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To The Mayor, Aldermen and Burger MEDICA JOURN

It again becomes my duty to present my Annual Report on the health and sanitary condition of the Box ugh of Ilkeston during the year 1893, and in doing so, I would repeat what I stated in the Report for the previous year with reference to the population.

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The difficulties in making a correct estimate of the popular - tion are great, for we have to take into account the emigration out of, and into the district in addition to the natural increase due to esecess of births or wood deaths. I have estimated the population to be 20.930 at Midsummer 1893.

Deaths.

During the year, 358 deaths were registered in your district against 355 in 1892 and 414 in 1891, Of these 358 deaths, 206 were males and 152 females, 301 were certified and 35 uncertified. 22 Inquests were held. It will thus be seen that the deathrate amounted to 14.1 per 1,000 per annum, against 14.2 in the previous year. In the first quarter of the year, there were 12 deaths, 44 males and 28 females 37 were under and 35 over 5 years of age. 56 were certified, 11 were uncertified, and 5 inquests were held. During the same period, 115 male children and 126 female children were born. During the second quarter, 90 boths occurred, 50 males and 40 females, 46 were under 5 and 44 over 5 years of age. 72 were certified, 10 uncertified and 8 inquests were held. During the same period 246 boths were registered of which 125 were males and 121 females. In the third quarter, 102 deaths were registered, 54

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In the fourth quarters, 914 deaths occurred, 55 under five and 39 over five years of age. 80 were certified, 8 uncertified and 6 inquests were held. During the same period 110 male and 86 female children were born.

Infantile Mortality In former annual Reports I have drawn your attention to this subject which I regard as one of the most important and serious in the whole field of Public Health. 160 children died during the year before attaining the age of I year, and 3#14 before reaching 5 years. This number (191) gives a percentage of 514. 9 of the total number of deaths. Calculating the deaths of those under I year as a nate per 1.000 births, we find that it amounts to 17/4. 9, against 166.8 in 1892 and 203. yen 1891. The corresponding rate for England and Wales as a whole was 140, so that you see Ilkeston greatly exceeds the average. I have pointed out in former reports the course which in my opinion are mounty responsible for this excessively high infantile mortality. Want of cleanliness and wrong, insufficient or excersive feeding are among the most common causes of deaths of infants. The leaving of children at home in the care of those who are too young and thoughtless or careless with regard to the children is another common cause. The children become cross and pervish. They are. then dosed and drugged with cordials, soothing syrups 15 almost all of which contain open or Morphia and are therefore quite unfit for the use of young children. The children hime die by a slow process of possoning, another condition which has a very prejudicial effection the health of young children is the dampners of the house walls and of the soil round dwellings. The walls of all houses should have an efficient damp course below the floor level. The roofs, aparting and downfripes should be in good repair and the latter should not new derect into the sewers. Drains

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asphalte to carry off storm water, slops to quickly, and prevent them rooking into the ground and foundations. This chronic state of dampness causes Bronchiles, Catarrh, Rheumalism, neuralgia and Ththisis, and may possibly have some effect in causing or at least predisposing to Diphtheria and other throat affections. One other very important cause to which I have frequent by alluded is undoubtedly gross ignorance and carelessness on the part of parents with regard to infectious diseases. an idea prevails, a fatalistic idea I have called it, that children must take these infectious diseases sometime during their lives, and that the sooner they have them the better. This idea leads parents often intentionally and deliberately to expose their children to infectious direases for the express purpose of giving them the disease, forgetful or ignorant of the fact that infectious diseases are the more fatal, and the more severe in their course and complications the younger the patients. If the taking of there direases can be avoided, and I maintain that it can be, I contend that it is criminal to so expose any child to any infections direase. If the child takes any ruch direase when it has reached such an age as to be able to resul the disease its chances of quick recovery are very much increased. For the purpose of dispelling this ignorance and carelessness, I would suggest the holding of classes on Sanitation and Nursing under the auspices of the bounty bouncil or the St John ambulance association # you would be doing meritorious work. Gentlemen, by living your utmost exertions to nemove this carelessness, and thereby minimise this terrible wholesale slaughter of the innocents. a certain number of deaths of infants and young children is bound to occur each year, but my contention is that many of those deaths which occur are preventible, and that therefore some one is respon sible, morally though not legally, for this wanton warte of infant lives. To induce all who have the care of children to realize the responsibility which rests upon them is work of wast importance which you, Gentlemen, ought to take up in real earnest. It is work which would in time bring is own reward * I held one such class during the year which was most successful

causing or at least predictions to Dichtomas and up in real corneat . It is work which would in hime bring These numbered 899 during 1893 compared with 905 in 1892. The nett matural increase was consequently 541. The increase due to immigration and the decrease due to emigration are exchangely difficult to estimate. Of the 899 births 459 were males and 440 females. The above facts might be summarized as follows, dividing the year into quarters.

