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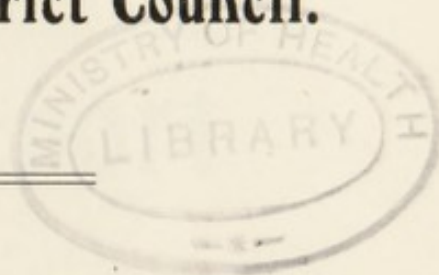
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## Annual Report

of the

## Medical Officer of Health

— FOR THE YEAR 1925. —

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Matlocks Urban  
Sanitary Authority.*

April 12th, 1926.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

### **Natural and Social Conditions of the District.**

Elevation, from 260·0 feet to 1,000 feet O.D. in various parts of the district.

Matlock is situated on the Derwent River and is built on Yoredale strata superimposed on millstone grit.

In the southern and western portions there are considerable deposits of limestone.

Area of the Matlocks	...	...	...	7,001 acres.
Population in 1921	...	...	...	10,548
Population in 1925	...	...	...	9,588

Inhabited Houses, 2,469.

Number of families or separate occupiers, 2529.

Sum represented by 1d. rate, £218.

General District Rate, Rateable Value, £60,690.

General District Rates :—Matlock and Matlock Bath, 9/- ;  
Cromford, 6/4 ; Tansley, 5/2.

## Extracts from Vital Statistics for 1925.

### BIRTHS.

Legitimate, 85 Male, 62 Female

Illegitimate, 6 Male, 3 Female.

Birth rate, 16.27. ... ... Total 156

### DEATHS. 135.

Death rate per thousand, all ages, 14.07.

Children under one year per 1,000 births :—

Legitimate, 61.22 ; Illegitimate, 111.11 ... Total 64.10

Number of women dying in consequence of child

birth ... .. None

From Sepsis ... .. None

From other causes ... .. None

Deaths from Measles (all ages) ... .. None

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ... .. None

Deaths from Diarrhoea under 2 years, None.

Analysis of Total Deaths in The Matlocks :—

Year.	Years.	Years.	Years.	Years.	Years.	Years.
Under 1	1—2	3—4	5—6	6—10	10—15	15—20
10	1	1	1	1	3	5
	20—35	35—45	45—65	65 & over.		
	8	12	34	62		
	Years.	Years.	Years.	Years.		

### Notifiable Diseases during the Year 1925.

Scarlet Fever, 8 ; Diphtheria, 1.

Three cases of Scarlet Fever admitted to Hospital.

### Tuberculosis during the Year.

Pulmonary—Male, 8 ; Female, 5.

Non-Pulmonary—Male, 3 ; Female, 2.

One male, age 10, died of Pulmonary Tuberculosis. Two females, one age 8, died of Tuberculosis of Hip and the other, age 24, of Tuberculosis of Lungs in this area.

### Causes of Sickness during the Year.

Nothing of note except a very severe epidemic of Measles.



## **Summary of Nursing Arrangements, Hospitals, and other Institutions in the District.**

We have three District Nurses who attend to any cases which require attention.

We have no special nurse for attending infectious cases in their homes.

The Lady Whitworth Hospital at Darley Dale can take about 16 non-infectious cases. It is partly endowed and partly supported by subscription and collections. Those who can afford it are expected to pay a few shillings per week while in Hospital.

There is an Isolation Hospital connected with the Lady Whitworth which can take six scarlet fever cases.

We send Small Pox cases to Foolow, near Eyam, where there is accommodation for six patients.

These two Fever Hospitals are partly supported by the Urban District Council.

There is a Tuberculosis Clinic in Holt Lane, financed by the County Council.

There are four Midwives practising in the District, subsidised by the County Council.

Infectious cases are carried by an Ambulance kept at Bakewell.

### **Laboratory Work.**

Many physicians do their own pathological work and the County Council have a laboratory at Derby where all kinds of pathological work is done free.

The District Council supply free anti-toxin for Diphtheria to anyone in the district.

## **Adoptive Acts, Byelaws, and Local Regulations relating to Public Health in force in the District.**

1. Infectious Disease Prevention Act, 1890.
2. Public Health Acts (Amendment Act, 1890—parts 3 and 4 only).

### **BYELAWS.**

1. Hackney Carriages and Horses, Ponies, Mules, or Asses, February 28th, 1889.
2. Cleansing of Footways, Removal of House Refuse, Nuisances, Common Lodging-houses, New Streets and



Buildings, Slaughter Houses and Offensive Trades,  
February 28th, 1889.

3. Pleasure Boats and Vessels, November 9th, 1897.
4. Prevention of Waste, etc., of Water, August 1st, 1900.
5. Omnibuses, June 26th, 1902.
6. Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops, October 1st, 1907.
7. Pleasure Grounds, April 26th, 1912.

### **Public Health Staff.**

Officers of the Council.

