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Urban District Council.



TWENTY-FIRST

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OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

1908.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors
of the City and County of Lichfield.

I beg to submit to your Council my Report for the year 1908.

The area covered by your district is 3,421 acres, containing a population of 7,902 persons. (Census 1901.)

BIRTHS.

The total number of births registered was 215.

Females ... 102

Males ... 113

giving a birth-rate per 1000 of population of 27.2. An increase of 5.7 compared with last year.

DEATHS.

The total number of deaths registered was 126, giving an average of 15.6 per 1000 of the population.

Of these deaths 39 occurred in the Public Institutions belonging to the district; of these 24 belonged to other districts (Lichfield Rural, Rugeley, Shire Oak, and Brownhills), giving a net death total for your district (registered here) of 102.

There were 3 deaths in the Birmingham Hospitals of cases belonging to the district, which gives a net death total of all deaths belonging to the district of 105 = to a death rate of 13.2 per thousand of population.

This is the lowest death-rate, with one exception (1905), during the last 10 years.

There were 36 deaths in the Union Workhouse and 3 in the Victoria Nursing Home.

There were 8 inquests held during the year.

Three deaths were uncertified.

ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

The deaths from the principal zymotic diseases during the past ten years have been as follows:-

	Small Pex.	Measler.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Whooping Cough.	Typhoid Fever.	Diarrhosa.	Enteritis.	Erysipelas.
1899	 0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
1900	 0	2	0	1	11	1	3	0	0
1901	 0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0
1902	 0	7	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
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1906	 0	4	0	0	. 7	0	0	4	1
1907	 0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	1
1908	 0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Eighty-one cases were notified during the year.—(See Table III.)

The notifications for the last ten years have been as follow:-

	Small Pox.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Typhoid Fever.	Puerperal Fever.	Erysipelas.	Ohicken Pox.
1899	 0	5	1	1	0	12	0
1900	 0	14	2	3	0	9	0
1901	 0	7	24	7	0	13	0
1902	 2	40	9	5	0	11	17
1903	 4	7	3	0	1	17	29
1904	 1	8	10	1	1	9	24
1905	 0	2	0	0	0	11	17
1906	 0	8	14	1	1	9	18
1907	 0	21	39	0	1	8	18
1908	 0	22	8	0	4	10	37

ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

The number of cases admitted to the Isolation Hospital during the year were—

Scarlet Fever	 	 14
Diphtheria	 	 8

The Hospital arrangements are working satisfactorily, under the management of Sister Bangham.

The Thresh Disinfector has been most useful for the disinfection of clothing and bedding, both for cases in the Hospital and outside.

There is still room for considerable improvement in the building used as a Hospital.

Owing to the number of cases of Scarlet Fever admitted from the Rural and Urban Districts, we had to utilize the cottage usually reserved for Diphtheria as Scarlet Fever Wards.

The house accommodation for the Working Classes has again been considerably added to and improved during the year. During the Autumn there was a widely-spread epidemic of "Mumps," gradually extending and affecting the whole Urban District.

I advised the closing of all the Schools for a period of six weeks—

- (a) Because it was the only means at my disposal of endeavouring to check the spread of infection. I did not consider it advisable to bring children from healthy areas and households into direct touch with children from infected areas and households, many of whom were in the initial stage of the disease while attending the Schools.
- (b) Because I did not think it fair to the parents, that their children should be compelled to come into an infected area—especially in the confined space of a school.
- (c) It was represented to me that a considerable loss of the School grant would follow, unless I advised the closure.

There were 2 cases of Puerperal Fever notified to me, having been attended by Registered Midwives.

These cases were reported to Dr. Reid, the County Medical Officer. Their occupation was at once stopped, and the necessary disinfection of houses, clothes, and instruments were carried out by your Authority. The clothes were disinfected in the Steam Disinfector at the Hospital.

Under the Circular of the Local Government Board, December 18th, 1908, all cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis in Poor Law Institutions, and occurring in the practice of a District Medical Officer, are to be notified to me,

I ask your Council to consider very particularly what steps are to be taken with regard to these cases after notification, as you have no hospital accommodation for them in your District. The Sewerage Scheme is working very satisfactorily. I heartily congratulate your Council on the adoption of the Bacterial treatment of the sewage, which, thanks to the efforts and supervision of your Surveyor, Mr. Chancellor, is working very effectually.

I hope that in a not far distant future you will be able to do away entirely with the Chemical treatment and precipitation of the Sewerage, which will effect a great saving of labour and cost.

I have, with Mr. Chancellor, inspected the effluents of the new beds, under the Bacterial treatment, for many months, and have found them most satisfactory.

The usual inspections of Lodging-houses, Slaughter-houses, Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops, Bakehouses and Workshops, &c., have been made by the Sanitary Inspector and myself. I am glad to note considerable improvement in the sanitary condition generally, and especially in the Cowsheds, although in a few instances there still remains much to be done.