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30 June 93	90	50	40	39	4	4	3	19	18	7/2	10	8	125	121
30 Sept 93	102	54	45	60	10	8	4	11	9	93	6	3	109	104
31 Dec. 93	94	55	39	30	12	4	4	20	24	80	8	6	110	86
Jotals	358	206	15:2	160	35	19	14	62	68	301	35	22	459	440

The seven principal Zymotic diseases caused 33 deaths

Smallposs 0

Scalet fever 4

Measles 0

Diphtheria 2

Whooping cough 1

Fever (interio + 9) 9

Diarrhoea 14

Of these 13 occurred, in Ilkerton 13 in Colmanhay and 2, in Hallam Fields. In the early part of the year, I had occasion to recommends the closing of the school at Hallam Fields on account of a serious outbreak of measles. Later in the Jean I again recommended the closing of the same school on account of a widespread outbreaks I furnished the Health Committee, with the following special report, a deputation of residents at Hallam Fields alleging that the presence of these diseases in Hallam Fields was entirely due to the proximity and offensiveness of the ~ effluir from the Sewage Farm.

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Report on the occurrence of Searlet Fever, to at Hallam Fields during 1893, said to be due to the proximity of the Sewager Farm.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee

Gentlemen During the 8 months from January to august of this year there occurred in Hallam Fields

11) 102 cases of Scarlet From

(2) 39 " Sore throat

(3) 99 " " Diarrhoeu

(4) 64 " + Measles and

(5) 20 " illness of various kinds

The population of Hallam Fields is 1014

In the first place, we might at once dispose of (5),
the 20 cases of illness of various kinds, which might
occur in any community, and have as far as I can see
mo connection with sanitary or insanitary conditions.
In the case of (3), the cases of Disrehead were pretty
equally distributed through the place, It was not more
prevalent in Hallam Fields than in other parts of
your district. So far as my knowledge goes, ~
Diarrhoca was prevalent in all parts of the district,
os much so in botmankay as in Hallam Fields, but
did not single out one street or one part of the district
for attack leaving the rest unvisited.

Two factors are present in almost all outbreaks of Summer Diarrheen. It has been found the before any serious outbreak of Diarrheen occurs, the temperature of the soil must reach a certain height. This point appears to have been reached earlier than urual this year, owing no doubt to the exceptionally hot Summer. The other landition is the presence of decaying or -

putrefying organic matter in the house, or in the soil surrounding the house or in both. This latter condition was present abundantly in that part of Hallam Fields most affected by Scarlet Fever to Children, as is well known, are more susceptible to the effect of insanitary conditions than adults, and hence we find Diarrhoea more prevalen among them. The temperature of the soil is a condition over which we have practically no control, but the other condition - uncleanly habits of body, uncleanly houses, yards polluted by slops and filth, untrapped drains, foul undrained and uncleaned pigstyes and such like insanitary conditions as are to be found unfortunately too frequently - is one which is completely under control This control in some cases must be exercised by the individual, either owner or tenant, in others by the local Tanitary authority. The individual, for example, is ~ responsible for the cleanliners of his own body, his house, his yard, the local Sanitary Authority, for emplying and pits, privies, the prevention of misances from pigetyes, drains, accumulations of filth, and so on.

Incidence of Scarles Fever at Hallam Fields

Now when we come to consider the incidence of Scarlet Fever and Meadles in Hallam Fields, we cannot but be struck by their very unequal distribution. In the houses nearest to the Sewage Furm - North View, Kingston Terrace, Cornfield Houses, mitchell Ferrace 19 (Call this "District A") we find only 5 cases of Scarlet Fever, while in brompton Street, Post Office How and South View (call this "District B") there were 94. On examining the Awo district with a view to discover the cause of the immunity of the one district and the large number of attacks in the other, we find that in "District A" the houses are for the most part new, and as a rule have a higher standard of cleanliness with less over crowd ing than in "District B". In this, the houses were more or less over crowded partly through large families partly through taking in lodgers. In "B" we also find that much less attention is paid to personal and domestic cleanliness, and to the avoidance of pollution of the yards by slops and sewage

