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Divisional Medical Officer

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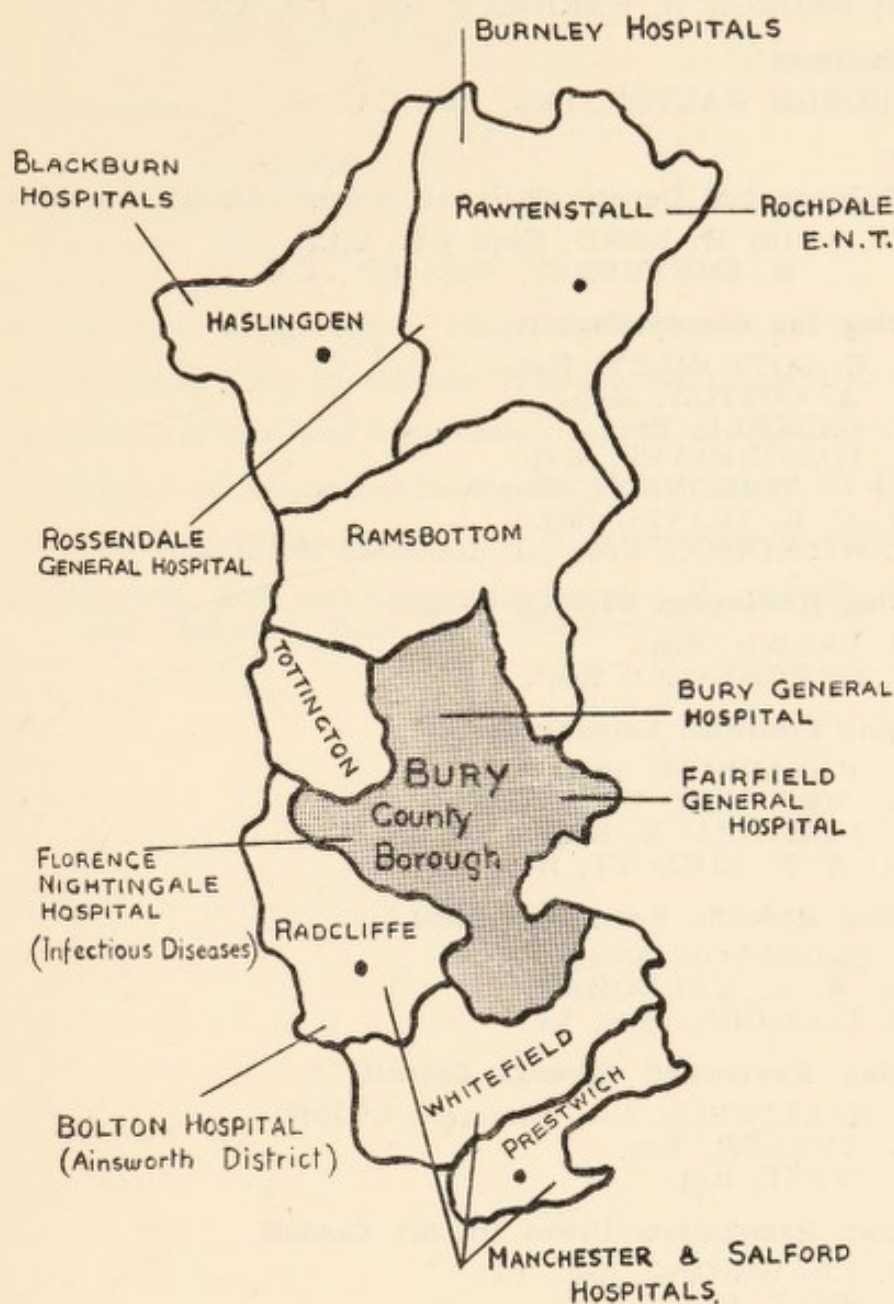
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# EXTENT OF THE DIVISION



The diagram shows that the population is also served by other Hospital Groups. Prestwich is mainly served by Manchester and Salford hospitals.

*The distance from north to south of the Division is approximately 18 miles.*

**DIVISIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE (1948-49).  
HEALTH DIVISION No. 12.**

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MISS M. LEEDER

- (a) Chairman, Wrightington Hospital Management Committee.
- (b) Chairman, West Manchester Hospital Management Committee.
- (c) Member of Bury and Rossendale Hospital Management Committee.
- (d) Member of North Manchester Hospital Management Committee.
- (e) Chairman, Prestwich Hospital Management Committee.
- (f) Chairman, Bury and Rossendale Hospital Management Committee  
and Chairman, Bury Executive Council.

## **DIVISIONAL HEALTH STAFF** (at 31st December, 1948).

### **Divisional Medical Officer**

C. H. T. WADE, M.D., D.P.H.

### **Clerk of Divisional Health Committee**

H. A. FOX, LL.B.

### **Assistant Divisional Medical Officers**

CONSTANCE ATKINSON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

ROBERT W. FARQUHAR, M.B., Ch.B., B.Sc., D.P.H.

W. STANLEY HAYDOCK, M.D., D.P.H.

One vacancy.

### **Medical Officers of Health of County Districts**

Haslingden M.B.

Prestwich M.B.

Rawtenstall M.B.

Whitefield U.D.

C. H. T. WADE, M.D., D.P.H.

Radcliffe M.B., W. S. HAYDOCK, M.D., D.P.H.

Ramsbottom U.D., R. W. FARQUHAR, M.B., Ch.B., B.Sc., D.P.H.

Tottington U.D., G. CRAWSHAW, M.C., M.B., Ch.B. (also in  
general practice).

### **Health Visitors and School Nurses**

Authorised establishment ... .. 19

Present staff ... .. 11

### **Midwives**

Authorised establishment ... .. 14

Present staff ... .. 12

### **Home Nurses**

Authorised establishment ... .. 22

Present staff ... .. 21

### **Senior Administrative Officer**

HAROLD I. BAYFORD

### **County Medical Officer of Health**

F. HALL, C.B.E., M.D., D.P.H., Barrister-at-Law.



## RELATIONSHIP OF THE DIVISION TO OTHER SERVICES.

### 1. HOSPITAL SERVICES.

Division 12 contains Hospital Groups 9 and 27.

#### Hospital Group 9: Bury and Rossendale.

Establishment.	Situation.	Beds.
Bury General Hospital (including *Westbourne) ...	Bury ... ..	175
Robinson Kay Home ... ..	Bury ... ..	51
Florence Nightingale Isolation ... ..	Bury ... ..	82
Ainsworth Small Pox ... ..	Bury ... ..	40
Aitken Sanatorium ... ..	Bury ... ..	70
Fairfield General Hospital ...	Bury ... ..	504
Ramsbottom Cottage ... ..	Ramsbottom ... ..	17
Bealey Maternity Home ...	Radcliffe ... ..	10
Rossendale General ... ..	Rawtenstall ... ..	402
Greenfield Massage Centre .	Haslingden ... ..	—
Tuberculosis and Venereal Disease Clinic ... ..	Bury ... ..	—
Tuberculosis Dispensary ...	Radcliffe ... ..	—

\* Westbourne is a post operative unit of 14 beds (at present) at Helmshore.

Secretary—Mr. H. Wilkinson, F.H.A., Bury General Hospital, Walmersley Road, Bury. Telephone Bury 2444.

Representative on Divisional Committee—Mr. F. C. Mosley, Bast House, Walmersley, Bury. (Chairman of Group 9 Committee).

#### Hospital Group 27: Prestwich.

Hospital.	Situation.	Beds.
Prestwich Hospital ... ..	Prestwich ... ..	2840

Secretary—Mr. H. Winters, F.H.A., Prestwich Hospital, Prestwich. Telephone Prestwich 2236/7/8.

Representative on Divisional Committee—Alderman R. Fairhurst, 75 Harpers Lane, Bolton. (Chairman of Group 27 Committee).

### 2. TUBERCULOSIS SERVICE.

**Lancashire County Dispensary, Area No. 2**—Serving Rawtenstall and Haslingden.

General Dispensary—108a, Whalley Road, Accrington.

Consultant T.O.—G. B. Charnock, L.R.C.P. & S., L.R.F.P.S., D.P.H.

Tuberculosis Health Visitors—

Miss Mary Haworth, 21 Raby Street, Rawtenstall.

Miss Edith Watterson, Knott Hill House, Stacksteads (Serving Rawtenstall Borough but on staff of Division 13).



