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ILKLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Public Health Committee.

Councillor Smith (Chairman), Briggs, Colbert, Dean, Hampshire, Hargrave, Hughes, Milnes and Phillips.

Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.

As above with Councillor G. H. Dean (Chairman) and 3 co-opted members, Mrs. Heron (Ilkley) Mrs. Simmons (Burley) and Mrs. Ryley (Menston).

H. G. Peters, LL.B., Solicitor, Clerk to the Council.

Public Health Officers of the Authority.

- (a) Medical:- The Public Health Officers of the Authority consist of a part-time Medical Officer of Health, who also carries out the duties of Medical Officer for the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics.

LEWIS ARTHUR WILLIAMS, M.D., C.M., D.P.H.

- (b) Others:-

Chief Sanitary Inspector: J.A. SLATER, B.Sc.Tech.,  
M.R. San. I.

Additional Sanitary Inspector: J.H. WILSON, A.R.S.I.  
M.S.I.A.

Health Visitor: MISS N. PINCHBECK, S.R.N., S.C.M.

As Consultants under the Maternity and Child Welfare Act the following gentlemen have agreed to act for the Authority when necessary: MR. ALFRED GOUGH, F.R.C.S., Leeds: MR. A.M. CLAYE, F.R.C.S., Leeds: and members of the staff of the Leeds Maternity Hospital and other recognised Hospitals.

Town Hall, Ilkley.  
26th October, 1945.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Ilkley Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you a report on the health of the district for 1944.

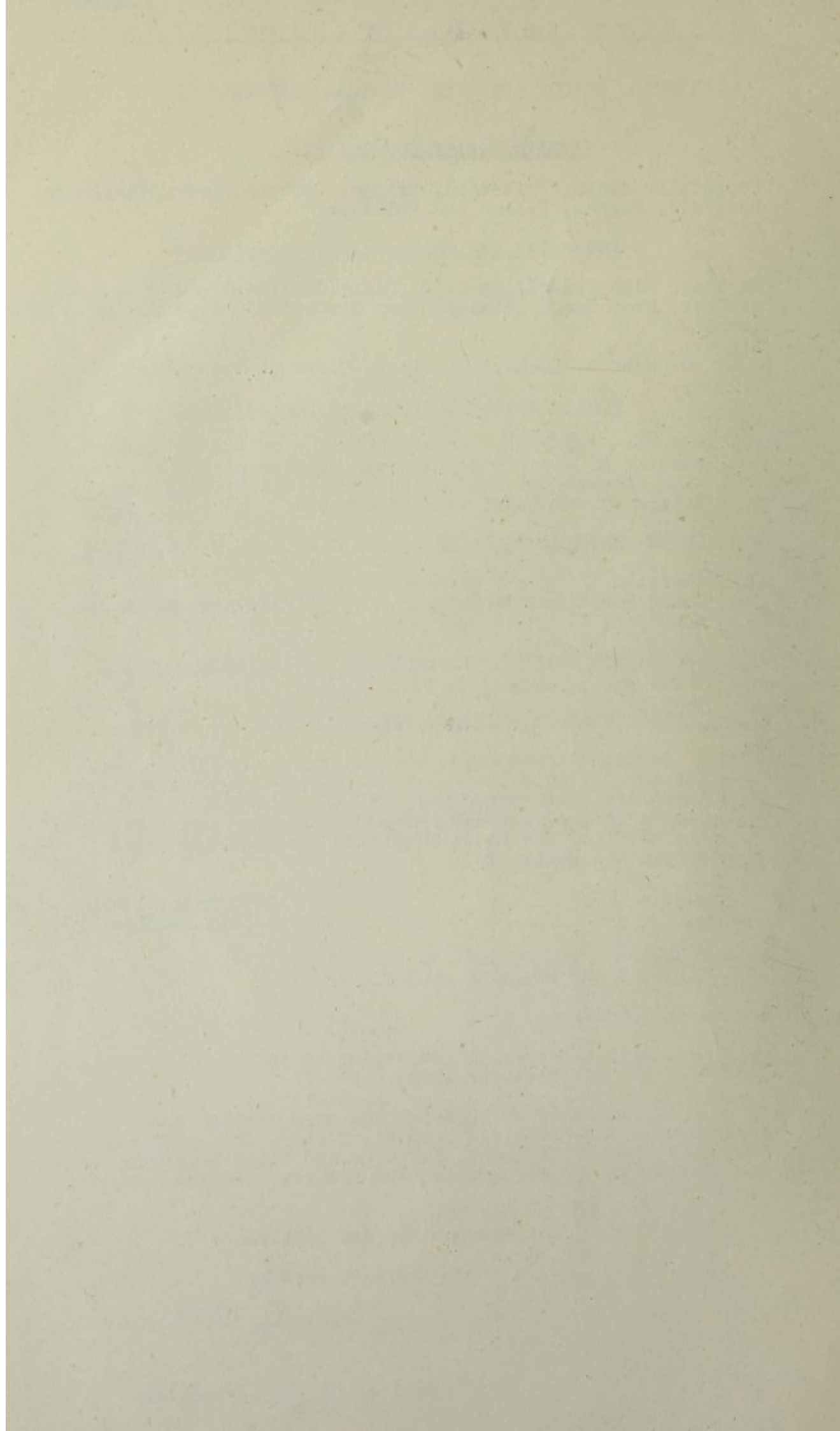
I gratefully acknowledge the co-operation and assistance I have received from Mr. Slater, Chief Sanitary Inspector, and Mr. Skinner, Surveyor and Water Engineer, in the compilation of the information and figures herewith included.

