

**[Report 1895] / Medical Officer of Health, Castleton U.D.C.**

**Contributors**

Castleton (Lancashire, England). Urban District Council.

**Publication/Creation**

1895

**Persistent URL**

<https://wellcomecollection.org/works/w9aqb2qw>

**License and attribution**

This work has been identified as being free of known restrictions under copyright law, including all related and neighbouring rights and is being made available under the Creative Commons, Public Domain Mark.

You can copy, modify, distribute and perform the work, even for commercial purposes, without asking permission.



Wellcome Collection  
183 Euston Road  
London NW1 2BE UK  
T +44 (0)20 7611 8722  
E [library@wellcomecollection.org](mailto:library@wellcomecollection.org)  
<https://wellcomecollection.org>

CASTLETON (Lancs.)

# Urban District Council

---

Annual Report

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

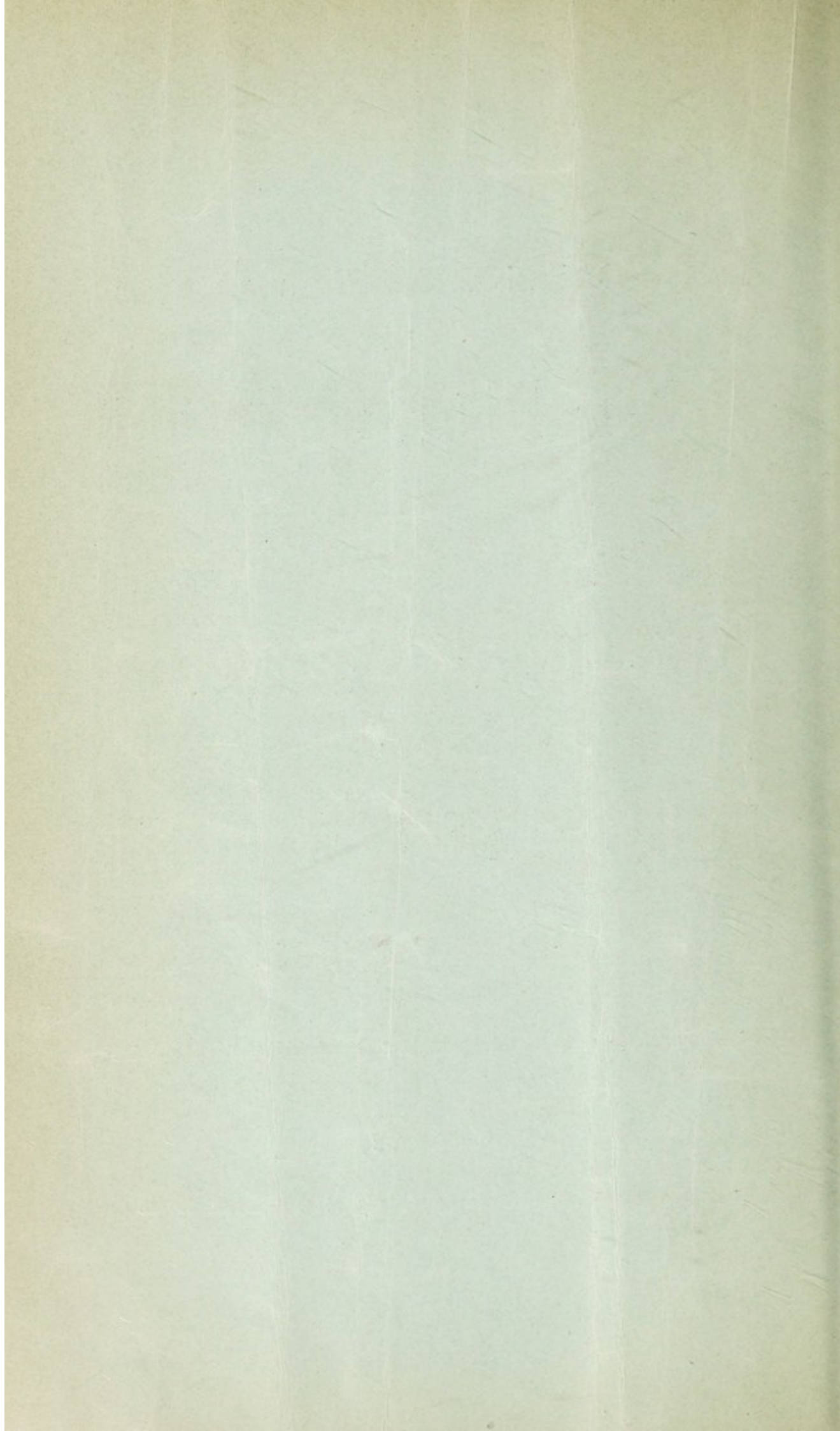
For the year 1895.

