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THE

Annual Report

FOR THE

MARKET HARBOROUGH

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL,

FOR 1895,

BY

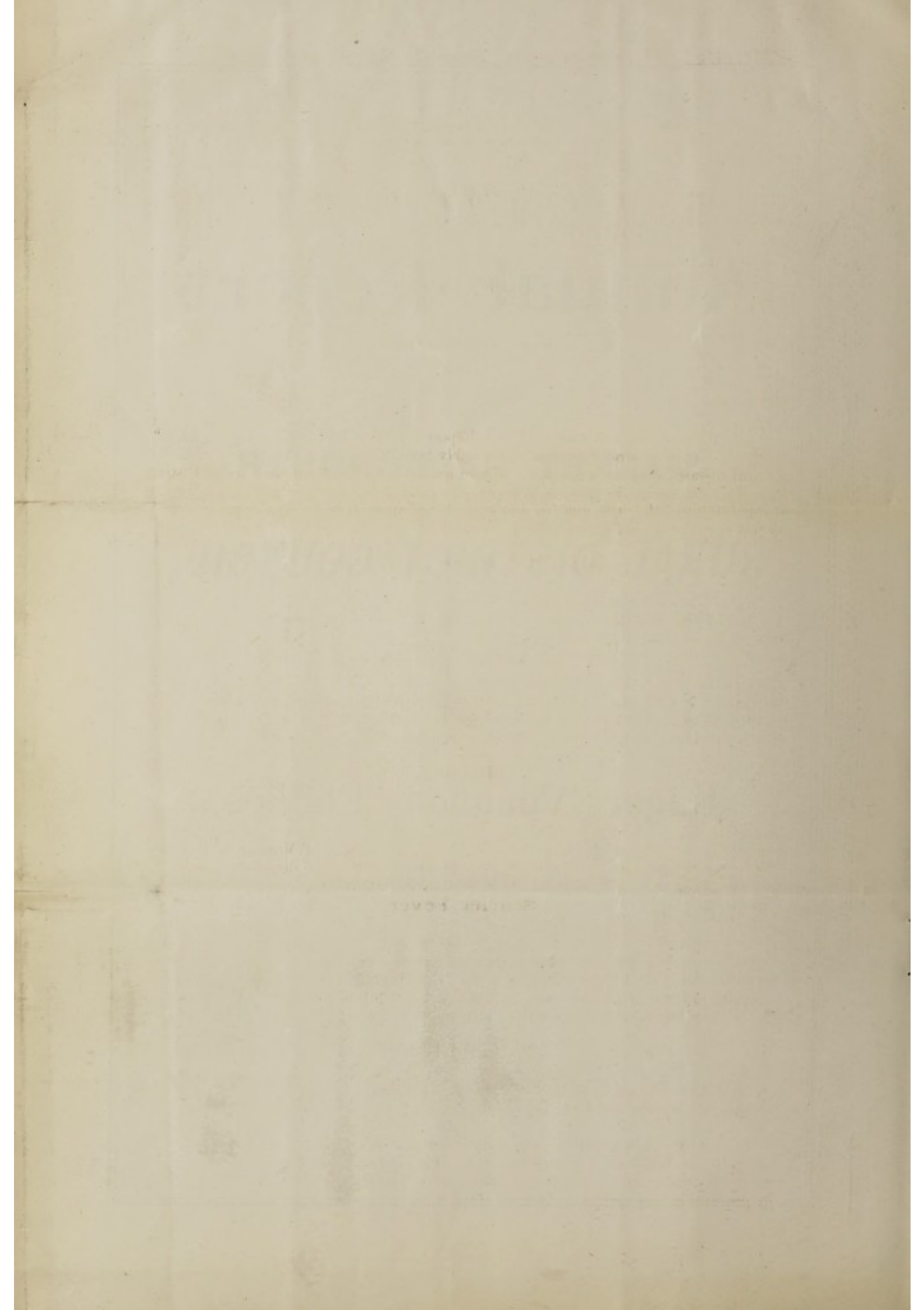
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THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S REPORT

FOR 1895.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present you with my Report for 1895, and am happy to say that the health of the District has been remarkably good; the immunity from serious infectious disease being most marked. There has been no death in the whole District from Zymotic disease in persons over one year, and if the three outbreaks of Measles at Saddington, Kibworth, and the Langtons be eliminated, only two cases of infectious disease came under my notice during the whole year.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

The total number of births in the District was 175—87 males, 88 females. The total number of deaths was 86—44 males, 42 females, of these, eleven were over 80, and eighteen over 70 years of age.

The birth rate per thousand is 25.88.

