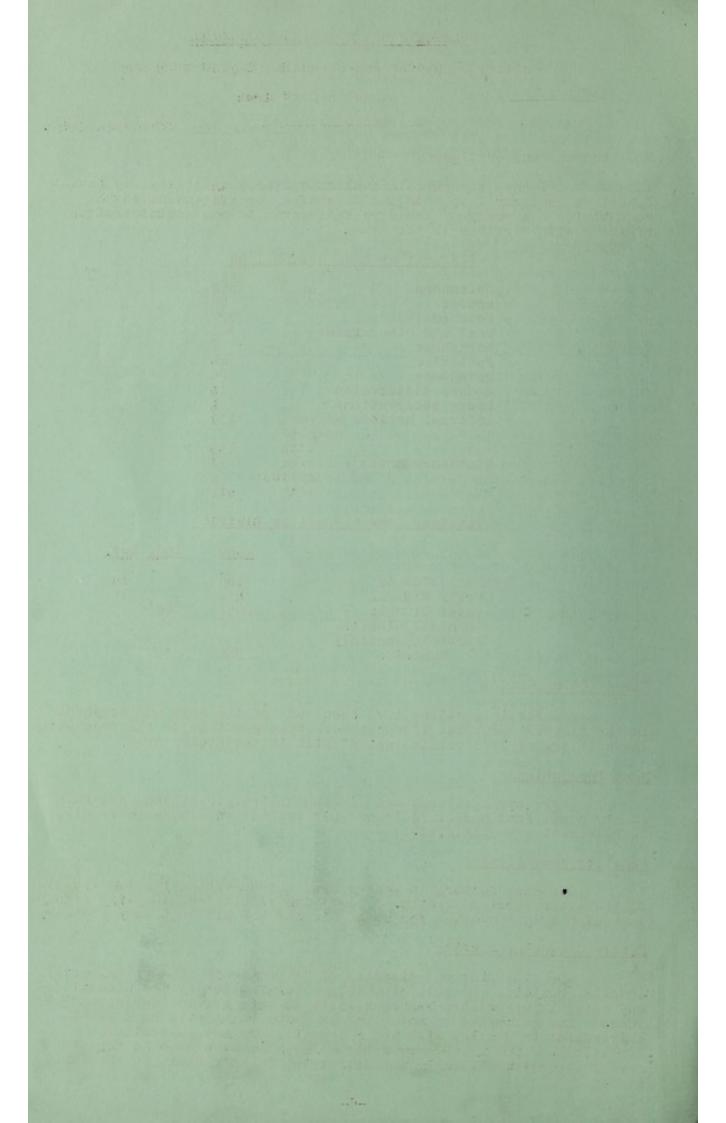
There has been no change in the meat distribution, the bulk supply comes from Huddersfield and pigs killed on licence have all been inspected as notified.

#### Ennitary conveniences

One more factory in Honley area has converted its tub closets to the water carriage system. Eight tub closets and 10 privy middens have also been converted for houses in the New Mill and Honley areas.

#### Public Cleansing Service

The cleansing and disposal of the contents of ashpits, privy middens, dustbins and pail closets are carried out by the Council and careful supervision has been given to this service during the year. The purchases of more land at Berry Banks will be a great improvement in dealing with the refuse in very  $sev_{CT}e$  weather conditions. One new Commer vehicle has been purchased to replace one of the old vehicles in the Scavenging  $D_c$  partment in the Honley area.



The approximate amount of refuse collected and disposed of is as follows:-

Berry Banks Tip	3,000	Tons
Honley Destructor Tip	1,541	"
Syke Bottom and Foster		
Place Tip	1,370	

#### Salvage

The quantity of salvaged materials collected from 1st April, 1946 to 31st March, 1947 and the amount realised from the sale of this material is as follows:-

	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	£.	ð.	d.
Waste Paper Kitchen Waste Tins Black Scrap Textiles Sundries	115 109 8 5 5	1 11 15 12 0	22300	768 164 13 27 50 1	57 15 16 14 8	9 10 4 11 0
	244	0	3	1,026	8	0

In conclusion my thanks are due to the Chairman and members of the Health and Housing, Salvage and  $T_r$ ansport Committees for the interest they have taken in all matters referred for their consideration and to all Officials of the Council for their valuable assistance which had been very much appreciated.