I have the honour to be,  
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Lewis A. Williams

Medical Officer of Health.





# STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

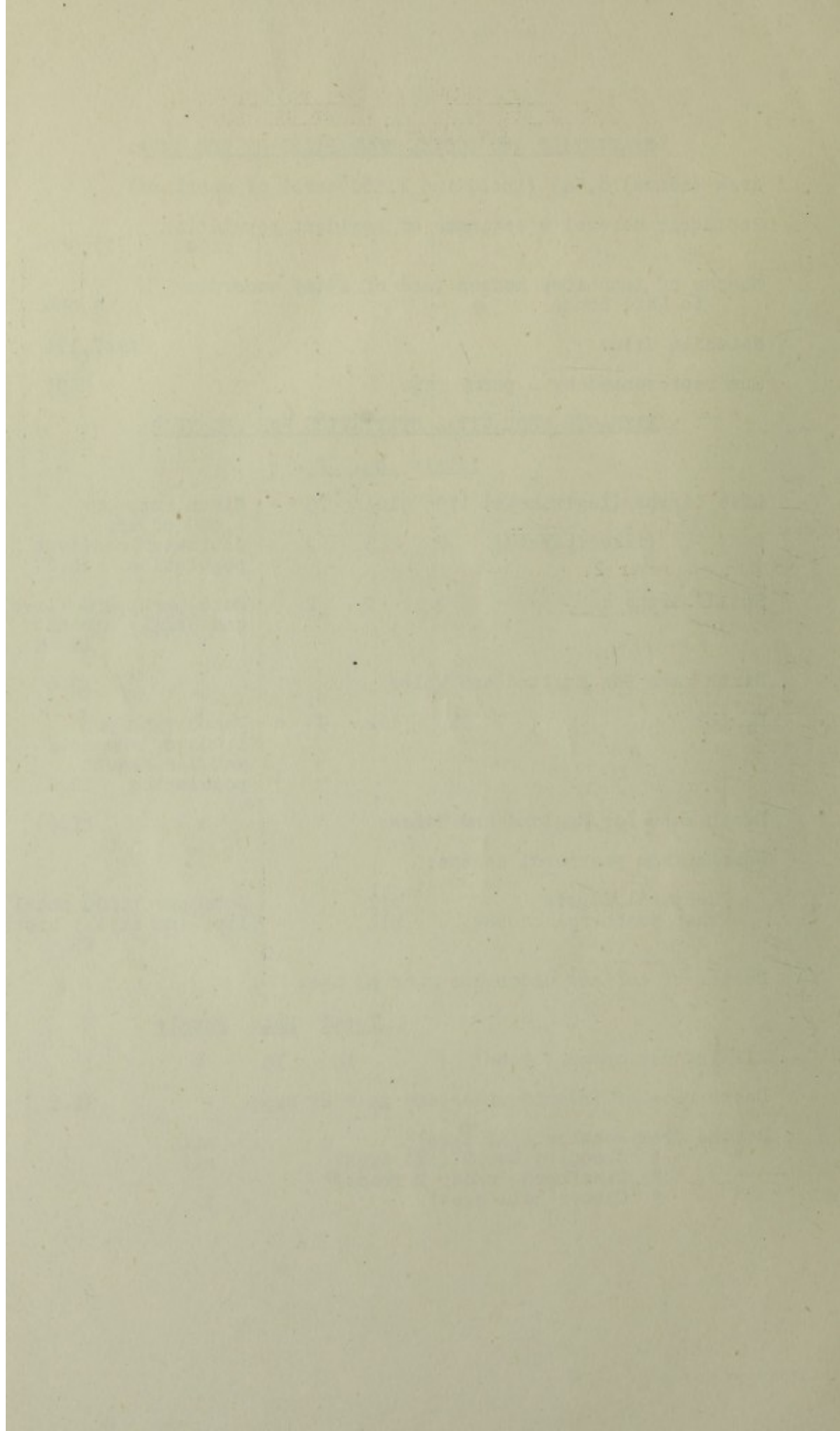
Area (acres) 8,545 (including 1,560 acres of moorland)	
Registrar-General's estimate of resident population	
1944	17,500
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1944) according to Rate books	5,059
Rateable Value	£147,124
Sum represented by a penny rate	£591

## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	
Live births (legitimate)	179	104	75	Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 10.62
(illegitimate)	7	5	2	
Still births	4	2	2	Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births 10.85
Birth rate for England and Wales				15.6
Deaths	210	112	98	Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 12.0
Death rate for England and Wales				11.6
Deaths from puerperal causes:				
Puerperal Sepsis		nil		Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births
Other puerperal causes		nil		NIL

Deaths of infants under one year of age:

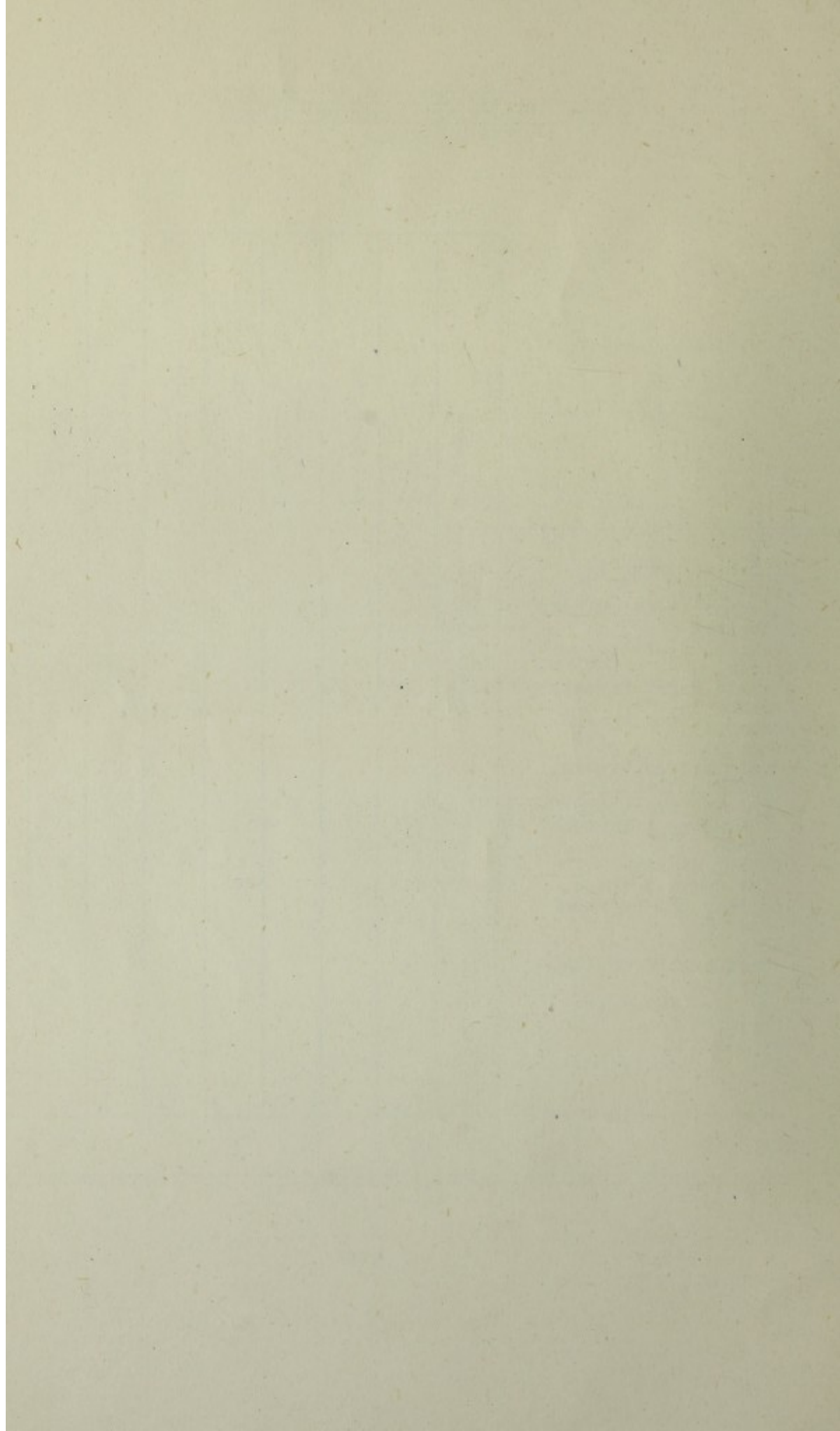
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
All infants under 1 year	10	10	-	
Death rate of infants under one year of age:				52.6
Deaths from Measles (all ages)			nil	
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)			nil	
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years)			1	
" " Cancer (all ages)			32	



Deaths at subjoined ages of residents  
whether occurring within or without  
the District.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	All Ages	Under 1 year	One year and under 2.	2 year and under 5.	5 years and under 15.	15 years and under 25.	25 years and under 45.	45 years and under 65.	65 years and upwards.
Diarrhoea under 2.	1	1							
Diphtheria.	1				1				
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	8						6	2	
Diabetes.	2							1	1
Ulcer of Stomach.	3						1	1	1
Cancer.	32						3	15	14
Organic Heart Disease.	61						1	8	52
Bronchitis.	6				1			1	4
Pneumonia.	8	2						2	4
Other diseases of respiratory organs.	1							1	
Congenital Debility and Malformations including premature birth.	7	7							
Violent deaths including suicide.	6				1			1	4
Apoplexy and cerebral haemorrhage.	26							3	23
Other diseases of Circulatory system.	10							3	7
Nephritis.	12							5	7
Digestive Diseases.	8							3	5
Appendicitis.	1							1	
Syphilitic.	2						1	1	
Other defined diseases.	15						1	4	10
All causes	210	10			3		13	52	132





## LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The work is carried out at the West Riding County Council Laboratory, Wakefield. In certain cases of urgency work has been done for the Council by the Pathological Laboratory at Harrogate.

## AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

### (a) General Sickness and Accident Cases.

A motor ambulance garaged at Ilkley is available for use in the whole area. No charge is made for its use within the Ilkley Urban District, but a charge is made when the ambulance is used outside the area. No restrictions are placed upon its use for urgent cases of accident. This year the ambulance was used 338 times, and travelled 9177 miles.

### (b) General Infectious Diseases.

No alteration has taken place with regard to the ambulance service. An ambulance is provided by the Wharfedale Union Joint Isolation Hospital Committee at Menston for the conveyance of patients suffering from an infectious disease to the hospital. It is for use within the district served by the hospital. A nurse accompanies the ambulance and no charge is made to patients. The same arrangements apply to the collection of Smallpox patients. The cost of provision of this ambulance naturally devolves upon the constituent authorities of the Wharfedale Union.

The rapid collection of infectious bedding is carried out by the Isolation Hospital Authorities, who have provided a special van for this purpose. This arrangement works most satisfactorily.