The death rate per thousand is 12.60.

In working out the above figures, which are most satisfactory, I have not reckoned for an increase of population since the 1891 census, as in my opinion the migration from country districts neutralizes the difference between birth and deaths.

Measles.

There have been three outbreaks of measles during the year: at Saddington in March, Kibworth in September and October, and the Langtons in November and December, in each case the schools were closed. The spread of Measles is most difficult to check, owing to the apathy of parents with regard to the disease.

Scarlet Fever.

One case of Scarlet Fever, at Fleckney, came under my notice, but not until a week had elapsed from the patient shewing signs of the disease. This is a case pointing to the necessity for the adoption of the "Infectious Diseases Notification Act," as a serious outbreak might have occurred through preventive measures being neglected. The cause of the Scarlet Fever was clearly traced to importation from Leicester.

Typhoid Fever.

One case only occurred in the whole District. The case was under my own care, but the source could not be traced.

I would respectfully beg your Council to re-consider their position with regard to the Notification of Diseases Act. The cost of adopting the Act would be extremely small, and its adoption would greatly strengthen my hands with regard to the prevention and spread of Zymotic disease.

Vaccination.

I am sorry to report that Vaccination is practically a dead letter in your District. In the twelve months prior to the end of September, only eight cases of successful Vaccination were returned in the whole District. I should be glad if the Vaccination Acts could be properly enforced, and can only presume that your Council is waiting the result of the Royal Commission on Vaccination.

Water.

The following samples were submitted to me for Analysis:—

Debdale Wharf	...	Allen, occupier	...	Very Bad
Debdale	...	Peberdy, occupier	...	Very Bad
Kibworth Beauchamp	...	King, occupier	...	Good
Thorpe Lubenham Hall	...	...	...	Bad
Kibworth Beauchamp	...	Fairview	...	Good
Debdale Water Supply	...	General	...	Very Bad
Foxtan Public Well	...	...	...	Good
Hothorpe House	...	Stops, occupier	...	Bad

RAINFALL FOR 1895, AT KIBWORTH.

I only registered 22.78 of Rain during 1895, much below the average fall for the last twenty years, the three previous years have been equally dry, making a total deficit of 24 inches.

Rain Gauge	}	Diameter of Funnel, 5 inches.	
		Height of Top	Above Ground, 2 feet 6 inches.
			Above Sea Level, 355 feet.

MONTH.	Total Depth.	Greatest Fall in 24 hours.		No. of Days on which .01 or more fell.
	Inches.	Depth.	Date.	
January ...	3.43	.99	20	20
February ...	.23	.13	24	5
March ...	1.74	.35	30	17
April ...	1.76	.47	25	10
May ...	.68	.40	17	3
June ...	.68	.29	27	9
July ...	2.80	1.06	19	15
August ...	2.42	.65	6	17
September ...	.64	.34	6	6
October ...	2.48	1.06	8	16
November ...	4.28	.87	5	22
December ...	1.64	.30	29	14
Total...	22.78			134

I append the report of your Sanitary Inspector, and the returns required by the Local Government Board.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

EDGAR VAUGHAN PHILLIPS.

Kibworth,
January, 1896.

Medical Officer of Health.

Area and Population of the District or Division to which this Return relates :—

Area in Acres, 30,224.

Population (1891), 6,821.

Death Rates. { General, 12.60 per 1000.
 { Infant under 1 year, 125.70 per 1000 births.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S AND SURVEYOR'S REPORT FOR 1895.

PARISH.	Overcrowding	Polluted Wells.	Defective Water Supply.	Defective Sewers.	Offensive Manure Heaps.	Foul Privies and Cesspools.	Defective Privy Accommodation.	Offensive Pigsties.	Defective Drains.	Ditches Cleaned at Sewer outlets.	Catchpits cleaned.	TOTAL.
Husbands Bosworth	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	3
Cranoe	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2
Fleckney	1	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	4
Foxton	1	...	...	3	...	...	4
Glooston	1	...	1
Gunley
Kibworth Harcourt	...	1	1	...	2	1	...	1	6	1	...	13
Kibworth Beauchamp	2	1	4	1	...	2	2	...	12
Langton, West	2	...	2
Langton, East	2	...	2
Langton, Thorpe	1	...	...	1
Langton, Tur	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	3
Laughton	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Lubenham
Mowsley
Saddington	2	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	5
Slawston	1	1	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	6
Smeeton	...	2	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	7
Stonton Wyville	1	...	...	1
Theddingworth	1	...	1
Welham	1	...	...	...	...	1
TOTAL	...	3	6	7	6	7	7	4	17	12	...	69