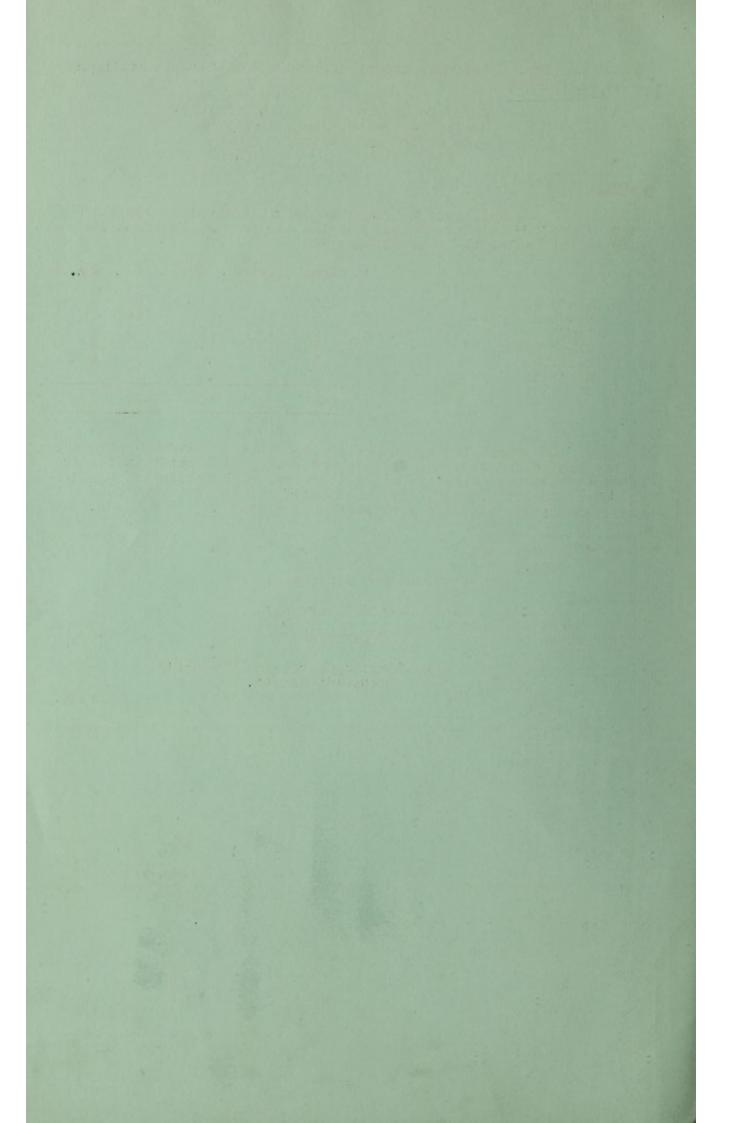
I am,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

IRVIN HAIGH

Sanitary Inspector and Cleansing Superintendent.



## Non Notifiable Infectious diseases

There was an influenza epidemic during the winter months of 1946 and there were two deaths from this disease compared with 5 in 1945. Infective gastro-enteritis, some cases of a severe type, was prevalent throughout the year. Chicken Pox and Mumps occurred amongst children. There was still a certain amount of scables prevalent in the district during 1946, but in my opinion this disease is now dying out.

### Nctifiable Infectious diseases

130 cases of notifiable infectious diseases were notified to me during 1946 compared with 473 in 1945. Excluding cases notified under the measles and whooping cough regulations of 1939, there were 43 cases of other infectious diseases compared with 61 in 1945. These were comprised as follows:-

Pneumonia	17
Scarlet Fever	15
Erysipelas	7
Para-typhoid B	2
Acute Anterior	
Poliomyelitis	1
Dysentery	1
Measles	6
Whooping cough	81

#### Scarlet Fever

15 cases of Scarlet fever were notified during the year. All except 1 were isolated in hospital and there were no deaths from this disease. These cases occurred throughout the whole of the year. There have been 12 from Holmfirth (6 from Netherthong during the winter months) and 3 from Honley.

#### Pneumonia

17 cases of pneumonia were notified during the year. There were 6 deaths from this disease.

#### Para-typhoid B

Two cases of para-typhoid B were notified during the Autumn. One case was a school child staying in the district who had contracted the disease in Wales. The other case was an adult in New Mill in whom I was unable to trace the source of infection. Both were removed to Mill Hill Hospital, Huddersfield and recovered.

#### Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis

One case was notified during the year, an adult at Wooldale.