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Than there ought to be. In view of the large number of untrapped or badly trapped drains, foul pigstyes += in "District B"; it is not to be wondered at that numerous cases of sore throat of a diphtheritic character should have occurred. I have, however, received no notification of any care of Diphtheria at Hallam Fields during the year. From my own observation of cases, I am consinced that the majority of cases of sove throat which occurred at Hallam Fields were in reality due to attacks of Scarlet Fever with little or no rash. Such cases occur in all epidemics of Scarlet Fever. We should not be far from the truth, I think, if we simply lumped the 39 cases of "Sore Throat " with the 102 cases of Scarlet Fever, and said

that there were 141 cases of Scarlet Fever.

The question nesch arises, "If this outbreak of Secules Fever was due to the Sewage Farm, how is the freedom of Hallam Fields from Infectious direase for several years back to be explained." The fast that the Sewage Farm has escisted on its present site for years without any material alteration for the worse points conclusively. I think, to the absence of any connection as cause and effect between the farm and the outbreak of Scarlet Fever. Tome years ago, there was an outbreak of Scarlet Fever in Ilkeston during which Hallam Fields suffered to the same extent as the rest in proportion to its population. Ince that time there has been a period of quiescence, a period of freedom from infections diseases. During this period susceptible persons have been accumulating, so that on the introduction of a case of Scarlet into School the Epidemic was started with every possible chance of spreading. The first cases which occurred were among children of School age, not among infunts, although it afterwards spread to them. The outbreak of Scarles Fever was to a great extent checked by the closing of the school, thus proving beyond doubt that the school, if not the only factor, was at any rate a very important one in spreading the disease. The School at this time was certainly overcrowded. It

it is not to by wondered at that memorious cuices described Jevers . We should not so have from the trunk the him age turn has escialed on wit procured water without any material advisation for the work Who ob at this time was cortainly overerow dod. I has since been enlarged.

Now what do we find in all records of epidemics of Scurlet Fever, and of most other infectious diseases? We find that this periodical appearance of the disease is well marked more so in some towns and districts than in others. It is thus manifest that searlet Fever is not a disease which is much influenced by such conditions as defective drains to by such conditions as would, in fact, favour the spread of Enterie Fever. The disease does, on the other hand, spread rapidly in families or schools where overcrowding exists. The same remarks apply with equal force to Measles, the incidence of which was practicably the same as that of Scarlet Fever In reference to the sewage farm and the methods of sewage purification carried on there, I need say very little,

as the whole matter is being rearranged, and I trust that when the rearrangement is completed there will be no cause for complaint on the part of the good people of Hallam Fields That there have been smells and odours from the Sewage farm especially during this exceptionally hot Summer, all must cidmit, I would point out to you, gentlemen, that in dealing with sewage whether in drains, sewers or elsewhere, if the free admission of fresh our be obstructed or impeded, the worse and more foul smelling will the stench become. If you coit up the stench at the Sewage Farm, where I consider there ought to be the very freest ventilation, you simply drive the sewer gases back into the houses of the people, even though there may be well formed and well constructed traps which would under ordinary circumstances prevent their admission.

Conclusions

We may discount the 20 cases of various kinds of ellness as having no bearing on the case at all.

II The 102 cases of Scarles Fever and the 39 cases of sove throat should be combined as being the same disease.

III Diarrhoea was not appreciably more common in Hallam Fields than in other parts of the district dietant from the Sewage Farm, and can be accounted for easily by insanitary conditions brought about chiefly by the people themselves, which conditions

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they can as easily prevent as course. Sourlet Fever and Medales, unlike Enteric Fever, are not influenced by insanitury conditions and uncleanly habits to any great extent, but spread in periodical waves or efridenics after periods of almost complete absence, among susceptible individuals. The chief means of spreading Scarlet Fever and Measles is by overcrowding and want of fire ventilation at home or at School, and want of early and sufficiently-long isolation of the first cases. Freer ventilation of drains and sewers is desirable. I have endeavoured in this short Report to place before you simply what bears on the matter under discursion. I hold no brief for the defence of the Sewage Farm, I have therefore omitted many matters of much importance in connection with the Farm. I have tried to lay the responsibility of the outbreaks of disease at Hall am Fields on the shoulders of those really responsible for their occurrence I am. Gentlemen. your Obedient Servant Joseph Carroll MB., DIST. Medical Officer of Health 31 d October 1893.