H. Fleming, M.B., B.ch., B.A.O., Medical Officer of Health.

J. D. Evans (two Certificates), Sanitary Inspector.

1. Royal Sanitary Institution.
2. Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Board.

Both Officers are paid by the Urban District Council, half being refunded by the County Council.

The Medical Officer of Health is a part time official.

The Sanitary Inspector is a whole time official.

The Medical Officer of Health is also Public Vaccinator.

### **Occupations of Inhabitants.**

Chiefly Residential and quarrying and Hydropathic work.

A large number find employment at the Mills in the district which are engaged in woollen work, fine cotton, bleaching and dying.

### **Sanitary Arrangements and Facilities.**

The water supply is from underground springs, and an artesian well. The former is soft and pure from millstone grit measures ; the latter is pure and hard, and comes from the mountain limestone.

Both are free from pollution.

Analyses made from time to time show the water free from pollution and suitable for drinking.

The supply is constant and ample, and free from plumbo-solvent action.

Scavenging is supplied by the Urban District Council for the whole population, under contract.

The ashbins are emptied but the privies and pail closets are left to the occupier to empty, which is not satisfactory as the duty is often neglected.

The ashbins should be emptied at least every four days.

The cost for scavenging for 1925 was £1,164.

Every portion of the district has been visited by me during the year.

Provision should be made for isolating Diphtheria and other infectious diseases.

### **Further Methods of Dealing with and Control of Infectious Diseases in the District.**

When a case of infectious disease occurs Schoolmasters are informed.

Infected rooms are stoved by means of Formalin lamps and the walls are sprayed.

The infected bedding, etc., is stoved in a hot air disinfectant.

Disinfectants are supplied free by the Urban District Council.

In cases of Tuberculosis the houses are disinfected from time to time and if the patient dies or is removed it is again disinfected.

The houses are also visited by the Tuberculosis Nurse and advice is given.

The Schools are in a satisfactory sanitary condition, and the children are inspected by the Medical Inspector appointed by the County Council.

During the last five years we have made considerable progress for improving the health of the people in this district.

We have a Tuberculosis Clinic and a District Visitor who visits school children when suffering from any complaint.

The school children are also inspected more thoroughly than before.

The sewage scheme is now completed and no sewerage goes direct into the river.

A number of new houses have been built which are in every way satisfactory.

Inspection of food is more thorough. Any suspicious carcase is inspected and condemned.

I have the honour to remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

HANS FLEMING,

M.O.H. for The Matlocks.

April 12, 1926.



### Factories and Workshops.

There are 16 Bakehouses, 34 Factories and 88 Workshops in the Matlocks Urban Sanitary District. The following is a tabulated summary of the Factories and Workshops :—

	Fac- tories.	Work- shops.	Total
Agricultural Implement Manufacturers ...	1	0	1
Beer Bottlers ... ..	2	0	2
Bootmakers and Repairers ... ..	1	17	18
Blacksmiths ... ..	0	6	6
Bleachers and Dyers ... ..	2	0	2
Cabinet Makers ... ..	0	4	4
Coach Painter ... ..	0	1	1
Colour Works ... ..	2	0	2
Cotton Spinners ... ..	2	0	2
Dressmakers ... ..	0	8	8
Electricity Manufacturers (and Storage)	1	0	1
Flour Mills ... ..	2	0	2
Gas Works ... ..	2	0	2
Glove Makers ... ..	1	0	1
Hosiery Manufacturers ... ..	3	2	5
Joiners ... ..	3	6	9
Laundries ... ..	3	0	3
Masons ... ..	0	7	7
Milliners ... ..	0	4	4
Motor Repairers ... ..	0	8	8
Photographers ... ..	0	3	3
Plumbers ... ..	1	5	6
Printers ... ..	5	0	5
Saddlers ... ..	0	2	2
Tape Mill ... ..	1	0	1
Tailors ... ..	0	9	9
Tin Smiths ... ..	0	2	2
Tool Shop ... ..	1	0	1
Watchmakers ... ..	0	3	3
Wheelwrights ... ..	1	1	2
	<hr/> 34	<hr/> 88	<hr/> 122

## FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

### 1.—Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspector or Inspector of Nuisances.

Premises. (1)	Number of		
	Inspections. (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Occupiers Prosecuted. (4)
FACTORIES ... .. (Including Factory Laundries)	14	3	...
WORKSHOPS ... .. (Including Workshop Laundries)	17	1	...
WORKPLACES ... .. (Other than Outworkers' premises)	...	...	...
Total ... ..	31	4	...

