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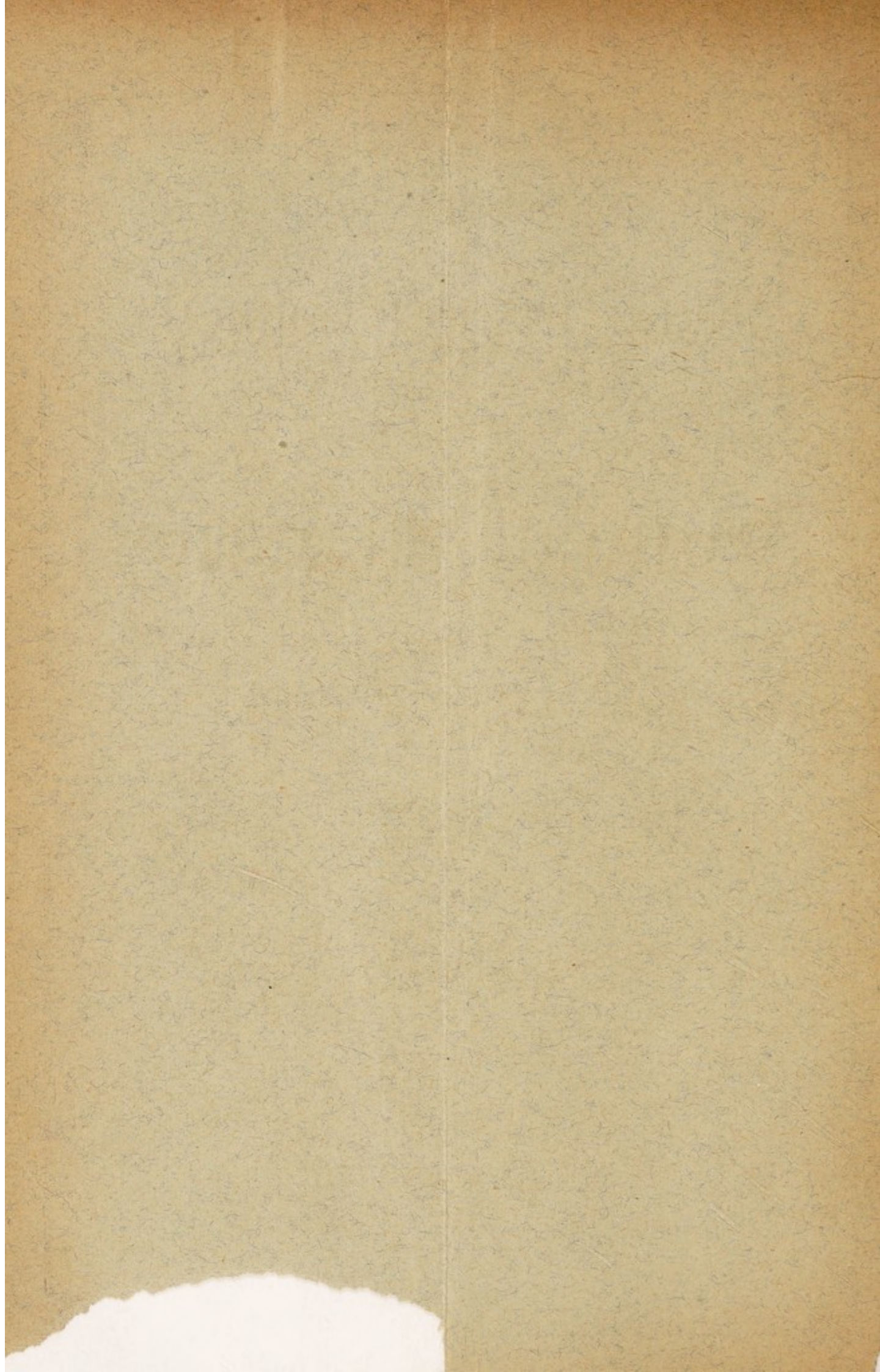
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Dr Moore got his nails cut

Fall in with Shadman if possible

Report on water next time & its source

KIDDERMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT.

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To the Chairman and Members of the District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

The Births registered in this district during the year 1895 have been 79, or 27.90 per 1000; an increase on last year, when the rate was 26.13 per 1000.

Mortality :

There have been 45 deaths, one of them in the Infectious Hospital, in a case not belonging to this district. The Death-Rate (including this case) is 15.89 per 1000, a considerably higher one than we have had for several years; but it must be observed that 15 of these deaths were of persons over 65 years of age, and six of infants under 12 months old, so that the rate is much more favourable than would appear at first sight.

Sickness :

Two cases of Diphtheria have been notified, one of them fatal—that of a boy who had been thoroughly chilled after immersion in a pond. There were no insanitary surroundings to the house. The other was a mild case, and due to infection from a brother who was suffering from the same disease in another portion of the district.

Twelve cases of Scarlet Fever have been notified, all of which have recovered. Most of them have been of an unusually mild type, so much so that in several instances the disease was not recognised till it had reached the peeling stage, the child in the meantime mixing with the rest of the family, other members of which in several instances contracted the disease, as there was no opportunity of removing the first case in an early stage. Only two cases were removed to the Hospital.

One case of Typhoid Fever, also mild, was notified, and eight cases of Erysipelas.