## NURSING IN THE HOME.

No change has taken place in provision of nursing in the home. The District Nursing Association continues to carry out its duties in a most praiseworthy manner. The association provides three nurses in Ilkley, one in Burley and one in Menston. They are periodically inspected by the County Superintendent and the County Inspector of Midwives. No nurses have been provided by this authority

## CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

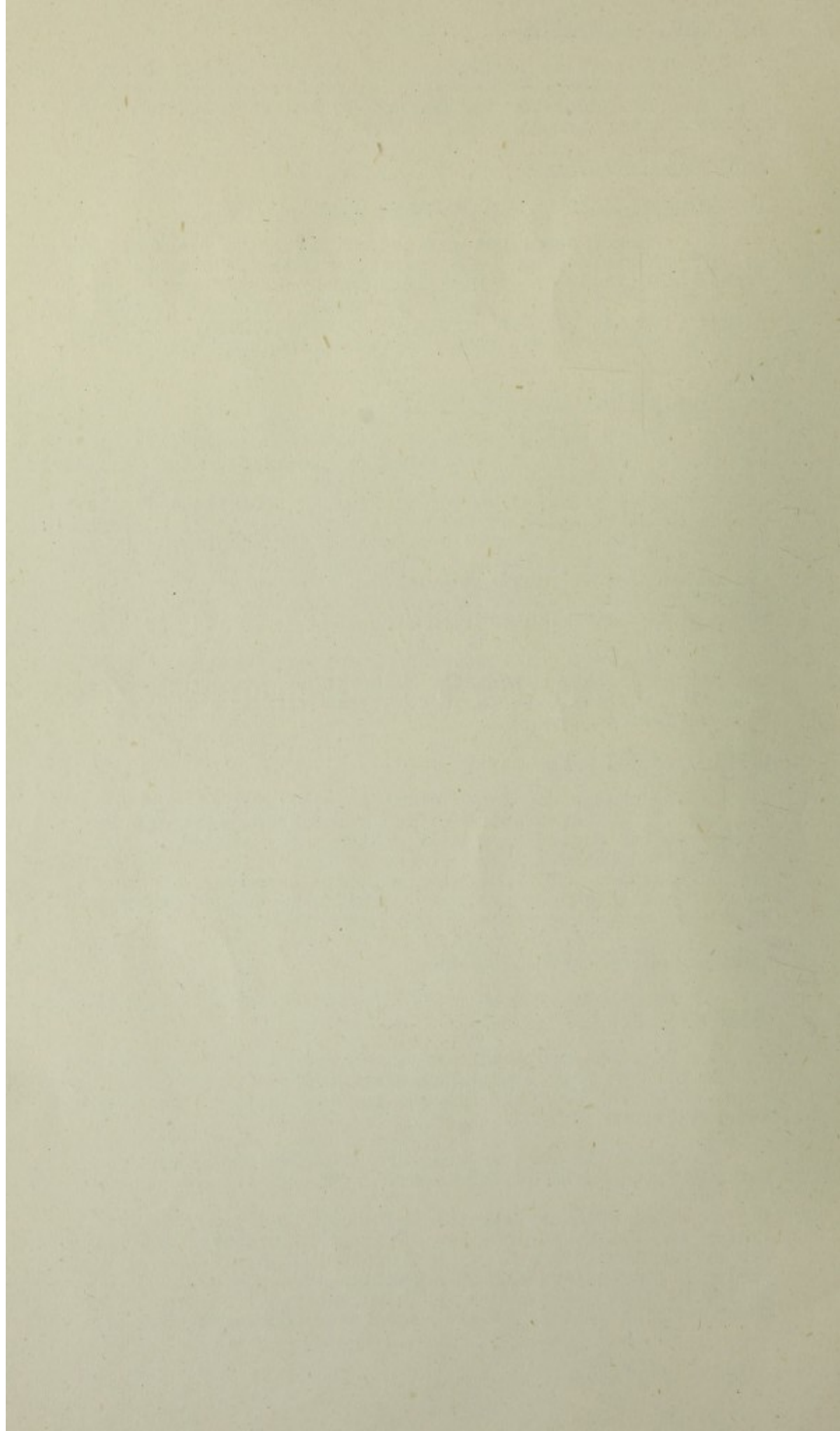
There has been no change in the number of child welfare clinics in the district.

Children requiring treatment for diseases of the eye or the ear and also those requiring orthopaedic treatment are referred to the Bradford Eye and Ear Hospital, or the Leeds General Infirmary.

The following services are provided under the Maternity and Child Welfare Acts.

Ilkley Child Welfare Clinic - Wednesday, 2-4 p.m.  
Ilkley Ant-natal Clinic - Alternate Thursdays, 2-4 p.m.  
Ilkley Sunlight Clinic - Thursday, 10 a.m. Monday, 2 p.m.  
Burley Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.  
Burley Cleansing Station - When required.  
Menston Child Welfare Clinic - Alternate Thursdays, 2-4 p.m.