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To The Mayor Aldermen & Burgerses of the Borough of Ilkeston Gentlemen,

Cholera into your district, I have thought it advisable to point out to you the conditions which would favour the

spread of the disease.

(1) Water Supply. The question of the water Supply is one of the most important considerations in connection with out breaks of Cholera, Diarrhoea, Enteric Fever to on the subject of the water supply of Ilkeston I have spoken frequently and in condemnatory terms. Our supply is at the present time ample, but being largely made up of water from the Nutbrook and Stanley Brook both of which are very badly polluled with sewage from villages on their banks, it is very far from being satisfactory. The water from these polluted sources ought to be cut off, and a better supply found at once. I would suggest that while the people are compelled to use this polluted water, they should thon oughly boil it before use, none of it should be used unboiled, and none used more than 24 hours after being boiled. We can do very little to prevent this pollution of the water supply, so that the proper course for us to adopt is to abandon the Nutbrook as a source of water supply and push on with the Babbington scheme since the water from that source appears from the analysis to be very satisfactory. The necessary powers to prevent the pollution of our water supply are given by the Public Health act 1845 and the Rivers Pollution Prevention Oct 1846 and the Local Govt del 1888.

(2) Food. Anything which weakens or impairs the general health of the people renders them more liable to attacks of illness. On this account, tointed food, and unripe, unsound, and too ripe fruits ought to be studiously avoided. all milk ought to be boiled at once on being received into the house, since it is well known that milk is one of the best

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To The Mayor, Advinced & Burgains of the Essenghief Illes Chalence unto yours destrict, I have thought it advise from out to you the conditions which would favour the are very hadle folleded with sewage from villaged on and mones wild move than 24 horsed after Eam wilk oright to be boiled at once on ber house, since it is well toward that milke

means of conveying the infection of such diseases as Cholera, Enteris Fever to In this connection, I would urge upon you, Gentlemen, to exercise strict inspection of all divires, contheds, and slaughter-houses. The byelaws you have recently adopted in respect to these ought, if shietly carried out, to effect great improvements in their Sanitary condition.

bage and other refuse thrown on the Streets and on yards behind houses, and allowed to lie there put refying. In the case of bholera, Enterior Fever + the direharges from the bowels and stomach ought to be thoroughly disinfected, and then, if possible, buried away from any source of water supply. These discharges never ought to be thrown on the yards under any circumstances for ought they to be thrown into ashpits or priviles without previous thorough disinfection.

(4) Disinfection ought to be carried out thoroughly and systematically in all cases of infectious disease. This can be done in the care of infected clothing, be delother and all articles that admet of it, by placing them at once in a solution of the Perchlovide of ellercury. Some colouring matter should be added, as it is very poisonous, to prevent accidents, and the addition of an acid to the rolution increases its activity. Metallic articles, e.g. spoons, knives the must not be placed in it, now must it be put into metal buckers or vessels. Of course, it may be freely used in earthenwave vessels. All a ticles steeped in this solution ought to be put to soak for several hours before being washed. The Local Gov! Board recommend for disinfecting floors, excreta to that this solution should be made as follows - Perchloride of Mercuy 12 oz . Hydrochloria acid 10%, Water 3 gallons (a bucketful) It should be coloured with 5 grains ancline blue, Sulphate of copper or Permang anote of Fotash . It should be used without further dilution. Chloride of lime is also useful for disinfection of escereta. For clothing, 2 oz to 1 gallow of water is strong enough. Carbolic acid, 5 per cont at least in water, is useful for disinfecting the escereta and soiled linen of cholera patients. If bedding to be very

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Section 121. Jublic Health act 1875. Bedding and large pieces of furniture to which cannot be treated with any of the
above solutions should be disinfected by heat, but at present
no means we provided for such disinfection. The best apparatu
for the purpose is the steam disinfector invented by washington Lyan.

(5) I have on many oceasions urged upon you the necessity and the advantages of adopting the Imfections Diseases — Notification act 1889 and the Imfectious Diseases Phevention act 1890. The diseases motifiable under the act of 1889 are Smallpore, Cholera, Diphtheria, elembranzous croup, ~ Engipelas Scarlet, Typhus, Enteri, Relapsing, Continued and Pumperal Fevers. Unless we know that infertious — diseases esciet in the district and where, how can we escepel to deal successfully with any outbreak? I look upon it as your bounder duty, as the custodians of the Public Health to adopt these acts at once, and especially in the face of the possibility of the eurly introduction of Cholera and Smallpox.