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN FOR PREVENTING THE SPREAD
OF DISEASE.

In all cases the Inspector visits as soon as possible after receipt of notification, gives advice as to isolation, disinfection, &c., inspects the sanitary arrangements, water supply,

and general surroundings, and reports directly to me; when if the question of removal to the Hospital arises, or other special reason, I visit the case myself. After the recovery or removal of such cases the Inspector superintends fumigation, disinfection, and thorough cleansing, and, if necessary orders whitewashing, &c., reporting again to me.

All nuisances occurring in the District are promptly dealt with by him, and the circumstances reported to me.

SANITARY WORK COMPLETED, CONTEMPLATED, OR REQUIRED.

For a long time the condition of the drain leading from Whitville and the houses adjoining the Greyhound Inn has been a source of annoyance and danger to the neighbourhood and I have, as you will remember, more than once addressed you on the subject. I am glad to say that since the grating has been properly trapped, and ventilating shafts erected as I recommended, there have been no complaints and I believe the matter is fully rectified.

1. *Systematic Inspection* is carried out by Mr. Steadman. I also visit the various parts of the District frequently and systematically, as well as when specially called by urgent cases, or to advise your Inspector of Nuisances. On my rounds, in ordinary professional work, I also frequently become cognisant of, and call his attention to, matters which he is required to deal with.

2. *House Accommodation*: As a rule is very good.

3. *Overcrowding*: Has occurred in one instance only, and was abated on receipt of notice from Inspector.

4. *Drainage*: Generally good. No special difficulty has arisen.

5. *Water Supply*: The town water is being utilised in the District more and more every year. Where it is not laid on there is a proper supply from other sources. This point is well looked after.

6. *Excrement Disposal*: Varies with the locality. Pan Closets have in many cases been substituted for middens.

7. *Scavenging*: Has been done by Highway Board.

8. *Burial Grounds*: Are satisfactory.

9. *Canal Boats*: Have been regularly inspected.

10. *Bakehouse*: The only one, in Stourport Road, I have always found clean and in good order.

11. *Slaughterhouse*: One only, which I have always found clean.

12 and 13. *Lodging Houses* : There are none in the District.

14. *Dairies and Cowsheds* : The Inspector looks well after.

15. *Offensive Trades* : None are carried on.

16. *Sale of Food and Drugs Act* : No action required.

17. *Food unfit for Consumption* : No case has arisen.

18. *Byelaws* : None in force.

19. *River Pollution* : Practically none.

20. *Industries* : A large proportion of the population work at the manufactories in the town, the rest are agricultural.

21. *Vans and Tents* : We have none.

22. *Fruit and Hop Pickers* : None but Residents.

23. *Department of Inspector of Nuisances* : Is most efficiently administered by Mr. Steadman, who is most prompt and attentive to his duties, which he endeavours to discharge with as little friction as is compatible with thoroughness.

24. *Vaccination Acts* : Most efficiently carried out.

A complaint having been made that liquid was flowing from the back of the Three Crowns Inn across the Franche Road. I visited and thoroughly examined the premises, and satisfied myself that it was nothing but surface water ; but I found defective drains at the back of the Post Office and the adjoining cottages. I called the Inspector's attention to them, and he served a sanitary notice upon the owners of the property.

This part of the District demands more attention from the Inspector and myself than the other portions, inasmuch as there is difficulty in disposing of the drainage, on account of the want of fall in the levels, and the small space available in many cases at the back of the houses.

I am not aware of any important measure of sanitary improvement required to be carried out in the district, or any other matter to which I ought to call your attention. I consider the District is at the present time in a very good sanitary condition.

I beg to remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

E. H. ADDENBROOKE.

KIDDERMINSTER DISTRICT.

(A) TABLE OF DEATHS during the year 1895, in the Kidderminster Rural District, classified according to DISEASES, AGES, and LOCALITIES.

| NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; Public Institutions being shown as separate Localities. | MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES AT SUBJOINED AGES. | | | | | | | Under 5 5 upw'ds | MORTALITY FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES DISTINGUISHING DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE. | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|---|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------------|
| | At all Ages. | Under 1 Year. | 1 and under 5. | 5 and under 15. | 15 and under 25. | 25 and under 65. | 65 and upw'ds. | | Scarlatina. | Diphtheria. | Enteric or Typhoid Fever | Erysipelas. | Whooping Cough. | Diarrhoea and Dysentery. | Rheumatic Fever. | Phthisis. | Bronchitis & Pneumonia. | Heart Disease. | Injuries. | All other Diseases. |
| District of the Foreign of Kidderminster. | 45 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 13 | Under 5 5 upw'ds | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 6 | 10 |
| Deaths occurring within the District among persons not belonging thereto, viz. in the Infectious Hospital | 1 | | 1 | | | | | Under 5 5 upw'ds | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |

Area and Population of the District to which this Return relates: Area, in Acres, 9,482; Population (1891), 2,831.

KIDDERMINSTER DISTRICT.