#### Dysentery

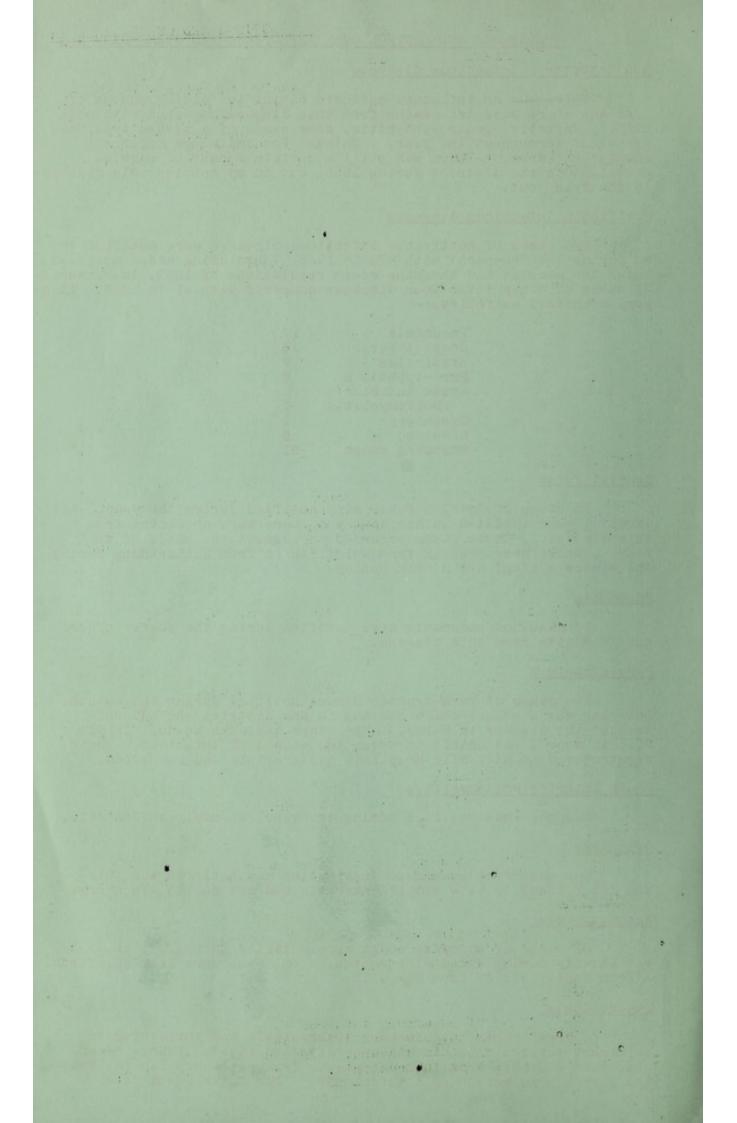
One case from Deanhouse Institution was notified but this was later found to be a simple enteritis and not due to dysentery.

#### Whooping Cough

81 cases of whooping cough were notified throughout the year, but chiefly during the Spring months. 40 cases were from Holmfirth, 4 from Honley and 37 from New Mill.

#### Tuberculosis

4 fresh cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and three of none pulmonary tuberculosis have been notified during the year. There have been 7 deaths from this disease, 6 from pulmonary tuberculosis and 1 from none pulmonary tuberculosis. For details see over.



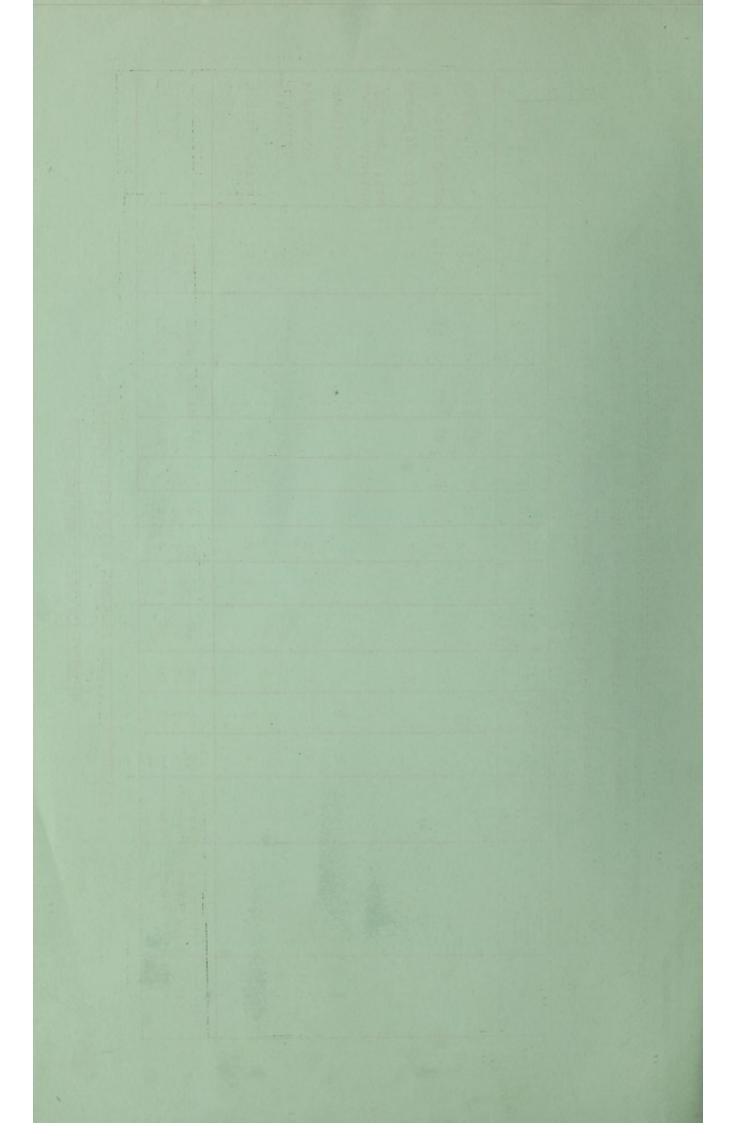
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Notifiable Infectious Diseases during the year 1945

