

# **Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1948 / Honourable Societies of Inner and Middle Temples.**

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of the  
INNER AND MIDDLE TEMPLES.

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R E P O R T of the  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
for the year 1948.  
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(a) The Sub-Treasurer and Sanitary Authority for the  
Inner Temple.

(b) The Under-Treasurer and Sanitary Authority for the  
Middle Temple.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit herewith my Annual  
Report on the sanitary circumstances and sanitary  
administration relating to the Inner and Middle Temples  
for the year 1948.

( P.T.O. )

POPULATION OF AREA (1948) - estimated by Registrar-  
General - 160

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

- (a) BIRTHS. One male birth (legitimate) of a resident was registered during the year. No stillbirths were registered.
- (b) DEATHS. Two deaths of residents occurred, both without the district. The causes of death were Organic Heart Disease.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

No case of infectious disease was notified to me as having occurred within the district during 1948. A number of infectious disease contacts were supervised, the chambers concerned being disinfected.

The general health of the district is good.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Details of work done during the year have been supplied to me by your Sanitary Inspectors. Defective sanitary fittings have been promptly repaired and further repairs and replacements have been carried out to waste, soil and rain pipes, so far as present restrictions allow. In the Middle Temple, 28 sets of Chambers were reconditioned after War Damage and in 14 instances new sanitary equipment was fitted. In the Inner Temple, the War Damaged buildings at No. 6, King's Bench Walk were rebuilt internally, modern lavatory accommodation being provided on all floors, with a new drainage system.

The drainage system generally is sound but defects consequent on enemy action gradually come to notice and are promptly dealt with.

Arrangements for daily removal and disposal of dust and refuse have proved adequate. During the year many new sanitary dustbins have been provided to replace those worn-out. Footways and roads have been swept daily and the roads watered during hot weather. The loose gravel surface of roads has been replaced by an efficient tar-macadam dressing.

Copies of this report are being transmitted to the Ministry of Health and other Authorities, in accordance with statutory requirements.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W.H.L. McCARTHY.

Medical Officer of Health,  
Honourable Societies of the  
Inner and Middle Temples.

25th May, 1949.