(B) TABLE OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, and of NEW CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1895, in the Kidderminster Rural District, classified according to DISEASES, AGES, and LOCALITIES.

| NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these statistics ; Public Institutions being shown as separate localities. | POPULATION AT ALL AGES. | | Registered Births. | Aged under 5 or over 5. | NEW CASES OF SICKNESS IN EACH LOCALITY COMING TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH | | | | | | NUMBER OF SUCH CASES REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES IN THE SEVERAL LOCALITIES FOR TREATMENT IN ISOLATION HOSPITAL. | | | |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------|--|--------------------------|----|----|
| | Census, 1891. | Estimated to middle of 1895. | | | Scarlatina | Diphtheria | Membranous Group. | Enteric or Typhoid Fever | Erysipelas | Scarlatina. | Diphtheria | Enteric or Typhoid Fever | | |
| WHOLE DISTRICT .. | 2831 | | 79. | Under 5 5 upwds. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| HOOBROOK .. | | | | Under 5 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| HABBERLEY AND TRIMPLEY .. | | | | 5 upwds. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| SUTTON COMMON .. | | | | Under 5 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| CHESTER ROAD .. | | | | 5 upwds. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| FOLEY PARK .. | | | | Under 5 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| WHITVILLE AND FRANCHE .. | | | | 5 upwds. | 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. |
| | | | | Under 5 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | | | | 5 upwds. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | | | | Under 5 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | | | | 5 upwds. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| KIDDERMINSTER BOROUGH INFECTIOUS HOSPITAL, STOURPORT ROAD .. | | | | Under 5, 5 upwds. | 107 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | | | | | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

" Notification of Infectious Disease " has been compulsory in this District since January 1st, 1891.

Isolation Hospital: BOROUGH HOSPITAL, STOURPORT ROAD, KIDDERMINSTER.

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KIDDERMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.— KIDDERMINSTER DISTRICT.

Area in Acres, 9,482.

Population, 1881, 2,289.

" 1891, 2,831.

Increase, 1881-91, 542.

*Name of Medical Officer of Health :—*E. H. ADDENBROOKE.

MORTALITY FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES.

| Small Pox. | Scarlatina. | Diphtheria. | Enteric or Typhoid Fever | Diarrhoea and Dysentery. | Rheumatic Fever. | Erysipelas. | Cancer. | Phthisis. | Pneumonia, Bronchitis, and Pleurisy. | Heart Disease | Injuries. | Other Diseases. |
|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 20 |

REGISTERED BIRTHS.

REGISTERED DEATHS.

| Males. | Females. | Total. | Males. | Females. | Total. |
|--------|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|
| 45 | 34 | 79 | 18 | 27 | 45 |

MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES AT SUBJOINED AGES

| Under 1 year. | 1 and under 5. | 5 and under 15. | 15 and under 25. | 25 and under 65. | 65 and upwards. |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 13 |

MORTALITY PER 1,000 OF POPULATION LIVING DURING SAME PERIOD :

Birth Rate, 27.90. Death Rate, 15.89. Zymotic Death Rate, 1.05. Infantile Mortality, 75.94. Phthisis Death Rate, 0.35. Respiratory Death Rate, 3.88. Smallpox Death Rate, 0. Measles Death Rate, 0. Scarlatina Death Rate 0.35. Diphtheria Death Rate, 0.35. Whooping Cough Death Rate, 0. Fever Death Rate, 0. Diarrhoea Death Rate, 0.35. Cancer Death Rate, 1.40.

| Arising in this District, and not including total admissions to the Infectious Hospital. | | | Small Pox. | Scarlatina. | Diphtheria. | Fever. | Erysipelas. | Puerperal Fever |
|--|----|----|------------|-------------|-------------|--------|-------------|-----------------|
| Cases | .. | .. | 0 | *12 | 2 | 1 | 8 | .. |
| Deaths | .. | .. | 0 | 0 | 1 | .. | .. | .. |
| Hospital Cases | .. | .. | 1 | 107 | 0 | .. | .. | .. |
| Deaths | .. | .. | 0 | 1 | 0 | .. | .. | .. |

*2 of these are included in Hospital Cases.

Diseases prevalent : None.

Schools closed : None.

BEWDLEY DISTRICT.

To the Kidderminster Rural District Council.

January 20th, 1896.

GENTLEMEN,

During the year 1895 there have been 19 deaths registered in the Bewdley District, as compared with 31 last year. This number gives a Death-rate of 8.97 per 1000 per annum.

The Death-rate was distributed as follows :

| | | |
|-------------|-----|-------|
| Wribbenhall | ... | 7.82 |
| Upper Arley | ... | 12.36 |
| Dowles | ... | 1.09 |
| Ribbesford | ... | nil. |

Amongst the eight deaths at Upper Arley there were three from accident, viz., drowning.

There were 53 births, giving a Birth-rate of 25.03 per 1000 per annum, as against 20.78 last year.

The District has been comparatively free from Zymotic disease, as there have been only nine cases notified during the year, viz:—2 Diphtheria, 6 Scarletina, and 1 Erysipelas. Of these 8 were over 5 years, and 1 under 5 (Scarlatina). One of these cases of Scarletina, over 5, was removed to the Kidderminster Infectious Hospital, as the surroundings prevented any attempt at isolation being successful.

The Bakehouses and Slaughterhouses have been regularly inspected and are kept in a sanitary condition.

The drainage of the District is done chiefly by means of dumbwells and ashpits, which are kept in as good a condition as possible.

An inspection was made by the County Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Fosbroke) in July last, in company with the Inspector and myself, of the Wribbenhall district, with reference to the drainage and general sanitary condition; and his recommendations were embodied in a special Report which has no doubt been under your consideration.