**Lancashire County Dispensary, Area No. 3** — Serving Prestwich, Radcliffe, Whitefield, Ramsbottom and Tottington.

General Dispensary—Lees Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Consultant T.O.—G. Fletcher, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Tuberculosis Health Visitor—Miss G. Crebbin, 150 Eccles Old Road, Salford.

### **3. THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE BOARD.**

Area Offices—12, Manchester Road, Bury—Mr. J. Ainsworth.

2b Dutton Street, Accrington—Mr. J. Harrison.

14a Blackfriars Street, Salford 3—Mr. R. J. Boyle.

Supplementary offices at Rawtenstall, Haslingden, Radcliffe; and Ramsbottom.

### **4. WELFARE SERVICES.**

Accommodation for "Non-Sick" Persons—

(a) Valley View, Rossendale.

(b) 380 Rochdale Old Road, Bury.

(c) Springfield Hospital, Crumpsall.

Hostels for Aged Persons—

Walshaw Hall, Tottington.

(b) Eventide Home, Prestwich.

(c) Nazareth House, Prestwich.

### **5. MINISTRY OF NATIONAL INSURANCE.**

Head Office—North Western Region: Heyscroft, Palatine Road, Didsbury, Manchester 20.

Local Offices—

Rawtenstall: Wesley Chambers, Bacup Road, Rawtenstall.

Haslingden: Union Street, Haslingden.

Ramsbottom: 51 Bolton Street, Ramsbottom.

Radcliffe: 15-17 Stand Lane, Radcliffe.

Prestwich: Brooklands, Bury Old Rd., Prestwich, Manchester.

Bury: Clerke Street, Bury.

### **6. EDUCATION EXECUTIVE AREAS.**

There are four Education Executive Areas in the Division—three wholly contained within it and one partly.

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Division 14—Haslingden, Ramsbottom and Tottington—F. C. Hildred, Esq., 12 Regent Street, Haslingden. Telephone Rossendale 1520.

Division 24—Prestwich and Whitefield. D. R. Barraclough, Esq., M.A. (resigned), 446 Bury New Road, Prestwich. Telephone Prestwich 3144.

Division 26—Radcliffe. J. T. Parry, Esq., Town Hall, Radcliffe. Telephone Radcliffe 2241.

Divisional Health Offices,  
Parsons Lane,  
BURY.

14th October, 1949.

To the Chairman and Members of the Divisional  
Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration a report on the Health Services of this Division over the period 5th July to 31st December, 1948. The Divisional Scheme of Administration has been fully outlined in the Lancashire County Council Handbook on the National Health Service Act. It was also described in the Annual Report of the County Medical Officer for 1947, and a review of the work of the first year has been published in a special report by County Councillor H. Lord, J.P., Chairman of the County Health Committee.

The changes in Local Authority services are such that environmental conditions and the control of the spread of infectious disease remain the responsibility of the County District Councils, whilst the personal health and welfare services become the responsibility of the County Council. Co-ordination of the work of District Councils and the County Council is assured because the Divisional Medical Officer, or members of his staff, are Medical Officers of Health of all the District Councils with the exception of Tottington Urban District, whose Medical Officer of Health is in general practice. Further, the constitution of the Divisional Committee is such that Local Councils are well represented.

The personal health and welfare services are the care of mothers and young children, midwifery, health visiting, home nursing, vaccination and immunisation, ambulance service, prevention of illness, care and after care, domestic help, mental health service and health education. Under the National Assistance Act, which finally abolished the existing Poor Law, it is also necessary to provide homes for the aged and accommodation for those in need of care and attention, and to keep a register of all disabled persons.



The County Council decided that efficiency could best be maintained by establishing a divisional system of administration which would meet the requirements of the National Health Service Act and the National Assistance Act. An organisation based on hospital survey areas was thus created, with a valuable local knowledge of conditions and circumstances, so that it could deal effectively with the day to day work of the above services.

The National Health Service Act established three main administrative bodies to deal with Local Authority, Hospital and Executive Council (General Practitioners) Services. It is essential to see that these separate authorities work in harmony with each other. It is one of the functions of Medical Officers and their Committees to establish a co-ordinated service, to develop continuity as the individual passes from the care of one authority to another, and to act as guide and counsellor to all who are in need. A short section has, therefore, been devoted to a description of the other main health services in the Division.

Many detailed instructions and memoranda have been issued by the County Medical Officer, and a great deal of time and thought must have been spent by the Central Office staff in order to facilitate the smooth working of this new Health Scheme.

I wish to thank the members of the Divisional Committee for their help and guidance. Their valuable services are the more appreciated because it is realised that their time is fully taken up by serving not only on Local Authority Committees but also on Hospital Committees and Executive Councils. In this way they provide an important link between the curative and preventive medical services.

In conclusion, I thank the staff for the zeal shown in performing the manifold tasks which have fallen to the lot of the Division in this initial period.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C. H. T. WADE,

Divisional Medical Officer.



# STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DIVISION.

## Physical features and General Character.

The Division consists of four boroughs and three urban districts. The greater part of the population is contained in the boroughs of Prestwich and Radcliffe, and the urban district of Whitefield, which lie to the south. The boroughs of Rawtenstall and Haslingden occupy the northern part. The other two urban districts are Ramsbottom and Tottington. The Division surrounds the County Borough of Bury except for that part of the eastern boundary of Bury which joins the Borough of Heywood. The area is readily operated from Bury as a centre.

The land is hilly to the north of Bury, and includes the industrial valley of Rossendale, whilst to the south it is flatter and the area is more residential in character. The river Irwell runs through the Division from north to south.

## Area and Population.

The total area at 30th June, 1948, was 40,601 statute acres. The distance between the extreme north and south boundaries is approximately 18 miles.

The population was 135,640 according to the estimate of the Registrar General on 30th June, 1948. It is comprised as shewn in Table I.

TABLE 1.  
POPULATION OF HEALTH DIVISION 12.

	ESTIMATED POPULATION AT MID 1948.			
	All Ages.	CHILDREN.		
		Under 15 years	Under 5 years	5—14 years
PRESTWICH M.B. ....	34,760	6,401	2,503	3,898
RADCLIFFE M.B. ....	27,700	5,688	2,276	3,412
RAWTENSTALL M.B. ....	25,140	4,497	1,817	2,680
HASLINGDEN M.B. ....	14,540	2,500	1,030	1,470
RAMSBOTTOM U.D. ....	14,390	2,667	1,062	1,605
WHITEFIELD U.D. ....	13,030	2,799	1,143	1,656
TOTTINGTON U.D. ....	6,080	1,258	491	767
TOTALS .....	135,640	25,810	10,322	15,488



## **Social Conditions and Chief Industries.**

Textile industries provide the main work of the area, together with engineering, the manufacture of footwear, soap and paper, and quarrying.

In the moorland districts there are 2,828 houses of the back-to-back type, many without indoor sanitation, and much leeway remains to be made up. The older houses in Haslingden, Rawtenstall, and Ramsbottom are of stone construction, and so durable that they have out-lived their day and generation. If these productive districts are to thrive, and many assurances have been given that their textile and other products are vital to the country, some special priority should be given to provide modern housing in greater amount than has been granted hitherto. Industrial as well as domestic smoke contributes largely to atmospheric pollution, which is heavy in certain parts of the Division.

There is little or no unemployment, and conditions in the mills and factories have improved greatly in the last few years. Canteens and welfare services have been effectively developed, and excellent nurseries for the children are being established. There is extensive employment of married female labour in the mills which makes for hard living conditions, and the shortage of labour has resulted in European volunteer workers being brought into the district. They are accommodated in hostels by arrangement with the Ministry of Labour.

## **CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN.**

### **(1) Child Welfare Centres.**

There are 13 centres, three of which are run jointly in school clinic premises. The standard of accommodation is below what is desirable in some cases; the difficulty lies in finding suitable premises in the most convenient situation for the mothers. The centre at Kay Street, Rawtenstall, is particularly small for the purpose, and substantially better accommodation is required both for child welfare and school health purposes. The centre in Well Bank Street, Tottington, is to be moved to new premises consisting of a hatted building on land adjoining the Tottington Council Offices. Additional centres are to be provided at Edenfield and in the Rainsough district of Prestwich.

The centres are reasonably well attended and appear to meet the needs of the district except in Prestwich. Here the child health service should be developed to a much greater extent, and requires the establishment of an additional clinic and welfare centre.



TABLE II. — CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

Work done at individual Centres during the period 5th July to 31st December, 1948.