The Regulations concerning Cowsheds and Dairies have been passed by your Council and are working satisfactorily.

The water supply to the City is from the Conduit Lands Trust: it is good in quality and plentiful in quantity.

* Analysis of Conduit Lands Water taken from public tap at 8 a.m. March 6th, 1908, by Dr. Percy Frankland, F.R.S.:—

> Total Solid Matters ... 27.38 grains per gallon. Organic Carbon078 Organic Nitrogen .019 Ammonia ... 0 ... Nitrogen as Nitrates & Nitrites '486 Total Combined Nitrogen505 Chlorine 1.77 Hardness { Temporary 7.0 } Permanent 7.8 } 14.8

> Remarks: - Almost clear, palatable, free from poisonous metals and nitrites.

^{*} For the Analysis I am indebted to Mr. Chinn, the Warden of the Trust.

Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, The Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890, Public Health Act Amendment, 1890, are in force in this district.

The house refuse is collected weekly by the Corporation carts as before.

A considerable number of old midden privies have been done away with and Sanitary Privies or Water Closets have been substituted, and special attention has been paid to the sewer connections: many old defects have been remedied.

I have to express my gratification that your Council has acceded to my request to have Bacteriological examinations made of the milk, as may be required.

This step will aid materially in the discovery of the origin of Tuberculosis, and should prove valuable in keeping in check the spread of this fell disease.

Several samples of milk have been sent up for Bacteriological examination and have been found generally satisfactory.

There was a suspicion of Tubercle Bacillus in one specimen, through which attention was called to the supply, and one cow was found to be in an unhealthy condition. All necessary steps were taken to prevent the milk of this cow being sold for consumption.

Unfortunately you have not the power to insist on the Tuberculin Test being made in such a case, and although it was offered free of all cost to the owner of the cow, he declined to allow the test to be made.

The milk supply on the whole is good, and is from local dairies which are keep under strict supervision.

I have to thank the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Pinches, for his constant and zealous work.

> GEO. W. HOMAN, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A., Medical Officer of Health.

Redcourt, Lichfield, January 9th, 1909.

CITY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The weekly collection of domestic refuse and the cleansing of privies and cesspools is undertaken by the Corporation. It is gratifying to be able to report that less paper and rubbish, other than domestic refuse, is placed in ashbins than has hitherto been the practice.

The question of erecting a Dust Destructor, in lieu of the present practice of tipping, is under consideration.

The storm water outfall at Stowe receives weekly attention and the sewers are periodically cleansed and flushed.

A water main has been laid in St. Chad's Road, consequent upon the development of that portion of the City.

A new street (Ivanhoe Road) has been made up under the Private Street Works Act, 1892.

Twelve new houses were erected during the course of the year and seven connections were made to the main sewers.

Valuable experiments in the treatment of sewage have been conducted at the Curborough Sewage Farm, and a comprehensive report has been prepared in connection therewith, which has been duly submitted to Dr. Bostock Hill, the Corporation's adviser upon the matter, for his consideration.

W. B. CHANCELLOR,

City Engineer and Surveyor.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Special attention has, during the past year, been paid to the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops of the City, for the purpose of ensuring a clean milk supply and a healthier condition of the cows generally.

To this end, also, samples of milk have been submitted to bacteriological examination with useful results.

The full effect of the recently-adopted new Bye-laws for Cowsheds, relating to cubic space, &c., comes into operation on the 1st February, 1909; but there is still much room for improvement in the matter of cleanliness of teats and udders, and of the milkers' hands at the time of milking, and to ensure even a probability of these points being attended to, the cowshed must be equipped with the necessary appliances in the shape of sponge, washbowl, soap, towel, &c. In this connection I am of opinion that the Authority who would press for a test case to decide whether the provision of these appliances could be insisted upon under the existing regulations would be doing a real service to the country at large.

Another important matter receiving attention is the condition of the dung heaps and manure pits throughout the City, with a view to their being properly covered and rendered impervious, in accordance with the Bye-law thereto.

The periodical inspection of Slaughter-houses, Workshops, and Common Lodging-houses has been carried out, and in respect to the last named a marked improvement in the general cleanliness and good conduct is discernible.

The conversion of old midden privies to W.C.'s is steadily continued, and the general sanitary improvement of the City is well maintained.

JAMES PINCHES,

Sanitary Inspector.

TABLES.

LICHFIELD URBAN DISTRICT.

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Other Institutions, the deaths in which have been distributed among the several localities in the District.	
II. Institutions outside the District receiving sick and infirm persons from the District.	
I. Institutions within the District receiving sick and infirm persons from outside the District.	Union Workhouse. Victoria Nursing Home.

The Union Workhouse is within the District.

TABLE II.

Not being supplied with the number of Births in each locality, I am unable to fill in Table II., which is practically included in Table I.