The District has also been regularly inspected by Mr. Steadman and myself, and where possible improvements have been made in respect to the drainage and the emptying of dumbwells.

The general health of the District during the past year has been satisfactory.

The adoption of a code of Byelaws for the whole District would materially help the Inspector and myself in the execution of our duties, and would be of material advantage, in my opinion, to the District.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

TREVOR WEBSTER,

Medical Officer of Health.

BEWDLEY DISTRICT.

(A) TABLE OF DEATHS during the year 1895, in the Bewdley District of the Kidderminster Rural District, classified according to DISEASES, AGES, and LOCALITIES.

| NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; Public Institutions being shown as separate Localities. | MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES AT SUBJOINED AGES. | | | | | | | Under 5 upwards | MORTALITY FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES DISTINGUISHING DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|---|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|--|-------------------|-----------|------------------------|--------|
| | At all Ages. | Under 1 Year. | 1 and under 5. | 5 and under 15. | 15 and under 25. | 25 and under 65. | 65 and upw'ds. | | Scarlatina. | Diphtheria. | Enteric or Typhoid Fever. | Erysipelas. | Whooping Cough. | Diarrhoea and Dysentery. | Rheumatic Fever. | Phthisis. | Bronchitis & Pneumonia, Pleurisy. | Heart Disease. | Injuries. | All other Diseases. | Total. |
| Wribbenhall .. | 10 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | Under 5 upwards | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | 4 |
| Upper Arley .. | 8 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | Under 5 upw'ds | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Dowles .. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Under 5 upwards | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Ribbesford .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Under 5 upwards | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| TOTALS .. | 19 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | Under 5 upw'ds | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 8 | |
| | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 5 | 11 | |

Area and Population of the District to which this Return relates: Area, in Acres, 6,158; Population (1891), 2,117.

BEWDLEY DISTRICT.

(B) TABLE OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, and of NEW CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1895, in the Bewdley District, of Kidderminster Rural District, classified according to DISEASES, AGES, and LOCALITIES.

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|---|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------|--|--------------------------|----|----|----|
| | Census, 1891. | Estimated to middle of 1895. | | | Scarlatina | Diphtheria | Membranous Croup. | Enteric or Typhoid Fever | Erysipelas | Scarlatina. | Diphtheria | Enteric or Typhoid Fever | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WRIBBENHALL | 1278 | 1278 | 30. | Under 5 upwds. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| UPPER ARLEY | 647 | 647 | 19 | Under 5 upwds. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. |
| RIBBESFORD | 91 | 91 | 3 | Under 5 upwds. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| DOWLES | 101 | 101 | 1 | Under 5 upwds. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| TOTALS | 2117 | 2117 | 53 | Under 5 upwds. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

" Notification of Infectious Disease " has been compulsory in this District since January 1st, 1891.

Isolation Hospital: BOROUGH HOSPITAL, STOURPORT ROAD, KIDDERMINSTER.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT DIVISION.

To the Chairman and Members of the Kidderminster Rural District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my twentieth Annual Report for the above Division.

Birth Rate.

The Births registered in the District during the year ended 31st December, 1895, have been 56 (23 males, 33 females) as against 60 for 1894; this gives a Birth Rate of 24·9 per 1000 of the population as against 26·7 for 1894.

Mortality :—

The Deaths registered in the District during the year ended 31st December, 1895, have been 39 (24 males, 15 females) as against 33 for 1894. This gives a Death Rate of 17·3 per 1000 of the population, as against 14·7 for 1894.

The increased Death Rate is due to the increase in the infant mortality mainly due to an epidemic of Whooping Cough throughout the district which caused four deaths.

Seventeen of the deaths were in persons over 65 years of age, including 8 between 70 and 80 years, 5 between 80 and 90 years, and 1 over 90 years.

The deaths were distributed over the District as follows:

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----|-----|----|
| Chaddesley Corbett | ... | ... | 26 |
| Stone | ... | ... | 7 |
| Rushock | ... | ... | 5 |
| Broom | ... | ... | 1 |

Infant Mortality :—

Eight deaths occurred in infants under one year of age, giving an Infant Mortality of 142·0 per 1000 of the births registered, as against three deaths for 1894 (50 per 1000).

Four Inquests were held and one death was uncertified.

Sickness :—

The following cases were notified to me :

| | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|---------|
| Scarlatina | ... | ... | 6 cases |
| Enteric Fever | ... | ... | 2 „ |
| Erysipelas | ... | ... | 6 „ |

The Scarlatina cases were all isolated at the houses where they occurred, without causing any spread of the disease, and no deaths occurred.

The two cases of Enteric Fever were in the same house in Rushock, one proving fatal, and as the sanitary arrangements were found defective they were at once attended to.

No cases of Measles occurred in the District. Whooping Cough was prevalent throughout the whole District more or less the whole year, and caused four deaths.

It was not found necessary to close the Schools.

Influenza prevailed a good deal in January and February, but in a much milder form than in previous epidemics.

Sanitary condition of District :—

The sanitary condition of the District was, I consider, at the end of the year in a very satisfactory state, and throughout the year had also been very good; no epidemics due to any insanitary conditions occurring. The nuisances dealt with by the Inspector were most of them readily abated. I am pleased to be able to report that the cottage property in Stone parish has, most of it, been thoroughly repaired, as it was in a very dilapidated state. Several new cottages have been erected containing three bedrooms, which I consider most important—as well as fair-sized gardens attached thereto. The water supply has also been attended to where necessary. The repairs to the cottages are still being carried on.