The following statistics show the work done at the Clinics during the year:-

Total number of children who attended at Centres during the year, and who at the end of the year were:-

(1) under 1 year of age	218
(11) between the ages of 1 & 5 years	648
children who attended for the first time	
(a) under 1 year of age	256
(b) over 1 year and under 5 years	140

Average number of attendances at Centres per session:-

	<u>Ilkley</u>	<u>Burley</u>	<u>Menston</u>
Children under 1 year	39	12	25
Children over 1 year	30	21	12
Total number of attendances during the year:-			<u>6096</u>
	<u>Ilkley</u>	<u>Burley</u>	<u>Menston</u>
Children under 1 year	1974	624	637
Children over 1 year	<u>1510</u>	<u>1053</u>	<u>298</u>
	3484	1677	935

#### Cleansing Station, Burley.

During the year 151 cases including Scabies and Pediculosis have been dealt with as follows:-

Ilkley Area	58
Cases from adjoining authorities:	
Horsforth Urban District Council	48
Aireborough Urban District Council	42
Skipton Rural District Council	<u>3</u>
	<u>151</u>

#### Health Visitors.

One whole-time Health Visitor is provided who also attends at the Clinics. A subscription of £3.3.0 per year is paid to the District Nursing Association for their help at the Clinic when the Health Visitor is absent on leave, or through sickness.

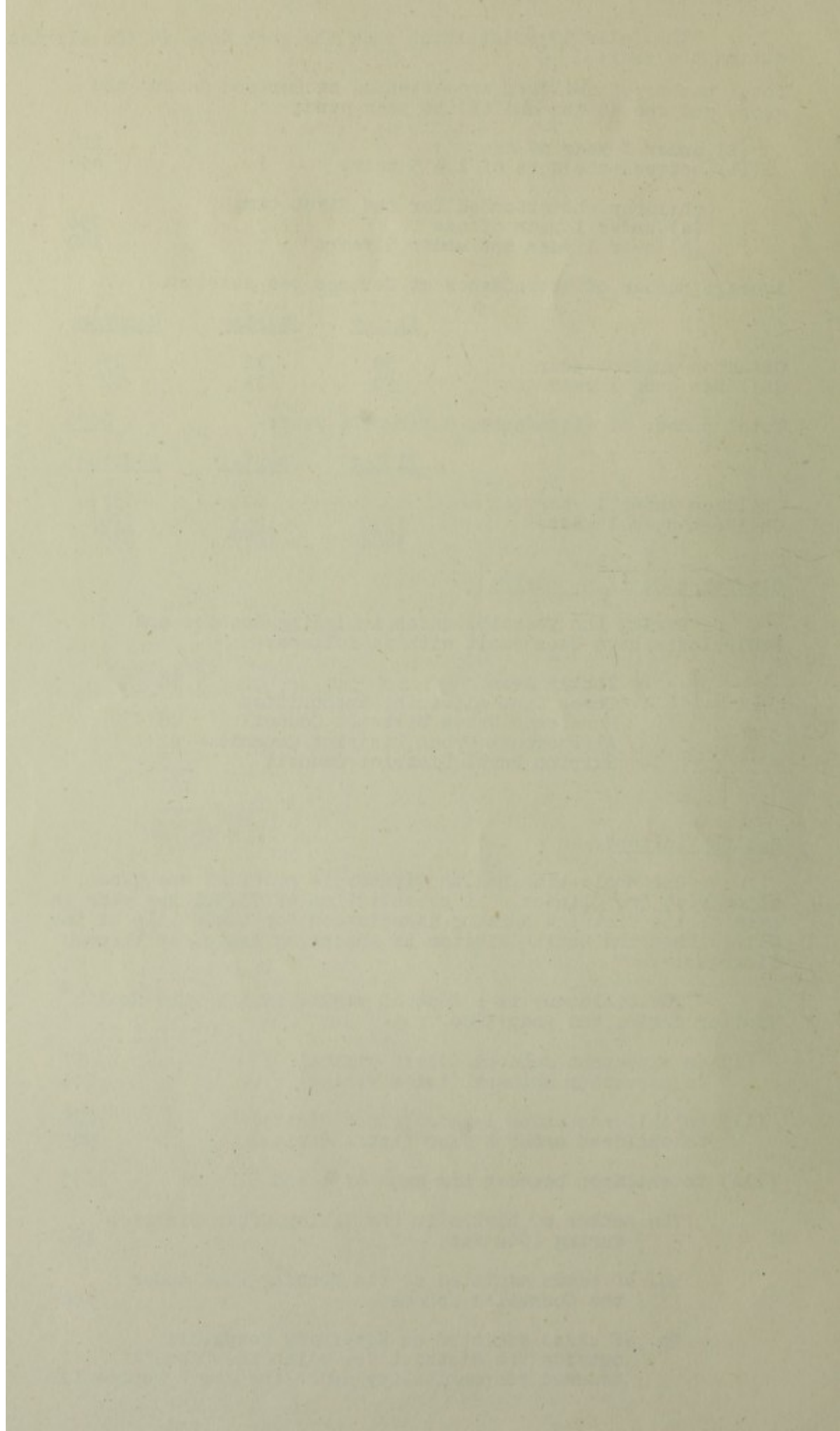
The following is a list of visits paid by the Health Visitor during the year 1944.

(1) to expectant mothers (first visits)	57
to expectant mothers (total visits)	244
(11) to children under 1 year (first visits)	188
to children under 1 year (total visits)	985
(111) to children between the ages of 1 and 5	1693

The number of births in the Ilkley Urban District during 1944 was 186

No. of cases admitted to the Nursing Home under the Council's Scheme 46

No. of cases admitted to Maternity Hospitals outside the district for which the Council assumed responsibility under the above Scheme 12





## MIDWIFERY AND MATERNITY SERVICES.

No midwives or maternity nurses are employed by the Council. The District Nursing Association undertakes this work. Eight beds in a local private nursing home are retained by the local authority under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme. The minimum payment to the Home is four hundred guineas. Patients are admitted to the Home at the rate of £6.6.0 per week, the whole or part of this being remitted in necessitous cases. The amount recoverable from patients admitted to the Home last year was £244.16.3d, and the number of patients admitted was 46. The total number of days spent in the Home was 644, the average stay being 14 days.