ADDRESS OF CHILD WELFARE CENTRE	Sessions	Individual children attending			Attendances of children at ages			Individual expectant mothers attending	Attendances by expectant mothers
		0—	1—	2 to 4	0—	1—	2 to 4		
HASLINGDEN No. 1	24	69	107	94	1028	307	297	—	—
" No. 2	15	39	26	23	186	46	52	2	2
PRESTWICH No. 1	25	165	50	9	1368	89	14	—	—
" No. 2	24	96	91	10	999	159	17	—	—
RADCLIFFE No. 1	50	201	226	35	1650	439	78	21	25
" No. 2	12	20	14	2	130	57	10	3	3
RAWTENSTALL No. 1	51	141	142	65	1670	527	217	—	—
" No. 2	25	72	59	51	877	185	141	—	—
" No. 3	26	65	79	12	814	188	25	—	—
RAMSBOTTOM No. 1	25	140	120	9	1298	232	15	37	80
" No. 2	25	18	27	8	369	224	54	17	41
TOTTINGTON	23	42	45	4	490	126	12	36	38
WHITEFIELD	48	156	61	27	1180	125	52	—	—
TOTAL	373	1224	1047	349	12059	2704	984	116	189



(2) **Ante-Natal Clinics.**

Four clinics were open during the period. A number of expectant mothers also attend at welfare centres, and details of these are shown in table II. The Haslingden, Rawtenstall and Radcliffe clinics are conducted by an Assistant Divisional Medical Officer together with the midwives and health visitors. Dr. Redman, from St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, is available for consultation once a month at Rawtenstall, to which centre any special cases from the Haslingden clinic are sent. A consultant opinion and X-ray facilities are also available at the ante-natal clinic of the Rossendale General Hospital.

In Radcliffe, arrangements have been made in the past for special cases to be seen in Manchester by Dr. Robert Newton, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, and this practice has continued. The Whitefield clinic is attended solely by Dr. W. M. Martin, a Consultant attached to Bury General Hospital and the Rossendale and Fairfield General Hospitals. There is no clinic in Ramsbottom, and provision will have to be made for this next year. In fact such provision is being arranged at the moment of writing. The accommodation at Rawtenstall is most inadequate, and the provision of better facilities is connected with those required for child welfare and school health purposes. Table III gives details of the attendances. There are no special post-natal clinics at present. The number of post-natal attendances is given in Table IV.

**TABLE III.**  
**ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.**

ADDRESS OF COUNTY COUNCIL CLINIC.	No. of sessions.	No. of individual women attending	No. of attendances
THE CLINIC, Manchester Road, Haslingden. ....	25	71	254
CLOSE HOUSE, Close Park, Radcliffe. ....	34	175	540
THE CLINIC, Kay Street, Rawtenstall. ....	30	222	507
"UPLANDS," Bury New Road, Whitefield. ....	33	109	693
TOTALS.....	122	577	1994



**TABLE IV.**  
**POST-NATAL ATTENDANCES.**

ADDRESS OF CLINIC.	No. of sessions.	No. of individual women attending postnatally	No. of attendances.
THE CLINIC, Manchester Road, Haslingden. ....	25	1	1
CLOSE HOUSE, Close Park, Radcliffe. ....	34	—	—
THE CLINIC, Kay Street, Rawtenstall. ....	30	9	10
"UPLANDS," Bury New Road, Whitefield. ....	33	14	14
TOTALS.....	122	24	25

### **Blood Tests.**

Routine blood grouping and testing for the Rh factor are carried out at the Whitefield clinic and on mothers attending the Rossendale General Hospital ante-natal clinic. Once a month at the Whitefield ante-natal clinic a technician from the hospital pathological department (Bury General Hospital) under the supervision of Dr. T. G. S. Harkness, Pathologist, attends with a set of apparatus for taking blood tests, including estimation of the haemoglobin, blood grouping, and tests for the Rh factor. Patients who are to be confined in hospital also have Wasserman and Gonococcal Fixation tests, but the blood in these instances is sent for examination to the Central Serological Laboratory at Withington Hospital, Manchester. If the mother's blood is Rh negative, the husband is asked to attend for examination. Tests are also made in Rh negative cases for anti-bodies, and should these be present the mother is sent to St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, where special arrangements are in force to give blood transfusions at the time of confinement.

At the present time there are still mothers attending clinics in this Division who do not have these blood tests, and it is proposed to extend the service and make it available for all.

The services of two full-time school dentists, Mr. E. V. Pollitt at Whitefield and Ramsbottom, and Mr. A. C. Walker at Haslingden and Rawtenstall, and of a part-time dentist, Mr. W. C. Mellor at Radcliffe, are available for the treatment of expectant mothers.



### (3) Care of Premature Infants.

Midwives and maternity nurses report details of infants who are born prematurely by making a special note on the notification of birth card in respect of all infants whose birth weight is  $5\frac{1}{2}$ -lbs. or less.

**TABLE V.**  
**CARE OF PREMATURE INFANTS.**

Classification.	Born at Home.	Born in Hospital or Maternity Home.
(a) Total premature births .....	11	62
(b) Died within 24 hours .....	5	8
(c) Percentage of infants surviving 24 hours .....	55	90
(d) Died within 7 days (including (b) ) .....	6	14
(e) Survived one month .....	4	48
(f) Survived three months .....	3	47
(g) Percentage of children surviving three months .....	27	76

(b)	All premature babies born in the Division, including those whose mothers are normally resident in areas outside the Division :—	
(i)	Notified during period 5th July to 31st December, 1948, who were born—	
	(a) At home .....	11
	(b) In hospital or nursing home .....	29
(ii)	Those born at home who were nursed entirely at home .....	
		9
(iii)	Those born at home and nursed entirely at home—	
	(a) Who died during the first 24 hours .....	4
	(b) Who survived at the end of one month ....	4
(iv)	Those born in hospitals or nursing homes—	
	(a) Who died during the first 24 hours .....	2
	(b) Who survived at the end of one month ....	24

Most of the deaths in the neonatal period, i.e., the first month, are due to such conditions as congenital malformations and defects, debility and wasting diseases. These causes are different from the causes of mortality in later months, and they are less amenable to those influences which have led to the well-marked reduction in the infant mortality rate as a whole. County Council midwives are provided with special equipment for the care of premature infants including jackets for infants, hot water bottles, special feeding bottles and thermometers.

The County midwives attend all cases of prematurity for a longer period than the statutory two weeks, and take special precautions in regard to infection. Hospital accommodation is available for those infants born at home for whom special care is desirable.

It is suggested that at least one member of the nursing staff should be specially trained in the supervision and management of premature infants and that she should consult with a member of the medical staff with similar special experience in respect of all cases of premature birth occurring in the Division.



#### 4. Ophthalmia Neonatorum, Pemphigus Neonatorum and Puerperal Pyrexia.

There were three cases of puerperal pyrexia, which means a rise of temperature within certain limits after confinement. It will be realised therefore that in some cases a common cold could cause a report to be made under this heading. None of the cases was serious.

A discharge from the eyes of a new-born baby is notifiable as ophthalmia neonatorum. In the past this often led to blindness, but the system of notification and prompt treatment has effectively ended this tragedy, and no cases of blindness have occurred in the whole of the Lancashire county since 1936. The two cases notified were treated, and the result was satisfactory.

Pemphigus neonatorum is an infection of the skin of the infant which spreads quickly and may be dangerous to life. There were no cases reported.

**TABLE VI.**  
**OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM AND PUERPERAL PYREXIA.**

(1)	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Puerperal Pyrexia	
	Domiciliary Confinements (2)	Domiciliary Confinements (3)	Institutional Confinements (4)
Cases notified during the period 5th July, 1948, to 31st December, 1948 .....	2	2	1
Cases visited by officers of the Authority .....	2	2	—
Cases for whom Home Nursing was provided by the Authority .....	—	—	—
Cases removed to hospitals.....	2*	—	1

\* In both of these cases the vision was not affected.

#### 5. Illegitimate Children.

A branch of the Manchester Diocesan Moral Welfare Society is situated in Bury at Tenterden Street, and close co-operation is maintained with it. Grants are made to the Society funds by the County Council.



Children deprived of a normal home life are the responsibility of the Children's Department of the County Council and when the mother has left a hostel the care of the child will normally be undertaken by the Children's Department.

Accommodation has had to be found in one or two cases for European Voluntary Workers and their babies. Difficulty has occurred by reason of the short notice given by the hospital wishing to discharge the mother and child. Excellent help has been given by Miss Housden and her assistant of the local branch of the Moral Welfare Society, who have successfully found accommodation for these cases. Arrangements have been made for early notification to be sent to the Divisional Office of cases coming in this category.