The Water Supply throughout the District is, on the whole, very good and plentiful, and is being improved every year wherever it is found insufficient or defective.

Work done during the Year :

Systematic inspection has been efficiently performed by Mr. Steadman, the Sanitary Inspector, and all nuisances, when arising have been immediately dealt with. I have, in company with the Inspector, made house to house visits in various parts of the District, and suggested improvements in drainage, &c., where necessary.

Owing to complaints received in connection with the drainage from the Slaughterhouse in the Village of Chad-desley Corbett, the necessary steps were taken to cause its abatement, and I can now report after a good deal of trouble—the case having to be reported to the Council—that the nuisances complained of have been abated. The drainage of the Village has been further improved by the putting in of new stench traps, &c., and it is, I consider, now as satisfactory as it can be with the open drain system.

Disinfection by means of whitewashing, fumigation, &c., has been thoroughly carried out where necessary.

Several cases of overcrowding have been abated, but owing to the small size of the bedrooms and small number it is often a difficult matter to deal with, although one of the most important, and unless strong measures are taken it frequently occurs again in the same cottages.

Sanitary Improvements required, &c :—

The most pressing measure of sanitary improvement required now is, I consider, more ground for Burial purposes, and this should be attended to by the necessary steps being taken by the proper authorities without delay.

No Infectious cases have been removed to the Borough Hospital during the year as it has not been found necessary.

Systematic Inspection : Regularly carried out.

House Accommodation : Very fair ; has in several parts been much improved, but still requires more attention on the part of property holders.

Overcrowding : Five cases have been dealt with.

Drainage : Several improvements carried out.

Water Supply : Good.

Excrement Disposal : No general system adopted.

Scavenging : Carried out by District Council.

Burial Board : More ground required.

Canal Boats : None.

Bakehouses : Regularly inspected, and found clean.

Slaughterhouses : Only one, which is kept clean.

Common Lodging Houses : None.

Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops : Regularly inspected and found clean.

Offensive Trades : None.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act : No action required.

Unsound Food : No cases.

Byelaws : None in force.

River Pollution : Very slight.

Industries : Agriculture and Scythe-grinding.

Factories and Workshops : Satisfactory.

Special Reports : None.

Vaccination : Efficiently carried out.

With this Report I beg to forward tabulated statements of Sickness and Mortality.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

FREDK. FITCH,

Medical Officer of Health.

Chaddesley Corbett,

February 2nd, 1896.

(A) TABLE OF DEATHS during the year 1895, in the Chaddesley Corbett Division of the Kidderminster Rural District, classified according to DISEASES, AGES, and LOCALITIES.

Area and Population of the District to which this Return relates: Area, in Acres, 10,295; Population (1891), 2,242.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT DISTRICT.

(B) TABLE OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, and of NEW CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1895, in the Chaddeley Corbett Division, of Kidderminster Rural District, classified according to DISEASES, AGES, and LOCALITIES.

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| | Census, 1891. | Estimated to middle of 1895. | | | Scarlatina | Diphtheria | Membranous Croup. | Enteric or Typhoid Fever | Erysipelas | Scarlatina. | Diphtheria | Enteric or Typhoid Fever | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CHADDESLEY CORBETT | 1400 | 1430 | 36 | Under 5 upwds. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| STONE .. | 568 | 580 | 12 | Under 5 upwds. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| RUSHOCK .. | 165 | 160 | 5 | Under 5 upwds. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| BROOM .. | 109 | 109 | 3 | Under 5 upwds. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| TOTALS .. | 2242 | 2279 | 56 | Under 5 upwds. | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

" Notification of Infectious Disease " has been compulsory in this District since January 1st, 1891.

Isolation Hospital: BOROUGH HOSPITAL, STOURPORT ROAD, KIDDERMINSTER.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1895.

KIDDERMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.—
CHADDESLEY CORBETT DISTRICT.

Area in Acres, 10,295

Population, 1881, 2,372.

" 1891, 2,242.

Decrease, 1881-91, 130.

Estimated Population, 1895, 2,279.

*Name of Medical Officer of Health :—*FREDERICK FITCH, M.D.

MORTALITY FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES.

| Small Pox. | Scarlatina. | Whooping Cough. | Enteric or Typhoid Fever | Diarrhoea and Dysentery. | Rheumatic Fever. | Erysipelas. | Cancer. | Phthisis. | Pneumonia, Bronchitis, and Pleurisy. | Heart Disease | Injuries. | Other Diseases. |
|------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 19 |

REGISTERED BIRTHS.