As Consultants under the Maternity and Child Welfare Act, the following gentlemen, who are on the honorary staff of the Leeds Maternity Hospital, have agreed to act for the authority when necessary.

Mr. Alfred Gough, F.R.C.S., Leeds, and  
Mr. A.M. Claye, F.R.C.S., Leeds.

## DENTAL SERVICES.

The provision of urgent dental treatment is carried out for expectant and nursing mothers. There was one such case during the year 1944.

## MEDICAL SERVICES.

The council have made arrangements for at least two thorough medical examinations during pregnancy, one during the second month and the second one at the end of the eighth month of pregnancy, and they invite all medical practitioners and midwives practising in the district to make full use of the ante-natal services in the area.

## INFANT LIFE PROTECTION (UNDER PART I OF THE CHILDREN ACT, 1908) as amended by the CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT, 1932).

There were six boarded-out children in this district during 1944.

## HOSPITALS.

### PUBLIC AND VOLUNTARY.

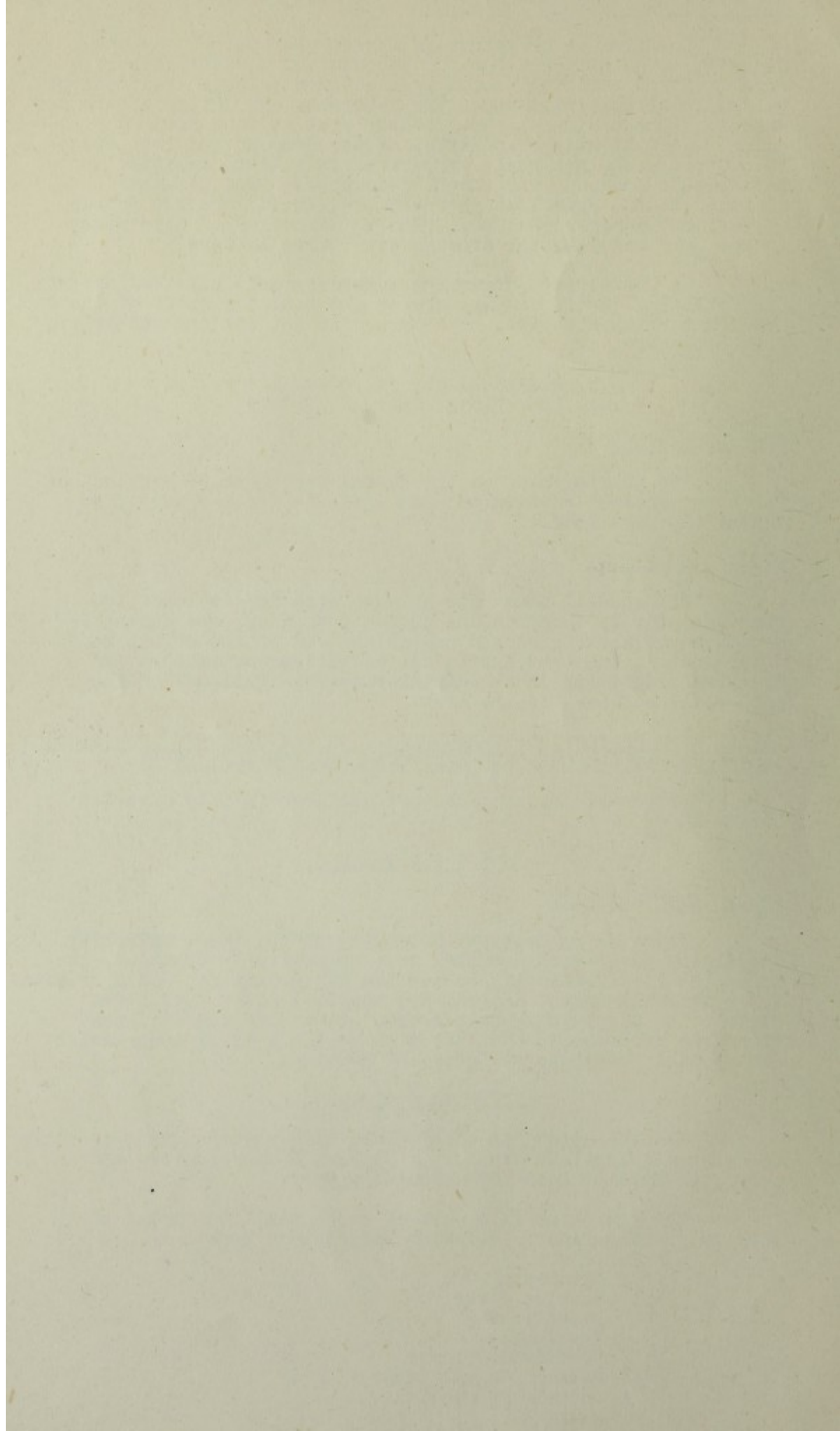
There is no hospital belonging to the local authority. The Ilkley Coronation Hospital is a voluntary institution, to which the local authority subscribes £75 annually. This hospital deals with all urgent medical and surgical cases within the district. Cases which do not come within the scope of the treatment afforded by them are sent to the General Infirmary and special hospitals at Leeds and Bradford.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

No alteration has taken place with regard to the treatment of general infectious disease. Scarlet Fever occurred and persisted more or less throughout the year.