(note. The Infectious Diseases notification act 1889 was

adopted and came into force on 1 th april 1893.)

House refuse ought to be more frequently removed than at present, and plenty of disinfectants used to sprinkle over the inside of the ashpits to I should advise that more men and horses be employed so as to ensure the frequent removal of all household requese, escereba + from privies and arhpits. But the difficulty of dealing with this refuse is not settled when it is removed from the ashpets and deposited at the Alps. Our system of hipping it at various places is bad from every point of view, and I now urge upon you the absolute neversely of providing at once some means of destroying this nefuse by burning. The provision of such a refuse destructor would confer wash and lasting benefits on your Sunitary district. The accumulations of filth are large and yearly increasing, so that you will be compelled sooner or later to provide a destructor. It is not expected that it will pay in F. s. d, but it will repay the people of the district by having purer our to breathe, and having therefore better health and less sickness.

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go whe are at the present time threatened with two severe and fatal epidemic diseases - Cholera and Smallpox. It is measury, ..., that I should point out to you that our present hospital accommodation would be totally inadequate in the event of a simultaneous outbreak of these two diseases. On measuring the rooms in the hospital at Little Stallam, I find that there is accommodation for only 12 patients, i'e allowing. I not cubic feet for each patient. One of the wards has to be used at present as a bedroom, so that I should advise you to erect some wooden huts on the ground where the Spratorium stands. These would cost little, and would be prefectly efficient. We could then promptly isolate cases as they occurred.

we ought to do all in our power to induce patients suffering from infectious diseases to avail themselves of the Sunatorium. For this purpose, we ought to remit all fees for treatment to while patients there. as D' Whitelegge puts it ; - It is of the whost importance, if usolation is attempted upon the large scale, to make the hospitals perfectly free, and this is only reasonable since the public gain as much as the patient by his seclusion, any charges, however small and however easily remitted, are deterrent in the very cases in which isolation is most needed, The revenue from patients fees is at most a small fraction of the cost of maintenance, and the wholesulv remission of them - without which the isolation of cases among the working classes is impracticable - has an appearance of charity which is naturally resented. an exception may be made in respect of the wealthier classes who are willing to pay suitable fees for the use of private

wards and special nurses."

Handbills ought to be printed and distributed to the people giving them the necessary directions how to proceed in cases

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neglect of the instructions. (This has been done. L.)

(10) In the event of anyone dying of an infectious diseast.

such as Smallpoor or Cholera, the body should be placed as soon as possible in the coffin which should be filled up with disinfectant, and the lid screwed down. Inourners should not meet in the room in which the death occurred. If the body is a danger to health, it may be removed to a mothery.

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Sam, Gentlemen Your Obedient Servant Joseph Garroll. In the event of unyone dying of an infertions diseased webs as dinaleposes or Cholena, the body should be place as possible in the coffin which thould be filled up disinfectant, and the lid sevewed down. Frowmers who net in the room in which the death occurred it body is a danger to health, it may be removed to a

The Ingention " Chief Morgadistit water of wind hoided to adopt came into force on 12 april 1893 since that date it have received 156 Notifications from Medical men in the Town . Of there 61 were cares of Scarlet Fever "1" cares of Enteric Fever, " Dephtheria . 2 membranous croup, 3 Eysipelas, 4 Presperal fiver and 2 cholora. It is possible that we might have become aware of the existence of these cases of infectious disease without compulary notification, but I fear we should not. With conditions practically the same during 1892, a very much smaller number of cases was reported, so that I am inclined to look upon the adoption of the act of 1889 with great favour and hopefulness. The reports, besides localizing individual cases, point out to us the particular respects in which accusaritary arrangements are defeative. Enterie Fever has been termed a fieth disease because caused by pollution of water, soil, air and food by sewage or other organic fith. The great prevalence of this disease in your district points to a most serious and dangerous state of matters. It is a well known fact that our water supply is from polluted sources. Our soil and subsoil are polluted by old-fashioned leaky privite middens, by defective drains and sewers. The same may contaminate our air, and our food may be contaminated and polluled in a great variety of ways. Pentrapped or badlytraffed drains in houses, cellars, defective drains, leaky cosposts to, may contaminate our milk and other foods. It is well Known that very severe outbreaks of disease have been caused by drinking contaminated milk, and many obscure cases of illners may be astributable to similar causes. The prevalence of Enteric Fever has unother, and I might almost say a more serious significance. There we other diseases known as "filth diseases", and these include some of the most scrious and fatal epidemic diseases which afflict mankind. Of these repulsive diseases Cholera, arealic Cholera, or Cholera morbus," as it is sometimes termed, in contral distinction to English Cholera, is the one most to be dreaded. now Enteric Fever is always with us when our dir, food, drink and water we polluted, and as cholera is propagated in precisely the same way, we may take Entiric Fever as an indese of our liability to the more deadly disease. This being so, and taking into consideration the fact of two undoubtedly genuine fatal cases of asiatic Cholera having