### 2.—Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Particulars. (1)	Number of Defects.			Number of Prosecu- tions. (5)
	Found. (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector. (4)	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—</i>				
Want of cleanliness ... ..	1	1	...	...
Want of ventilation ... ..	...	...	...	...
Overcrowding ... ..	...	...	...	...
Want of drainage of floors ...	...	...	...	...
Other nuisances ... ..	1	1	...	...
Sanitary accommodation				
insufficient ... ..	...	...	...	...
unsuitable or defective	3	3	...	...
not separate for sexes	...	...	...	...
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts :—</i>				
Illegal occupation of under- ground bakehouse (s. 101)	...	...	...	...
Other offences ... ..	...	...	...	...
(Excluding offences relating to outwork and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Minis- try of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921.)				
Total ... ..	5	5	...	...



# POOR LAW RELIEF, 1925.

				£	s.	d.
Matlock	...	...	...	1,043	2	8
Matlock Bath	...	...	...	397	16	8
Tansley	...	...	...	59	9	6
Cromford	...	...	...	128	13	6
				£1,629	2	4

## ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

Area of District	...	...	...	7,001 Acres.
Estimated Number of Houses	...			2,469
New Houses Erected, 1925—				
(a) Under Housing Scheme	...			0
(b) By Private enterprise	...			15

### Housing and Town Planning.

Number of Houses Inspected under Section 17	...	...	98
Number Unfit for Habitation	...	...	0
Representations made to Local Authority as to Closing Orders			0
Closing Orders made	...	...	0
Number Repaired without Closing Order or Notice served	...		7
Number Closed	...	...	0
Number Demolished	...	...	0
Number Repaired Voluntarily	...	...	6
Has a Scheme been prepared	...	...	Yes
Number of Houses proposed in scheme	...	...	50
Is the Scheme in progress?	...	...	Yes
Number of Houses yet to be completed or erected	...	...	42

## DRAINAGE—

	Number of Informal Notices Served by Sanitary Inspector.	Number of Legal Notices Served by Local Authority.	Number of Nuisances Abated with or without Notice.
No Disconnection of Waste Pipe ...	0	0	0
Defective Waste Pipe, Traps, Inlets and Drains ... ..	145	0	137
Drains Obstructed ... ..	66	0	66

## CLOSETS AND ASHPITS—

Defective Privies, Pail Closets & Ashpits (not for Conversion)	7	0	6
Conversion of Privies into W.C.'s ...	29	0	21
Conversion of Pail Closets into W.C.'s	7	0	7
Conversion of Privies into Pail Closets	0	0	0
Defective Water Closets ... ..	24	0	24
Provision of Additional Water Closets	15	0	15
Provision of Portable Ashbins ...	1	0	1
Dirty Closets ... ..	59	0	59

## OTHER DEFECTS—

Paving of Courts and Yards ... ..	0	0	0
Roofs, Eaves-Spouts and Down-Spouts	3	0	3
Sinks ... ..	1	0	1
Insufficient Ventilation ... ..	0	0	0
Windows ... ..	6	0	6
Dampness ... ..	5	0	2
Water in Cellars ... ..	2	0	2
Water Supply ... ..	0	0	0
Overcrowding ... ..	5	0	1
Foul Condition of Houses ... ..	5	0	5
Offensive Accumulations ... ..	6	0	6
Animals improperly kept ... ..	2	0	2
Pigsties ... ..	0	0	0
Smoke Nuisances ... ..	1	0	0
Urinals ... ..	2	0	2
Nuisances not specified above ...	47	0	47
Totals ... ..	438	0	413



	Number on Register	Inspections Made	Notices Served	Nuisances Abated with or without Notice
Dairies, Cowsheds & Milkshops	96	30	0	0
Bakehouses ... ..	16	16	1	1
Slaughterhouses ... ..	12	549	11	11
Offensive Trades ... ..	0	0	0	0
Common Lodging-houses	1	12	3	3
Totals ... ..	125	607	15	15

Infected Rooms Disinfected, 72. Method : Formalin Lamps and Spray.

Samples submitted for Examination : Water, 0 ; Milk, 0 ; Sewage Effluents, 0.

Prosecutions, 0.

Food Seizures, 0.

Food Voluntarily Surrendered : 4 Pigs (entire carcasses and organs, generalized Tuberculosis) ; 8 immature Pigs ; 3 Pig's Heads ; 32 lbs. Pigs Liver ; 1 Heifer (entire carcase and organs, generalized Tuberculosis) ; 77 lbs. Chilled Beef ; 70 lbs. Beast's Liver ; 2 immature Calves ; 5 lbs. Sheep's Liver ; 20 lbs. Prawns ; 3 tins Condensed Milk.

Other Action taken : Visits paid to Slaughter-houses during and after time of slaughtering. Carcasses and organs of 128 Beasts, 93 Calves, 302 Sheep, and 463 Pigs (986 animals) inspected. General inspection of drains, Closet accommodation, Ashpits and Refuse Bins. Liquid and Powdered Disinfectants provided free to those requiring it.

JOHN DORSETT EVANS.