The following is a list of cases admitted during the year to the Wharfedale Isolation Hospital at Menston:-

Dysentery	1
Scarlet Fever	98
Diphtheria	23
Erysipelas	5
Puerperal Pyrexia	1
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	2
Malaria	1
Para-typhoid	1





### PREVENTION OF DIPHTHERIA.

An excellent response is still being made to the advice given with regard to immunisation against Diphtheria. The appended figures show that a great majority of children and juveniles in the area are now protected.

The present position is as follows:--

0 - 5 years 89.5%      5 - 15 years 95.2%

During the year one case of Diphtheria occurred among children who had been immunised.

### TUBERCULOSIS.

The following are the particulars of the cases of tuberculosis notified during the year, and of the deaths resulting from the disease.

Age Periods	<u>NEW CASES.</u>				<u>DEATHS.</u>			
	Respiratory.		Non- Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non- Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
25	4	3	-	-	1	2	-	-
35	3	3	1	1	3	-	-	-
45	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & up	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	11	8	1	3	6	2	-	-

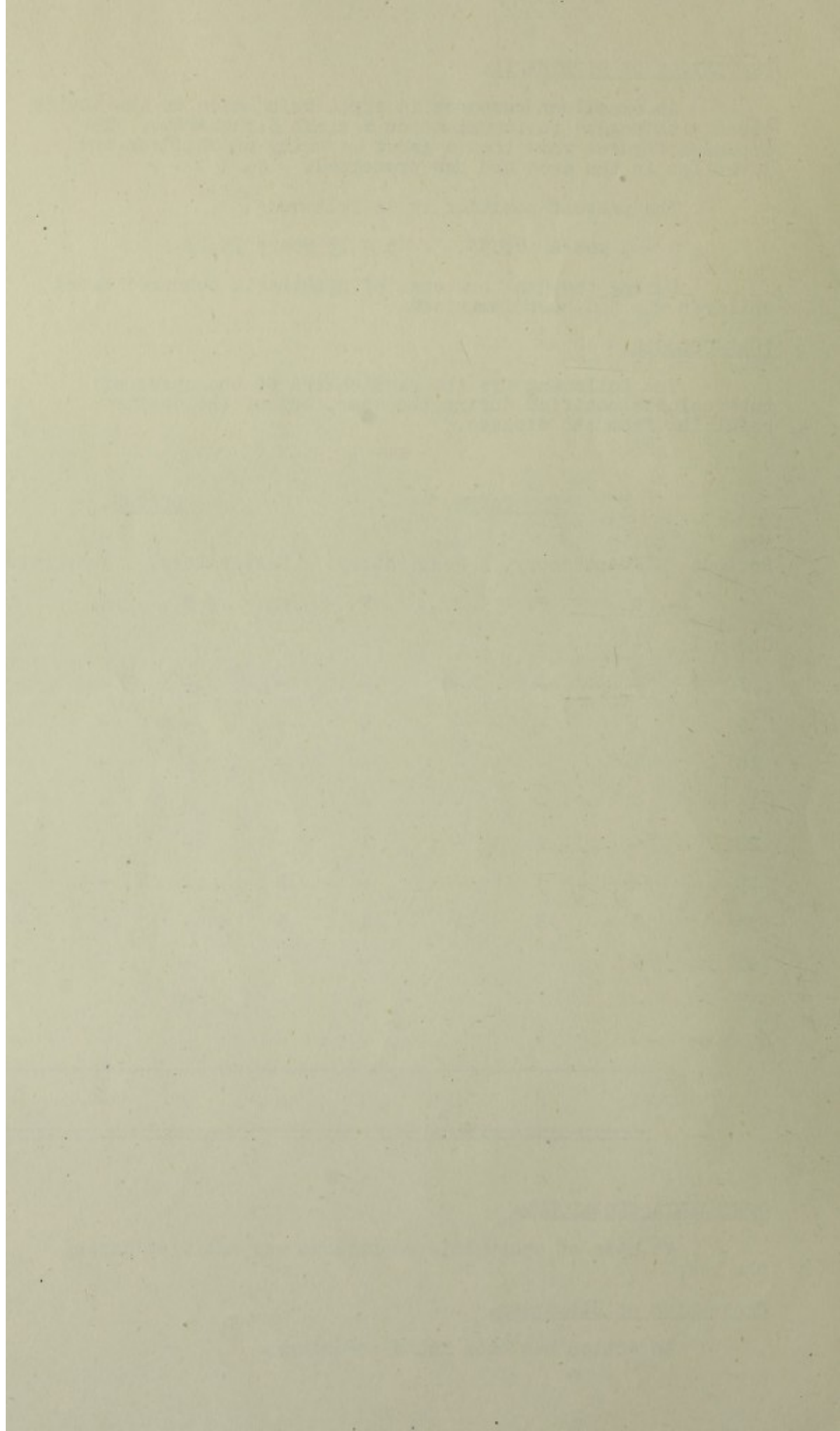
### OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

No case of ophthalmia neonatorum was notified during the year.

### Prevention of Blindness.

No action has been found necessary.





## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

### MILK SUPPLY.

The milk supply of the district maintains a high standard of quality and cleanliness. To obtain this excellence a constant supervision is necessary. I am unable to produce figures concerning the number of milch cows found to be suffering from Tuberculosis, as this inspection and work is in the hands of the West Riding County Council. Their reports continue to show all in the conditions of our milk supply.

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

#### WATER.

Copies of all analyses, bacteriological examinations, and alterations in the water supply are supplied immediately to the Medical Officer of Health.

Annual Rainfall during the past five years.