#### **6. Mother and Baby Homes.**

There are no Mother and Baby Homes in this Division. Use is made of the nearest homes with vacancies in Manchester, Bolton, and Rochdale.

#### **7. Day Nurseries.**

There are no local authority nurseries, but one has been planned for the Radcliffe district, and consideration has been given to the need of another in Ramsbottom.

#### **8. Nurseries and Child Minders' Regulation Act.**

This Act requires the registration of factory nurseries and persons engaged in child minding. There were two nurseries open before 5th July, 1948, one belonging to Messrs. Joshua Hoyle's Mills, Summerseat, and the other to Messrs. David Whitehead and Sons Ltd., Rawtenstall. Ministry of Health inspectors supervised the development and running of these nurseries before the operation of the Act and much valuable groundwork was done by them. The subsequent supervision was carried out on the lines already recommended. Prior to 5th July, 1948, the Borough of Radcliffe had a system of child minders in which about two hundred people received 5/- per week from the local authority for taking care of children whose mothers were at work. The scheme appeared to work satisfactorily, but under the Act no payment could be made by the County Council, and the arrangements, therefore, came to an end. As mentioned above a day nursery is planned for the district.



## 9. Midwifery Service.

Domiciliary midwifery is provided by 12 County Council midwives and 4 County Council district nurse-midwives. The authorised establishment is 14 whole-time midwives. The basis of the establishment is one whole-time midwife per 66 births in Urban areas.

Training facilities are available at the Prestwich District Nurses' Home. Pupils are provided with residential accommodation and obtain experience of domiciliary midwifery. This forms one part of the training scheme which is conducted in association with both the Rossendale and Fairfield General Hospitals, and also Sharoe Green Hospital, Fulwood.

The County Supervisor of Midwives, Miss V. R. Shand, has paid several visits to the Division, and her assistance has been most helpful.

Rather less than half of the total births took place at home and were attended by County Council midwives or nurse-midwives. Table VII provides a detailed analysis of their work. The average number of cases attended by the whole-time midwife was 54 per annum, and if allowance is made for one midwife who had very few cases, the average figure for the others was 60 per annum. All midwives willing and able to drive have a car for their work. Others are free to use taxis or call on the ambulance service for transport.

No special housing difficulties have arisen during the present period in connection with midwives, but the County Council have a scheme for purchasing sites and building houses for them. One site has been approved in Radcliffe and another is being sought in Ramsbottom. A council house was provided for one of the midwives in Haslingden.

13 of the 16 midwives and nurse-midwives are trained in the use of gas and air analgesia and have been provided with the apparatus. In order to ensure that every mother has the opportunity of receiving this benefit, arrangements have been made for selected midwives to demonstrate the use of the apparatus at ante-natal clinics. In this way the mothers become familiar with the apparatus and its use before their confinement. In addition, a form is to be completed when analgesia is not given stating the reason of this. Midwives called for medical aid on 120 occasions.



Co-operation between the midwives and general practitioners is good. In one or two cases, however, the new arrangement by which a doctor books the cases has resulted in the midwife being treated as a maternity nurse. This was not the intention unless the mother specially desired the attendance of the doctor or there were special circumstances which warranted it.

There were three maternal deaths during the period under review. A detailed report in respect of each case has been forwarded to the Ministry of Health in accordance with their routine instructions.

### **Hospital Arrangements.**

Mothers requiring hospital confinement are seen at the hospital ante-natal clinics at Fairfield and Rossendale General Hospitals and Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester. After an initial visit, routine ante-natal supervision is carried out at the local authority clinics until one month before the confinement is due. The patient and all records are then transferred to the hospital clinics.

The Bealey Maternity Home, Radcliffe, accepts cases sent directly by medical practitioners and from the County ante-natal clinic at Close Park, Radcliffe. A small number of cases from the Ainsworth district of Radcliffe are accepted by Townleys Hospital, Bolton. Medical reasons, including first confinement patients, take priority in hospital admission, and then patients whose home conditions are unsatisfactory. All priority cases were able to obtain hospital confinement.

### **Flying Squads.**

The services of the emergency maternity units are available from :

- (a) St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester.
- (b) Bank Hall Maternity Hospital, Burnley.
- (c) Birchill Hospital, Rochdale.
- (d) Townley's Hospital, Bolton.

Expert opinion and specially trained nursing assistance is brought straight to the patient, and a blood or plasma transfusion can be given immediately.



TABLE VII.

## SUMMARY OF CASES ATTENDED BY COUNTY COUNCIL MIDWIVES AND DISTRICT-NURSE MIDWIVES.

During the Period 5th July to 31st December, 1948.

	TOTAL CASES (1)			GAS/AIR CASES (included in Col. 1) (2)			TOTAL VISITS PAID (3)			DEATHS (4)	
	As Midwife	As Matern- ity Nurse	TOTAL	As Midwife	As Matern- ity Nurse	TOTAL	As Midwife	As Matern- ity Nurse	TOTAL	Mother	Child (under 1 month)
MIDWIVES .....	252	60	312	69	17	86	5420	1360	6780	—	7
DISTRICT NURSE-MIDWIVES	41	11	52	23	—	23	1385	201	1586	—	—
TOTAL .....	293	71	364	92	17	109	6805	1561	8366	—	7

**TABLE VII.—continued.**  
**ANALYSIS OF CASES ATTENDED BY COUNTY COUNCIL MIDWIFERY STAFF.**  
**During the Period 5th July to 31st December, 1948.**

	LIVEBIRTHS			STILLBIRTHS			MISCARRIAGES		
	As Midwife	As Maternity Nurse	TOTAL	As Midwife	As Maternity Nurse	TOTAL	As Midwife	As Maternity Nurse	TOTAL
MIDWIVES .....	237	57	294	2	—	2	13	3	16
DISTRICT NURSE-MIDWIVES	40	5	45	1	2	3	—	4	4
TOTAL .....	277	62	339	3	2	5	13	7	20

Proportions of (i) total and (ii) domiciliary births in the Division attended by County Council Midwives and District-Nurse Midwives during the period 5th July to 31st December, 1948—

(a) Total No. of live and still births occurring in Division .....	731
(b) No. of (a) which were domiciliary .....	324
(c) No. of (b) which were attended by County Council Midwives and District-Nurse Midwives .....	324
(d) Percentage of (c) to (a) .....	44.3 per cent.
(e) Percentage of (c) to (b) .....	100 per cent



## HEALTH VISITING.

The authorised establishment of health visitors is 17, and this number is such that arrangements can be made within the Division for relief duties for holidays and sickness. There are 11 on the staff at present with the assistance of one lay health assistant. In addition there are two health visitors who devote their time solely to the supervision of tuberculosis cases. They work directly under the control of the Consultant Tuberculosis Officer. The health visitors also act as school nurses and take part in the work of ante-natal clinics. In this way continuity of supervision is maintained through the different stages of child development and a more personal interest is possible in the care of families.

The National Health Service Act extended the responsibility of health visitors so that in addition to the welfare of mothers and children, they became responsible for the care of the family as a whole and they have to advise in the case of sickness affecting any member of the family. They have reported on a variety of cases under this heading, particularly relating to persons coming under the National Assistance Act and those requiring after care on discharge from hospital. In the last group, if the case is such that it obviously requires the services of a district nurse, the health visitor is not called in.

The shortage of health visitors has led to the introduction of lay health assistants, that is to say, persons with some experience of the care of children, preferably based on a period of hospital training, and who can undertake and relieve the health visitor of some of her clerical work. One lay health assistant was employed in Whitefield and Prestwich.

The shortage of health visitors is most acute in Prestwich, where, as previously mentioned, the child health services require to be developed.

Miss Evelyn Robinson, the Superintendent of Health Visitors, has visited the Division on various occasions and given assistance where necessary.



**TABLE VIII.**  
**HEALTH VISITING.**

Visits paid by Health Visitors during the period—		
5th July to 31st December, 1948.		
(a) To expectant mothers—		
(i)	First visits .....	188
(ii)	Total visits .....	335
(b) To children under 1 year old—		
(i)	First visits .....	1089
(ii)	Total visits .....	1804
(c) Children between the ages of 1 and 5 years—		
(i)	First visits .....	—
(ii)	Total visits .....	2128
(d) Other classes—		
(i)	First visits .....	—
(ii)	Total visits .....	691

### HOME NURSING.

The authorised establishment of home nurses is 22, and the present staff is 20 plus one part-time. If a district nurse is not undertaking midwifery it is considered that she can deal with a population of 6,000 to 7,000. If she undertakes midwifery as well, this figure is reduced to 3,500 to 4,000. The following district nursing associations were taken over by the County Council in this Division: Prestwich, Radcliffe, Rawtenstall, Haslingden, Ramsbottom, Ainsworth and Harwood, and the nursing duties carried out by the Mellor Sick Nursing Fund in Whitefield. The Rawtenstall District Nurses' Association have generously handed to the County Council without charge all the property which they owned prior to 5th July. This consisted of three motor-cars (1946-7 models) and the furniture of three houses.