---

Castleton :

PRINTED BY W. RIGG & SON, 185, MANCHESTER ROAD.

THIS BEING THE SPECIAL FILE COPY FOR  
LIBRARY B. M. A., IT IS PARTICULARLY  
REQUESTED THAT IT MAY BE RETURNED  
AT AS EARLY A DATE AS POSSIBLE.



# Castleton (Lanes.) Urban District Council.

---

---

## Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1895.

---

---

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting to you the following report of the health and sanitary condition of the district for the year ending December 31st, 1895.

### **Death Rate.**

The total number of deaths recorded in the district during the past year was 111. 18 deaths however occurred in the Marland Hospital, in persons not belonging to the district. Twelve of these were due to Scarlet Fever; 3 to Typhoid Fever; 1 to Measles; 1 to Phthisis; and one to other causes.

In addition to these, 3 deaths occurred in the district in persons not belonging thereto, viz 2 cases of suicide by drowning and 1 case of accident.

### **True Death Rate.**

Leaving out of consideration these 21 deaths, the number of deaths remaining is equal to a death rate of 13·4 per 1000, calculated on a population of 6,700. The death rate for the previous year was 11·6 per thousand, which is the lowest death rate ever recorded.

### **Infantile Mortality.**

The number of deaths in children under one year of age, including premature births was 22, compared with 11 during the previous year, giving an infantile mortality of 15·7 per cent. on the number born during the year, against a mortality of 11·5 last year.

### Months of Greatest and Least Mortality.

The greatest mortality occurred in the month of October, viz. 25 per thousand. In the month of August it only amounted to 5·3 per thousand. Arranged according to their ages in the groups prescribed by the Local Government Board, there are—

Under 1 year of age	-	-	-	-	22	deaths.
Over 1	„	„	and under 5 years of age	8	„	
„ 5	„	„	„ 15	„	5	„
„ 15	„	„	„ 25	„	7	„
„ 25	„	„	„ 65	„	28	„
„ 65	„	„	-	-	20	„
					<hr/>	
					90	
					<hr/>	

### Birth Rate.

The total number of births registered in the district during the year was 140, 70 males and 70 females. This is equal to a birthrate of 20·9 per thousand of the population.

### Deaths from Zymotic Disease.

Excluding the deaths previously noticed as having occurred in the Marland Hospital in persons not belonging to the district, only one death was due to infectious disease, viz. one death from Diphtheria, giving a zymotic death rate of only ·14 per thousand.

### Consumption and Diseases of the Respiratory Organs

Eight deaths were caused by consumption, and 23 were due to other diseases of the Respiratory Organs—Bronchitis, Pneumonia, and Pleurisy.

### Diarrhoea.

Six deaths were due to Diarrhoea which was very prevalent during the hot weather of the Autumn months. One of these occurred in an adult, the rest in young children.

### Influenza.

Two deaths were certified as due to Epidemic Influenza.

### Notifications of Infectious Disease.

During the year 142 cases of infectious disease were notified to me. These were Scarlatina, 128; Diphtheria, 11; Erysipelas, 2; and Typhoid Fever 1. Thirty-four cases were removed to the Marland Hospital for treatment. The rest were treated at

home and the usual precautions taken to prevent the spread of the disease. Scattered cases of Scarlatina occurred during the earlier months of the year, but the number of cases notified rose from 5 in July to 25 in August, and 34 in September, since when a steady decline has taken place in the number of fresh cases. The type of disease has been very mild, not a single death having occurred among the 128 cases notified.

Consequently it has been very difficult to induce parents to isolate children suffering from the disease for a sufficient length of time; doubtless many slight cases have not been seen by a medical man, and so the infection has been spread.

From the above summary it will be seen that the general death rate is a very low one viz. 13·4 although it is somewhat higher than the rate for the previous year, 11·6.

The Infantile mortality, although a low one, is also rather higher than for the previous year. These slight differences may be accounted for by the epidemic of Diarrhoea which was prevalent during the Autumn, to which cause six deaths were due; 4 of them in children under one year of age. Four deaths in very young children were also certified as being due to premature birth.

With regard to the work done by me during the past year, I have visited with the Sanitary Inspector, all the houses where outbreaks of infectious disease have occurred, and inspected with him most of the premises in connection with which it was found necessary to serve notices for abatement of nuisances. The number of these amounted to 36. In no case was it necessary to institute proceedings to enforce them.


In conclusion, I have to congratulate the Council on the practical completion of the new sewage scheme and to express my hearty approval of the resolution recommending the adoption of the slopwater system to outside closets in connection with all new property to be erected in the district.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. SHARPLES, Dip., San., Sc.,

*Medical Officer of Health.*



Digitized by the Internet Archive  
in 2017 with funding from  
Wellcome Library

<https://archive.org/details/b2958193x>