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actually occurred in Ilkeston during the year besides 2 in which there was a very strong suspicion of geniune Cholera, I contend that we ought to be up and doing to remove from our midst all possible sources of danger. We must leave nothing in our district which is in any way suspicious. and first and foremost among. the many urgent sandary improvements required in the Town is improvement of our water supply. In a report I submitted so you early in the year, I pointed out many sanitary defects and you may defend on it that if Cholera breaks out in Ilkeston in the Summer of 1894, as I except it will do, it too will point out the same sanitary defects, only in a way which compels attention. Cholera can only thrive in our midst if we allow it by permitting all sorts of prollution of our watersupply, all sorts of defects in our arrangements for refuse and excrement, disposal and destruction. The health of the people of Ilkeston it is your special duty to guard and protect by every means which modern science and research place at your disposal, and any Sanitary authority which neglects to avoil itself of these means is neglecting its first and most obvious duty. D' Wheaton from the Local Govt Bd. visited your district twice on account of the outbreak of Chotera, and on the second occasion (312-October 1893) pointed out to you practically the same sanitary defects as I had previously drawn your attention to in my annual and other reports. I should like to see more activity in carrying out his suggestions and recommendations for the improvement of the health and sanitary condition of the Town.

We are still unprovided with any effective means of disinfecting clothing, bedding to at the present time there are several excellent forms of disinfecting apparatus, one of the best of which is the steam disinfector patented by washington Lyon.

19 Patients were treated in the Sanatorium during the year, namely 5 from Learlet Fever, I from Smallpox, 9 Enteric Fever, 4 other diseases. I paid in all 121 visits to the Sanatorium. In speaking on this subject I would again urge you to take into consideration the advisability of making admission to the Sanatorium easier and less dependent on the Relieving Officer. People maturally resent

supply all so to of defeats in our arrangements for refuse ayam wage you to take into consideration the admaded of making admission to the develorium sucies and les believe in making admission to the Sanatorium absolutely free, since the people gain as much as the patient by his isolation. The necessary sequel to making admission free is to make removal to the Sanatorium compulsory in the case of the poorer class who are very badly provided with any means of isolating and nursing such cases. The keeping of such cases at home in small, and sometimes overcrowded rooms, renders possible extensive outbreaks of these diseases.

The foun of Ilkeston is situated on the borders of -Derlyshire. The Sanitary district has an area of 2526 acres, and a population (estimated to the middle of 1893) of 20,930. The soil of the district is principally clay over-

lying ironstone and coal.

head per diem was 16:5 gallons.

The only navigable waters in the district are the Erewark Canal on the East and the Nutbrook canal on the West. The river Erewash, accompanying the former, formsthe bound. ary between the Counties of Nothingham and Derby, while the Nutbrook runs alongside the Lutter. The Erewash river is contaminated with sewage from villages and farms higher up the stream, and the sewage from parts of the Borough below the level of the intercepting sewer also passes into it. The Nutbrook is also sewage - polluted by places higher upstream. a short distance above the waterworks at Kirk Stallam, the Nutbrook is joined by He Stanley-brook, which receives a very large amount of Sewage from Stanley and places in that direction. This pollution is much to be regretted since Ilkestow has to depend to a certain extent for its watersupply on these sewage polluted streams. The rest of the water supply, go per cent, is derived from a shaft at Kirk Hallam and the reservoir at Shipley to the North of the Town, I have heard no complaints during the year with regard to the supply, but being polluted as before-mentioned, it must be considered unsatisfactory as to quality: -The number of houses supplied with Town water exclusive of business premises is 366 y being an increase of 222 on previous year. The average conslimption of water per