Much useful liaison work has been conducted by Miss L. Jones, County Superintendent of Home Nursing, and the service has continued to work smoothly. Arrangements have been made for hospital almoners to refer to the nurses directly those cases which require immediate nursing attention on discharge from hospital. Details of their work are shown in Table IX.



TABLE IX. — HOME NURSING SERVICE.

TYPE OF CASE.	(i) On books at 5th July, 1948.			(ii) New cases attended			(iii) Visits 5th July to 31st Dec., 1948			(iv) Deaths		
	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.
	M.	F.	0-4	5-14	M.	F.	0-4	5-14	M.	F.	0-4	5-14
(a) MEDICAL CASES.												
Rheumatism & arthritis (all types)	4	14	—	—	10	27	—	—	647	1144	2	6
Cardiac affections (all types)	9	19	—	—	31	59	—	—	827	1493	10	25
Hemiplegia and palsies	11	26	—	—	37	50	—	—	1220	1445	19	24
Senility and other complaints of old age	8	19	—	—	24	45	—	—	536	975	11	24
Cancers, etc.—non-surgical	2	4	—	—	28	34	—	—	345	752	18	16
Other medical conditions	7	14	7	4	83	128	54	47	1106	2026	8	13
TOTALS	41	96	7	4	213	343	54	47	4681	7835	68	108
TYPE OF CASE.	(v) Removed to Hospital			(vi) Removed— other causes			(vii) Recovered			(viii) Remaining on books at 31st Dec., 1948.		
	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.
	M.	F.	0-4	5-14	M.	F.	0-4	5-14	M.	F.	0-4	5-14
(a) MEDICAL CASES.												
Rheumatism & arthritis (all types)	3	5	—	—	1	4	—	—	5	12	3	14
Cardiac affections (all types)	5	6	—	—	3	4	—	—	12	37	10	6
Hemiplegia and palsies	5	5	—	—	2	—	—	—	10	20	12	27
Senility and other complaints of old age	4	5	—	—	1	2	—	—	9	12	7	21
Cancers, etc.—non-surgical	6	3	—	—	1	5	—	—	3	6	2	8
Other medical conditions	8	14	—	—	3	12	3	13	64	83	7	20
TOTALS	31	38	—	—	11	27	3	13	103	170	41	96

Cases attended — 5th July to 31st December, 1948 (continued).

TYPE OF CASE.	(i) On books at 5th July, 1948.						(ii) New cases attended						(iii) Visits 5th July to 31st Dec., 1948						(iv) Deaths			
	A.			Ch.			A.			Ch.			A.			Ch.			A.		Ch.	
	M.	F.		0-4	5-14		M.	F.		0-4	5-14		M.	F.		0-4	5-14		M.	F.	0-4	5-14
(b) SURGICAL CASES.																						
Pre-operative medication and treatment .....	1	—		—	—		17	23		—	1		60	56		—	4		—	1	—	—
Post-operative dressings and treatment .....	10	5		5	—		51	56		41	6		678	1005		300	51		3	—	—	1
Non-septic dressings .....	1	1		—	—		14	15		31	5		152	171		158	96		—	—	—	—
Septic conditions and dressings .....	6	2		—	—		27	46		7	6		485	830		116	19		—	1	1	—
Cancer (all types) with dressings....	3	9		—	—		7	14		—	—		340	756		—	—		2	8	—	—
Bladder lavage .....	2	1		—	—		1	2		—	—		182	64		—	—		2	—	—	—
Pessaries and douches .....	—	16		—	—		—	41		—	—		—	196		—	—		—	—	—	—
Other routine douches.....	—	3		—	—		—	15		—	—		—	124		—	—		—	—	—	—
First aid treatment .....	—	—		—	—		6	9		10	1		6	17		108	1		—	—	—	—
Fractures .....	—	—		—	—		2	7		—	—		23	205		—	—		—	—	—	—
Other surgical conditions .....	—	3		—	—		4	8		14	2		120	65		103	5		—	—	—	—
TOTALS .....	23	40		5	—		129	236		103	21		2046	3489		785	176		7	10	1	1



Cases attended — 5th July to 31st December, 1948 (continued).

TYPE OF CASE.	(v) Removed to Hospital			(vi) Removed— other causes			(vii) Recovered			(viii) Remaining on books at 31st Dec., 1948.		
	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.
	M.	F.	0-4	5-14	M.	F.	0-4	5-14	M.	F.	0-4	5-14
(b) SURGICAL CASES.												
Pre-operative medication and treatment .....	6	3	—	1	5	8	—	—	7	11	—	—
Post-operative dressings and treatment .....	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	45	47	43	5
Non-septic dressings .....	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	15	14	31	3
Septic conditions and dressings .....	2	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	24	35	4	6
Cancer (all types) with dressings...	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bladder lavage .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—
Pessaries and douches .....	—	2	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	29	—	—
Other routine douches .....	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—
First aid treatment .....	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	8	10	1
Fractures .....	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—
Other surgical conditions .....	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	8	14	2
TOTALS .....	13	14	1	2	6	27	—	—	100	173	102	17
									26	52	4	1

Cases attended — 5th July to 31st December, 1948 (continued).

TYPE OF CASE.	(i) On books at 5th July, 1948.			(ii) New cases attended			(iii) Visits 5th July to 31st Dec., 1948			(iv) Deaths		
	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.
	M.	F.	0-4	M.	F.	0-4	M.	F.	0-4	M.	F.	0-4
(c) INTRAMUSCULAR AND HYPODERMIC INJECTIONS.												
Diabetes .....	2	9	—	6	16	—	338	1345	—	—	—	—
Anaemias .....	16	21	—	10	11	—	499	540	—	3	—	—
Others .....	4	3	—	13	28	1	354	477	9	1	1	—
TOTALS .....	22	33	—	29	55	1	1191	2362	9	4	1	—
TYPE OF CASE.	(v) Removed to Hospital			(vi) Removed— other causes			(vii) Recovered			(viii) Remaining on books at 31st Dec., 1948.		
	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.
	M.	F.	0-4	M.	F.	0-4	M.	F.	0-4	M.	F.	0-4
(c) INTRAMUSCULAR AND HYPODERMIC INJECTIONS.												
Diabetes .....	—	—	—	3	9	—	2	7	—	3	9	—
Anaemias .....	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	20	31	—
Others .....	—	1	—	2	1	—	7	25	1	7	3	1
TOTALS .....	1	1	—	6	10	—	10	33	1	30	43	1



Cases attended — 5th July to 31st December, 1948 (continued).

(d) CASUAL ADVISORY VISITS

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TYPE OF CASE.	(i) On books at 5th July, 1948.				(ii) New cases attended				(iii) Visits 5th July to 31st Dec., 1948				(iv) Deaths			
	A.		Ch.		A.		Ch.		A.		Ch.		A.		Ch.	
	M.	F.	0-4	5-14	M.	F.	0-4	5-14	M.	F.	0-4	5-14	M.	F.	0-4	5-14
(c) INFECTIOUS DISEASES.																
Pneumonia (except bronchial or complicating measles). . . . .	1	—	—	—	5	4	—	—	124	24	—	—	—	1	—	—
Tuberculosis—Pulmonary . . . . .	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Tuberculosis—Non-pulmonary . . . . .	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	30	—	27	—	—	1	—	—
Influenza—uncomplicated . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles . . . . .	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other infectious diseases . . . . .	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
TOTALS . . . . .	1	—	—	1	8	5	3	—	157	34	27	18	3	1	—	—

Cases attended — 5th July to 31st December, 1948 (continued).

TYPE OF CASE.	(v) Removed to Hospital			(vi) Removed— other causes			(vii) Recovered			(viii) Remaining on books at 31st Dec., 1948.		
	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.
	M.	F.	0-4 5-14	M.	F.	0-4 5-14	M.	F.	0-4 5-14	M.	F.	0-4 5-14
(e) INFECTIOUS DISEASES.												
Pneumonia (except bronchial or complicating measles).....	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	1	—	—
Tuberculosis—Pulmonary .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis—Non-pulmonary .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Influenza—uncomplicated .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Erysipelas .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Other infectious diseases .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS .....	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	5	3	1	—	3



Cases attended — 5th July to 31st December, 1948 (continued).