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TOTALS	Measles	Whooping Cough	Para-Typhoid B	Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	drysipelas	Pneumonia	Dysentery	Scarlet Fever	DISMASE
130	6	81	03	1	7	17	1	15	Tétal cuses notified
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12	Ca	9							57 et 42 O
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7		03			-	Ч		4	10 to 15
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cn			Ч			4			-20 35
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œ					03	CJ		ч	65 65
<u>б</u>					63	63	ч		Over 65 years
16			20	l			1	14	Cases admitted to Hospt.
7					L	6			Total Deaths

Hospital for the treatment of Infectious Diseases -The Colne & Holme Joint Isolation Hospital at Meltham and Mill Hill Isolation Hospital, Huddersfield.

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TOTALS	Over 65 years	55 to 65 years	45 to 55 years	35 to 45 years	25 to 35 years	20 to 25 years	15 to 20 years	10 to 15 years	5 to 10 years	l to 5 years	Under 1 year			Age Periods	
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64	:	:	:	:	:	63	T	:		:	:	R	Pulmonary	NEW C	
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#### APPENDIX II

## Statistics provided by the Registrar General

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	No. of <u>Births</u>	Birth Rate per <u>1,000</u>	No. of <u>Deaths</u>	Crude Death Rate per 1,000	Deaths under <u>1 year</u>	Rate per 1,000 <u>births</u>
1941	208	10.97	245	12.92	10	47.39
1942	255	14.09	233	12.88	12	47.05
1943	265	15.12	254	14.49	8	30.01
1944	298	16.90	244	13.84	10	33.55
1945	266	15.2	228	13.02	11	41.35
1946	310	16.8	227	12.3	10	32.00

### BIRTHS

310 births have been registered during the year, of which 164 were males and 146 females. This is the highest number of births registered for many years. 12 of these births were illegitimate, 9 male and 3 female. The birth rate is 16.8 per 1,000 persons compared with a birth rate of 19.1 for the whole of England and Wales. There were 11 still births, of which 2 were male and 1 female, registered during the year. One of these still births, male, was illegitimate. This gives still birth rate of 0.59 per 1,000 persons compared with the still birth rate of 0.54 for england and Wales.

#### INFART MORTALITY

There were 10 deaths amongst infants under 1 year of age compared with 11 in 1945. 8 of these were male and 2 female, all were legitimate. The causes of death were premature birth 5, congential malformation 4, convulsions 1. The infant mortality rate is 32 compared with an infant mortality of 41 for England and Wales.

#### DEATHS

During the year 337 deaths were registered in the district, 110 of these deaths were persons belonging to other districts and were transferred out of the district; 36 deaths occurred amongst persons outside the district belonging to the district, and these were transferred back for registration. This gives a net total of 227 deaths for the district. 101 of these were male and 126 female. The crude death rate of 12.3 per 1,000 persons compared with the death rate of 11.5 for England and Wales. This is the lowest rate for many years.

#### PLACES OF DEATH

64 of the total of 227 deaths occurred in public institutions.