REGISTERED DEATHS.

| Males. | Females. | Total. | Males. | Females. | Total. |
|--------|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|
| 23 | 33 | 56 | 24 | 15 | 39 |

MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES AT SUBJOINED AGES

| Under 1 year. | 1 and under 5. | 5 and under 15. | 15 and under 25. | 25 and under 65. | 65 and upwards. |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 8 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 17 |

MORTALITY PER 1,000 OF POPULATION LIVING DURING SAME PERIOD :

Birth Rate, 24.9. Death Rate, 17.3. Zymotic Death Rate, 2.6. Infantile Mortality, 142.8. Phthisis Death Rate, .89. Respiratory Death Rate, 2.6. Smallpox Death Rate, 0. Measles Death Rate, 0. Scarlatina Death Rate 0. Diphtheria Death Rate, 0. Whooping Cough Death Rate, 1.7. Fever Death Rate, 0.44. Diarrhoea Death Rate, 0.44. Cancer Death Rate, 0.44.

| | Small Pox. | Scarlatina. | Diphtheria | Fever. | Erysipelas. | Puerperal Fever |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------|-------------|-----------------|
| Cases | 0 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 |
| Deaths | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Hospital Cases .. | | | | | | |
| Deaths .. | | | | | | |

Diseases prevalent : Influenza and Whooping Cough, in January and Feb.

Schools closed : None.

WOLVERLEY DISTRICT.

To the Chairmen and Members of the Rural District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

The Births registered during the year 1895 have been 62, or 22·46 per 1000. In 1894 there were 65, or 23·62 per 1000.

Mortality: There have been 30 deaths, a rate of 10·90 per 1000, which is very low—especially when it is noticed that one half of these deaths were of persons over 65 years of age. The rate in 1894 was 13·80 per 1000.

The Infantile Mortality rate is 80·64, less than half what it was in 1894.

Sickness: There have been 48 cases of Scarlet Fever notified, one of which was fatal, and four were removed into the Infectious Hospital on account of the want of proper means of isolation.

Eight cases of Erysipelas have been notified and six cases of Diphtheria. One of the latter occurred at Cornsall and five at Sion Hill, four of them at one house, where sewer gas was found escaping from an old drain which had been overlooked.

On Nov. 15th, having been informed that 63 children were absent from the Wolverley Schools, of which number at least 14 came from houses in which Scarlet Fever existed, I requested the Vicar to close the Schools for three weeks, and subsequently for a fourth week (in continuation), informing the Local Government Board and County Council of the same.

Most of the cases of Scarlet Fever were of an unusually mild type, and in several instances were not recognised as such till the disease had reached the peeling stage. This of course tended considerably to spread infection.

With regard to action undertaken generally for preventing the spread of disease, I may say that the Inspector and I work upon precisely the same lines as indicated in my report (which you have received) for the Kidderminster Rural District. I will not therefore repeat what I stated there upon this subject, and also upon that of

1. *Systematic Inspection*: Which has been carefully attended to.

2. *House Accommodation*: Is very fair, considering the poverty of the district.

3. *Overcrowding*: Occurred in one instance at Island Pool, and in two others in Wolverley Village, but in all three was abated on receipt of a sanitary notice.

4. *Drainage*: No difficulty has been experienced in getting defects remedied, and constant supervision has been given.

5. *Water Supply*: As a rule is plentiful and good. In four instances a deficient supply has been found, and action taken accordingly.

Bakehouse: The only one has been kept in proper order.

Slaughterhouses: The only one which has not been, at times, in proper condition is that in Wolverley village, but a remonstrance has been attended to.

I am not aware of any other matter to which I ought to call your attention, and in conclusion beg to state that the District is in a good sanitary condition, and the health of its inhabitants (apart from the epidemic of Scarlet Fever) has been, considering the poverty of the Wolverley and Cookley portion, exceedingly good throughout the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

E. H. ADDENBROOKE.

WOLVERLEY DISTRICT.

(A) TABLE OF DEATHS during the year 1895, in the *Wolverley Division of the Kidderminster Rural District*, classified according to DISEASES, AGES, and LOCALITIES.

| NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics ; Public Institutions being shown as separate Localities. | MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES AT SUBJOINED AGES. | | | | | | | MORTALITY FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES DISTINGUISHING DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|---|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|--|-------------------|-----------|------------------------|--------|---------|
| | At all Ages. | Under 1 Year. | 1 and under 5. | 5 and under 15 | 15 and under 25. | 25 and under 65. | 65 and upw'ds. | Under 5 5 upwards | Scarlatina. | Diphtheria. | Enteric or Typhoid Fever | Erysipelas. | Whooping Cough. | Diarrhoea and Dysentery. | Rheumatic Fever. | Phthisis. | Bronchitis & Pneumonia, Pleurisy. | Heart Disease. | Injuries. | All other Diseases. | Total. | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wolverley District .. | 30 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 15 | Under 5 5 upwards | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 9 | .. | 5 | 7 | 6 24 |
| TOTALS .. | 30 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 15 | Under 5 5 upw'ds | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 9 | .. | 5 | 7 | 6 24 |

Area and Population of the District to which this Return relates: Area, in Acres, 6,378; Population (1891), 2,751.

WOLVERLEY DISTRICT.