TYPE OF CASE.	(i) On books at 5th July, 1948.			(ii) New cases attended			(iii) Visits 5th July to 31st Dec., 1948			(iv) Deaths		
	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.
	M.	F.	0-4	M.	F.	0-4	M.	F.	0-4	M.	F.	0-4
(f) SUMMARY OF CASES.												
(a) Medical cases .....	41	96	7	4	213	343	54	47	195	68	108	—
(b) Surgical cases .....	23	40	5	—	129	236	103	21	176	7	10	1
(c) Intramuscular and hypodermic injections .....	22	33	—	—	29	55	1	7	92	4	1	—
(d) Casual advisory visits .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(e) Infectious diseases .....	1	—	—	1	8	5	3	—	18	3	1	—
TOTALS .....	87	169	12	5	379	639	161	75	481	82	120	1
TYPE OF CASE.	(v) Removed to Hospital			(vi) Removed— other causes			(vii) Recovered			(viii) Remaining on books at 31st Dec., 1948.		
	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.	A.		Ch.
	M.	F.	0-4	M.	F.	0-4	M.	F.	0-4	M.	F.	0-4
(f) SUMMARY OF CASES.												
(a) Medical cases .....	31	38	—	—	11	27	3	13	38	41	96	4
(b) Surgical cases .....	13	14	1	2	6	27	—	—	17	26	52	4
(c) Intramuscular and hypodermic injections .....	1	1	—	—	6	10	—	—	6	30	43	—
(d) Casual advisory visits .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(e) Infectious diseases .....	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	3
TOTALS .....	45	53	1	2	23	65	3	13	62	98	191	11
												2

Total number of visits (5/7/48 to 31/12/48), including casual advisory visits : 23,822.

## **VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION.**

Vaccination is now entirely optional and the positions of Public Vaccinator and Vaccination Officer have been abolished. Table X shows the number of vaccinations performed during the last six months of 1948. Vaccine lymph is available directly from the Public Health Laboratory, Monsall Hospital, Newton Heath, Manchester 10. No cases of Smallpox have occurred, and no untoward reactions after vaccination have been reported.

Any general practitioner may undertake this work, but the amount of remuneration for the services rendered has not yet been settled. In accordance with the new Health Act the doctors were invited to take part in the provision of these facilities. Of the 60 practitioners in the Division, 54 agreed to participate. Record cards were issued together with diphtheria immunisation prophylactic. Where a special request was made, diphtheria and whooping-cough combined prophylactic was provided, but not whooping-cough prophylactic alone, because this has not yet been officially recognised as satisfactory.

In addition to these arrangements, diphtheria immunisation clinics continued at schools and health centres as before. They are all run on a general practitioner rota basis, and attendances have been well maintained. The children at mill nurseries are immunised at the nearest clinic. It will be seen from the tables below that whilst diphtheria immunisation has been maintained the vaccination rate is very low, and it may be necessary to provide special sessions for vaccination.



TABLE X. — VACCINATION.

Vaccinations performed during period 5th July, 1948, to 31st December, 1948.

	PRIMARY VACCINATIONS.										RE-VACCINATIONS.					
	Age in years.										Age in years.					
	Under 1		1—		5—		15—		Total		5—		15—		Total	
	Number performed	Number successful	Number performed	Number successful	Number performed	Number successful	Number performed	Number successful	Number performed	Number successful	Number performed	Number successful	Number performed	Number successful	Number performed	Number successful
Borough, Urban or																
Rural District.																
HASLINGDEN..... M.B.	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	1	1
PRESTWICH..... M.B.	92	80	2	2	1	1	6	6	101	89	3	3	11	11	14	14
RADCLIFFE..... M.B.	11	9	2	2	—	—	3	2	16	13	1	1	1	1	2	2
RAWTENSTALL..... M.B.	10	9	2	2	1	1	6	6	19	18	—	—	1	1	1	1
RAMSBOTTOM..... U.D.	11	9	—	—	—	—	7	4	18	13	—	—	3	3	3	3
TOTTINGTON..... U.D.	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
WHITEFIELD..... U.D.	8	8	—	—	2	1	2	2	12	11	—	—	3	2	3	2
TOTAL IN DIVISION	137	119	7	7	4	3	24	20	172	139	4	4	20	19	24	23

TABLE XI. — DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

BOROUGH OR URBAN DISTRICT.	Individuals who completed a full course of primary immunisation during the period.										Children who were given a reinforcement injection (i.e., subsequent to complete course)			
	Age at date of final infection.										Age group.			
	0—	1—	2—	3—	4—	Total under 5 yrs.	5—	10—	Total aged 5—14 yrs.	Total aged 15 & over	0—	5—	10 to 14	Total 0 to 14 yrs. inc.
HASLINGDEN	2	76	5	2	2	87	3	1	4	—	1	1	11	13
PRESTWICH	115	51	10	8	8	192	40	8	48	—	4	351	83	438
RADCLIFFE	25	144	17	6	11	203	25	20	45	—	50	91	47	188
RAWTENSTALL	101	90	5	—	6	202	32	8	40	—	19	203	29	251
RAMSBOTTOM	14	68	12	4	7	105	6	—	6	—	12	14	—	26
TOTTINGTON	3	18	8	4	10	43	13	5	18	—	—	1	2	3
WHITEFIELD	36	62	5	2	2	107	7	—	7	—	1	44	48	93
TOTAL IN DIVISION	296	509	62	26	46	939	126	42	168	—	86	705	220	1011
						939	1107			168				



**TABLE XII.**  
**DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION IN RELATION TO CHILD POPULATION.**

Number of children who had completed a full course of immunisation at any time up to 31st December, 1948.								
AGE AT 31-12-48	Under 1 1948	1 1947	2 1946	3 1945	4 1944	5 to 9 1939 to 1943	10 to 14 1934 to 1938	Total under 15
Number immunised	460	1379	1226	1009	1225	6190	6259	17,748
Estimated mid-year child population, 1948.	Children under 5. 10,322					Children 5—14. 15,488		
Percentage of child population in age group in an immunised state.	51.3					80.3		
								68.8

There were eight notified cases of diphtheria during the period under review and in two of these cases the child had been immunised. There were no deaths. The cases which occurred were isolated and there was no question of an outbreak.

Pamphlets describing the value of immunisation have been distributed and posters displayed in clinics, welfare centres, and offices. Talks to parents by Health Visitors in clinics, schools, and homes have also assisted in the campaign.

### **AMBULANCE SERVICE.**

During the period 5th July to 31st December, 1948, the ambulance service continued to be conducted by County District Councils and it is not proposed to comment on the service in this report.

### **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE.**

During the period 5th July to 31st December, 1948, the functions of the Health Committee relating to the Mental Health Service were not delegated to Divisional Committees. A Duly Authorised Officer and Mental Health Worker were appointed and were provided with office accommodation at the Divisional Offices.

### **PREVENTION OF ILLNESS—CARE AND AFTER-CARE.**

#### **(i) Prevention of Illness.**

Action during this period has been restricted to a distribution of leaflets and posters and talks by health visitors to school leaders.

#### **(ii) Care and After-Care.**

Reports are received from the Almoner of the Bury and District Hospital Management Committee of all patients discharged, with medical details where school children are concerned, or where special after-care is desired. A difficult position sometimes arises by reason of the fact that if the patient is recommended for convalescent home treatment by the hospital authorities it is provided free of charge, but otherwise the local authority can provide such accommodation and make a charge according to means.



## **TUBERCULOSIS.**

Arrangements for the care and after-care of tuberculosis patients are made centrally, and there are two whole-time Health Visitors for this purpose attached to dispensary areas which extend beyond the boundaries of the Division. There is a local society called the Radcliffe, Whitefield, and District Society for the Relief of Consumptives which takes an interest in these cases and has a fund available to help them. The provision of nursing equipment and apparatus is being dealt with by the Central Office and it is proposed to provide each Division with an adequate amount of equipment.

## **DOMESTIC HELP SCHEME.**

During the period under review, the domestic help scheme was administered centrally, but some of the work was conducted in the Divisional Office. There were four part-time Home Helps and one part-time without a retaining fee. Help was provided in 27 cases.

This service is not provided free; a charge is made according to income, except in necessitous cases.