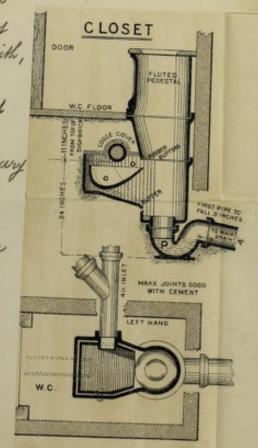
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- Disposal of Household Kefuse as regards the Disposal of house - refuse, I would again draw your attention to the unsatisfactory arrangements now in force. There was a little more activity displayed in its removal for a while after Dr. wheaton's visits and in consequence of his recommendations. But this increased activity has not been maintained, and in consequence matters have simply relapsed into their former unsatisfactory state. I have had several complaints during the year about the emphying of ashpits and tub-closets. There is considerable difficulty in rapidly-growing places in keeping pace with the accumulation of house - hold refuse. This difficulty is increased when we continue to increase the number of tubs. I consider the tub-system an unsatisfactory and expensive one. Instead of increasing the number of Aut closets. I would strongly recommend the introduction of W. 63 where. ever possible. For bottage Properly no form of closel is in my opinion better adapted them the waste water closet, one form of which is shown in the accompanying illustrasion. In this the wastewater is conducted by a pipe from baths, sinks to into a humbler so arranged that when full it tipples over flushing everything before it into the sewer. where water is scarce , or where it is

desirable not to increase materially the amount of sewage to be dealt with, this is a most useful form of bloset. Tubs are being abandoned in almost every town where they have been in use as a more eschensive and insanitary system than that by water carriage.

Very few ashfrits are now emphied by private individuals but I consider it the duty of the Sanitary authority themselves to remove all refuse and do all scavenging. Private individuals frequently neglect the emphying of ashfrits and so cause nuisances, The favourite arrange as misances,

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midden. This combination has the great disadvantage of teeping large accumulations of decomposing filth and refuse. I may say all these privy-middens allow of ther-colation of sewage through their sides and bottoms and lead to serious pollution of the soil and ground air and water. This arrangement is one which I consider never ought to be allowed in a town of the size and importance of Ilkeston, but if constructed, should be made as recom-mended by the bounty bouncil, bopies of these plans, (section, elevations, and specifications) of priving middens can be obtained from ellerers Benrose, Derby.

In connection with refuse disposal, I again wish to draw your attention to the necessity of erecting a Refuse Destructor. Our present system of tipping the refuse at various places is the most objectionable and the most dangerous way of disposing of it. The continuance of this system, year after year is bound to be followed by serious consequences to the health of the town. The Sanitary authority of any a district has no right to create muisances for the removal of which they would promptly serve a notice on a private individual. I can only repeat that the greatest muisances.

in Ilkeston are caused by our refuse tips.

Tewerage. The main sewer and submains are of ~ sandary glazed pipes, some of brickwork with a short length of iron pipes. The house drains are mostly of glazed earthenware pipes with cemented joints. To obviate the unpleasant smells sometimes complained of from the street gratings more ventilating shafts should be put in. Some have been put in with good effect. The sewage is mostly disposed of on the Sewage Farm by irrigation and intermittent downward feltration. The remainder of the sewage from a small portion of the Borough below the level of the intercepting sewer is discharged into the Exewach Canal and River. arrange ments are in progress to have this sewage, treated chemically in precipitating tanks at various points, the water feltered through magnetic carbide felters and thereby rendered sufficiently pure to be discharged into any stream.