TABLE III.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1908. LICHFIELD URBAN DISTRICT.

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The Isolation Hospital is at Curborough, Lichfield.

LICHFIELD URBAN DISTRICT.

Causes of, and Ages at, Death, during Year 1908.

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Note.—Under the heading of "Diarrhæa" are included deaths registered as due to epidemic diarrhæa, epidemic enteritis, infective enteritis, zymotic enteritis, summer diarrhæa, dysentery, and dysenteric diarrhæa, choleraic diarrhœ1, cholera, and cholera nostras. In addition, and as regards deaths of children under one year of age, under the heading " Diarrhoa " in column 3 (Table IV.) are included all deaths classified as "Diarrhoal diseases" in Table V.

Under the heading of "Enteritis" are included only deaths over one year of age registered as due to Enteritis, Muco-enteritis, Gastro-enteritis, Gastric catarrh, Gastritis, and Gastro-intestinal catarrh. Deaths from diarrhosa secondary to some other well-defined disease are included under the latter.

Under the headings of "Cancer" and "Puerperal fever" are included all registered deaths from causes comprised within these general terms.





TABLE V.

LICHFIELD URBAN DISTRICT.

INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1908.

Deaths from stated Causes in Weeks and Months under One Year of Age.

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Diseases. Injury at Birth	Atrophy, Debility, (Marasmus	Tuberculous Meningitis	Diseases. Tabes Mesenterica	cases (See notes below)	Erysipelas	Syphilis	Rickets	Meningitis (not Tuberculous)	~	_	Laryngitis	Pneumonia	Suffocation, overlying	Other Causes	

Deaths from all causes at all ages, 105. Deaths in the year, 12. Births in the year, 215. Note.—Under "Congenital Defects" are included deaths from Atelectasis, Icterus neonatorum, Navel bæmorrhage, Malformations and Congenital hydrocephalus.

Under "Tuberculous Meningitis" are included deaths from acute hydrocephalus.

Under "Other Tuberculous Diseases" are included deaths from Tuberculosis, Tuberculosis of bones, joints, and other organs, Lupus and Scrofula.

SUMMARY OF SANITARY WORK done in the Nuisance Inspector's Department during the year 1908, in the Urban District of Lichfield.

	Numt	per of	A bate Not		Nuise abated Notic	after
	Inspections & Observa- tions made.	Defects found.	Informal by Inspector.	Formal by Authority.	Inspector.	Authority.
Dwelling-houses and Schools: Foul Conditions Structural Defects Overcrowding Unfit for Habitation Lodging-houses Dairies and Milkshops Cowsheds Bakehouses Slaughter-houses Canal Boats Ashpits and Privies Deposits of Refuse and Manure Water Closets House Drainage: Defective Traps No Disconnection Other Faults Water Supply Pigsties Animals improperly kept Offensive Trades Smoke Nuisances Other Nuisances	45 30 40 18 50 60 40 30 8 8 40 1 18 3 52	5 6 3 4 50 27 28 8 8 40 1 8 3 52	5 6 3 4 50 27 28 8 8 40 1 8 3 52		5 6 3 4 50 27 28 8 8 40 1 8 3 50	
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TABLE VII.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, LAUNDRIES, WORKPLACES AND HOMEWORK.

I.—INSPECTION.

INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS OR INSPECTORS OF NUISANCES.

Deamina		Number of	
Tiemises.	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Prosecutions.
Factories (Including Factory Laundries)	192 8	:::	Nii.
Total	200		Nii.

2.-DEFECTS FOUND.

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3.-HOME WORK.

Some	Premises, Section	108. Instances.	:::			Number.	8	89		Number.	Nil. 2 Nil.
Inspections	of Outworkers'	Premises.	11 2 23	36			::				spector }
	Notices served on Occupiers as	to keeping or sending lists.	1	10		ear.	::				Notified by H.M. Inspector
010	the year.	Outworkers.		09	WORKSHOPS.	end of the ye	::	on Register	MATTERS.		Notified by H.M. Inspector
Cordmer mon	Once in the	Lists.	::6	6		131) at the	::	Workshops		Class.	Notified by Reports (of
יפוס במתבונת חוחוד החולומוסים פופוד	the year.	Outworkers.	11 2	13	REGISTERED	Workshops on the Register (Sec. 131) at the end of the year.	::	Total number of Workshops on Register	5OTHER		pector {
17	Twice in	Lists.	0101 :	4	4RE		Workshops, 6	Tota			or of Factorie arred by H.M olic Health A orkshop Act ()
	Nature of Work.		Wearing Apparel— (1) making, &c Furniture and Upholstery	Total		Worksk	Bakehouses (Factory, 2); Works Other Workshops				Matters notified to H.M. Inspector of Factories:— Action taken in matters referred by H.M. Inspector as remediable under the Public Health Acts, but not under the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 5) Other