A Home Help Organiser and Social Welfare Officer commenced duty in May, 1949, since when the work has greatly increased and more Home Helps have been appointed. This work is not commented upon in detail as it properly comes within the scope of next year's report and the statistics relate to the last six months of 1948 only.

## **WELFARE SERVICES—NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.**

Some of the County Council's duties under this Act have been de-centralised so as to operate in the Division. Accommodation has to be provided where necessary for aged and infirm persons and people in special need who can be classed as non-sick persons. If they require financial assistance only they are dealt with by the National Assistance Board. This welfare work has been incorporated within the Divisional Health Administration Scheme which is, in fact, largely concerned with the health aspects of general welfare.

A Home Help Organiser and Social Welfare Officer was appointed in May, 1949, as stated elsewhere, who, together with wardens of hostels and appropriate staff will assist in establishing a comprehensive and closely co-ordinated welfare service.



The Divisional Health Committee is responsible for making arrangements for the accommodation of the above-mentioned classes of persons and for their general supervision and welfare including the appointment of staff. Two institutions formerly used for this purpose now belong to the Bury and Rossendale Hospital Management Committee and a section of the premises in each has been allocated by the Regional Hospital Board for the use of the non-sick. Visits have been made to the premises and when the survey has been completed a detailed report will be issued. The Minister of Health has expressed a desire to see that these premises are run on more homely lines and that the institutional atmosphere should be removed. The residents pay for their accommodation and the financial arrangements are such that when they are in receipt of National Assistance they pay over the amount allotted to them but retain 5/- for their personal expenses each week.

The Divisional Committee is also responsible for assessing the amount payable for each person admitted who is unable to pay the standard rate which, up to the 31st December, was two guineas per week and for assessing contributions payable by liable relatives.

A problem arose at Valley View, Rossendale, when an evicted family was accommodated there. Their mode of life was such that they were not welcome in the district they came from and they certainly created a problem by their rowdy behaviour at Valley View. The father of the family was housed in the male accommodation and the mother and children were provided with separate accommodation in a self-contained block. If full domestic facilities and accommodation had been provided it is likely that they would have decided to settle down and make no real effort either to re-house themselves or accept work when offered. As it was, they stayed eight months before finally taking their leave to an undisclosed destination.

There are three homes for old people in the area run by voluntary bodies, namely, Walshaw Hall, Tottington, maintained by the Freemasons of East Lancashire, providing 25 places for men and women, the Eventide Home, Hilton Lane, Prestwich, maintained by the Salvation Army, with places for 42 women, and Nazareth House, Prestwich, accommodating 25 men and women.



Five men from the Division were accommodated at Springfield Hostel in Health Division 13. Certain persons were maintained in special institutions for epileptics and cripples. Details are given in the statistical summary at the end of this report.

A hostel for old people is being prepared at Hazelhurst, Ramsbottom, which will probably accommodate 20 persons. Additional premises are being sought in other parts of the Division.

TABLE "A"

## NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS — Period 5th July to 31st December, 1948.

Births notified (i.e., occurring) in sanitary districts in Division 12.

DISTRICT.	In Hospitals, Maternity Homes, etc.						In the Home.						TOTAL.					
	Live Births			Still births			Live Births			Still births			Live Births			Still births		
	Pre-mature		Total	Pre-mature		Total	Pre-mature		Total	Pre-mature		Total	Pre-mature		Total	Pre-mature		Total
	M.	F.		M.	F.		M.	F.		M.	F.		M.	F.		M.	F.	
HASLINGDEN .....M.B. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	25	—	—	—	2	1	25	—	—	—
PRESTWICH .....M.B. ...	2	5	58	1	1	1	1	—	23	—	—	—	3	5	85	1	1	1
RADCLIFFE .....M.B. ...	2	6	41	1	—	1	1	—	25	—	—	—	3	6	75	1	—	—
RAWTENSTALL ...M.B. ...	4	10	92	2	1	2	2	2	32	—	—	—	6	12	146	2	2	2
RAMSBOTTOM ...U.D. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	16	—	—	—	—	1	27	—	—	—
TOTTINGTON ...U.D. ...	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	7	—	—	—	1	—	11	—	—	—
WHITEFIELD .....U.D. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—
TOTALS OCCURRING IN DIVISION .....	8	21	183	4	2	4	7	4	138	1	2	15	25	365	317	5	4	722

A birth is regarded as "premature" if the birth weight is 5½ lbs., or less.



TABLE "B" — NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS (continued).

Births occurring in and finally belonging to Division 12 — Period 5th July to 31st December, 1948.

DISTRICT.	In Hospitals, Maternity Homes, etc.						In the Home.						TOTAL.					
	Live Births			Still births			Live Births			Still births			Live Births			Still births		
	Pre-mature		Total	Pre-mature		Total	Pre-mature		Total	Pre-mature		Total	Pre-mature		Total	Pre-mature		Total
	M.	F.		M.	F.		M.	F.		M.	F.		M.	F.		M.	F.	
Total No. occurring in Division .....	8	21	189	183	197	204	4	2		7	4	176	134	183	138	1	2	
No. transferred out of Division :—																		
(i) to other Divisions .....	1	4	39	29	40	33	2	—		—	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	
(ii) to County Boroughs or other Counties .....	2	4	20	22	22	26	1	—		—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	
Total outward transfers .....	3	8	59	51	62	59	3	—		—	—	4	—	4	—	—	—	
Net No. occurring in and belonging to the Division	5	13	130	132	135	145	1	2		7	4	172	134	179	138	1	2	
No. transferred into Division :—																		
(i) from other Divisions ...	—	—	6	4	6	4	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
(ii) from County Boroughs or other Counties .....	17	23	169	139	186	162	5	5		—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	
Total inward transfers .....	17	23	175	143	192	166	5	5		—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	
Final No. belonging to Division.....	22	36	305	275	327	311	6	7		7	4	173	134	180	138	1	2	
																		16
																		956
																		449
																		507
																		409
																		29
																		2
																		1
																		7
																		9
																		16

TABLE "C" — INFANT MORTALITY.  
Period 5th July, 1948, to 31st December, 1948.

By sanitary districts, sex and age groups—

SANITARY DISTRICT.	AGE AT DEATH.												TOTALS.		
	Under 1 day		1 to 7 days		Over 1 week and up to 4 weeks		Over 4 weeks and up to 6 months		Over 6 months and up to 12 months						
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Both sexes.		
HASLINGDEN, M.B.	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	3	6	
PRESTWICH, M.B.	2	3	2	4	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	5	8	13	
RADCLIFFE, M.B.	2	—	3	3	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	5	5	10	
RAWTENSTALL, M.B.	3	2	2	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	6	3	9	
RAMSBOTTOM, U.D.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
TOTTINGTON, U.D.	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	
WHITEFIELD, U.D.	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	
DIVISIONAL TOTALS	9	6	10	8	2	1	2	4	—	—	—	23	19	42	



TABLE "D" — INFANT MORTALITY (continued).

By cause, sex and age groups.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	AGE AT DEATH.												TOTALS.		
	Under 1 day		1 to 7 days		Over 1 week and up to 4 weeks		Over 4 weeks and up to 6 months		Over 6 months and up to 12 months						
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			
	Both sexes.														
Influenza .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	
Measles .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Acute poliomyelitis and acute polio-encephalitis .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Bronchitis .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Pneumonia (all forms) .....	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	2	2	4	4	
Other respiratory diseases .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Diarrhoea and enteritis .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Congenital malformations .....	2	1	3	2	2	—	1	1	—	—	8	4	12	12	
Congenital debility .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Premature birth .....	7	5	3	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	10	10	20	20	
Injury at birth .....	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	2	
Other diseases peculiar to first year of life .....	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	2	2	
All other causes .....	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	
TOTALS .....	9	6	10	8	2	1	2	4	—	—	23	19	42	42	

TABLE "E" — INFANT MORTALITY (continued).

(c) Mortality rates.

No. OF NOTIFIED LIVE BIRTHS.	NEO-NATAL DEATHS.		TOTAL INFANT DEATHS.	
	No.	Mortality rate per 1,000 live births.	No.	Mortality rate per 1,000 live births.
956	36	37.6	42	43.9

Comparative figures for England and Wales are not given as this return is for a period of 6 months only.



TABLE "F" — MATERNAL MORTALITY

Deaths of women in or associated with childbirth during period 5th July to 31st December, 1948.

By sanitary districts and age groups.