(B) TABLE OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, and of NEW CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1895, in the Wolverley Division, of Kidderminster Rural District, classified according to DISEASES, AGES, and LOCALITIES.

| NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these statistics ; Public Institutions being shown as separate localities. | POPULATION AT ALL AGES. | | Registered Births. | Aged under 5 or over 5. | NEW CASES OF SICKNESS IN EACH LOCALITY COMING TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH | | | | | | NUMBER OF SUCH CASES REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES IN THE SEVERAL LOCALITIES FOR TREATMENT IN ISOLATION HOSPITAL. | | |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| | Census, 1891. | Estimated to middle of 1895. | | | Scarlatina | Diphtheria | Membranous Croup. | Enteric or Typhoid Fever | Erysipelas | Scarlatina. | Diphtheria | Enteric or Typhoid Fever | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| District of Wolverley | 2751 | .. | 62 | Under 5 5 upwds. | 15 33 | .. 6 | | 1 7 | .. 4 | | | | |
| TOTALS | 2751 | .. | 62 | Under 5. 5 upwds. | 15 33 | .. 6 | | 1 7 | .. 4 | | | | |

"Notification of Infectious Disease" has been compulsory in this District since January 1st, 1891.

Isolation Hospital: BOROUGH HOSPITAL, STOURPORT ROAD, KIDDERMINSTER.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1895.

KIDDERMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.— WOLVERLEY DISTRICT.

Area in Acres, 6,378

Population, 1881, 3,510.

„ 1891, 2,751.

Decrease, 1881-91, 759.

*Name of Medical Officer of Health :—*E. H. ADDENBROOKE.

MORTALITY FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES.

| Small Pox. | Scarlatina. | Whooping Cough. | Enteric or Typhoid Fever | Diarrhoea and Dysentery. | Rheumatic Fever. | Erysipelas. | Cancer. | Phthisis. | Pneumonia, Bronchitis, and Pleurisy. | Heart Disease | Injuries. | Other Diseases. |
|------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 10 |

REGISTERED BIRTHS.

REGISTERED DEATHS.

| Males. | Females. | Total. | Males. | Females. | Total. |
|--------|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|
| 31 | 31 | 62 | 14 | 16 | 30 |

MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES AT SUBJOINED AGES.

| Under 1 year. | 1 and under 5. | 5 and under 15. | 15 and under 25. | 25 and under 65. | 65 and upwards. |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 15 |

MORTALITY PER 1,000 OF POPULATION LIVING DURING SAME PERIOD :

Birth Rate, 22.46. Death Rate, 10.90. Zymotic Death Rate, 0.36. Infantile Mortality, 80.64. Phthisis Death Rate, .72. Respiratory Death Rate, 3.27. Smallpox Death Rate, 0. Measles Death Rate, 0. Scarlatina Death Rate 0.36. Diphtheria Death Rate, 0. Whooping Cough Death Rate, 0. Fever Death Rate 0. Diarrhoea Death Rate, 0. Cancer Death Rate, 0.72.

| | Measles. | Scarlatina. | Diphtheria. | Fever. | Erysipelas. | Puerperal Fever |
|-------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|--------|-------------|-----------------|
| Cases | 7 | 48 | 6 | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Deaths | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hospital Cases .. | .. | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| „ Deaths .. | .. | 0 | .. | .. | .. | .. |

Diseases prevalent : Scarlet Fever in October, November and December.

Schools closed : One, for four weeks.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES.

KIDDERMINSTER,

JANUARY 7th, 1896.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Kidderminster Rural
District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present you with my Thirteenth Annual Report for the year ending December, 31st, 1895.

The number of Notices served for the Removal and Abatement of Nuisances is 318, as against 293 last year; increase 25, relating to 204 nuisances as against 196 last year, increase 8. Of the 204 nuisances dealt with, 202 have been abated, leaving 2 outstanding.

DESCRIPTION OF NUISANCES DEALT WITH:

| | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Defective sinks | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Defective or choked drains | ... | ... | ... | 15 |
| Foul and offensive privy ashpits | ... | ... | ... | 104 |
| Filthy or unwholesome dwelling houses | ... | ... | ... | 15 |
| Dilapidated premises | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Want of proper water supply | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| Foul and over-flowing dumb-wells | ... | ... | ... | 12 |
| Cottage closed as unfit for human habitation | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Foul tubs of wash | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Over-crowding | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| Foul cesspools | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Offensive ditches | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Foul pan closets | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Accumulations | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Defective water closets... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| Defective soft water cistern | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Privy converted into earth closet | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Miscellaneous nuisance | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Animal kept in an unclean condition | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Total | | | | 204 |

THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFICATION ACT OF 1889.

One hundred and seven Certificates and one notified privately have been received by me from the Medical Officers of Health, relating to the following Fevers, as against 158 last year. Decrease 51.

DR. FITCH'S DISTRICT,—*comprising Chaddesley Corbett, Stone, Broom, and Rushock.*

| | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Erysipelas | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| Enteric Fever | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Scarlet Fever | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| | | | | | — |
| Total | | | | | 14 |

Total last year 13. Increase 1.

Erysipelas, Harvington 1; Scarlet Fever, Hackman's Gate 2; Erysipelas: Mustow Green 1, Red Cross 1, Harvington Hall 1, Bluntington 1, Shenstone (in the Parish of Stone) 1, Chaddesley Village 1; Enteric Fever, Rushock 2, one of which was fatal; Scarlet Fever: Stone House 2, Bourne Green 1; total 14. No case removed into the Borough Infectious Hospital.

DR. WEBSTER'S DISTRICT—*Comprising the Bewdley District, with Ribbesford, Dowles, and Upper Arley.*

| | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Diphtheria | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Scarlet Fever | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Erysipelas | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| | | | | | — |
| Total | | | | | 9 |

Total last year 53. Decrease 44.