#### AGES OF DEATH

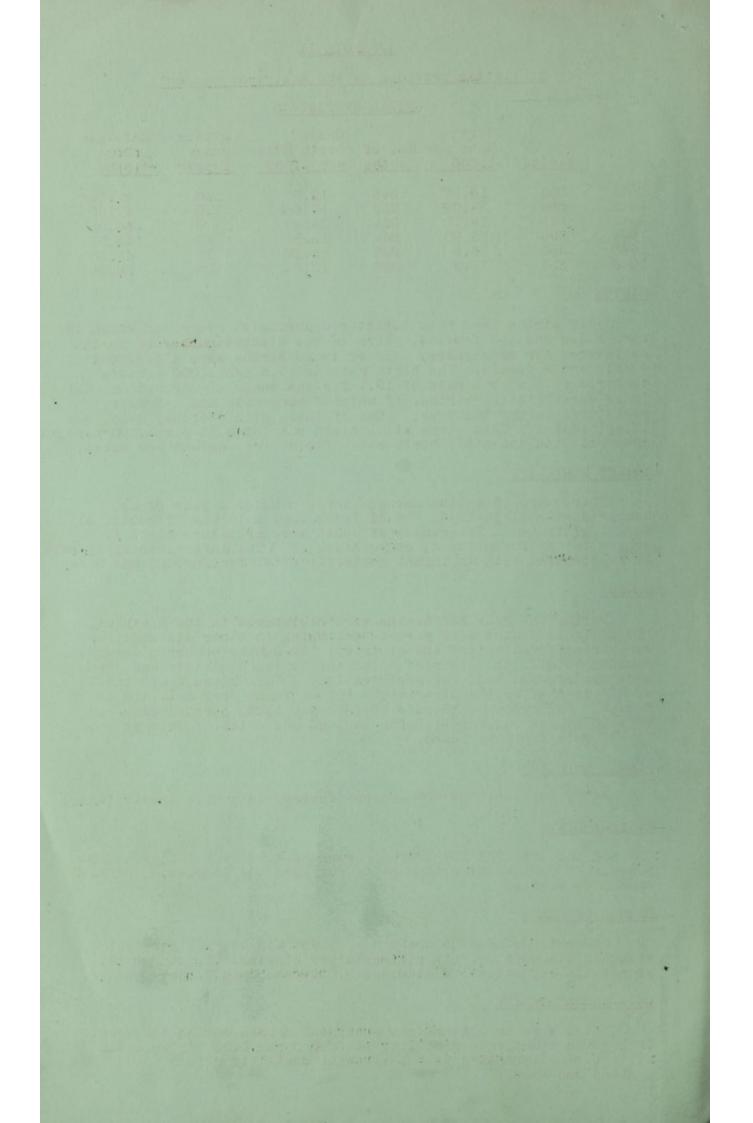
Of the total of 227 deaths 5 persons were over the age of 90 years, 1/2 persons over the age of 65 years and 53 persons between 45 and 65 years.

#### CAUSES OF DEATH

The chief causes of death were heart disease 66, cerebral vascular diseases 41, other circulatory diseases 11, cancer 38, bronchitis 11, digestive diseases 9, tuberculosis 7, pheumonia 6.

#### MATSRNAL MORTALITY

There were no deaths from puerperal causes during the year. This gives a maternal mortality rate of 0 per 1,000 (live and still births) compared with a maternal mortality rate of 1.43 for England and Wales.



## CAUSES OF DEATH in 1946

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The Registrar General's list of causes of death is as stated below: -

Causes of death		
	м.	F.
Typhoid and Para-Typhoid Fevers	-	_
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-
Whooping Coggh	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Tuberculosis of the respiratory system	1	5
Other forms of tuberculosis Syphilitic diseases	-	1
Syphilitie diseases	-	-
Influenza	1	1
Measles	-	-
Ac.Polio-myelitis and polio-encephalitis Ac.INg.Encephalitis	-	-
uterus(f)		-
Cancer of Buc:Cav: and pesophagus(M)	1	
Cancer of stomach and duodenum	4	3
Cancer of breast Cancer of all other sites	- 9	8 13
ballogi of all only Broop	2	10
Diabetes	2	-
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	18	23
Heart disease Other circulatory diseases	25 5	41 6
		0
Bronchitis	7	4
Pneumonia Othon negative tony diagonal	52	1
Other respiratory diseases Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	-
bioti of stongen of adoaction	-	
Diarrhoea, under 2 years	-	-
Appendicitis Other digestive diseases	-4	1 5
Nephritis	-	2
Puerperal and postabortion sepsis Other maternal causes	-	-
Premature birth	4	1
Congenital malformation and birth injuries	3	î
Suicide Road traffic accidents	1	3
Other violent causes	17	-
All other causes	7	7
All causes	101	126
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I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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T. S. DAVY, M.B.
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Medical Officer of Health.