SANITARY DISTRICT.	AGE AT DEATH.							TOTAL (all ages).
	15—	20—	25—	30—	35—	40—	45—	
HASLINGDEN M.B.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PRESTWICH M.B.	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
RADCLIFFE M.B.	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
RAWTENSTALL M.B.	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
RAMSBOTTOM U.D.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTTINGTON U.D.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
WHITEFIELD U.D.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DIVISIONAL TOTALS	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	3

TABLE "G" — MATERNAL MORTALITY (continued).

By cause of death and age groups.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	AGE AT DEATH.							TOTAL (all areas).
	15—	20—	25—	30—	35—	40—	45—	
<b>Puerperal and post abortive sepsis—</b>								
Post-abortive infection .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infection during childbirth and the puerperium .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Other maternal causes—</b>								
Abortion without mention of septic condition .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ectopic Gestation .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Haemorrhage of pregnancy .....	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Toxaemias of pregnancy .....	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Other disease and accidents of pregnancy .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Haemorrhage of childbirth and the puerperium .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal toxaemias .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other accidents of childbirth .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other or unspecified conditions of childbirth and the puerperal state .....	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
<b>TOTAL—all causes .....</b>	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	3



TABLE "H" — MATERNAL MORTALITY (continued).

(c) Mortality rates.

Notified live and still births	DEATHS.			MORTALITY per 1,000 total (live and still) notified births.		
	Puerperal and post-abortive sepsis	Other maternal causes	Total	Puerperal and post-abortive sepsis	Other maternal causes	Total
972	—	3	3	—	3.08	3.08

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TABLE "I" — NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 — WELFARE SERVICES.

Accommodation provided during period 5th July to 31st December, 1948, in former Public Assistance Institutions managed by the Lancashire County Council and administered by the Divisional Health Committee.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTITUTION.	Accommodation capacity at 31/12/48			Resident at 5/7/48		Cases which were County Council responsibility.											
						Old and Infirm cases.						Cases requiring Temporary accommodation					
						Admissions			Discharges			Deaths			*No. accom- modated		
						M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
380, Rochdale Old Road, Bury. ....	79	97	—	47	22	10	11	—	14	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health Division 12 .....	—	—	—	18	21	1	4	—	3	10	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Health Division 13 .....	—	—	—	13	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lancs. C.C. (Children's Department) .....	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Valley View, Rawtenstall .....	54	28	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health Division 4 .....	—	—	—	9	5	7	2	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Health Division 5 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2
Health Division 8 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3
Health Division 12 .....	—	—	—	9	5	4	2	—	3	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Health Division 13 .....	—	—	—	6	3	1	—	—	3	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Lancs. C.C. (Children's Department) .....	—	—	—	9	3	14	5	—	18	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS .....	133	125	19	112	75	38	24	50	28	—	—	53	49	21	17	7	7



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Accommodation provided during period 5th July to 31st December, 1948, in former Public Assistance Institutions managed by the Lancashire County Council and administered by the Divisional Health Committee.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTITUTION.	Cases which were responsibility of other Local Authorities.													
	Old and Infirm cases.						Cases requiring Temporary accommodation							
	Admissions		Discharges		Deaths		*No. accom- modated		Admissions		Discharges		Deaths	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
380, Rochdale Old Road, Bury. ....	8	14	12	12	1	—	42	24	2	3	2	3	—	—
Health Division 12 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health Division 13 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lancs. C.C. (Children's Department) .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Valley View, Rawtenstall .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health Division 4 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health Division 5 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health Division 8 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health Division 12 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health Division 13 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lancs. C.C. (Children's Department) .....	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS .....	8	15	12	12	1	—	42	25	2	3	2	3	—	—

TABLE "J" — NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Accommodation provided during period 5th July, to 31st December, 1948, in establishments managed by other Local Authorities, and in which residents of the Divisional area are accommodated by agreement.

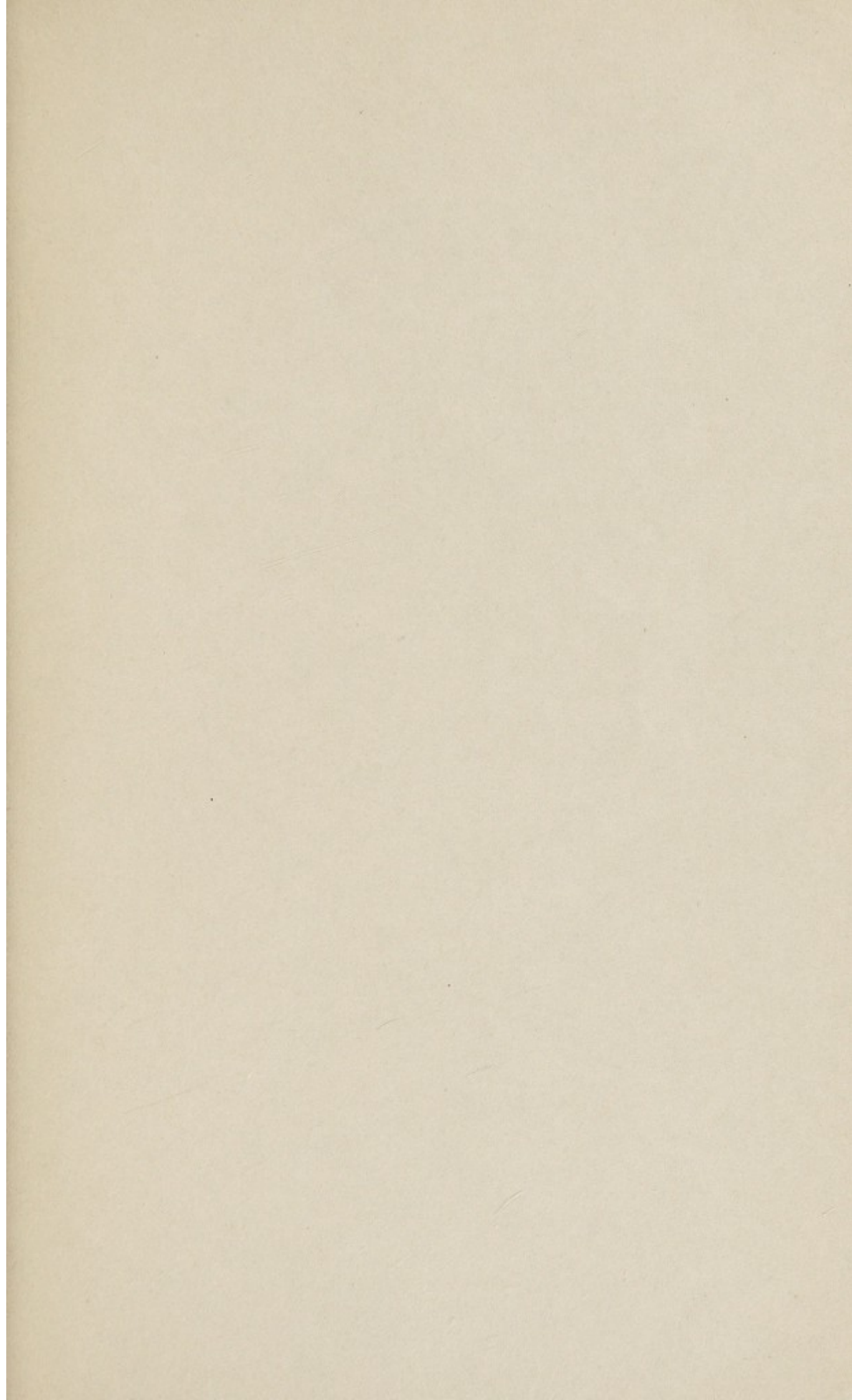
MANAGING AUTHORITY	NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTITUTION	CASES WHICH WERE COUNTY COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITY.							
		OLD AND INFIRM CASES.						Accommodated at 31st Dec.	
		Admissions		Discharges		Deaths			
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Manchester Corporation.	Springfield Hospital, Manchester.	—	—	—	1	—	—	5	—
Manchester Corporation	Langho Epileptic Colony.	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	7
TOTALS.....		—	—	—	1	—	—	8	7



TABLE "K" — NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948. — WELFARE SERVICES.

Accommodation provided during period 5th July, to 31st December, 1948, in establishments managed by Voluntary Organisations, (residents allocated to the Divisional area).

VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION.	ADMISSIONS		DISCHARGES		DEATHS		No. ACCOMMODATED AT 31-12-48.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Maghull Epileptic Colony	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
David Lewis Epileptic Colony	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	2
Cotebrook Home for Cripples	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
TOTALS	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	3





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