One case removed to the Borough Infectious Hospital from Shatterford. Cases occurred at Witnell's End, Shatterford, Chester Terrace, Catchem's End, Old Turnpike, Wribbenhall, and Arley Village. One case Diphtheria proved fatal in Arley Village. In July two visits were made in a House to House Visitation at Wribbenhall, in company with Dr. Fosbroke, County Medical Officer, and Dr. Webster, Medical Officer of Health at Wribbenhall, with a view to Sanitation Improvements.

DR. ADDENBROOKE'S DISTRICT—*Comprising the Foreign of
Kidderminster.*

| | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Erysipelas | ... | .. | ... | ... | 8 |
| Diphtheria | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Scarlet Fever | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 |
| Typhoid | .. | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| | | | | | — |
| Total | | | | | 23 |

Total last year 60. Decrease 37.

One case of Diphtheria proved fatal. Removals into Infectious Hospital: 2 from Foley Park, as against 31 last year; decrease 29. *Places of Fever:* Erysipelas 1, Marlpool Lane; Hoobrook, 1 Scarlet Fever; Sutton Road, 2 Erysipelas; Lane Farm, Habberley, Erysipelas 1; Foley Park, 2 Scarlet Fever; Trimpley, 1 Erysipelas; Franche, 1 Scarlet Fever; Summer Hill, 1 Scarlet Fever; Franche Road, 1 Erysipelas; Low Habberley, 1 Diphtheria and 1 Scarlet Fever; Spirit Lane, 1 Typhoid; Chester Road, 2 Scarlet Fever; Brookfield House, 1 Erysipelas; Somerleyton Avenue, 4 Scarlet Fever; Spencer Street, Sutton Common, 1 Erysipelas; Whitville, 1 Diphtheria.

DR. ADDENBROOKE'S DISTRICT—*Comprising Wolverley and
Churchill.*

| | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Scarlet Fever | ... | ... | ... | ... | 48 |
| Erysipelas | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| Diphtheria | ... | ... | ... | .. | 6 |
| | | | | | — |
| Total | | | | | 62 |

Total last year 27. Increase 35.

Removals into the Borough Infectious Hospital 4, as against 8 last year; 3 Cookley Village, and 1 Wolverley Village.

THE BOROUGH INFECTIOUS HOSPITAL.

Cases removed 7, as against 59 last year; decrease 52, namely: 2 Foley Park, 1 Wolverley Village, 2 Portway Place, Cookley, 1 The Gardens, Cookley, and 1 Shatterford (Arley Parish).

SUMMARY OF FEVER CASES.

| | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Diphtheria | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| Erysipelas | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 |
| Scarlet Fever | ... | ... | ... | ... | 71 |
| Typhoid | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Enteric Fever | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Total | | | | | 108 |

Total last year 153. Decrease 45.

DISINFECTION.

Disinfection has been carried out as usual in all cases of Fever, and the infected cottages and premises have been required to be cleansed and whitewashed.

MEASLES AND WHOOPING COUGH.

Measles appeared in Cookley in the month of November, and Whooping Cough in Rushock in December. Wolverley School was closed on medical order for three weeks from the 15th of November, through the prevalence of Scarlet Fever in the district. Arley Schools and Cookley Schools were also closed by the managers a week earlier than the usual Christmas vacation, through Fever being in the villages.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Water Supply of the District have been well looked after, and to the best of my belief the District is in a clean and satisfactory condition.

DAIRIES, COW-SHEDS, AND MILK-SHOPS.

No person has been registered during the year; those registered have been visited from time to time, and on the whole found in a clean and satisfactory condition; cleansing and white-washing having been done. Total on the Register 45.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES AND BAKE-HOUSES.

Constant visits have been paid during the year, and each Slaughter-house and Bake-house has been lime-washed several times.

CANAL BOATS ACTS.

| | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|
| No. of Boats Inspected | ... | ... | 112 |
| <i>Total last year 108. Increase 4</i> | | | |
| No. conforming with Acts and Regulations | | | 108 |
| No. of Boats with 1 or more Infringements | | | 4 |

Nature of Infringements :—Absence of Certificate (Act 77, sec. 3, Act 84, sec. 7, Regulation) 1; Marking (Act 77, sec. 3, Act 84, sec. 7, Regulation) 1; Overcrowding (Regulation 8) 1; Painting (Regulation 9) 1; all remedied.

Total number of Persons found on these Boats :—males, 311; females, 18; children, 19. Children between 5 and 12, nine; 5 and under 10, ten; total 19.

I again testify that there is a great improvement in the manners, health, and comfort of the boatmen generally, and a disposition on the part of owners to improve their boats by keeping them in a cleaner and more habitable condition than formerly, thus providing a more comfortable abode for its occupants.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH WATER ACT OF 1878.

One notice has been served under this Act, and a certificate granted by the Council in respect of the residence on the Kidderminster Road, in the occupation of Miss Brewster, for having a supply of water fit for drinking and domestic purposes.

The whole of the nuisances dealt with have been abated, with the exception of two out-standing, without any proceedings before justices.

Trusting my humble endeavours in my capacity as your Inspector of Nuisances have given you satisfaction, and thanking you for your kind assistance and support,

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES STEADMAN,

[ANUARY 7th, 1896.

Inspector of Nuisances.

FREDK. BURCHER,

Clerk to the Rural District Council.