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and sold miles and in is situated at Little Hallam. It has 4 wards. 2 male and 2 female. There is accommodation for 12 pratients. I may point out to you that in the event of an epidemic, or a simultaneous outbreak of two epidemic diseases, e, g, Smallpox and Cholera, our present accommodation would be totally inadequate. There is only one bedroom for nurses. So far, the hospital has been used for the treatment of cases of Smallpose, Scarlet fever, and Enteric Fever. The Bye Laws: - The Model Bye - Laws of the Local Goot Board have been adopted in so far as they relate to your district. The necessary corollary to their adoption is their strict enforcement, and this I have no doubt your officials are ready and welling to do through the various Committees The Ganal Boats acto: - Ilkeston is a registration authority under the Canal Bouts acts 18 44 and 1884. The Houses of the working classes are upon the whole in fairly good habitable condition and repair. a good ~ proportion of them is dry, but in most, ventilation is defective. a few are over crowded, and in most there are as many immates as the houses can accommodate. The closel accommodation is generally sufficient being I closet to two houses. In some cases, each house has it's own closet, and a few are supplied with W. 6. I should be very pleased if you would adopt the suggestion contained in my last year's report, namely, to keep at the Town Hall samples of the various sanitary appliances to be used, so that builders and others might be in no doubt as to what drampipes, traps, W.E. + they are required to put into buildings. The condition of Slaughterhouses remains unsatisfactory. I trust to be able to report a considerable improvement in respect of them when we get the new bye-laws fully into operation. In connection with this matter, I should be very pleased to see a small public abtattoir erected in Ilkeston. We should then be able to inspect all meat exposed for sale in the Borough or being prepared for sale. as matters stand now, we have virtually no control over our meat supply. I often hear it said that one can sell anything in the shape of flesh meat in Ilkeston.

I subjoin ill wand detailed list of work done in his

department.

your district has been regularly and systematically inspected by cll? Evans and myself for the detection of missances and infectious disease. I must point out to you that in the work of inspecting the district cll? Evans is greatly in need of an Assistant Inspector as recommended by Dr. Wheaton, and I should advise the appointment of a thoroughly competent man with a good knowledge of building construction to assist him in the work. I make this recommendation in view of the fact that I am pain fully aware of the fact that I am pain fully aware of the fact that I am pain fully aware of the fact that I pring builder is not an unknown species in Ilkeston.

I have fried to indicate some of the matters to which we might direct our attention with advantage to ourselves and to the Town. I trust that I shall nest year be able to record great advances in all matter relating to the Public Health. No one will rejoice over such advances more than I shall. On you, Gentlemen, rests the - responsibility of improving the Sanitary bondition of the Town and District, and I sincerely trust you will exert your render the town more pleasant and healthy to live in.

I beg to remain, Gentlemen Your Obedient Servant. Joseph farroll MB. DF.H. Medical Officer of Health All The is and Dichiel and I somewiff had you we

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TABLE OF DEATHS during the Year 1893, in the

n the Modern Samitary Dictussified according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities

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NOTES ON TABLES A AND B.

- Note 1. Medical Officers of Health of "Combined Districts" must make a separate Return for the District of each
 Sanitary Authority.
 - 2. Medical Officers of Health acting for a portion only of the District of a Sanitary Authority should write, in the heading of the Table, the designation of the Division for which they act.
 - 3. The words "Urban," "Rural," or "Metropolitan" must be inserted in the appropriate space in the heading, according as the Sanitary Authority for the District is Urban or Rural, or is within the Metropolitan Area.
 - The "Localities" adopted for the purpose of these statistics should be areas of known population; such as
 parishes, groups of parishes, townships or wards.

As stated at the head of the first column in each Table, Public Institutions should be regarded as separate localities, and the deaths in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmaries, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.

5. The deaths which have to be classified in this Table (A), and summed up in the horizontal line of "Totals," are the whole of those registered as having actually occurred in the several localities comprised within the Division or District. But the registered number of deaths frequently requires correction before it can give an exact view of the mortality of a Division or District; and the two lowest horizontal lines are provided for the purpose of enabling Medical Officers of Health to indicate, to the best of their ability, what the extent of such corrections should be. Details concerning the corrective figures, e.g., the institutions that have been considered, or the particular localities to which corrections apply, may appear in the text of the report or in supplementary tables.

Area and Population of the District or Division to which this Return relates.

Area in Acres 2526

Population (1891) 19744.

In recording the facts under the various headings of Tables A and B, attention has been given to the notes endorsed on the Tables.

Joseph Caroll M.B., D. Mijeal Officer of Health.

(Date: 1st March 1894.

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NOTES ON TABLE B.

(See also Notes on back of Table A.)

- Note 1. The present Table B. is concerned with population, births, and sickness (not with mortality) in the Sanitary district or division to which the Table relates.
 - 2. As stated in the heading of Col. (a), Public Institutions should be regarded as separate localities, and the new cases of sickness in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmaries, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received, are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.
 - 3. Comments on any unequal incidence of notifiable disease upon the several localities, and considerations as to the local incidence of consumption and other prevalent diseases, should be made in the text of the Report.

- Table. C.

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