	<u>Ilkley</u>	<u>Burley</u>	<u>Menston</u>
1940	33.88 inches	25.82 inches	30.55 inches
1941	35.86 "	28.19 "	26.51 "
1942	33.32 "	27.96 "	-
1943	34.75 "	30.10 "	-
1944	45.04 "	38.71 "	-

Average analyses of all springs during 1944 in grains per gallon.

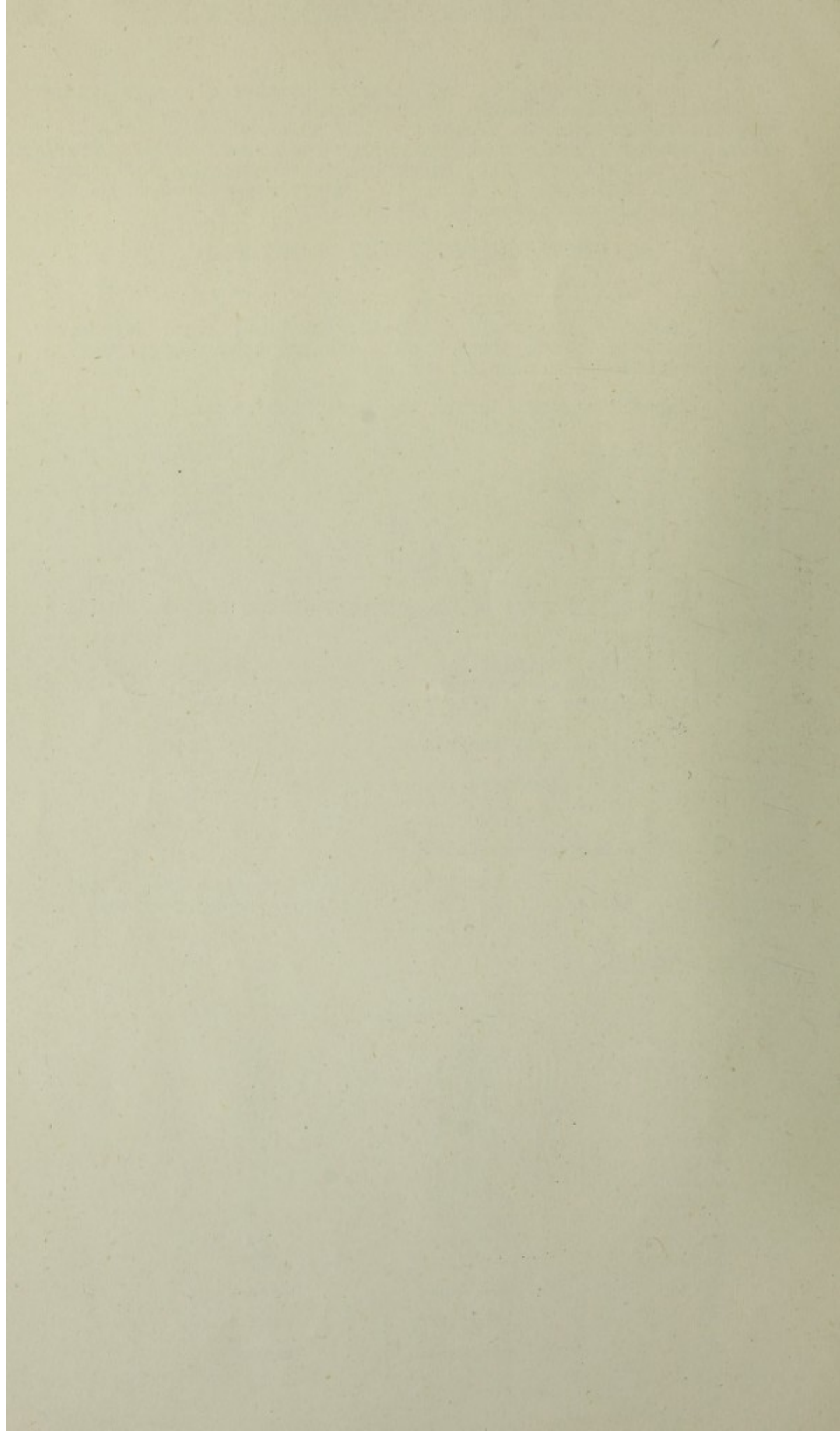
Total solids	10.0
Chlorine combined	.5
Nitrates of Nitrites	nil
Free Ammonia	.0014
Albuminoid Ammonia	.0007
Lead	nil
Total Hardness (Clark's Scale)	2.6
pH value	6.8

#### Burley-Menston Filtration Scheme.

This scheme was completed and brought into use. The results have justified the Council's policy and uniform and sterile samples of water have resulted.

#### SUNSHINE RECORD.

	<u>No. of Hours.</u>	<u>No. of Days.</u>
January	27.9	13
February	55.3	17
March	110.8	25
April	124.8	23
May	162.5	29
June	149.2	27
July	87.5	24
August	159.6	28
September	118.9	23
October	90.6	18
November	44.4	17
December	42.2	17
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NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.

Disease	Under 1 year	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45	55 and over	Total	Moved into Hospital	Died
Scarlet Fever	-	12	9	5	3	35	19	8	5	3	2	-	101	98	-
Pneumonia	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	3	7	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	2	-	-	7	5	2	5	1	1	-	23	23	1
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	4	9	5	-
Whooping Cough	13	5	8	6	5	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	56	-	1
Measles	1	3	1	2	1	4	-	1	2	1	-	-	16	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-
Cerebral Spinal Fever	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Ophthalmia Neon- atorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	1	-
Acute Polio- myelitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
Para-typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-

